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Bridge City gets new city manager

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Bridge City will start the new year with a new city manager plus an effort to assist businesses or local residents who want an election to allow liquor by the drink in restaurants.

Mayor David Rutledge said the Bridge City City Council hired Bart Bartkowiak from the city of Beaumont to be the new city manager. Bartkowiak is the public works director for the city. Mayor Rutledge said Bartkowiak has spent 19 years with Beaumont in different city administration positions including IT (information technology).

"We're all glad he accepted our offer and he's going to come to our city," the mayor said. Bartkowiak's first day will be January 6.

Bartkowiak is a native of Port Arthur and a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. He has also earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's of business administration from Texas A&M University.

The Bridge City City Council has also had a pub-



City Manager

lic workshop on getting a local option liquor election. Mayor Rutledge said the city cannot initiate the election, but businesses and individuals may get petitions for registered voters in the city to sign to call the

City officials checked with the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Commission on the rules and regulations for calling the election and how it should be conducted.

The local option election will allow voters to decide whether restaurants and bars will be able to sell liquor by the drink. Mayor Rutledge said the city now

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New Bridge City The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club named Raely Ply as December Student of the Month for Bridge City. Raely ranks **Bart Bartkowiak** 58 out of 211 students and has a GPA 4.098. She plans to attend Lamar University to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering. Pictured are: her father Roger Ply, mother Crystal Ply, brother Rylan Ply, Rotarian Mark Bunch, school counselor Chloe Tucker and Dr Amanda James, BCHS Principal.

Perrodin, Thompson set to retire from BC Bank

PENNY LELEUX For The Record

After 28 years with Bridge City Bank, Bonnie Perrodin is calling it quits at the Orange Branch at the end of this week, while Judy Thompson will be retiring after 18 years on Jan. 3,

There will be coffee and cake at the Orange Branch Thursday honoring Perrodin so she has one last chance to say goodbye to her customers. Her official retirement date is Dec. 20 on paper, but she said she is only coming on Friday to turn in her keys and let her grandkids play on the typewriter one last time.

There will be a combined retirement party for both women at a future date yet to be determined.

Perrodin started at the Bridge City Branch in August 1996.

"Jerry Davidson interviewed me and he hired me on the spot," said Perrodin.



Bonnie Perrodin

She started in the bookkeeping department.

Ouida Simonton trained her "She said, 'OK this is a debit and this is a credit' and I looked at her with you know dear headlights. She just started laughing. She said, 'So you don't know what this is' and I said, 'No ma'am. I can balance my checkbook but that's it.' We've joked about that ever since. She got me on my feet and I took off after that." Perrodin continued, "It has it's been a great place. I miss it."

"In 2009 I moved into



Judy Thompson

human resources and then in 2017 I moved to the Orange Branch and I became the branch manager, remaining human resources as well and became assistant vice president," said

Perrodin. Thompson is the assistant vice president and supervisor of bookkeeping in the Bridge City Branch. She came to Bridge City after the previous bank she worked at went through several name changes and she eventually was displaced after 22 years.

"I've been in banking for

like 40 years," Thompson said. She is looking forward to not having to get up in the morning and get dressed. She will start looking after a new great-grandchild when her granddaughter delivers in March.

"She just started the dental hygienist program and I wanna make sure she gets through it so I told her I'd keep the baby," said Thompson. "She went to Lamar and got all of her stuff, but then she just got accepted into the dental hygienist program and then she found out she was pregnant, so I told her I'll keep the baby as long as you go to school and finish."

"My daughter's a teacher so she'll be off during the summer so I'll have summertime off too." Thompson said her other plans are just doing things around the house with the family. "I wanna be able to get up and if I wanna go somewhere, go somewhere. If I

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Christmas in Orangefield kicks off with parade

PENNY LELEUX For The Record

Who is ready for another Christmas parade? Christmas in Orangefield kicks off with one at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 21. The parade path starts at Orangefield Oil Supply on FM 508 and travels down FM105, taking a right on Sandbar Road down to the Orangefield Junior High School.

The public is invited to celebrate, shop, eat and enjoy good entertainment, visit with Santa and the Grinch and make this an unforgettable Christmas.

Christmas in Orangefield was started several years ago by the Orangefield Cormier Museum, but has



Chris Kovatch

since become the Orangefield Fine Art Boosters annual scholarship fundraiser. They support the OHS Band, Colorguard, Choir and Sophisticats.

The Christmas tradition continues after the parade

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Lighted strolls, historic house on tap MARGARET TOAL For The Record

The holiday festivities are continuing this week with activities as the kids are out of school for the holidays.

Shangri La Botanical Gardens will continue the lighted Christmas strolls on Wednesday, December 18; Thursday, December 19; Friday, December 20; and Saturday, December 21. The hours are between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Admission

non-perishable foods are being collected for Orange Christian Services.

The botanical gardens are lined with lights and holiday displays from the children's area through the greenhouses and along the circular pathway through landscaped areas with ponds. Decorated Christmas trees by local individuals, businesses, and industries are featured. Im-

is free, though donations of itation snow blown in one area is a popular place for smiles and fun.

This week the theme is "ugly Christmas sweaters" and attendees are invited to wear their colorful sweaters. Luckily, the temperatures will be dropping from the balmy 70s to the crisp 40s this week.

Free State Winery of Orange will be selling adult drinks and the Orange Lions Club will be selling hot

chocolate and cookies.

Shangri-La is in the 2000 block of Park Avenue in Orange west of 16th Street.

On Wednesday, December 18, the W. H. Stark House on Green Avenue in downtown Orange will be open free with no reservations from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Entrance will be through the carriage house on Main Avenue.

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★ WOS Theatre students pitch-in at OCP



The WOS Theatre Department got a little dramatic last week. They traveled to Orange Community Players, Inc.'s Jeff Hattman Center for the Performing Arts to assist with the theatre's renovation and were given a tour of the facility to learn more about its history.

Pinehurst City Hall to change open hours in January

Staff Report For The Record

Beginning Monday, January 6, Pinehurst City Hall will be open only four days a week, but with extended working hours during the four days. The hours will be 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Pinehurst City Council made the decision after a request from City Administrator Jerry Hood. The hours will affect

people working in city hall offices along with the public works department. However, public works employees will be on call for emergencies, as usual. Also, the police department will be operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The city is also changing the day for municipal court to Wednesday starting on January 8. People with misdemeanor tickets, including traffic citations, in the city

will need to pay their fines during the Monday through Thursday hours, or go to

The city's website has information on getting public utilities and permits in the city. People who need to meet with an administrator on a Friday may arrange an

appointment in advance. Pinehurst City Hall is at 2497 Martin Luther King Jr.



The 1894 W.H. Stark House in downtown Orange will have free evening tours of the decorated first floor on Wednesday, December 18, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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on Main Avenue.

The 14,000 square foot house was built by W.H. and Miriam Lutcher Stark in 1894 with their fortune from one of the largest lumber mill business in the South. The couple was able to use the finest lumber in the construction and design. The mansion is furnished with the couple's original belongings and has been restored into a muse-

The lighted holiday tour will be only through the first floor, which includes a library, music room, dining room, and breakfast room.

During this special holiday tours, the house is decorated for a Victorian Christmas, including the dining room set for a festive formal dinner.

Also on Wednesday, December 18, at 7 p.m., the Lutcher Theater by the Stark House will present a touring company of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical "Dear Evan Hansen." The time will allow theater patrons time before the show to tour the house.

The musical has adult themes, including suicide, and is recommended for ages 12 and older. Tickets as

of Tuesday were still available with prices from \$45-

Orangefield on Saturday will have its annual Christmas festival and you can find details in another story in the Record newspapers.

Orange Mayor Larry Spears will be adding a personal touch for Christmas. On Christmas Eve, which is Tuesday, December 24, the mayor will go live on Facebook at 7 p.m. to read "The Night Before Christmas."

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Round The Clock Hometown News

Durham/Ellis pecans this Holdiday Season

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this years crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts, delivery early November. Pecan halves or pieces \$13.00 per pound, walnuts \$8.50 per pound.

