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Harris leads in virus count

By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

Among Texas counties, 250 of the state's 254 counties are reporting cases of COVID-19 with Harris County, one of the three counties that makes up the Katy area, leading statewide case counts and reporting 58,840 cases as of July 21 at 4 p.m. Statewide, deaths from the novel coronavirus exceeded 4,000 on July 20.

More than 140,000 Americans have died of COVID-19 as of Tuesday.

The high case count has prompted Harris County Public Health Authority Dr. Umair Shah to issue a letter to school superintendents in Harris County urging them to postpone in-person classes through October, work with low-income families to ensure internet access for instruction, eliminate school-sponsored events or activities and ensure strong back-to-school plans are worked out to ensure student safety when the time is right.

"We appreciate your efforts to educate students while also protecting the public health of our community, and we look forward to continuing discussions and collaborative planning about this incredibly important issue," Shah said in the letter.

Harris County's COVID-19 data portal indicates that most cases in the Katy area are located north of I-10 between Beltway 8 and The Grand Parkway.

Both Harris and Fort Bend counties have instituted threat levels for COVID-19 and have set the current risk level at the most dangerous their respective systems allow.

Fort Bend County reports a significantly lower number of cases with 5,995 cases reported to date, of which 3,793 remain active. Most cases are in the area surrounding Richmond, though a significant portion are reported in the Cinco Ranch area. COVID-19 has caused the death of 79 Fort Bend County residents as of Tuesday.

According to the Texas

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UNCERTAIN FUTURE



SANDRA SADEK

A waitress at Scholars and Scoundrels seats two customers at a table. All employees wear face masks and each table is equipped with hand sanitizer. All tables have been spread out to ensure social distancing.

Local bars struggle to outlive COVID-19 pandemic

By SANDRA SADEK
EDITORIAL INTERN

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, Wildcatter Saloon co-owner Justin Whitfield made sure to follow all safety guidelines to ensure his business remained open and safe for customers. The Wildcatter Saloon is located on three and a half acres of land, which Whitfield said ensured plenty of space to practice social distancing and therefore limiting the spread of the coronavirus.

Despite the precautions bar owner took, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order forcing all bars to close has left Whitfield, like many other alcohol-serving establishments, without a steady income and an uncertain future for his business.

"It's just a waiting game. I mean I can last a couple of months, but I'm already at that point where I'm starting to stress out a little as each day goes by," Whitfield said.

Shutting down

Since the initial shutdown in March that forced non-essential businesses to close for two months, Whitfield has only been open for three and a half weeks. He was able to support himself and his family for a few months but now Whitfield worries funds may run out and will leave him with few options to survive.

"It's hard because when you have a business, especially a bar or live music venue, they can shut us down, but the problem is the landlord still wants you to pay," Whitfield said. "If it goes past a few more

months, I'm gonna have to sell my house."

Abbott issued an executive order June 26 limiting certain businesses and services as COVID-19 cases numbers exponentially rose. Establishments that receive more than 51% of their revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages were ordered to close that day. Restaurants were allowed to remain open for dine-in service at 50% capacity.

Many bar owners are not happy with the order, categorizing it as unfair. More than 20 Texas bars are suing the governor for this recent shutdown order. For some owners though, it's just a question of survival.

"You're being told that your business is the reason why we're having so many cases. It's a slap in the face because my business is a dream come true," Whitfield said. "I don't want to sue somebody, I just want to open my business, and I want to take care of my family."

Arbitrary lines

While the order singles out certain business types, the line between bar and restaurant seems arbitrary to business owners.

Anthony Patchimela is the owner of Scholars and Scoundrels, a bar and grill that has remained open due to its alcohol sales not meeting the 51% requirement for closure. Patchimela said bars were not given a chance to adapt their business model to remain open and continue making income.

"At least give them an option to make money. I mean, we still do have a constitutional right to earn a living as owners and I just don't think that's fair," Patchimela

said.

A lack of guidance on how to properly distinguish between bars that serve food and restaurants that serve alcohol has left owners like Whitfield frustrated with elected leaders.

"I really wish the leaders would get a hold of a plan and stick to it," Whitfield said. "It all comes down to leadership. I blame Gov. Abbott."

Wineries and distilleries

The vague clumping of all alcohol-serving establishments into one category in Abbott's order has left wineries and distilleries feeling unprotected and disadvantaged. Nick Jessett, CEO and President of MKT Distillery in Katy, said MKT has had to switch to a drive-thru only model that has left the business' future bleak.

