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Christmas officially starts this weekend

PENNY LELEUX
For The Record

Once you finish your turkey dinner Thursday and veg on the couch waiting for the ball games, the Christmas season officially begins. The madness of Black Friday shopping and Cyber Monday gives people the opportunity to finish their shopping...or start it, whichever fits your personality. Don't forget to shop locally to help the economy, their families deserve a good Christmas too. A few special shopping opportunities for unique items will be available at some of the local holiday activities such as the Gum Drop Shop in Orange next weekend.

West Orange starts the season off with its annual Christmas tree lighting celebration at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 2. Santa will visit with children and refreshments will be served. The event is held outside City Hall on Western Avenue.

Shangri La Botanical Gardens kicks off its lighted Christmas walks on Dec. 3. Stroll the gardens full of holiday decorations and

Christmas trees on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 6 to 9 p.m. through December 21. Admission is free, but donations of non-perishable food items to benefit Orange Christian Services.

A senior, mobility friendly and sensory sensitivity hour is offered 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. with no music, no flashing lights and smaller crowds for guests with mobility challenges or sensory sensitivities and their families. This sensory-friendly atmosphere provides an opportunity to view the lights at dusk. A limited number of wheelchairs will be available in the front office.

The Stark Museum of Art opened a special "Reindeer Trail" exhibit Nov. 20 tying in the artwork of reindeer and wildlife artwork in the museum's collection with a colorful and sparkling array of model reindeer decorated by area artists. The exhibit runs through Dec. 21.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, the museum will have an open

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DPS traffic enforcement increases Thanksgiving holiday

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

If you're on the road this holiday season, make sure you haven't been drinking.

Similar to most holidays, but especially around this time of the year, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) ramps up its enforcement to make sure our roads are safe.

You will begin seeing more law enforcement starting on Wednesday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Dec. 1. Troopers will be looking for people who are not wearing seat belts, driving while intoxicated, speeding and failing to follow the Move Over, Slow

Down law, among other traffic violations.

"With Thanksgiving around the corner, we remind everyone to stay vigilant on the roads," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "There can be countless distractions this time of year, but your safety and the safety of others is what matters most. Take your time, avoid distractions and let's ensure everyone arrives to their destination this holiday season."

In 2023, DPS issued 41,093 warnings and citations, including 11,525 for speeding; 1,310 for driving without insurance; and 596

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From The Staff Of
The County Record

The best travel times on Texas roads during Thanksgiving

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Texans are expected to take to planes, trains and automobiles in next week in massive numbers as travel for the Thanksgiving Holiday is supposed to climb past pre-pandemic numbers. AAA Texas projects a whopping 5.7 million Lone Star State residents will leave their home for the holiday.

More than 5 million Texans are expected to travel 50 miles or more before or on Thanksgiving Day – a day when families make the trek to a single household to dine on Turkey and cranberry sauce under one roof. The number of expected travelers is up 2.4% over 2019, the last holiday before the COVID-19 pandemic put a quash on travel plans, and up 1.3% from last year's Turkey Day.

"Well, Thanksgiving is one of the busiest holidays for travel. And this year,

AAA Texas expects to set new records across the board, from driving to flying and even cruising," said AAA Texas Public Relations spokesperson Daniel Armbruster. "Here in Texas, more than 100,000 additional people will be traveling this year compared to last Thanksgiving."

Some 5.3 million Texans are expected to drive for the holiday Thursday, November 21. And another 315,000 are expected to take flight while another 129,000 have plans to hop on a train, bus or boat. All of these figures soar past 2019 numbers and peak last year's festive travel figures.

"It's going to be a record Thanksgiving on the roads. And that means it's going to be very crowded, especially in major metro areas. The worst times to travel by car will be Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon before the holiday," Armbruster said. "Now, the best day to travel is actually on Thanksgiving Day itself.



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And if you're returning home on Sunday, you're going to want to leave in the morning, because Sunday afternoon is expected to be very busy as well as Monday."

This aligns with information shared by the Texas Department of Transportation last year, when they

warned traffic backups could plague interstates from El Paso to San Antonio to Houston. And with even more drivers expected to hit Texas highways this holiday, the same stretches of road will likely be burdened on the days before and just after Thanksgiving.

Bingo set for Train Depot on Sunday

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ews Huey, Dewey, and Louie, plus Uncle Scrooge McDuck. Also, "A Very Goofy Christmas" with Goofy, and "Mickey and Minnie's Gift of the Magi," in the classic O'Henry story.

It Happened on 5th Avenue will be screened at 2 p.m. It is a 1947 film that has gained a holiday following in recent years after being shown on Turner Classic Movies. The movie script is based on another

O'Henry story set in New York City, with the time moved up to include post-World War II veterans. The plot centers around a tramp who sneaks into a closed Fifth Avenue mansion during the winter each year, making sure everything is back in order when spring comes. But this year, he lets some veterans stay there because they cannot find lodgings. A twist comes when the wealthy family re-

turns. The stars include Victor Moore, Don DeFore, Charlie Ruggles, and Gale Storm.

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house from 2 to 7 p.m., conveniently allowing parade-goers a chance to make a tour before gathering outside along Green Avenue to see the floats.

The city of Bridge City hosts Christmas in the Park and the community tree lighting Friday, Dec. 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the park off West Roundbunch Road.

Santa will be available for kids of all ages to take photos. In return, Santa is asking everyone getting a picture to donate a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance.

A "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser sponsored by Kiwanis will be held 7:30-10 a.m., Dec. 7, at Spanky's Restaurant on 16th Street in Orange. The tickets are \$12 and include a pancake breakfast plus a visit with Santa for photographs. Tickets are available at Spanky's or through Kiwanis members and the club's Facebook page.

Christmas Downtown Orange

The Gumdrop Shop opens its doors for holiday shopping from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Stark Park, 201 7th St in Orange.

Free tours at The W.H. Stark House for Stark Family Christmas are scheduled from noon to 5 p.m.

Pictures with Buddy the Elf in Stark Park from 1-7 p.m. and a children's holiday craft is offered at the Stark Museum of Art from 3-5 p.m.

The Kiwanis Club of Orange is sponsoring the 75th annual Christmas Parade through downtown Orange beginning at 6 p.m.

Immediately following the parade, the Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held in Stark Park followed by pictures with Santa and "Mickey's Christmas Carol Movie."

Christmas on the Bayou

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce sponsors the 15th Annual Christmas Lighted Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 6 p.m. The parade will begin at the First Baptist Church on West Roundbunch Road, on FM 1442, and travel northward to the area of the Bridge City Intermediate School. The Christmas on the Bayou theme this



On select evenings starting December 3, the public is invited to stroll through the magically transformed gardens that feature thousands of lights, unique Christmas trees decorated by talented community members and festive flowering displays. Admission to Shangri La Gardens is free of charge.

year honors the late A.J. Judice and his family legacy as parade marshal this year. Michelle Judice, A.J. Judice's daughter-in-law said they were filling up "the pontoon boat, airboat, mudboat" with family members to ride in the parade. "AJ was funny and kind, a sincere, mischievous, entertaining character who was genuinely interested in people. He would be so happy and proud to be named parade marshal," she said. "He would have had A LOT to say about this honor."