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Local students receive December awards...



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the December Student of the Month for Orangefield is Jett Stevenson. Jett is ranked 36 of 114 with GPA: 3.67. Pictured are: Christy Roccaforte, Embrie Manshack, John Davis, Carolyn Davis, Mark Stevenson, Jett Stevenson, Montae Stevenson and Britni Briggs.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce is has announced that the December Student of the Month for Bridge City is Abbie McDonald. Abbie is ranked 4 of 211 with a GPA of 4.74. Pictured are: Amanda James, Laura Roberts, Kim McDonald, Abbie McDonald, Judd Mc-Donald and Dr. Mike Kelly.

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don't, I don't."

Thompson said, "I've got a sister that lives off. She's waiting for me to retire so I can come up there and help her do stuff and my daughter's already reserved me for January the 6th. She's a teacher and she got a new shelf she wants me to come and help her organize it. My son gets me to run errands with him

and so they're gonna keep me busy for sure."

"I'm gonna miss all the people here," Thompson. "They're basically your family, I mean you're with them all the time.

Perrodin plans to embroider for her next ing. "I love working outphase. She bought a 10-needle commercial embroidery machine this past year.

"I have a little small business at home that I've started called Willow and Grace and so you can find me on Facebook, but that's what I'll do in my spare time," said Perrodin. She also plans to do some gardenside and my flower beds I enjoy all that."

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allows only places with restaurants and bars may private memberships to serve liquor by the drink. Other cities and areas in the county allow liquor by the drink.

"We've had large chains trying to locate here and wouldn't come because we don't have the local option," the mayor said.

increase the city's income in sales taxes.

With Bartkowiak, Bridge City will be getting it's third city manager in recent years. After Jerry Jones retired from the position, the city hired a man who started in January 2022 and resigned after serving one Liquor by the drink in year and six days. At the

time, Mayor Rutledge said the man went to a smaller town for more money.

Then another city manager started in January 2024. He resigned in August after a closeddoor executive session with the City Council to review his job performance.

Chip in for Salvation Army campaign

During this holiday season, The Salvation Army staff and volunteers are diligently working to raise much needed funds to support those most in need this Christmas, and beyond. This year, The Salvation Army seeks to raise \$100,000 to meet the growing demand for essential services in the Orange community and is falling behind its goal.

Every year, The Salva-

tion Army of Orange provides meals, financial assistance, emergency disaster services, youth programs, summer camp and more to individuals and local families. The holiday season can be especially difficult for many, and donations are crucial to ensuring that no one is left behind during this time of year.

Funds raised during the holiday season support initiatives like the Angel Tree program, which provides clothes and toys to children and seniors. Donations also help provide year-round aid such as rent, utility and housing assistance for individuals facing financial hardship.

"The holiday season brings unique challenges for many in our community, but it also brings out the generosity of those who can help," said Captain Dante Salgado with The Salvation Army of Orange.

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on the Jr. high campus with vendors and food booths set up outside from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.

"We have a plan B for inclement weather," said Chris Kovatch, president of the Fine Arts Boosters.

Live performances begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Jr. high gym.

"Performances include band, drill team and the Orange Blossom Dancers," said Kovatch. They are still looking to add other entertainers and groups, he added.

Pictures with Santa and the Grinch available 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Orangefield Jr. High fover.

There are still vendor opportunities and it's not to late to enter something in the parade.

"Reach out to us via our Facebook page or by emailing Ofaboosters@ gmail.com," said Kovatch.





From the Creaux's Nest CHAMBER BANQUETS ORANGE and BRIDGE CITY

Dec. 19 at noon is the deadline for reservations to the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and awards banquet. The 2024 Citizen of the Year and the Non-Profit and Business **Community Service Awards** will be presented Jan. 7, 2025 at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center. Sponsorship tables are \$650, while individual tickets are \$60 per person. Contact GOACC to reserve your spot. The GOACC is currently seeking sponsorships for the 2025 Bassmaster Elite Series scheduled for later this year.****Sponsorships and tickets are also available for the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce for their annual banquet scheduled for Jan. 27, 2025 at the Bridge City Community **Center**. Tables that seat eight are available for \$300, while individual tickets are \$35. They are still accepting nominations for Business and Person of the Year. You can email nominations to director@ bridgecitycoc.com or drop off suggestions in sealed envelopes at the Chamber office.****The Record early Christmas issue will be out Tuesday, Dec. 24. **Kaz** always sent greetings to nearly 300 people each year. He took out the names of those who had passed and added new ones. We plan to give out a few awards and recognitions in that issue.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs will make their presences known when they stampede into Cowboy Stadium at high-noon Friday. Coach Cornell Thompson's "Little Ol' Team" of Mustangs have proven in the last few weeks that they can run the pastures with anybody. What a great season **WO-S** has had, making it all the way to the state championship. The **Gilmer Buckeyes** are loaded with experienced talent. On paper, they are the best 4-A team in Texas with 15 wins. In 12 of those wins they scored 50 or more points. However, they haven't played Thompson's flying Mustangs. The shootout at high noon will be televised on FOX Southwest. If I get to watch it I will probably turn the volume down and listen to **Stelly** and Kimbrough on the radio.*****Gone but not for**gotten:** We were sorry to hear about the death of longtime attorney Lynwood Sanders, 83, who died Friday, Dec. 12, 2014. Services were held Dec. 15. We had known Lynwood since he arrived in Orange in the 1950's. A native of Dry Creek, LA, he was raised and graduated from DeOuincy High School and LSU Law School. Over the years, Lynwood was licensed to practice law in both Texas and Louisiana. He was the owner of Sabine Title. He served as Orange County Democratic Chairman from the late 1980's through the 90's. He was Orange County campaign chairman for **Congressman Charlie Wilson** for over 20 years. Deepest sympathy to daughter Ann, sons Alan, Jim and Steven and their families.*****Juanita **Dunn Perry**, 74, of Mauriceville, passed away last Saturday, Dec. 13, 2013. Services held Thursday, Dec. 18, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. **Juanita** was a daughter of Wilson "King" Dunn and wife Eloide. Juanita was a retired school teacher from the Orangefield ISD. To her son Greg, daughter Liska and their families, as well as her brothers Andy, Derry, Danny and Tommy and sister Nancy and their families, we extend our sincere condolences.**** We were glad to learn that Justice of the Peace David Peck is doing better after having surgery last week. An accident, the results of a 3 a.m. fall in his bathroom, caused head injury necessitating surgery to relieve the pressure on his brain and to stop the bleeding. The doctors plan to wake him up Tuesday and bring him out of the coma in order to have a better diagnose of his condition.****It was no surprise that Marcus Marieta won the Heisman award. The Oregon **Ducks quarterback** received twice as many points as second place finisher **Melvin Gordon**, running back at Wisconsin. Alabama receiver Amari Cooper finished third, Marieta is the first Hawaiian native to win the Heisman.*****A coalition of liberals and conservatives introduced a proposal in the **Texas House** Monday to make possession of a small amount of Marijuana in Texas a civil infraction instead of a crime. House Bill 507 was filed by Rep. Joe Moody. Those caught with an ounce or less would get a \$100 fine. I believe something like that might work. It's a long way from the 1960's when a guy could be sent to the joint for 35 years for holding a match box full of weed. A small match box at that.**** On Dec. 20. a long ago Port Arthur beauty, longtime Bridge City Market Basket fixture, Annie Hargrave celebrates. Also our good friends Kenny Pigg and Phillip Welch, who we met back in the mid-1970's, and there is no one we have more respect for. On Dec. 21, Judge **Buddie Hahn** celebrates his birthday. He and lovely Ms. Carol celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary two days later on Dec. 23.*****On Dec. 23, our buddy Chris Gunn celebrates as does Sue Cowling.*****I understand **Gerald Morris** is due to come home this week from Houston hospital and will be home for

Christmas. (Editor's note: Our neighbor **Gerald** passed away Feb. 7, 2015 at age 76.)