"If you look at breweries wineries and distilleries, most of the time we're kind of an outdoor establishment we don't have like this, you know 120 people show up we have a very kind of calm crowd and we are usually kind of a large outdoor venue as well. So, it's been really unfortunate that we've kind of got lumped in with the bars," Jessett said.

State law prohibits distilleries from selling on Sundays, a rule not applicable to wineries and breweries. Distilleries are also not allowed to ship alcohol and are limited to selling two bottles per person per 30 days.

"There's a lot of things that the gov-

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Council approves Plaza landscaping, solid waste service

By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

City of Katy residents will see a few changes around town in the coming months after Katy City Council's July 20 meeting. During the special meeting which happened via teleconference, council members approved a \$123,000 landscaping contract for the city's downtown plaza and a contract with Texas Pride to provide solid waste services.

The landscaping contract was awarded to MoBill Contractors, Inc. to update plans and close out Phase I of the city's Katy City Hall Plaza projects. The plaza, located opposite Katy City Hall on Avenue C, will see hardscaping, landscaping, a drinking fountain, overhead power adjustments and a temporary fence around the old Katy water tower while Phase II is planned out said Kayce Reina, the city's director of Tourism, Marketing and Public Relations, who oversees the project.

MoBill Contractors is based out of The Woodlands according to city documents.

Council also approved a new solid waste services contract for trash pickup with Texas Pride who was competing with current vendor, Republic Services. Prior to approval

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Q&A with Fulshear Mayor Aaron Groff

By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

As Fulshear continues to grow at an extraordinarily rapid rate, it faces challenges in infrastructure development, updating its city statutes to better serve its residents and make sure that it preserves its heritage. Over the last few months, those challenges have included facing the COVID-19 pandemic, examining how parks and transportation can be improved and remote meetings.

"Katy Times" asked Fulshear Mayor Aaron Groff to respond to questions related to these issues. His responses are below and have been lightly edited for clarity and formatting purposes. Edits have been indicated with parentheses.

Q: How well do you think Fulshear residents have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic?

A: The overall attitude by the Fulshear community regarding COVID 19 has been great! Even though our businesses have suffered, the owners and managers of those businesses have continued to follow the expectations set forth by orders and best practices. They have adopted methods that still allow them to do business but still remain safe.

The Fulshear citizens have adapted to all the health requirements and remained creative by having community caravans to celebrate birthdays,



AARON GROFF

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Benefit ride for officer battling COVID-19

By JOSELYN HOFER
EDITORIAL INTERN

The Katy Memorial Hermann Hospital was teeming the morning of July 11 as motorcycles, police cars, and ambulances filed into an empty parking lot with sirens blaring. The benefit ride was directed towards Deputy Constable Mark Brown, a local officer battling COVID-19. Brown has been on a ventilator for over 30 days at the hospital and is still fighting, said Harris County Constable for Precinct 5 Ted Heap.

"Deputy Mark Brown is an important part of our team. Just really a wonderful man with a wonderful family. And he's been going through a terrible time," Heap said.

Brown's family and the Thin Blue Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club met up at the hospital while Harris County officers rode up from their main station in Cypress. As a group of current and former law enforcement officers, the LEMC knows what it's like to be on the front lines and sympathizes with Brown, Heap said.

"Mostly these men here are either current law enforcement or former law enforcement. They know what it's like to be in here

and to be a part of this and how important it is to support each other. That's why they're here today," said Heap.

Along with the tribute given to Brown, the LEMC and Aflac gave Brown's wife, Michelle Brown, a check made up of donations. With worker's compensation denying Brown, it all comes to financially supporting their family, said Sergeant Janice Grizzaffi.

"(Brown) started with the symptoms before any of his family members did. But workman's comp is denying him and all of his benefits have exhausted. So, we've already had one benefit for him and then we came up with this ride," Grizzaffi said.

The event lasted for a little over half an hour with both the LEMC and officers from Harris County, speaking about Deputy Brown and offering their support.

"We're able to raise a bunch here today also some of the different unions, organizations and different chapters have come together to show their support today (and) to financially assist the Brown family. So, this is showing them how much he means to us (and) how much his family means to us," said Heap.



JOSELYN HOFER

The Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is a fraternal organization made up of retired or active officers from all over who share a love of motorcycles. Multiple officers from Harris County Precinct Five arrived, coming in police cars, from their main station in Cypress.



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Jared Taylor, a 2020 graduate of Mayde Creek High School, was awarded a scholarship from Katy VFW Post 9182.