Later this month

• **Reindeer Games Day** - 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 14, Stark Museum of Art. Free Admission

• **Holiday Night at the Stark House** - 4:30-6:30 p.m., Dec. 18, W.H. Stark House. Free Admission

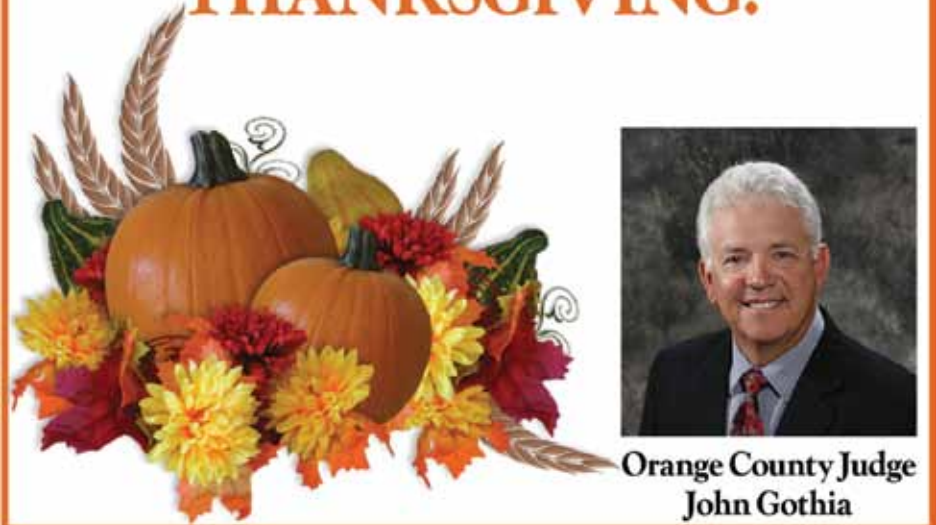
• **Dreaming of a Green Christmas** - 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Dec. 14, Shangri La Botanical Gardens. Free Admission

er Theater. Call 409-886-5535 for tickets.

• **Dear Evan Hansen** - 7 p.m., Dec. 17-18, Lutch Theater.

• **A Very Electric Christmas** - 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Dec. 11 and 12, Lutch-

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Deaths & Memorials

Kelley Brevon Malachi

On April 7, 1987 Kelley and Sabrina (Moss) Burch were truly blessed with a son KELLEY BREVON MALACHI. His three older sisters loved to instruct him. And the gentle giant he was, he let them. February 13, 1999 was a date he would not forget, that is, when he symbolized his dedication to Jehovah God. He remained a faithful servant until his death from a ruptured appendix October 25, 2024.



KELLEY BREVON MALACHI

ish his memory are his parents and his sisters Shaleah Burch, Season and Cody Caldwell, Autumn and Yoan Rivard and his favorite nephew Justice Lynch. We are anxiously awaiting the time when he is resurrected "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise" And Jesus gave him to his mother. Luke 7:14,15

A Memorial for Brevon will be held November 30th at 2:00 pm Kingdom

He is preceded in death by his grandparents A.G. and Virginia Burch, Myrna Byrd and Gene Moss. Those left to cher-

Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses in Orange, TX.

Free holiday films at Orange Library

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Mrs. Abshire's 5th-grade science students at Orangefield Elementary explored the forces that shape our planet by creating models of sand dunes, U-shaped valleys, and canyons. Using wind, water, and ice, they investigated how weathering, erosion, and deposition transform Earth's surface.

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for seat belt and child seat violations during the holidays. That resulted in 54 felony arrests, 36 DWI arrests and 18 fugitive arrests.

DPS offers the following safety tips for the Thanksgiving holiday:

- **Don't drink and drive.** Make alternate plans if you are consuming alcohol.

- **Eliminate distractions** while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits the use of portable wireless devices to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped. If you're using a navigation device or app, have a passenger operate it so you can keep your eyes on the road.

- **Move Over or Slow Down for police,** fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation (Tx-DOT) vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Show the same courtesy to fellow drivers who are stopped on the side of the road. So far in 2024, there have been more than 9,284 Move Over, Slow Down violations.

- **Buckle up everyone in the vehicle** — it's the law. Slow down, especially in bad weather, heavy traffic, unfamiliar areas or construction zones.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel can present additional challenges.

- **On multi-lane roads, use the left lane for passing only.** Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to use the left lane for passing only (when posted).

- **Don't cut in front of large trucks** and try not to brake quickly in front of them. They can't maneuver as easily as passenger vehicles and pickup trucks.

If you can Steer It, Clear It: If you are involved in a non-injury crash and your vehicle can be moved, clear the traffic lanes to minimize traffic impact. Leaving vehicles in a traffic lane increases traffic congestion and leaves those involved with an increased risk of harm or a secondary wreck. On some highways, if you don't move your vehicle when it's safe to do so, it's against the law.

- **Keep the Texas Roadside Assistance** number stored in your phone. Dial 1-800-525-5555 for any type of assistance. The number can also be found on the back of a Texas Driver's License.

- **Check your vehicle** to make sure it is properly maintained and always ensure your cargo is secure.

- **Report road hazards** or anything suspicious to the nearest law enforce-



ment agency.

- **Monitor weather** and road conditions wherever you are traveling. For road conditions and closures in Texas, visit Drive Texas

- **DPS would also like to remind Texans** about the iWatchTexas program, a critical resource for reporting suspicious activity within the community to help prevent dangerous attacks. It's especially important to be vigilant as people gather for parades, festivals and other community events. Tips can be reported via the website, the free iWatch iOS or Android mobile app or by calling 844-643-2251. All reports are confidential.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

by Pearl Burgess

Thank you dear Father for all that you do
Helping me daily as I walk life through,
Always listening as I kneel down to pray
Never forsaking me, guiding my way.
Keeper of promises, your praises I sing
Saved by grace, I'm a child of the King,
Great are the blessings poured out to me
Infinite love shown that will forever be.
Victory in Jesus that saved me from sin
Indwelling Spirit gives me peace within,
Nothing compares to what You have done
Gracious God, thank You for Jesus your Son!

O give thanks unto the Lord, for
 He is good; for His mercy endureth
 forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34



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From the Creaux's Nest

A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS

It's come on Thanksgiving time and we certainly have plenty to be thankful for. It looks like Thanksgiving time I remember as a boy with the changing of the leaves. It's not New England but I still appreciate the bright colors, even on the Tallow trees, Oaks, etc. I hope you all get to enjoy a nice day with your families. This year, for the first time, too many of our tribe are away and can't get home. On a personal note, I'm very thankful for the many years of loyalty so many of you have shown for this column. We may not always be on the same page but your readership has kept this column the most read in our trade area and that makes all the long hours spent worth the time.