20 Years Ago-2004

County commissioner John Dubose is named Citizen of the Year by the Bridge City Chamber. Dubose started his political career in 1989 as a Bridge City city councilman, served as mayor in 1995 to 2000 before being elected commissioner in 1999. He received the American Hometown Leadership award.****Gone but not forgotten: Week for **Homeboys**. We were saddened to learn that so many of our homeboys passed away in the past week. Uncle Jim McKay, who lived to be 100, used to say that many deaths occurred in winter when the sap was down, like the oak tree. The friends we lost were mighty oaks. On Dec. 13, 2004, we were saddened to learn that Bridge City city councilman and friend of many years, Robert "Bob" Bucklin, had died of a heart attack at age 64. "Buck" was a good Christian man. Louis Gay, 75, a friend spanning 50 years also left us on Dec. 13. Curtis C. Brown, 76 and Bill Mc-Cauley, 75, died on Dec. 13 as well.***Bill Thrilkill, 73, Orange native and Genoa Werth, 76, Melba Lobb, 84 and Icam Henry "Mack McCullough, 83 died Dec. 14.***Johnnie Nicks, 80, died on Dec. 15.***Claude Bell, 76, died Dec. 16 as did Sue Boone, 88, Melba Berkheimer, 68.***John Roy Lawrence, 34 and O'Neil Bornette, 64, died Dec. 17.***Donnie Holden, just 57 years old, died Sat. Dec. 18. We also lost Lawrence Jacobs, 45, on Dec. 18.***A longtime friend, banker Phil Womack, 69, checked out on Dec. 19. What a guy.***Louis Foreman, 85, Dec. 20. (Editor's note: It has truly been a sad week. I can't remember when we had so many deaths in a one week period.)*****Coach David Williams is calling it quits as A.D. and head football coach at **LC-M**.*****Čongrats to Bridge City Cardinal Doug Carlton who was named All-State Honorable Mention on both offense and defense on the 3-A All State football team.*****Everyone had a great time at the Bridge City Rotary's 30th anniversary gathering Friday night. I understand ten of the original charter members were present. Bill Weisman, Bubba Hubbard, H.D. Pate, Roy Dunn, Bill Nickum, Wilson Roberts, Don Cole, Dr. Joe Majors, Dr. David Olsen and first president of the club **Jerry Pesson** all attended. Coming from Beaumont was former member Mike Hatton and lovely wife Nancy. Thanks to Lou **Raburn**, who put the reunion together. Five charter members, Joe Fields, Tim Lieby, Louis Linder, Rev. Ed Robinson and Butch Lusignan all passed away before the 2004 reunion. Only Bill Nickum, Dr. David Olson, Roy Dunn and Mike Hatton remain to-

45 Years Ago

day in 2024.

A look at a few of the people who are the movers and shakers around the community. They are planning on celebrating the Christmas holidays with family and friends. Joe Blanda, Dewey "Teddy Bear" Cox, Judge Sid Caillavet, Joe Runnels, Cecil Beeson, Earl Bishop, T.L. Gunn, J.K. Conn, Judge James Neff, Henry Stanfield, Jackie Harmon, Bill Townes, Ovie Harmon, Frank Zeto, Martin and Doug Ardoin, Fred Gregory, Elmer Newman, Gus Harris, Morris Collier, Sally Frazier, P.M. "Red" Woods, Bob Bucklin, Arthur Simpson, Raymond Gould, Ernest Willard Frank, judge Graham Bruce, Alvin Keown, Jimmy Segura, Mead Graves, Charlie Grooms, Major Inman, Johnnie Nicks, Larry Gunter, Bob Montagne, Jim Gilliam, Mayor Glenn Seales, Cal Peterson, Larry Ward, Leland Morrow, Marlin Thompson, Malcolm Dorman, Davis Cooper, Charlie Patton, Patsy Fisette, Bill Cunningham, Bill Hughes, Henry Houseman, Ed Bacon, Huey Simon, Tim Lieby, Les Samms, Alton Williams, Dick Bevins, Tony and Frank Giarratano, Frank Manchac, Charles Fredrick, Grover Halliburton, Lowell Scribner, Houston Baker, Lewis Gay, Bill Thrilkill. W. T. Oliver, Bill Butler, Bob Axelson, Beth Dugas, Butch Johansson, Bobby Menard, Buzzie Gunn, Jimmy Tupin, Nolton Brown, Arthur Anderson, Hal Ridley, Steve Williamson, Donald Gunn, John Montagne, Sr., Snuffy Smith, Jewel and Paul Cormier, Jewel Stevens, Louis Linder. (Editor's note: All of the above mentioned folks have one thing in common 45 years later. Today none of them are still living. We join their families and friends in remembering them during this Christmas season. I had a personal relationship with many of them, including Bob Axelson, who I helped run out of the newspaper business. Otherwise they were the greatest folks I've ever known.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

I always enjoy visiting with Judge Chad Jenkins. He informs me that it will probably be February before it is cold enough to make Top Hog Sausage. In fact, I used our last pack this weekend. I made a special gumbo with ducks, a gift from Cpt. Chuck Uzzel, Andouille sausage and shrimp. I could patent it but sausage and wild duck are not always available. Wendee and Chad's middle boy Tyler became engaged on Thanksgiving. They think that's great, Chad calls it growing the family.**** The GOACC is currently seeking sponsorships for the 2025 Bassmaster Elite Series scheduled for later this year.*****Dow Anderson sent me a sad message. The frost a few days ago put an end to his LSU okra for this year but I can expect plenty next summer. I love it.*****Lugi Mangione has been indicted by a New York Grand Jury for murder of United Health Care CEO Brian Thompson. It's unbelievable but now Mangione is getting plenty of public support. That's absolutely wrong.***** Orange's Kevin 'Pup' Smith was honored with a big banquet and ceremony in Las Vegas at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino as he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. The former WOS Mustang set all kinds of records playing for Texas A&M and then went on to a career with the Dallas Cowboys. His mother, Ora Mae Smith and his friend Russell Bottley from Orange attended the event.****Elva and Craig Couvillion are off on another tropical cruise. Seems they are cruising so much they come home to get their land back.****Patricia Kemp is staying busy non-stop during this holiday season. She worked at the VFW party, plus helped with the OC Sheriff's Office Blue

Santa party and she's doing lots of volunteering for the local Salvation Army.****Retiring County Court at Law Judge Troy Johnson got serenaded by singers from Orange Community Players, including Orange City Councilor Paul Burch. You can hire the OCP singers to do caroling on December 20 and 21 by going to their Facebook page or calling 979-4550-3254. Donations from the caroling go toward remodeling the old movie theater into a playhouse.****Sheila Faske does a lot of traveling and loves **Buc-ee's** so much she got a Buc-ee's Beaver waffle iron. Lady Whistlebreaux thinks Keith might get special waffles for Christmas breakfast.****The Stark Museum of Art staff put on another great family day this past Saturday, setting an attendance record of nearly 1,500 visitors for a family day. The live reindeer were a big hit with the kids and coordinated with the museums display of reindeer cutouts decorated with designs by local artists. Did you know the late Lutcher Stark brought live reindeer to town back in 1953 to help pull Santa in the annual downtown Christmas parade?*****Judge Derry Dunn hasn't made it to the top of the mountain yet but with a stick he's going to make this week's LCM board meeting. By the way, one of my favorite people, Jane Dunn, has retired from teaching. She loves teaching but helping **Derry** through rough times is more important.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks celebrating birthdays in the new few days. Dec. 18: David Claybar, Mandy Hoffman, Tracey Lynn Broussard, Dyann Schiler, Jill Vaughn, Julia Alleman.*****Dec. 19: Kenneth Pigg, Phillip Welch, Ellisia Smith, Christina Carpenter, Marcu McLellan, Mitch Hidalgo, Raymond Hughes, Shelby Vogt, Stacey Bates, Andrew, Havens.****Dec. 20: Annie Hargrave, Jeremy Granger, Jeffery Huebel, Majed Jaarah, Marion Martin, Matt Reeves.****Dec. 21: Buddie Hahn, Daniel Perry, Rick Deutsch, Rachel Guidry.****Dec. 22: Phyllis Broussard, Rodney Harmon, Yvonne Veillon, Clevie Fontenot, Charlee Lemons, Dale Burns, Debi Foster.****Dec. 23: Chris Gunn, Rodney Petty Sr., Jane Holton, Sue Cowling.****Dec. 24: Holly Bryan, Mindy Granger, Toni Thompson, Terri Estes, Helen DeRoche, Lewis Sims, Mary Jane McCune, Mike Dillion.**** Happy birthday also to Lee Clark on his 91st and Robert Lanning on his 90th. They are making Jack McKinney and Jimmy Mooney look young at 86. Hoping Jack recovers quickly from his fall and leg injuries that needed staples. Other birthdays recently included Richard Teague, Laura Brown, Nic Provost, Ricki King, Peggy Wells, Ruthie Landry, Charles Darden, Cody Caples, Davin Bergeron, Sam Dunn, Frederick Robinson, Pam Hughes, and Johnny Mallory.*****Happy Anniversary to Becky and Mark Messer on Dec. 21, and Carol and Buddie Hann, who celebrate 58 years Dec. 23.***Chris and Linda Gunstream celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary, while Mike and Betty Garrison had No. 7 and Paul and Raul **Burch** have been married nine years.