High school senior wins scholarship

By SANDRA SADEK
EDITORIAL INTERN

Jared Taylor, a graduate of Mayde Creek High School, has been chosen to receive a \$2,000 dollar scholarship from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9182 in Katy.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants had to be a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a former veteran or an active member of the military. The process also included an essay in which applicants wrote about honoring veterans. Through the application, the VFW hopes high school seniors recognize and honor the sacrifices veterans and other service members have made and show this appreciation in their essay, the VFW said in a press release.

Taylor is currently planning on attending Sam Houston State University in the fall and hopes to pursue a job in criminal justice.

Restaurant reopens with new changes

By JOSELYN HOFER
EDITORIAL INTERN

The Oaks Kitchen and Bar, located in Cane Island, has reopened with a new executive chef. Kevin Callahan was named Executive Chef in the first week of May and has been working to give the restaurant a new image. In fact, the first thing he did when he joined the staff was change the menu, said Callahan.

"First thing I did when I got there was change the menu. I was just trying to put more focus on it. It was a little bit all over the place previously," Callahan said.

With influences from New Orleans, Coastal Texas, and northern coastal areas of Mexico, Callahan has created a menu that he likes to think of as dirt coast cuisine. Some examples of this unique style of food are The Oaks most popular appetizers, Gold Coast ceviche, and pork belly, said Callahan, with his favorite entrée being the Boko snapper.

"I think my favorite is going to be the snapper. It's a Boko snapper that I butcher in house and basically, with cornstarch, I glue some potato browns back onto fish, so it almost looks like fish gills, and then it has a Cajun spice or a Cajun butter as I like to call it," Callahan said.

Before coming to The Oaks Kitchen and Bar, Callahan spent most of his time in Austin at a restaurant called the Roaring Fork. He's been in the food service industry for 15 years and has spent 7 years working in the

kitchen, first in Houston and then in Austin. It wasn't until the pandemic hit that Callahan actually got in touch with The Oak's manager, Adam Pettit, and joined the staff.

"I knew Adam was the general manager and one of the operating partners from years ago. We discussed even possibly doing this together from the very beginning, but I had an opportunity to go back to Austin, and it was just taking a little while to get off the ground. And then basically it was the restrictions on businesses during the pandemic that got us back in touch with each other," Callahan said.

As a native to the Katy area, Callahan knows what people in this community like to eat, he said, which is what makes his new menu stand out amongst other restaurants.

"I've been working through (the) Austin and Houston areas for a long time. So, I know the food that a lot of this community really enjoys to eat, and how to focus on that. I'm always going to be bringing in the freshest ingredients that I can possibly use," Callahan said.

Located within the Cane Island community at 2100 Cane Island Parkway, The Oaks Kitchen and Bar is open daily Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., practicing safe dining and cooking hygiene. All chefs are required to wear masks and sanitize equipment while in the kitchen and all waiters must do the same.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Kevin Callahan is the new executive chef at The Oaks Kitchen and Bar located in the Cane Island master planned community. He has developed a new menu for the restaurant with gulf coast inspired dishes stemming from Louisiana, Texas and Mexico.

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Department of State Health Services, Waller County had 307 cases of COVID-19 as of Tuesday afternoon. DSHS serves as the county's health authority due to the county's small population.

Waller County Judge Trey Duhon last posted an update on specific case counts on July 17. In that update, he indicated that Brookshire, Pattison and the portion of Katy within Waller county had active cases. There were dozens of cases across the southern portion of the county according to his post.

Sterling, Loving, King and Borden counties currently report zero cases of the virus which is not only life-threatening but also has the potential to cause lifelong damage to the body according to local health care providers.

Meanwhile, all Katy-area county judges are urging residents to follow Tex. Gov. Greg

Abbott's order to wear cloth masks in public, wash their hands thoroughly and regularly and maintain social distancing.

"Anyone one of these by itself is not a silver bullet. All 3 of these things, if done together, go a seriously long way towards reducing transmission of the virus," Duhon said via Facebook.



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COUNCIL

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of the new contract, Republic Services had taken care of the city's solid waste for more than 20 years.

A decision on the solid waste contract had been tabled at the council's July 6 meeting to allow Texas Pride and Republic Services to provide clarifications to city staff and council related to their responses to the city's request for proposals – a formal request for proposals which allows government entities in Texas to compare costs between vendors and then negotiate a contract.

Finalists Texas Pride Disposal and Republic Services were pulled from a pool of six respondents which included Best Trash, Frontier Waste Solutions,

HHW Solutions and WCA Waste Corporation.