ISRAEL - HEZBOLLAH CEASE FIRE ANNOUNCED BY BIDEN

President Joe Biden on Tuesday touted a cease-fire deal between Israel and the militant group Hezbollah after more than a year of fighting between the two sides. Biden said he'd spoken with the leaders of Lebanon and Israel this afternoon and that both governments agreed to the cease-fire beginning at 4 a.m. local time Wednesday. "The fighting across the Lebanese-Israeli border will end. This is designed to be a permanent cessation of hostilities." Under the deal outlined by the president, the Lebanese army will take control of their own territory in the south, Hezbollah infrastructure will not be allowed to be rebuilt and Israel forces will withdraw over the next 60 days. Biden is still hoping for an agreement to end hostilities in Gaza. Toward the end of his speech, Biden turned his attention to the war raging in Gaza. "The people of Gaza have been through hell. Their world is absolutely shattered. Far too many civilians in Gaza have suffered far too much," Biden said, blaming Hamas for not negotiating a ceasefire in good faith over the last few months. "Hamas has a choice to make. Their only way out is to release the hostages, including American citizens, which they hold. In the process, bring an end to the fighting which would make possible a surge of humanitarian relief," the president said. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared in a televised address and pushed his cabinet to approve the deal as soon as possible. "The length of the cease-fire will depend on what happens in Lebanon. Lebanon's government is expected to vote on the deal on Wednesday.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

My heart is heavy today because of the illness of so many personal friends. Don Harmon, one of the greatest persons I know is back in the hospital as I write this. Don has been transferred to Beaumont and is undergoing surgery to relieve fluid on his brain. He has always been a benefactor to anyone in need. He's full of goodness. Don and brother Corky have been partners for 57 years and Don's illness is weighing heavy on him. (Those two guys are now gone.) Mayor Don Peters is very ill also. He has been in the hospital but is home now. He's fighting a tough battle. Attorney Lynwood Sanders is recouping at Harbor Hospice after having his leg amputated. Our buddy and sweetheart Ms. Pearl Burgess, 94, is on the mend. She has been facing several health problems that would have defeated most normal people. Not Ms. Pearl. She's 98 pounds of toughness and a thousand pounds of optimism and positive attitude. Several months ago President Obama warned if the Congress didn't pass a bill before the end of the year he would take executive action. Congress ignored him and more or less dared him to do it. I said at the time that if Obama did pass his executive action, you would hear the Republicans squeal. On Thursday, President Obama unveiled a landmark plan that includes more border security, rounding up criminals and protecting four million immigrants with families, who have been in the country five years, from deportation. Republicans can't agree on their course of action. The craziest thing I've heard said was on the Chris Wallace show Sunday, on FOX. Sen. Ted Cruz suggested paralyzing the country. "Don't approve anything, don't approve nominations or any funding that doesn't affect national security. In other words, they would sit on their hands and not approve anything." Gov. Rick Perry lost his bid to dismiss indictment charges. Judge Richardson over ruled the governor's technical objections to special prosecutor Michael McCrum. Perry's legal team immediately hung its hope that the case against Perry violates his constitutional rights. Perry, running for president, is a great way for him to raise millions, spend some and keep the rest, enough to afford appealing to the Supreme Court if need be. Celebrating his special day is D.J. "Ace" Amodeo, who turns 90. Ace is an interesting

person with an interesting past. He knows plenty Orange County history. Ask him about the Orange jail house killing back in the 50's. They threw Brady under the bus: Even Orange County friends of Congressman Kevin Brady were saying that he was a shoe-in to be named chairman of "Ways and Means." Kevin was next in line and should have been promoted, he even believed he would be and used the promotion as a reason citizens should vote for him. Several months ago, in this column, we said not so fast, because if Paul Ryan wanted the chairmanship they would throw Brady under the bus and that's exactly what happened. Paul Ryan will be the new chairman despite Brady being a good soldier and voting with the crazies.

20 Years Ago-2004

Lester and Marialeice Saucier will be marshals of the Bridge City Christmas Parade. Wayne Dionne, of Bridge City, catches a monster of a flounder on Bailey Road canal. It weighed 8.5 pounds and was over 23 inches long. Louis Dugas, who has been writing a column for many years, first in the Dunn owned Opportunity Valley News and then The Record Newspapers announced this week, in his column "LeRaconteur" that he had written his last column. He said, "In the years that I have written this column enough words were used to write at least two books. Now I want to write that book. I may not succeed but I want to try. I love writing this column and I will miss the comments, yet I must try. Maybe Roy will let me reminisce once in a while. God bless all of you." (Editor's note: A great friend of many years, Louis was a historian. He often amazed us all with unknown tidbits about Orange County. He was a former state representative, the youngest ever at the time and also a former district attorney and a great defense attorney. Lou started his book but didn't get far before he became ill and died.) GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: body of 23 year old John David Hannagan of Orangefield was recovered from the Neches River. His truck and trailer had been parked at Esther's Seafood several days. His 14-foot aluminum boat was recovered by two fishermen near the Entergy out flow area where Hannagan's body was found. Willy Bailey, 93, died Nov. 26. He was one of the original Bailey's who came to the Bridge City area in 1926. He was the son of Capt. Henry and Mary Bailey, who settled on Sabine Lake. Bill Gibson, 81, died Nov. 22. Dr. Earnest Lanier, 86, of Bridge City, died Nov. 20. Charles "Butch" Floyd, Jr., 59, of Orange, died Nov. 28. William "Bill" Linscomb, 79, of Orange, died Nov. 26. Lucille Fredrick, 94, of Mauriceville, died Monday, Nov. 29. Elda Marie Suire, 85, died Nov. 25. Marian Von Dohler, 95, of Orange, died Nov. 25.

50 Years Ago-1974

Jim and Mel Hicks of Hick's Construction have retired and are moving to Florida. James Colvin, a good man, passed away last week. He was Rocky's dad. Roy and Chrystal Wingate are working hard preparing for the bicentennial. Bill Smith and Fain Holbrooks lead the sales team at Conn's Appliance. Fain is teaching Bill everything he knows. That can't be good for Conn's. Ace Amodeo turned 50 on Nov. 26 and didn't want anyone to know that he had reached a half century. On the basketball court for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears is Clint Plant, Dale McCall, Gary Mikisch, Buck Roberts and C.E. Roth. Lowell Scribner is the manager of Palais Royal. State Senator D. Roy Harrington speaks to the Bridge City Rotary. Jo Ann Brabham celebrates a birthday Dec. 3. (Editor's note: She was Ms. Phyl's sister. She passed away Dec. 2, 2023, one day before her 92nd birthday.) On the basketball courts for the Stark Tigers is Donald Mosby, Michael Davis, Marcus Floyd, Gerald Antoine and Robert Kelly. Cowboy Bob Lilly says this will be his last year unless coach Tom Landry ask him to return in 1975 as a back-up player only. (I recall writing all the above 50 years ago.)

53 Years Ago-1971

A hijacker calling himself "Dan Cooper" (but became popularly known as D.B. Cooper) parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over the Pacific Northwest after receiving \$200,000 in ransom; his fate remains unknown. (What do you believe became of him?)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Leigh Anne Dallas Harrell had two big birthdays this week, daughter Honey turned one and a couple of days later Leigh Anne hit the big 3-0. She and Husband Broderick Harrell managed to get an adult night to celebrate her big one with friends that include Sarah Ragsdale Nash and Jake Nash, Jada and Kody Campbell, Estefano Cardenas, Samantha and Estevan Cardenas. Craig and Elva Couvillion are off on another Caribbean cruise. Alicia and Gary Bonneaux dressed up to attend the Garth House Gala. Gary is a retired prosecutor in Orange County for the US Attorney's office in Beaumont so he knows firsthand the good work Garth House does for abused children. West Orange City Counselor Lanie Brown made a trek to Waco with Cissy Kyburz Sommer and Donna Jerednames and of course included a trip to the Silos. Lady WhistleBreux wonders how much of Chip and Joanna products they bought. Clint and Kimberly Ray put on their pirate garb and went to the Renaissance Festival. Orange's Chad Richard, who moved to the Hill Country for his singing and songwriting career, did a concert with Marcia Ball who grew up in in Vinton and was born in Orange at the old City Hospital, which was where the Shangri-La parking lot is now. Celebrity priest Father Jim Sichko who grew up in Orange is making national news again, this time for auctioning a bottle of rare Pappy Van Winkle bourbon that was signed by Pope Francis. Father Jim is a Papal Missionary of Mercy for the pope. Money raised from the auction will go to Father Jim's favorite charities, including the Southeast Texas Hospice in Orange. Did you know our local hospice was the first in the state of Texas and one of the first in the nation? Some good news: After spending 25 days in a Houston hospital bed, Judge Derry Dunn is home. It was a long haul for Derry and Jane. He begins rehab next week and has a positive attitude. Happy 46th