WORLD'S 10 RICHEST PEOPLE

Here are the World's 10 richest people. 1. Elon Musk: \$320 billion; 2. Jeff Bezos, \$235 billion; 3. Mark Zuckerberg: \$205 billion; 4. Larry Ellison, \$203 billion; 5. Bernard Arnault, \$164 billion; 6. Bill Gates, \$162 billion; 7. Larry Pages, \$161 billion; 8. Sergey Brin, \$151 billion; 9. Warren Buffett, \$148 billion; 10. Steve Gallmer, \$148 billion.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

My **cuzzin Sostan** is da papa of six chillums and he is, like most **Cajuns**, very proud of his achievement. **Sostan** is so proud him, dat he started calling his wife, **Sugar Bee**, "Mudder of Six."

At first **Sugar Bee** jus try to ignore it but in time she started objecting an axe him not to call her dat no moe.

Last week, dey went to a pre-Christmas party at **Tee-Boy's Bar and Grill**, wat **Tee-Boy** was having for all his customers and friends.

Sostan, after drinking nearly a dozen beers noticed the old clock on da wall said 10:45 p.m. Having to go to work early da next morning, he deside him, dat was

time for him and **Sugar Bee** to go home.

Da place was loud and he look around an don't see **Sugar Bee** so he stand on a chair and shouts at da top of his voice, "**Mudder of Six**" we gotta go home us, are you ready, hanh?"

Sugar Bee is really irritated by Sostan's lack of discretion and for not honoring her wishes so she shouts right back, "Anytime you ready, "Father of Four."

Sostan him turn bright red, climb down from da chair and head for da door.

ORANGE IN THE 1950s-WHAT A TOWN

We received a text message from an unknown sender about a story written by Mike Louviere and published in The Record, April 14, 2021. Sharon, (no last name) must have found it while scanning the net. That happens. We hear from people around the world. She remembers **Orange** the way I do. We haven't heard from Mike in several years. Maybe we will if he reads this. The last we heard he was at the Lake, near Conroe. We would also like to have Sharon's last name. The article went like this. 'What a walk down memory lane to read your article! I lived in West Orange just across the street from the ABC Grocery store, now Danny's, owned by Raymond Hubbard, father of Tommy Hubbard. He was a few years older than me and during the summer, he operated a snow cone machine in the store. They lived on Western Ave a block from the store. My father was shop foreman at Livingston Shipbuilding on Front St. Some of my favorite places were Wood's Toy Store, The Mercantile, Zack's Burgers, Pop's gas station & Strand Theater. I moved away and returned several times and the last time I moved was in 1969. The 50's in Orange were like a Norman Rockwell painting. A lost era....thanks for the memories."****I've gotta go now. Thanks for coming along. Look us over and read us cover to cover. Don't forget our Christmas issue will be out a day early next Tuesday, Dec. 24. Take care and God bless.



On Monday, December 9, several members of Orangefield's Uprising Club spent the day sorting toys to help the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance.

Orangefield's Uprising Club lends helping hands to sort toys

Staff Report

On Monday, December 9, several members of Orangefield's Uprising Club spent the day sorting toys to help the Bridge City/ Orangefield Ministerial Alliance. The students enjoy participating in this activity every year during Toy Week. It is a great opportunity for them to serve in their com-

The Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance is a non-profit, faith-based organization that has been serving our local communities since 1998. It is a collaboration of 17 local churches. They are funded by the support of these member churches, amazing school and community support, and by grants.

Each Christmas season,the Ministerial Alliance provides clothing and shoes for children 0-12th Grade, and toys for Newborn - 5th Grade. Occasionally, they will also have items on-hand that will be gifted if a family experiences an emergency.

The toys and gifts are received from member churches, Christmas in July through those churches, float entry "fees" from the Bridge City Christmas Parade, the Orangefield Secret Santa Program, local businesses, various community organizations and individuals, and fundraisers held throughout the year. Shoes for the high school-aged children are generally provided by the Ministerial Alliance, or donors on their behalf. Clothing (for all ages) and shoes for the younger children (0-5th Grade) are provided by the churches/ church members who participate in their annual Angel Tree Program.

The Ministerial Alliance credits the success of this program to the amazing support and hard work that they receive from the generous support listed above, their toy chairmen and their teams, and the involvement from our local churches and schools. Toy Week simply would not be possible without all of these working parts.

Deaths & Memorials

Kimberly Jean Sanders, 59, BC

Kimberly Jean Sanders, 59, of Bridge City, died Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont.

Kimberly was born on August 10, 1965, to Edwina Norwood in Dallas, Texas. She loved traveling and spending time with her family, but she especially loved D.J., her chihuahua. She was a member of Powderly Church of God in Paris, Texas.



Kimberly Jean Sanders,

She was preceded in death by her mother, Edwina Norwood; and son, Jeremy Hawthorn.

Kimberly is survived by her husband, John Sanders; son, Christopher Wayne Rice; daughters, Brittany Nicole Sanders and Amber Michelle Sanders; 13 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren on the way; and her sister, Marsha Pfifer.

Mosquito Joe named 'Business of the Month'



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce announced that Mosquito Joe has been named Business of the Month for December 2024. They were presented with an award at the December Networking Coffee hosted by Bridge City High School. Pictured are: Lucy Fields with Mosquito Joe owners Shawn Brekel and Patrick Brekel.

Durham/Ellis pecans this Holdiday Season

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this years crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts, delivery early November. Pecan halves or pieces \$13.00 per pound, walnuts \$8.50 per pound. Call Jan 409/734-8036 to place an order or for additional informa-



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Your Were Made For Christmas

David Mathis desiringGod.org

Few things are more tragic than taking Christmas in stride. Its spirit and magic, that alluring sense of supernatural goodness, are not just for children, but even for the grownups. Especially for the grownups. God forbid that we ever get used to Christ-

There is something here so remarkable that pagan astrologers take to flight for the long, arduous journey westward. Something so good is in the offing that a wicked king commands the slaughter of innocents. Something so unusual that blue-collar workers, who thought they'd seen it all, are filled with great fear, then leave their flocks in haste to find this newborn — and then can't keep quiet. "And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them" (Luke 2:18).

Christ the Lord

This great first-century wonder, worth announcing with angelic host, and telling everyone who will listen, finds its heart in this: "unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Not only is this the advent of the long-awaited Christ, the Messiah, the specially Anointed One of whom God's people have and prophets pined



opined, but this is "the Lord." God himself has come. Here, finally, after centuries of waiting, is the true Immanuel. Here is "God with us" (Matthew

It is news too spectacular to say all at once. Day after day will pour forth speech in the life of this child. Act after act will reveal piece by piece that this human somehow shares the divine identity of Yahweh, "the Lord" of Israel and the nations. Page after page in the Gospels, story after story, will show us progressively more, that this one who is so manifestly man is also truly God.