wedding anniversary to Janelle and George Schon, on Dec. 1. They are really enjoying their new home at the lake. The birds are plentiful, even several Eagles. Janelle says they make a unique sound. Longtime friend, the daughter of the late Norris and Pat Brandon, Evelyn, celebrates her birthday Nov. 30. Happy birthday to our former Record staffer from all of us. Kenny Brown, Bridge City's "Good Samaritan," who is known to prepare meals to share with friends, Sunday delivered a great meal to us old folks. Thanks Kenny, good stuff. Orange County, for the first time in a long time, will not have a high school football team in the third round of the playoffs. A little tale about two great guys who are very much alike in character and deed. J.W. Dalton wanted to lease some property in Colmesneil, near Chester, to take his grandkids hunting. He had sold his great show place in Leon County, off Hwy. 45, to some rich Huston folks and needed a smaller place. He asked former commissioner Owen Burton, who he thinks a lot of, to lease him his 300 acres to take his boys. Owen said, "I'll do better than that, I'll just sell you the place." Surprised but glad, that's how J.W. ended up with the place Owen and Nelda had loved. J.W. does everything first class. In a couple of years it won't be just a place to hunt, it will be a show place. Two old boys who will do to ride the range with.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Celebrating birthdays in the next few days are, Nov. 27: Sharon Gregory, Mark Bourgeois, Melissa Fisher, Nick Miller, Bobby Adams, Cindy Huckabay. Nov. 28: David Fusilier, Russell Dillow, Haley Barlow, Preston Shuford, Cassandra Carpenter. Nov. 29: Jim Bob Aven, Erik Tutt, Angela Harkness, Shirley Beaudion, Abby Reynolds, Keith Lange. Nov. 30: Kirk Ellender, Vance Chauvin, Tish Garrett, Erin Evans, Brad Braus, Ryan Anderson. Dec. 1: Stephen Ylupp, John Garrison, Kelsey Dardeau, Mitchell Backer, Wesley Duncan, Amanda George. Dec. 2: Lisa Walker, Beverly Blalack, Eddie Robertson, Marie Moran, Cheryl Fornols. Dec. 3: Carolyn Andrus, Chris DeCuir, Wayne Scales, Barbara Blackwell, Sandra Huthison, Todd Wilson. Others making another trip around the sun this past week included Cecil Broom who turned 94. She's Orange's true, sweetheart. She was one of the tiny mascots for Lutch Stark's, famous Bengal Gaurds, the drum and bugle corps back in the 1930s. Leslye Bridgers turns 92. Bob Manning had a birthday, but didn't get to go out with wife Kimberly and ended up in the emergency room instead. Big rescue pup Blue jumped on Bob and scratched his eye. Others having birthdays included Sydney Carr, Tim Talbert, Alex Vaughan, Phillip Smith, Brandon Fisher, Tanner Barnwell, Rachael Raymer, Tommy Thompson, Wayne Guidry, Kirby Read, Jason LeLeaux, Jason Burch, Paula Ragsdale, Kristian Jack, Ann Capler, Heather McKinney, Gina Gonzales, Mary Anderson, Butch Campbell, John Goss, and Derrick Perry. Anniversaries celebrated: Mike and Caroline Hannigan reached number 24. A school break allowed them to sneak off to Gulf Shores Alabama. Also Christopher and Regina Marple at 18 years, and Tank and Jennifer Gross. Happy 46th Anniversary to George and Janelle Schon.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Pooldo Comeaux's a 70-year old, extremely wealthy widower who owns several big rice farms an da big bank in Abbeville. One day he showed up at da Abbeville Country Club wit a breathtakingly beautiful, sexy, 25-year old blond dat knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm. She hangs on to Comeaux's arm an listen intently to every word he says. His buddies at da club can't get over it. Dey corner him an axe, "Pooldo, how you get dat trophy girlfriend, hanh?" Comeaux him, he replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!" Dat really knocked dem over. "Pooldo, how you persuade such a gorgeous young woman to marry you?" "Mais, I lied bout my age, me," Comeaux replied. "Wat do you mean?" dey axe. "Did you tell her you was 50?" Pooldo, him, he smile and say, "Mais no, me, I tote her dat I was 90."

C'EST TOUT TRUMP ELECTION INTERFERENCE CASE DISMISSED

After special counsel Jack Smith asked the judge to toss the case due to a long-standing Justice Department policy that bars the prosecution of a sitting president. Smith earlier Monday filed a motion to dismiss the case, as well as the appeal of Trump's classified documents case, ahead of Trump's impending inauguration, due to the DOJ's presidential immunity policy and not because the charges lacked merit. U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan dismissed the election interference charges against Trump without prejudice, leaving open the highly unlikely possibility of a future prosecution. In a two-page opinion, Judge Chutkan wrote that dismissing the case without prejudice is "appropriate" and would not harm the "public interest," agreeing with Smith's argument that Trump's immunity would not cover him when he leaves office. "Dismissal without prejudice is also consistent with the Government's understanding that the immunity afforded to a sitting President is temporary, expiring when they leave office," Chutkan wrote. However, it's extremely unlikely that any prosecutor would attempt to bring the same charges in the future, in part because the statute of limitations for the alleged crimes will have expired by the time Trump leaves office in four years. It seeks to keep the appeal in place for Nauta and De Oliveira, two Trump employees who pleaded not guilty to obstruction charges. "The appeal concerning the other two defendants will continue because, unlike defendant Trump, no principle of temporary immunity applies to them," the filing said. Trump however, with 34 felonies, plus other charges, is on the way to beating all the raps. So much for the law applying to everyone. Trump is the oldest ever elected president. Read us cover to cover and please shop our family of advertisers. Thanks for your time and have a nice, safe Thanksgiving. Take care and God bless.

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Remembering Hank Williams

• Part Two of Two

DOWN LIFE'S HIGHWAY
Roy Dunn - Columnist
For The Record

Hank Williams was born in Mount Olive, Alabama on Sept. 17, 1923. When he was eight years old, Williams was given a guitar by his mother. His musical education was provided by a local blues street singer, Rufus Payne, who was called Tee Tot. From Tee Tot, Williams learned how to play the guitar and sing the blues.

Williams began performing around Georgia and Greenville areas of Alabama in his early teens. During his shows Williams would sing songs from his idol Roy Acuff, as well as several other country hits of the day. Hank Williams is the father of contemporary country music. Williams was a superstar by the age of 25. He was dead at the age of 29. Williams wrote a body of songs that became popular classics and his direct, emotional lyrics and vocals became the standard for most popular performers. Hank lived a life as troubled and reckless as that depicted in his songs. Hank met Audrey Mae Sheppard, a farm girl from Banks, Alabama, in 1943, while he was playing a medicine show.

The following year the couple married. Audrey became Hank's manager just before the marriage. By 1946, Hank was a local celebrity but he was unable to make much headway nationally. That year Hank and Audrey visited Nashville. Fred Rose, one of the heads of Acuff-Rose Publishing, liked Hank's songs and asked him to record two sessions for Sterling Records that resulted in two singles. Both of the singles, "Never Again" and "Honky Tonkin" were successful and Hank signed a contract with MGM Records in early 1947. Rose became the singer's manager and record producer. "Move It on Over," released later in 1947, became Hank Williams' first single for MGM.

By the summer of 1948, he had joined the Louisiana Hayride, appearing both on its tours and radio programs. "Honky Tonkin"

was released in 1948, followed by "I'm A Long Gone Daddy." Early in 1949, he recorded "Lovesick Blues." The single became a huge hit, staying at number one for 16 weeks and crossing over into the pop Top 25. Williams sang the song at the Grand Ole Opry, where he performed an unprecedented six encores. He had become a star. Hank and Audrey had their first child, Randall Hank, in the spring of 1949. Williams had no fewer than seven hits in 1949 after "Lovesick Blues," including the top fives, "Wedding Bells," "Mind Your Own Business," "You're Gonna Change," and "My Buckets Got a Hole in It." In addition to having a string of hit singles in 1950--including the number ones--"Long Gone Lonesome Blues," "Why Don't You Love Me," and "Moanin' the Blues," as well as the top ten's "I Just Don't Like This Kind of Livin'," "My Son Calls Another Man Daddy," "They'll never Take Her Love From Me," "Why Should We Try," and "Nobody's Lonesome for Me."

That same year, Williams began recording a series of spiritual records under the name of Luke the Drifter. Hank continued to rack up hits in 1951, beginning with "Dear John" and its flip-side, "Cold Cold Heart." He began to experience the fruits of crossover success appearing on the Perry Como television show and being part of a package tour that also featured Bob Hope, Jack Benny and Minnie Pearl. He had several other hits in 1951, including the number one "Hey Good Lookin'" and "Howlin' at the Moon," "I Can't Help It (If I'm Still In Love With You)," "Crazy Heart," "Lonesome Whistle," and "Baby, We're Really in Love" which all charted in the Top Ten. Though his professional career was soaring, Hank Williams' personal life was beginning to spin out of control.

Hank's marriage to Audrey was deteriorating. In the fall of 1951, while on a hunting trip on his Tennessee farm Hank tripped and fell, re-activating a dormant back injury. Williams began taking morphine and other pain killers for his back and quickly became addicted. In January, 1952, Hank and Audrey separated for a final time. The hits were still coming fast for Williams however with "Honky Tonk Blues" which was number two in the spring. In fact he released five more singles that year. "Half As Much," "Jambalaya," "Settin the Woods on Fire," "You Win Again," and "I'll Never Get Out of this World Alive"



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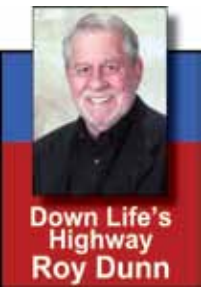
In spite of his success, he turned completely reckless in 1952, spending nearly all of his waking hours drunk and taking drugs, while he was frequently destroying property and playing with guns. Audrey and Hank were officially divorced. He was still playing the Louisiana Hayride but he was earning reduced wages. That fall, he met Billie Jean Jones Eshlimar. By October, they were married. She later married Johnny Harden, then Hugh Lea, an Orange attorney, after Harden was killed in an auto accident. Also in October Hank signed an agreement to support a baby--yet to be delivered--of one of his girlfriends, Bobbie Jett.

By the end of the year, he was having heart problems and Toby Marshall, a con-man doctor, was giving him various prescription drugs to help soothe the pain. Hank Williams was scheduled to play a concert in Canton, Ohio, on January 1, 1953. He was scheduled to fly out of Knoxville, TN, on New Year's Eve but the weather was so bad he had to hire a chauffeur to drive him to Ohio in his new Cadillac. Before they left for Ohio, Williams was injected with two shots of Vitamin B-12 and morphine by a doctor. Williams got in the backseat of the Cadillac with a bottle of whiskey and the teenage chauffeur headed

out for Canton. The driver was stopped for speeding and the officer noticed that Williams looked like a dead man. Williams was officially declared dead at 7 a.m. on January 1, 1953.

The last single released in his lifetime was "I'll Never Get Out of this World Alive." Hank Williams was buried three days later. His funeral drew a record crowd. Dozens of country music stars attended as did Audrey Williams, Billie Jean Jones and Bobbie Jett, who happened to give birth to a daughter three days later. "I'll Never Get Out of this World Alive" reached number one after his death and it was followed by a number of hit records throughout 1953, including the number ones "Your Cheatin heart," "Kaw-Liga" and "Take These Chains from My Heart." Hank Williams' impact never diminished. His songs have become classics, his recordings have stood the test of time and his life story is legendary. It's easy to see why he is considered by many as the defining figure of country music.

My teenage years were marked by Hank as I started Down Life's Highway. These two country giants, Acuff and Hank, took me from childhood to adulthood and here I am at age 90, still connected to them by their music. From time to time, I get Alexa to play their catalog of music I started listening to on the Louisiana Hayride and Grand Ole Opry on my battery radio.



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Mustangs season ends to La Vega



Mustangs quarterback Marcus Turner Jr. (3) cannot escape a swarm of La Vega defenders as he attempts to gain a first down during Friday's game.

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Mustangs receiver Ja'mikael Davis (5) prepares to throw a pass deep downfield during Friday's game against the La Vega Pirates.

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The Mustangs (9-3) finish the season as an Area finalist

TOMMY MANN JR.
For The Record

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs football season came to a sudden end this past Friday night in Magnolia as the Waco La Vega Pirates advance to the third round of the Class 4A Division 2 playoffs.

La Vega defeated WO-S, 42-20, behind several big plays in a high-scoring second-half at Bulldogs Stadium in Magnolia.

La Vega led 7-0 at half-time courtesy of a 1-yard touchdown run by Pirates quarterback Kourtney Parr late in the second quarter as both defenses were able to keep each opposing offense limited in

big plays. That did not hold constant for the second half.

The third quarter started with a 78-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by La Vega's Jabarie Thornton for a 14-0 lead. WO-S responded on the next drive as Raymond Mallett Jr. scored on a 26-yard run to cut the Pirates advantage to 14-7.

The Pirates would score two more touchdowns on its next two possessions, an 18-yard run and a 23-yard run, while forcing the Mustangs to turn the ball over on downs.

West Orange-Stark would cut into the La Vega lead when running back Khelvy Jefferson scored on

an 8-yard run to make the score, 28-13. Unfortunately, the momentum would not hold as Thornton once again returned a kickoff for a touchdown, this time from 76 yards, to extend the Pirates lead to 35-13.

A 4-yard touchdown run by Elbert Jones on the next drive would cement the La Vega victory, but the Mustangs did manage one more touchdown on a 8-yard pass from Marcus Turner Jr. to receiver Miketavion Davis.

The Mustangs (9-3) finish the season as an Area finalist and the second place team from District 9-4A D2. La Vega advances to the third round and will play Silsbee.



Mustangs receiver Jamarr O'Neal halls in a pass for a nice gain during the second-half of Friday's game in Magnolia against Waco La Vega.

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Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

For some strange and unknown reason it seems like the older I get the faster things tend to repeat themselves. At times I would swear the pages on the calendar flip by 2 months at time instead of just 1. Recently I just renewed my United States Coast Guard license for the 5th or 6th time and I started thinking about how much time that represented, especially knowing that its 5 years between each renewal.

As I stood next to the island in my kitchen and opened up my new set of Coast Guard documents I couldn't help but take a short trip down memory lane. As a guide you remember a lot things about a lot of different trips and eventually they all feel as if they have run together. There are however some things that always stick out like some of the bigger fish that have been caught and some of the crazier characters you encounter because they always come with a story.