This Word who "became flesh" (John 1:14) is one and the same Word who was in the beginning with God, and was God,

and all things were made through him (John 1:1–3). This is the great spectacle for those shepherds and magi, and it is the wonder we ourselves, who have lived our blessed lives knowing this truth, should aspire to taste again each Christmas.

But he is not just God with us; it gets better. He has come to rescue us.

Christ the Savior

God is with us in this Christ, and it is no circus stunt for mere entertainment. This is no raw demonstration that the creator can be a creature if he wants. Rather, this marvel is for us, for our rescue from sin and all its pervasive effects, entanglements, and ruin.

"Unto you is born this day . . . a Savior," heralds the angel (Luke 2:11). "You shall call his name Jesus," the messenger says to Joseph, "for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Jesus, Hebrew Yeshua, means "Yahweh saves." This same God sent Moses as his instrument to save his people from Egypt. He sent Joshua, and the judges, and the kings as his instruments of rescue at points in the past. And now he himself comes, and he comes to save.

But there is more yet to be said. It gets even better.

Christ the Treasure

God himself arrives not

only to save us from sin and death, but to rescue us to himself. Christ comes, and will pay the ultimate price in suffering and death, "that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18), that risen he would be our exceeding joy (Psalm 43:4) at the bottom of this good news of great joy (Luke 2:10).

There are "higher ends," according to Puritan Thomas Goodwin, than his being God-in-the-flesh and his coming to save God's people. All the benefits achieved by his life and death "are all far inferior to the gift of his person unto us, and much more the glory of his person itself. His person is of infinite more worth than they all can be of" (quoted in Jesus Christ, 3).

Jesus himself is the Great Joy that makes all the attendant joys of our salvation so great. The risen Christ is the treasure hidden in the field (Matthew 13:44). He is the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:45–46).

He is not just God with us, here to save us, but he himself is our greatest joy, the preeminent Treasure, who will satisfy our human souls forever like only the divine-human Christ can.

Christ the Glory

But Christmas doesn't terminate on our enjoyments. The herald is joined by the heavenly host: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

(Luke 2:14).

Call it Christmas Hedonism, if you will. The Joy he came to bring in his own person as the Godman is the joy that aligns with, and fulfills, the great purpose of all creation. Christmas brings the electricity of joy that runs along the grid of all reali-

Goodwin continues: God's "chief end was not to bring Christ into the world for us, but us for Christ . . . and God contrived all things that do fall out, and even redemption itself, for the setting forth of Christ's glory." Mark Jones spells out so helpfully what it means that Jesus is not just Lord and Savior, but also Trea-

The glory of Christ is not an appendix As it is the culmination of all we can say about his person and work, so his glory provides the most basic reason for saying it, in that it is the basis for and the fullness of our eternal enjoyment of him we are not speaking the whole truth if we make Christ's personal glory subservient to our salvation. (Jesus Christ, 4)

This child of Christmas is more than Lord. He is even more than Savior. He is our great Treasure, and in "our eternal enjoyment of him" is his glory and the end for which God created the world.

Christmas is not finally about his birth for our salvation, but our existence for his glory.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Texas prepares to face Clemson in Playoff Game

3 Things to Know...

Reported By Lonestarlive.com

We have reached gameweek for the first round of the College Football Play-

The fifth-seeded Texas Longhorns will host No. 12 seed Clemson Saturday afternoon (3 p.m., TNT) in a first-round game at DKR-Memorial Stadium.

The winner will advance to face No. 4 seed Arizona State in a quarterfinal at the Peach Bowl on New Year's Day at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Ahead of the Tigers visiting Austin, here are three things to know.

Will Kelvin Banks Jr. and Isaiah Bond play?

Texas exited the SEC championship against Georgia on Dec. 7 missing two key players on offense.

Banks Jr., who won the Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy last week, was a game-time decision against the Bulldogs, but ultimately sat with an ankle injury.

During an ESPN interview following his being named the Outland Trophy winner, Banks Jr. indicated he would be good to go against Clemson.

Roughly through the fourth quarter against Georgia, Bond had his ankle rolled up on and exited. Head coach Steve Sarkisian said on Selection Sunday that Bond would have an MRI on the ankle, but has not addressed the media since.

Sarkisian is scheduled for a press conference on Monday at 11 a.m., at which time he could provide injury updates on both Banks Jr. and Bond.

Given Texas-Clemson is not a game between SEC



Texas offensive tackle Kelvin Banks Jr. plays during an SEC game against Arkansas on Nov. 16, 2024, at Reynolds Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Photo/Michael Woods

teams, the conference will not provide availability reports in the days leading up to Saturday.

Clemson's

backup in Arch Manning) and one of the best defens-

Texas is second in the

country in scoring defense

(12.5 points) and goes up

against a Clemson offense

that ranks 12th in the

country in total yards per

The Tigers have been a

es in the country.

game (454.9).

Austin

Tigers QB Cade Klubnik's local ties were already well-documented, but a Texas-Clemson CFP quarterback is from matchup has been a good reason to revisit the sub-

Klubnik grew up in Austin, is the son of two Texas graduates, and starred for Austin Westlake, where he won three

consecutive Class 6A state championships from 2019-

To add to the local storylines, Quinn Ewers vs. Klubnik will be a rematch of the 2020 Class 6A Division I championship game, a 52-34 Westlake win over Ewers' Southlake Carroll powerhouse. Klubnik accounted for 331 total yards and three touchdowns in the win.

Yes, Sarkisian tried to recruit Klubnik, but the latter's dream of playing for the Tigers came to fruition when Dabo Swinney's No. 1 QB target for the 2022 cycle, five-star recruit Ty Simpson, committed to Alabama on Feb. 26, 2021.

Right behind that, Swinney offered Klubnik, who committed a week later.

Does Clemson have the coaching edge?

As the week unfolds, it's worth a reminder that,

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What's the Odds: Longhorns heavily favored in College Football Playoff game



Texas Longhorns spirit squad member performing on field.

Reported By The Athletic

Texas lost to Georgia in overtime in the SEC Championship Game, but only fell to No. 5 in the College Football Playoff seeding.

As a result, the Longhorns get ACC champion Clemson in the first round and are the biggest favorite of the round, opening at -10.5 points.

- No. 12 Clemson at No. 5 Texas
- Venue: Darrell K. **Royal-Texas Memorial** Stadium — Austin, Texas
- Time: Saturday, Dec. 21, 4 p.m. ET
- TV: TNT
- Streaming: Max
- Watching in-person?
- Get tickets on StubHub.

On paper, it makes sense the 5-12 matchup would be the widest spread of the bunch. This is the matchup that causes a ton of upsets in the college basketball tournament, but will that apply in college football as well?

These two teams have something in common in that they both made Georgia look good. For as up and down as the Bulldogs have been this season, Georgia's 34-3 season-opening win against Clemson and its 30-15 win in Texas are arguably the

Bulldogs' two best performances this year. Texas

fell short. Applying the transitive property to college football is usually a silly idea, but the Longhorns were far more competitive, even the first time around, than Clemson was against Georgia.

looked much better in the

SEC title game, but still

Clemson is coming off its best win of the season though. The Tigers didn't have a top-25 win before taking down SMU in the ACC title game, a contest the Tigers needed help to even reach.

Funny enough, that means Clemson has more top-25 wins than Texas. The Longhorns finished the regular season without a win against a team in the final CFP rankings. Texas played Michigan, Oklahoma, Vanderbilt and Texas A&M when those teams were ranked in the AP Top 25, but they all fell out of the rankings by the end of the season.

The Longhorns were part of the four-team field last year and are the only team of that group, which included Michigan, Washington and Alabama, to make the 12-team field this year.

On top of that experience, Texas has a dynamic receiving group, a veteran quarterback in Quinn Ewers (plus an uber-talented

strong offense overall but struggled against the two other SEC teams on their schedule. Georgia held the Tigers to three points, and South Carolina won 17-14 at Clemson to close out the regular season.

This is the first-ever matchup between these two programs.



Texas Longhorns fans gear up for this weekend's College Football Playoff against Clemson.



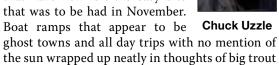
OUTDOORS

Winter Fishing Do's and Don'ts

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

and hungry redfish.