Perhaps some of my favorite memories are when someone on my boat catches their first fish, I truly cherish opportunities like that because they are indeed special. Just recently I was fortunate enough to have had such a trip and it was like a shot in the arm for me, a reminder of why I enjoy guiding so much.

A few weeks ago I was approached by a friend of mine about taking his family out on a fishing trip because his 8 year old son was completely infected with "fishing fever". It seems that during a cub scout exercise the young man was introduced to fishing and wanted to pursue it as much and as soon as possible. My friend knew very little about the sport but wanted to give his son every opportunity to enjoy it so he did the next best thing by seeking out professional help. The goal was simple, take the young man out, catch a few fish, and teach him some basics that will enable him to not only learn about the sport but get better at the same time. I'm not sure who was more excited the day of the trip, the boy, his dad, or myself.

Our day started off with perfect conditions, flat calm and crisp temperatures, we could not have asked for any better situation. The bonus for me was the entire family decided to come along, both parents and 3 youngsters (2 boys and 1 girl) aged 8, 5, and 4. Even though it takes some extra patience to deal with the youngsters I generally enjoy each opportunity to take kids fishing and this would be no exception.

After getting everybody squared away with life jackets and basic safety rules we made a run out into the lake to look for working birds and schooling trout. It took us a few stops to finally figure out what was going on but eventually we figured it out. It was perfect as each child ended up with an adult being able to supervise them. The pattern for the trip was spinning rods and rattling corks with soft plastics tied beneath them, a combo the small trout and sand trout found irresistible. The first fish for each child was met with great excitement by all in attendance.

Easily the highlight of the day came towards the end of the afternoon as hefty 28 inch redfish obliterated the popping cork and proceeded to make a rather long run before deciding to really put up a fight. At this point each of the kids took turns battling the redfish while the others cheered enthusiastically. After we finally subdued the fish and lid it into the net you would've thought we had just won the World Series as the celebration ensued. I was as happy for them as they were to catch such a great fish. The genuine excitement and wonder on all their faces was priceless and I was certainly proud to be a part of it all.

In the days following that family trip I slipped back into the mode of routine trips with experienced fishermen and that brought on a whole new set of circumstances and things to be considered. I have often written about fishing in the winter and some of the things that should be on each anglers mind and the top of the list should be keeping yourself safe in the harsher elements. Cold water is unforgiving so the proper clothing and personal floatation device is a must. If you have never fallen in the water during those colder months all I can tell you is be prepared for what those temps will do to your body.

Speaking of being equipped properly a quality pair of waders is essential for all the big trout fishermen who will be slipping out of the boat in favor of a silent stalk on a big fish. For nearly 10 years now I have been using the breathable waders from Gulf Coast Waders and I have truly been impressed. I fish and duck hunt with the same waders and they hold up extremely well. In a recent conversation with the owner he told me he was having to close his operation down due to any number of reasons associated with the economy and that has me holding on tight to my remaining few pair I have stowed away.

Almost as important as the waders you wear is the type of clothing you choose for warmth. There are several brands of highly technical thermal garments which won't cause you to feel bulky or uncomfortable. Under Armour Cold Gear is my personal go to base layer followed by fleece pants and pullovers. Quality socks cannot be overlooked either because there is no substitute for warm dry feet on those long cold winter wades. Cover all that up with a quality waterproof jacket with Velcro cuffs and you should be set for a day on the water.

Its like the old saying goes "its better to have them and not need them than to need them and not have them".

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

Compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

• **Sabine Lake**

GOOD. 74 degrees. Very nice catches of speckled trout in the north end of Sabine Lake with live shrimp under a popping cork. Make long drifts off of Pleasure Island Point. Then head into the Inter-coastal Waterways targeting drops in our rock piles for limits of very good redfish, with some trout mixed in.

After the cold front rolled through we focused our efforts in the Neches River. Very nice redfish, drum and sheepshead were biting on the points in the rock piles and buoys with live shrimp under a popping cork. Some catches of freshwater catfish as well.

Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• **Bolivar**

GOOD. 75 degrees. Water temperature staying in the upper 70s, but should cool after the forecasted north winds. Water levels swapping back-and-forth this week between super high and average low tides. Anglers are still catching plenty of redfish everywhere. There are plenty of big croakers along with sand trout, black drum, speckled trout, and crabs caught along the jetty with a few small stingrays and sharks.

Reminder, flounder are catch and release only through December 14. The surf is producing lots of redfish and black drum, a few gafftop, lots of small stingrays, and bigger sharks along the whole peninsula with high activity towards Gilchrist/High Island mainly.

Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp

• **Trinity Bay**

SLOW. 73 degrees. Redfish are tight to drains and reefs early in the mornings being caught on WACKy Shad XLs peppered pumpkin color with a chartreuse tail married with a 3/8 ounce rattling jig head working fast triple twitch-



The Record's Capt. Chuck Uzzle displays a nice Sabine Lake redfish caught using winter tactics.

es and letting it fall. Most bites are on the fall, right before the jig hits the bot-

tom again. Trout are on mud and sand mixed flats with scattered shell being

caught with live shrimp under a popping cork with 3-4 foot leaders and in good current in drains with a 3/8 ounce jig head married with the WACKy Fluke in the code red color working aggressively to entice a bite on the way back to the boat. Always fish with the current. Drum and sheepshead are tight to rock lines being caught on live shrimp under a popping cork. Remember, always wear your kill switch and pay attention to the weather. Be sure to plan your trip prior to getting on the water to map out reefs. Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• **East Galveston Bay**

GOOD. 72 degrees. If the birds are working up near the shoreline or in shallow water hovering the surface, the redfish are feeding on shrimp. Shrimp imitation lures with Fish Smack popping corks, with 14-18 inch leaders have still been producing the most bites.

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Wake up the ghosts! Texas and Texas A&M rivalry that dates to 1894 is reborn

JIM VERTUNO
and KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press Report

Any Texas or Texas A&M player has heard the lore of the rivalry between the two schools, a grudge match that dates to 1894.

But for more than a decade — two generations of college football players — that's all it has been: Ghostly memories of great games and great plays made by heroes of the distant past.

That changes this week when one of college football's great rivalries is reborn. Third-ranked Texas (10-1, 6-1) and No. 20 Texas A&M (8-3, 5-2) meet Saturday night for the first time since 2011, with a berth in the Southeastern Conference championship game on the line.

"Guys that have been in my position and bleed burnt orange, they have not gotten to play this game," said Texas fourth-year junior safety Michael Taaffe, who grew up in Austin. "Remember them when you step on Kyle Field."

For Aggies fans, who have carried the misery of Texas' 27-25 win in 2011, getting the Longhorns back in front of a frenzied crowd in College Station is a chance for some serious payback.

"I was born and raised an Aggie, so I've been dreaming about playing in this game my whole life," Texas A&M offensive lineman Trey Zuhn III said.

Zuhn played high school football in Colorado, but his parents and grandparents attended A&M. At SEC media days back in August, Zuhn said his family would turn Texas gear upside down in stores. He keeps a picture of a longhorn in his room, hanging upside down, of course.

"It should be the most amazing atmosphere that I've ever experienced," Zuhn said. "I can't wait for that, and I feel bad for Texas having to play in that."

Texas players said they are ready.

"That place is going to be rocking," Texas senior cornerback Jahdae Barron said. "It's good to go on the road and play in hostile environments."

The Longhorns have overcome big and loud road crowds before. They won at Alabama in 2023. They won at Michigan and Arkansas, another old rival, this year. The Longhorns have won 10 in a row on an opponent's home field.

"When the hate is on us,



Steve Sarkisian is in his 24th year of coaching and 11th as a head coach. Entering his fourth season at Texas, his Longhorn rebuild has been a patient and deliberate one.



Michael Elko head football coach at Texas A&M University. He was previously the defensive coordinator for Texas A&M in 2018 before coaching at Duke and returning to Texas A&M as head coach in November 2023.

we love it. We enjoy it," Taaffe said.

But some former Texas players say the current group has faced nothing like what awaits them in College Station.

Playing at Texas A&M is more than just noise and a lot of "Horns down" hand signals. The "Aggie War Hymn" fight song calls for Aggies to "Saw varsity's horns off."

Beating Texas is their passion, said former Longhorns All-American offensive lineman Dan Neil, who won at Texas A&M in 1995. He calls that win one of the best of his career.

"I was done showering and getting ready to leave, and their fans were still standing outside the locker room screaming and throwing things," he said. "The (Texas) players have no idea what they are walking into. They have no clue. No one on that team has walked into that stadium in burnt orange."

The rivalry broke up when Texas A&M left the Big 12 for the SEC in 2012. The Aggies have twice finished tied for second but have otherwise found little success there.

Texas is in its first year in the SEC and has smashed its way to the top. Texas is the only SEC team

with one loss this late in the season, which would make beating Texas that much sweeter for A&M.

"The hype is definitely saying it's a rivalry. History says it's a rivalry, but for us, it's the football game we have this week," Texas senior center Jake Majors said. "It's important for us to not let the environ-

ment, the game, get the best of us. ... I get to go out there and play not only for me and my team, but for the guys who came before me, so that's a true honor to have."

Even though the game hasn't been played since 2011, there has always

been an element of the rivalry simmering under the surface, Texas A&M coach Mike Elko said.

Elko is in his first year as the Aggies' coach, but he was the Texas A&M defensive coordinator under Jimbo Fisher from 2018-2021.

"Even though it hasn't been played, it just doesn't feel like it's ever really left the fabric. I really don't think it's as removed from the psyche as maybe it feels," Elko said. "I think our kids are very much aware of what this is all about."

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7 Great Moments in Texas Turkey History

Sarah Thurmond
Texas Highways

Every year, the President of the United States pardons a turkey before Thanksgiving, protecting a lucky fowl from becoming the main course at someone's dinner table. But did you know it was a Texan, President George H.W. Bush, who made pardoning a turkey at the White House an official tradition? This is just one of the great moments in the Lone Star State's history with Thanksgiving and turkey.

1598 – Forget Plymouth. According to legend, Texas held the “first Thanksgiving” when Spanish expedition leader Juan de Oñate landed in San Elizario after a long and treacherous journey to reach the Rio Grande. They feasted on game provided by the Spaniards and fish from the Manso tribe and celebrated a Mass—all to celebrate this new land that Spain would reign over for 200 years.

1893 – The Texas Panhandle town of Turkey gets its name. Best known as the hometown of Western swing icon Bob Wills, Turkey was originally called Turkey Roost because of all the wild turkeys that lived along a nearby creek called—wait for it—Turkey Creek.

Eventually, “Roost” was dropped from the name. In 2011, PETA sent a letter to the mayor of Turkey, asking him to change the town's name to Tofurkey. His response? No furking way. (Actually, the mayor's office had no comment.) Mark your calendars: April 30 is the 50th anniversary of Turkey's annual Bob Wills Day.

1912 – The first Turkey Trot is held in Cuero. In the early 1900s, this southeast Texas town had a thriving turkey processing industry, and instead of driving turkeys to facilities in vehicles, local farmers moved the gobbling products on foot (like a cattle



President George H.W. Bush at the annual Presidential Pardoning of the Thanksgiving Turkey. Photo courtesy George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

drive but with wings). Someone had the grand idea of creating an event around these drives, and in November 1912, 30,000 people showed up in Cuero to see thousands of turkeys make their way through the streets.

Today, the town hosts an annual Turkeyfest with tur-

key races, a parade, barbecue cookoffs, and other festivities.

1989 – President George H.W. Bush makes pardoning the Thanksgiving turkey an official annual tradition at the White House. He wasn't the first president to save a turkey

from slaughter (Lincoln, Kennedy, and Reagan are among the presidents who unofficially pardoned turkeys while in office), but Bush was the first to declare this momentous occasion a duty of the chief of state every year. “Let me assure you, and this fine tom turkey, that he will not end up on anyone's dinner table,” he said. “Not this guy. He's presented a presidential pardon as of right now—and allow him to live out his days on a children's farm not far from here.”

1993 – Largest turkey in Texas bagged. According to the Texas Tribune, the record for the largest turkey ever killed in Texas was set in 1993, with the unlucky bird weighing 30.75 pounds. It was registered with the National Wild Turkey Federation. No word on how many pounds of turkey hash were made from the leftovers following Thanksgiving.

2003 – Technology arrives at the White House,

and President George W. Bush becomes the first president to pardon turkeys chosen by the American people through online voting.

“This year, for the first time, thousands of people voted on the White House website to name the national turkey and the alternate turkey. Stars and Stripes beat out Pumpkin and Cranberry. And it was a neck-to-neck race,” he said, as the crowd roared with laughter.

2011 – The Dallas Turkey Trot sets a Guinness World Record for largest gathering of people dressed as a turkey. The history of this human foot race dates to 1967, when 92 runners showed up to participate in an 8-miler. In 2011, 661 runners attended in turkey costumes, giving Dallas the record.

Now close to 40,000 people participate in the annual race making the Dallas Turkey Trot the largest race of its kind in the country.

Hunters Reminded to Report Their Harvest During Upcoming Antlerless Season

Staff Report
For The Record

AUSTIN – As the four-day antlerless deer season, Nov. 28-Dec. 1, begins this week in 21 counties, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds hunters to report their harvest using either the free Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app (for iOS and Android) or the Texas Hunt & Fish web page.

Hunters must complete mandatory harvest reporting for any antlerless deer harvested during the four-day doe season, along with any antlerless deer harvested during the youth-only and muzzle-

loader seasons within 24 hours of their hunt., hunters must report their harvest using either the free Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app (for iOS and Android) or on the Texas Hunt & Fish web page.

Counties required to report their harvest include Austin, Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Comal (East of I-35), De Witt, Fayette, Go-liad (North of US 59), Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays (East of I-35), Jackson (north of US 59), Karnes, Lavaca, Lee, Travis (East of I-35), Victoria (North of US 59), Waller, Washington, Wharton (North of US 59) and Wilson.

Additionally, hunters in



As the four-day antlerless deer season, Nov. 28-Dec. 1, begins this week in 21 counties, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds hunters to report their harvest

the four counties that remain dedicated to archery-only hunting (Dallas, Grayson, Rockwall and Collin) must report all white-tailed deer harvests within 24 hours through the Texas Hunt & Fish App during all white-tailed deer seasons.

Accurate reporting in mandatory reporting counties allows agency wildlife biologists to properly study hunting impacts on local deer populations and develop more hunting opportunities in the future.

For more information about hunting regulations, methods and seasons, consult the Outdoor Annual app.

Hunters can download it free for iOS and Android


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“This helps us know where CWD is and isn't found, which is useful in helping us understand how to better manage this insidious disease.”