Grey skies, low tides, falling water temperatures, and crowds that have now left the easy bite that was to be had in November.



This is the beginning of the stretch of months that will earn you a big fish and saltwater badge of courage. This also is the time to recognize and realize the potential for both a trophy fish and a catastrophic fishing trip. Many wonderful memories are made by fishermen in the winter months, especially those who know and understand the patterns that lead to success.

There are a few anglers along the Texas gulf coast that have reached near mythical status with their exploits during the harshest of times, they have pictures and mounts to prove that fishing in the winter can be a once in a lifetime experience when all the factors come together. Now with all the fluffy hero stuff out of the way let's see just what kind of fun we can have this month.

Here on Sabine Lake and Calcasieu Lake December and January are bonus months; we can never count on consistent fishing during this time because the weather and water run off are just too unpredictable. For arguments sake we will figure this as an average year and try to cover the fishing opportunities from that standpoint. If we are not just drowning in run off from heavy rains both lakes should be as clear as in the summer months, this presents a different scenario for most local anglers.

Winter fishing in these conditions calls for flexibility when it comes to the sizes of your baits, in these clear conditions it makes great sense to down size your offerings. Topwater favorites that are proven producers in water like this are the She Dog, Skitterwalk Jr, Spook Jr, and the Spittin Image. Both big trout and redfish will beat a path across a reef to inhale one of these lures; the small size makes it especially effective for both species.

Now we more than likely will still have a few shrimp left around and there will be scattered schooling activity no doubt, this where a crankbait can prove flat out tough to beat. Lures like the Hoginar, Rat-l-trap, and classic spoon enable you to cover plenty of ground from longer distances and work the schooling fish without getting too close and busting them up. The other advantage to the crankbait is the redfish benefit, few baits produce as consistently on big redfish as the crankbaits mentioned previously. Also it's so much easier to fish these lures in windy conditions than other baits and you can bet December will bring you some wind.

Now as for chasing big trout in the winter you be like Forrest Gump and pick from one of the gazillion articles written on the subject. I, several years ago, vowed that I would not write another story filled with buzz words such as "big girl, Susie, shuffle, grinder, mud shell mix, anything spiritual about a Fat Boy, blah blah "and so on because it's so tired and over done.

Here are a few of my hints that haven't been done to death in print. I truly believe that instead of spending all day out on the water flailing away at fish who don't want to eat you can maximize your efforts by playing the solunar tables and feeding times. How many times can you think about fishing for a long stretch like 6 or 8 hours only to

CAPTAIN CHUCK Page 5B

'The Lakes' Fishing

Toledo Bend Fishing Report

FAIR. Water normal stain; 65 degrees; 3.71 feet below pool. Bass are fair with shallow fish coming on rattle traps, swim jigs and swim baits. Mid range bass are in 8-14 feet with crankbaits and Texas rigs. The deeper bass bite has been hit-and-miss, but the forecasted cold weather should improve this bite. Cast spoons, tail spinners and dropshots in 20-26 feet. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

Sam Rayburn Fishing Reports

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 58 degrees; 2.32 feet below pool. The forecasted cold will initially slow the bite as fish become accustomed the fish will really start to feed. Bass are chasing shad in the shallows and off points. When you can find grass on the south end there is usually a bass that can be caught on crankbaits. Crappie and white bass are moving in the river channel. Cat-plastics. Report by Capfish are good in 15-26 feet of water on cut bait and min-tain David Dillman, Galnows. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N veston Bay Charter Fish-Guide Service.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports- This Week

Compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Sabine Lake

GOOD. 68 degrees. Sabine Lake North Levy is very good for limits of nice trout off the bank under the birds with 3/4 ounce gold spoons with a slow retrieve along the bottom. Shrimp are moving out of the marshes bringing the trout and redfish hitting

¾ ounce gold spoons and submergeable crankbaits. Birds are working on the north end to midlake leading the way to limit trout, slot redfish, and some big bull redfish.

The big bull redfish will be in the lake until January. The fishing patterns are about a month late this year. When the picks up focus efforts on The Neches River points, drops, bayous and buoys for catches of redfish, speckled trout, drum and sheepshead with live shrimp under a popping cork or fishing off the bottom with live shrimp on a Carolina rig. Many limits of drum and redfish can be had especially with the moving tide.

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

• Bolivar

GOOD. 64 degrees. Water levels are swapping back-and-forth this week with the north winds pushing the tide out, and the incoming tide is clear. Anglers are still catching plenty of redfish everywhere. The big croakers are still being caught along with a few more sand trout, black drum, redfish, speckled trout, and crabs caught along the jetty with a few small stingrays and sharks.

The surf is producing numbers of redfish, black drum, the occasional speckled trout and crabs along the whole peninsula with more activity towards Gilchrist, High Island mainly. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp.

Trinity Bay

SLOW. 62 degrees. Trout are in the current, rocks, oysters with relatively deep water nearby. As soon as the sun comes up the trout bite turns on. Paddle tails and shrimp imitations seem to be the ticket right now. The WACky Shad XL in the peppered pumpkin color is the go to choice right now married with a 2/0, $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce jig head. Redfish are hitting the flats at a rapid pace with the recent fronts. Be looking for birds working and circling on shallow flats has been key for us. We are catching them mixed in with trout as well using paddle tails. Heat catches of flounder on paddle tails are being landed with the season opening on December 15. Always wear your kill switch and pay attention to the weather and remember, God is great! Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fish-

East **Galveston Bay**

GOOD. 58 degrees. Waders picking up a few quality speckled trout from the back shorelines of the bay. Best on hard and soft plastic baits. A few fish coming from those drifting the reefs with live shrimp and soft



Anglers looking to score big winter trout have plenty of options to help their pursuit. . **RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle**

ing. A few more slot-sized West speckled trout are showing up, black drum, and

redfish being caught on live shrimp and finger mullet. We are still getting a few reports of good fishing by Frenchtown Road, Siever's Cut, and near the boat ramp by Rollover Pass. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty

Galveston Bay

Bait Camp.

SLOW. 59 degrees. West shoreline structure, piers and shell reefs are good for speckled trout on soft plastics and live shrimp. The Sylvan Beach area seems to be the hot spot. Redfish numbers at times are good. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fish-

Galveston Bay

GOOD. 63 degrees. A few good trout catches in shallow water near marsh and drains. Drifting the open bay reefs, anglers are catching scattered trout, the occasional redfish, and sand trout of soft plastic lures. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Freeport

GOOD. 62 degrees. Fishing patterns are consistent with the best bite between fronts. Redfish and trout have been good working under the birds with plastic or popping cork with gulp. In Bastrop Bay, Christmas Bay, Chocolate Bay, Salt Lake and Oyster Lake. The Brazos

River has been good with reddish, trout, drum, sand trout, and croakers with either live shrimp or fresh dead shrimp. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adven-

Texas City

GOOD. 61 degrees. Same old report with bull redfish and black drum catches off the Texas City Dike and the Galveston jetties on live halved crab and cut mullet. Flounder fishery reopens December 15 with a five fish limit, 15 inch minimum. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Anglers are still catching plenty of speckled trout, redfish, and black drum with the occasional sand trout, gafftop and big croaker. Wade fishing has been sporadic, but great during the incoming tides. Along the dike has been productive from the beginning to the end still. Live shrimp and finger mullet have been the best baits. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp.

Matagorda Bay **East & West**

GOOD. 55 degrees. The Colorado River is full of trout, with a few redfish, hitting artificials, or live shrimp. Shrimp are falling out of the marsh with some bird activity. Redfish are good on days with light wind drifting with artificials. Few anglers targeting drums, although on calm days the jetties are producing catches of drum and sheepshead. Report by Captain Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

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Mariah Carey to open first-ever NFL Christmas Gameday on Netflix, features Texans

Staff Report For The Record

On Christmas Day, Netflix will be streaming two NFL games. You will be able to watch the Kansas City Chiefs face the Pittsburgh Steelers at Noon CST and the Houston Texans take on the Baltimore Ravens at 3:30 p.m. CST.

And fittingly, because it is Christmas, Mariah Carey will open the show at the first-ever NFL Christmas Gameday Live on Netflix on Dec. 25.

Carey is set to dazzle fans this year with a taped performance of her record-breaking single, "All I Want for Christmas Is You." Her performance will air ahead of the live games.

How to Watch

the NFL Christmas **Gameday Live** on Netflix

The games will be broadcast live on Netflix. However, that isn't the only place to watch.

The games will also be broadcast locally on television in each of the home and away team markets, for their respective games.

The games will also be available to stream on mobile with an NFL+ subscription, available through the NFL mobile

"Last year, we decided to take a big bet on live tapping into massive fandoms across comedy, reality TV, sports, and more," says Netflix Chief Content Officer, Bela Bajaria. "There are no live annual events, sports or otherwise, that compare with



Mariah Carey performs her Christmas show at Toyota Center on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, in Houston.

the audiences NFL football attracts. We're so excited that the NFL's Christmas Day games will be only on Netflix."

Who is performing

during halftime of the Houston game?

Carey isn't the only superstar to perform that day: Beyoncé will perform

in her hometown of Houston during the Ravens-Texans halftime performance.

There appears to be a new holiday tradition starting with Netflix and Beyoncé, as Netflix has announced NFL games for 2025 and 2026.

NFL fans worried after the **Paul-Tyson fight** buffering debacle

More than 60 million people watched the fight between Jake Paul and Mike Tyson on Netflix, despite technical issues like problems with buffering. The boxing event was broadcast live on Netflix from AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Many streamers weren't pleased with how the buffering event was

throughout the fight card, including the main event when Paul and Tyson entered the ring. It was Netflix's first massive sporting event.

Netflix, like many other top streaming services, paid around \$150 million, according to the New York Post, to air the Christmas Day NFL games. And Netflix themselves admitted that their buffering systems couldn't handle the 60 million around the world who tuned in to watch the fight live.

Can you watch the games after they're over?

In the US, the NFL Christmas games expire 3 hours after the livestream ends. Outside the US, games expire 24 hours after the livestream ends.

Popular fishing YouTuber Ben Milliken charged with tournament fraud in Texas

Report By MySA.com

Pro fisherman and You-Tube star Ben Milliken was arrested for fishing tournament fraud in Texas. Milliken, who has over 570,000 subscribers on YouTube, turned himself in after Nacogdoches County issued a warrant for his arrest on Thursday, December 12, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

In February, Milliken, who moved from Nebraska to Texas two years ago, formally submitted a catch through the TP-WD's Toyota ShareLunker program, which receives entries from anglers who reel in 13-pound largemouth bass from January 1 through March 31. Participants of the program are eligible to win prizes up to \$10,000.

Milliken, 35, caught a 13.15-pounder at Lake Naconiche in Nacogdoches County on February 5, according to TPWD. At the time, the catch was a big deal. Millikin's fish was

The Toyota ShareLunker Program with Texas Parks and Wildlife shared a photo of Ben Milliken and his ShareLunker catch on February 5.

the first Legacy Class entry from Lake Naconiche Larry Mosby's 13.06-pound ShareLunker all, TPWD previously stated in a news release.

During the due diligence process this fall, TPWD officials discovered that Milliken did not have a valid fishing license at the time the fish was caught and knowingly falsified the contest and tournament entry form. The discovery was before

the Toyota ShareLunker program distributed program prizes.

In addition to the charge 567 on February 28, 2017, of fraud in a fishing tourand only the second over- nament, Milliken was disqualified from the Toyota ShareLunker Program and cited for fishing without a valid license, according to TPWD. Milliken, who lives in New Caney, surrendered on the misdemeanor charge and was released just 29 minutes after he was brought in, according to booking records.

Milliken posted a multipart statement on his Facebook page, Milliken Fishing, saying his arrest was "due to a complete misunderstanding" and not related to any elite se-

ries or local fishing tournament he's participated

"In fact, the incident arose while I was recreationally fishing. And not in a tournament at all. I

very much look forward to creating a video(s) explaining this entire situation. But due to ongoing investigation, it's best I wait."



Brighten your holidays safely with lighting tips from Entergy

It's the most wonderful tions: time of the year, filled with cozy gatherings, cherished traditions, and decorations. Whether you plan to set up a sparkling outdoor display or create a warm atmosphere indoors, Entergy Texas encourages customers to keep safety top of mind this holiday season.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. fire departments respond to an estimated average of 835 home structure fires per year caused by decorations, excluding trees. These incidents result in an annual average of 3 civilian fire deaths, 30 civilian fire injuries and \$14 million in direct property damage. Nearly 20% of these decoration-related fires are caused by lamps or bulbs, while candles account for 11%.

To help keep the holiday season safe and joyful, Entergy Texas encourages customers to keep the following tips in mind when decorating for celebra-

Indoor lighting:

Position your tree safely: Place it in a stand with water and keep it

away from heat sources like fireplaces. Check the water daily to prevent your tree from drying out.





Texas's most popular Christmas song also most hated

Staff Report-

(NEXSTAR) — Holiday season is here again and that means you're likely hearing end-to-end Christmas music at most retail stores and on many radio stations.

While we all have our favorite (and least-favorite) holiday tunes, you'll be interested to know that song popularity differs state-tostate.

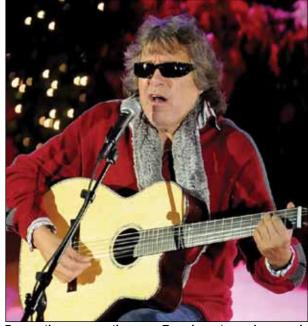
Recently, data outlet FinanceBuzz used Google Trends to determine which Christmas songs each state searched for the most over the past five years. Only data on the 25 highest-charting songs on the Billboard Hot 100 were used, FinanceBuzz says.

Wanna take a guess at which holiday classic is most popular in Texas?

For another consecutive year, Texas' most popular song is José Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad." Considering Texas' proximity to the Mexican border and its high population of Latinos, it's no huge surprise this 1970 Spanish-English track would get some major airplay in the Lone Star State.

The only other state where "Feliz Navidad" is the most popular Christmas song is in Florida, which also has a large Latino population.

In addition to finding each state's most popular song, FinanceBuzz also sur-



For another consecutive year, Texas' most popular song is José Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad."

November 2022 to ask which are the most annoying Christmas songs.

The survey found that while two other Christmas songs are considered more annoying, "Feliz Navidad" was at least the third-most annoying song to the U.S. adults who answered.

"Feliz Navidad" has been named among "worst" Christmas songs by Yahoo! Life and Time Out Hong Kong but also among the best by Billboard and Time Out (US).

Chief among complaints about "Feliz Navidad" is that it is overplayed, too long and too repetitive. Nevertheless, Feliciano's iconic track continues to

veyed 1,250 U.S. adults in find loyal fans all across the world.

> All-in-all, the nation's favorite Christmas song is "Jingle Bells," which was the no. 1 most popular song in 14 states. The holiday classic was written all the way back in 1850 by composer James Lord Pierpont — and was originally called "One Horse Open Sleigh." Even more surprising: the song was also originally intended to be a song sung on Thanksgiving. But the song's wintry imagery (plus the association between bells and Christmas) ended up making it feel more Christmasy thank Thanksgiving-y. Plus, who wants to sing on Thanksgiving?

Fishing Reports

From Page 2B

Port O'Conner

SLOW. 60 degrees. Cold, rainy and windy weather have kept anglers off the water. Bull redfish are spotty from the back of the jetties to Bird Island on blue crab and Spanish sardines. Slot redfish are biting at the ends of both jetties in 20-25 feet of water Spanish sardines. Black drums are biting throughout the jetty on dead shrimp and blue crab. Trout are biting on the outside of the jetties with live shrimp. Sheepshead are biting dead shrimp throughout the jetties. Report by Captain Marty Medford, Captain Marty's Fish of a Lifetime Guide Service.