More information about zone boundaries and check station dates and hours of operations can be found on TPWD's CWD webpage.




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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary as Independent Executor for the Estate of **RONALD GENE BROWN**, Deceased, were issued on **October 18, 2024, in Cause No. P20117**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **RON DAVID BROWN**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **VANESSA HAUSER**
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Dated the **18th day of October, 2024.**

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas
To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

THOMAS JACKSON ASKEW, Deceased
Cause No. P20164
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on the 22nd day of November, 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of THOMAS JACKSON ASKEW, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by **filing a written contest or answer** to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on the 22nd day of November, 2024.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: *Danielle Kendrick*, Deputy

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 17. R'ntgen beams
 18. "Warning track sport
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 21. Indigo dye shrubs
 22. "Arabian Nights" bird
 23. Destroyer
 26. Danced to certain Polish music
 30. Crematorium container
 31. One without magic powers in Harry Potter stories
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 35. Do nothing (2 words)
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 38. Be at the helm
 39. Tropical tuber
 40. "Player who delivers in a crucial sports moment
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 45. Smells
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 48. Clean a spill (2 words)
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 55. Russian pancake
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 57. Go cold turkey
 59. "Reward for multiple sports championships, pl.
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 61. The Beehive State
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 9. 11th letter of Roman alphabet, pl.
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 13. Glorify
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 40. Chlorofluorocarbon, abbr.
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 46. Not light-transmitting
 48. Dots and dashes code
 49. Did like goo
 50. Women's underskirt
 51. Plural of cow, arch.
 52. "Sports transgression
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NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS FOR PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Rule 21.016(d)(3), Texas Property Code, the Special Commissioners hereby issue this Notice of Hearing in connection with their Order Setting Hearing entered this same day.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN OWNERS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN THIS PROCEEDING; AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS WITH AN INTEREST OR CLAIM AGAINST THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN THIS PROCEEDING, to be served by publication pursuant to § 21.016(d) (3) of the Texas Property Code and

You are hereby notified that on the 10th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room at the Holiday Inn Express - Orange, 2655 I-10 East, Orange, Texas 77630, the undersigned Special Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the County Court at Law No. 2 of Orange County, Texas, will convene a hearing to assess the damages occasioned by the condemnation by Midcoast Pipelines (East Texas) L.P., as Condemnor, for the acquisition of an easement over a portion of a certain tract of land, legally described as being a portion of land situated in the John Stephenson Survey, A-169, Orange County, Texas, being over and across the residue of a called 25-1/2 acre tract conveyed to W.J. Burton recorded on December 8, 1921 in Volume 34, Page 572 of the Official Public Records of Orange County, Texas, (current ownership unknown).

These are proceedings in eminent domain in a case styled: MIDCOAST PIPELINES (EAST TEXAS) L.P. v THE UNKNOWN OWNERS OF AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS WITH AN INTEREST IN OR CLAIM AGAINST THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IN THIS PROCEEDING, ET AL., Cause Number 25400, filed in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Orange County, Texas. The undersigned, having heretofore duly selected such time and place for hearing as required by law, will proceed to hear said parties and receive evidence on damages and to act thereon in the manner directed by law.

The preceding Notice to be served via publication has been APPROVED and ISSUED the 25th day of November, 2024.

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Thanksgiving Gives Us Eyes for God

Scott Hubbard
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When I was 8 years old, I had an eye exam. As I tried to make out the letters on the chart, I got so many wrong that the doctor thought I was joking. But this was no joke; I was very nearsighted.

A week later, when I got my first pair of glasses, I was stunned. I could read street signs, recognize people's faces at a distance, see far-off mountains and individual leaves on trees. I could see more clearly than ever. That's a lot like gratitude. Gratitude is like glasses, as it helps us see the glory of God's mercy more clearly. And therefore, because our greatest joy is seeing God's glory, gratitude increases our joy.

Gratitude Helps Us See

For many years, I did not experience more joy in God through gratitude. I dutifully thanked God for his blessings, but because I did not understand thanksgiving, my gratitude did not help me see God's glorious mercy, and so it did not increase my joy.

The problem was that I saw thanksgiving mostly as an obligation to be fulfilled. God had done something for me, so now I owed him gratitude. And once I had said, "Thank you," my debt was paid,



and I moved on to something else.

But that's not how the Bible talks about thanksgiving. Consider, first, how the Bible often links thanksgiving with joy.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:2)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name! (Psalm 97:12)

Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! (Psalm 107:22)

So, joy and thanksgiving are connected. But how?

We might think the connection is obvious: when we give thanks, we rejoice in what God has given. Think of the joy we feel in getting promoted,

or being healed. Surely, joy in God's gifts is part of gratitude. But it's not the only joy of gratitude. And it's not the greatest joy.

Gratitude's Greatest Joy

We can discover the greatest joy of gratitude by noticing how often God's word links thanksgiving with praise.

I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you. (Psalm 35:18)

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. (Psalm 69:30)

Then one of [the ten lepers], when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. (Luke 17:15-16)

I was used to distinguishing thanksgiving

and praise. And of course, they are different: thanksgiving does focus more on what God does, and praise on who God is. But these verses show there's a connection. The fact that thanksgiving is linked with praise shows that thanksgiving does not ignore who God is. Thanksgiving helps us see and praise who God is. And this act of seeing and praising God is thanksgiving's greatest joy.

How does this work?

Putting on the Glasses

Let's say you get a promotion and want to thank God. Thankfulness starts with seeing the value and the mercy of God's gifts.

So, you would remind yourself of the value of this promotion — maybe it's more interesting work, higher pay, and a better career path. Then, you

would ponder the mercy of this promotion — that because you are a sinner, deserving only hell, this gift is an infinitely costly mercy, bought for you by Jesus's suffering on the cross.

Then, as you thank God, recounting both the worth and the mercy of this promotion, the experience will be like putting on glasses — you see even more clearly the glory of God's grace in Christ. And this will increase your joy in God, because beholding God's glorious mercy is our all-satisfying joy.

So, when God calls us to give thanks, he's not just calling us to thank him for what he's done. He's calling us to rejoice in who he is, as displayed in what he's done. And that's why Christian Hedonists love to thank God: thanking God leads to seeing more of God, and seeing more of God is our greatest joy.

Growing Toward Gratitude

How can we thank God in a way that increases our joy in God? Here are five steps.

- First, ask for the Spirit's help. The goal of thanksgiving is seeing and feeling the glory of God's mercy, and we can't do that without the Spirit's work. So, ask.

- Second, ponder the

value of God's gifts. Consider the value of each gift. Think about health, friends, the food in front of you. Think especially about the Savior, whose death paid for your sins and purchased fullness of joy in him forever.

- Third, think about the mercy of God's gifts. Not only do we not deserve these gifts, but because of our sin, all we deserve is God's judgment. Ask God to help you see that, so you feel more wonder at the grace and mercy displayed in this blood-bought gift.

- Fourth, do this until you see and feel more of God's glorious mercy. Keep praying for the Spirit's Jesus-revealing work, and keep thinking about the worth and mercy of God's gifts, until you sense more of God's glorious mercy in Christ.

- Fifth, express your thanksgiving and joyful praise to God. Thank him for his gifts, expressing the worth of each gift and the mercy of each gift. And rejoice in how each gift displays the glory of God's grace to you in Christ.

We all need help seeing God's glorious mercy. And gratitude, like glasses, can help. So, for the sake of your joy in God, put on the glasses of gratitude. And see.



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