Rockport

GOOD. 71 degrees. Tides have been low and winds have been strong. Trout are good on live shrimp and your favorite soft plastic along grass and shell in 3-4 feet of water. Redfish are great on shrimp or mullet in flats fishing drains and guts. Black drums are great on live or dead shrimp and fish bites in drains, guts and along oyster beds. Report by Captain Kenny Kramer, Kramer Fishing Charters.

Port Aransas

GOOD. 71 degrees. Redfish have been great on shrimp and cut mullet on the north and south jetty. Lots of oversized redfish. Trout are good with shrimp free lined along rocks. Black drum are fair on shrimp. Report by Captain Kenny Kramer, Kramer Fishing Charters.

Redfish Bay

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FAIR. 70 degrees. Winter

patterns are emerging now that the water is dropping out. Drum and redfish are good on shallow flats with dropoffs using dead shrimp and mullet. Some piggy perch can still be caught and used as bait. Captain Aerich Oliver, Rockport Paradise Outfit-

Corpus Christi

FAIR. 70 degrees. Winter patterns are emerging now that the water is dropping out. Drum and redfish are good in the Packery Channel using dead shrimp and mullet. Some piggy perch can still be caught and used as bait. Some catches of trout with live shrimp on a popping cork. Report by Captain Aerich Oliver, Rockport Paradise Outfit-



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The Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce has recently named Ashlyn Pinner a teacher at Orangefield ISD as the December Employee of the Month. Pinner is seen above with her certificate flanked by OISD Superintendent Dr. Shaun McAlpin and Principal Rae Wrinkle along with members of the staff and Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce members.



Saturday, the West Orange-Stark High School Student Council gave back to our community by volunteering with the Salvation Army and United Way of Orange County to sort Angel Tree presents. "We're so proud of these students for stepping up and showing the true spirit of giving. Way to go, Mustangs," stated Dawn Martin, WOS publicist.

Captain Chuck

have the bite last for 30 or 45 minutes? Why not concentrate your efforts into fishing key times and fishing them well? Pick out a period from the feeding and solunar tables, get to your chosen area an hour idea were there. Other anor so before the feed starts, and fish it thoroughly during those times.

Here is another one that pays big dividends for those winter warriors, do more scouting on slow days. If you were to talk to some of the really good big trout fishermen you would find out they spend more time than you know just looking instead of fishing. These fishermen also spend plenty of time probing the bottom in search of hidden treasures like

other fish holding structure.

I have watched oyster boats on Calcasieu in the winter and found reef structures that I had no glers drag pieces of pipe behind there boat while drifting or on the trolling motor so they can hear when they run over some hidden shell.

Still others take push poles or dowel rods and probe the bottom this way looking for that one area that will produce for them in the future. Yes I know that the odds will eventually pay off if you just stay on the water and pay your dues, but why waste all the time in between when you

small patches of shell or can make experience the payoff on a more frequent

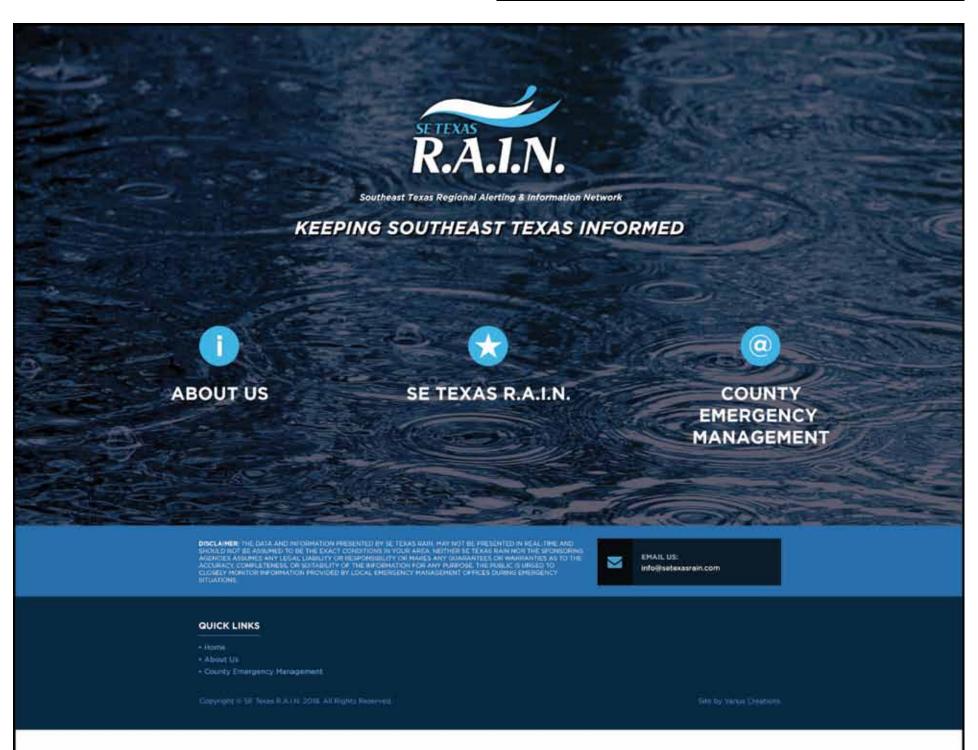
> Well now there you have it, a few little tricks that can lead to better winter fishing. Of course now the obvious still holds true that you need to be safe during these months because if you get into trouble there are fewer people out to help you.

> Remember the water is cold and even the best swimmer and most well conditioned athletes are no match for hypothermia. Let someone know where you are and when you will be back because that could be the difference between a funny fish story and a sad tragic memory.

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The Dementia Care Givers' Support **Group** meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Building, Canticle 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

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NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LOUELLA THERESA RAVENCRAFT, Deceased, were issued on **December** 16, 2024, in Cause No. P20165, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: SHERRY ANN LESTER.

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.

Sherry Ann Lester **Barron Law Office** P.O. Box 279 Orange, TX 77631-0279

Dated the 17th day of December, 2024.

George B. Barron George B. Barron

Attorney for Executrix 01817500 P.O. Box 279 Orange, TX 77631-0279 george@barronlawof

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **JANET** SADLER, Deceased, were issued on December 16, 2024, in Cause No. P20168, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: ALVIN C. SADLER.

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

James R. Dunaway Attorney at Law 108 7th Street Orange, TX 77630

c/o:

Dated the 16TH day of December, 2024.

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To: Melissa L. Shaver., Respondent,

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citaion and petition, a default judgement may be tak en against you.

The petition of Belinda Molin, Petitioner, was filed in the 128th District Court of Orange, Texas on 14th day of May, 2024, against Casey M. Molin and Melissa L. Shaver., numbered 210635-D and entitled In the Interest of Bentley Carson Lane Molin, A Child. The suit requests Petition for To Modify in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship.

The date and place of birth of the child/ren who is/ are subject of the suit:

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The court has authority in this suit to enter any udgment or decree in the child/ren's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of aid Court at Orange, Texas, this December 9th, 2024.

> ANNE REED, District Clerk Orange County, Texas By: SIMEGAN MOSES, Deputy

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of CHRISTENE ELLIOTT, Deceased were issued on 16, December 2024, in Cause No. P20133, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **BENJAMIN J.**

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 oy law.

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James R. Dunaway Attorney at Law 108 7th Street Orange, TX 77630

c/o:

Dated the 16TH day of December, 2024.

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Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate **JERRILYN** ROGERS Deceased were issued on December 2024, in Cause No. P20167, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: LAURIE HYMAN. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being

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Dated the 16TH day

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

Interested in the Estate of

Cause No. P20032

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered nd entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION-INTESTATE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AFTER DEATH OF DECEDENT in this estate on the 3rd day of June 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of HOWARD ANDREW BURNETT, SR, Deceased, and their respective share 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 publi cation of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to ppear before this Honorable Court by filing a writ ten contest or answer to this Application should the lesire 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 4th

> BRANDY ROBERTSON, County Clerk, Orange County, Texas
> By: <u>Danielle Kendrick</u>, Deputy Danielle Kendrick

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administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed

Orange, TX

of December, 2024.

James R. Dunaway

Executor of the Estate of

o any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons

HOWARD ANDREW BURNETT, SR, Deceased in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

day of June, 2024.

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

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

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

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