A survey from the city to obtain resident input was sent to 6,370 households within Katy's city limits and 40% or 2,549 of those households responded. Of those who responded, 78% were satisfied with Republic Services and 21% were not pleased with the current vendor. About 1% did not indicate satisfaction either way.

Council Member Janet Corte, who cited disappointment with Republic Service's consistency in taking care of residents in recent months and better pricing by Texas Pride, motioned to choose Texas Pride. The motion was then amended by a secondary motion from Council Member Frank Carroll III to include a surety bond of \$250,000 to ensure good performance and safety during Texas Pride's tenure

providing trash and recycle services to the city.

Texas Pride will save residents money in comparison to the quoted price from Republic Services. With adjustments for the cost of the surety bond, a trash bin will cost \$13.15 per month compared to \$14.50 from Republic Services under that company's bid.

Katy City Council generally meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. The meeting scheduled for July 13 was cancelled and rescheduled as a special meeting for July 6 and the next regular meeting is scheduled for July 27 at 6:30 p.m. though that time may change to accommodate council members' schedules and city needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Safety concerns have moved city council meetings online since shortly after the pandemic began. Scheduling can be viewed at www.cityofkaty.com/about/calendar.

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graduations etc., sidewalk art contests, and several other out of the box ideas. Regardless of how hard it's been, Fulshear has adapted.

We can say that while our positive case numbers have grown, so has our awareness in regards to staying safe and healthy. I'm proud of residents and the support they've shown their neighbors and local businesses.

Q. What are two issues Fulshear will face in the next few months that you would like resident feedback about and what sort of information would you like to get from them to guide your administration's decisions?

A. The (Consolidated Development Ordinance) (discussed further below), as well as the City's Comprehensive Plan which was last done in 2014. We'll want plenty of resident and other stakeholder feedback in that process. Given the rate of growth, these planning efforts are all the more important in order to get ahead of new development.

Q. With Texas Heritage Parkway breaking ground recently, what benefits do you hope the new roadway brings to Fulshear?

A. 1. Improved mobility that would alleviate the north south corridor congestion that is currently on FM 1463.
2. Support and

2020 Sanitation Proposal Bid Tabulation		
	Texas Pride	Republic Services
Option 1 (6700 accts) Residential charge	\$12.80 G-1x/wk, R-EOW, HT-1x/wk, SHT-qtrly on Wed 3 routes, M Tu F (all svcs are same day)	\$14.25 G-1x/wk, R-EOW, HT EOW, SHT qtrly 3 routes, M W Th
Option 2 Residential charge	\$13.10 G-1x/wk, R-1x/wk, HT-1x/wk, SHT-qtrly 3 routes/ M Tu W (all svcs are on same day) (REVISED)	14.50 (REVISED) G-1x/wk, R-1x/wk, HT-1x/wk, SHT qtrly 3 routes/M W Th (all svcs are on same day)
Option 3 Residential charge	\$16.20 G-2x/wk, R-1x/wk, HT-2x/wk, SHT qtrly on Wed 2 routes/ G-M/Th, R-M or Th, HT-M/Th or G - Tu/Fri, R-Tu or Fri, HT-Tu/Fri	\$17.25 G-2x/wk, R-1x/wk, HT-1x/wk, SHT qtrly 2 routes, G-M/Th, R-Th, HT-W or G-Tu/Fri, R-Th, HT-W
Option Alternate Residential charge	n/a	n/a
Commercial (210 accts)	\$20.00 G-2x/wk, HT-1x/wk, SHT-qtrly weekly recycling included	\$20.42 G-2x/wk, HT-1x/wk, SHT-qtrly weekly recycling included
Addtl Cart Charge Cart Sizes	\$26/\$28 (G-95gl R-95 gl)	\$36/\$38 (G-95gl R-95 gl)
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Republic Services was outbid by Texas Pride and a final contract under option two, above, will be negotiated and brought before Katy City Council for approval to be executed by Mayor Bill Hastings.

accommodation of the ultimate development of the City and County's Major Thoroughfare Plans.

3. Provide a possible corridor for the City's Water and Wastewater Master Plan implementation by allowing us to bring water and wastewater trunk lines up the corridor to provide treatment services to the existing and new development north of FM 1093, which supports the City's Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant project.
4. Provide a great trail and recreation opportunity for the residents of Fulshear.
5. Additional Development opportunities.

Q. For some time now, Fulshear has been working on updating its code of ordinances. What is the overall status of that project?

A. The (CDO) is of tremendous importance to the future built environment of the City and what shape future development takes. I think we all understand the City will grow, but we have the ability to shape now what that growth looks like. The CDO process has been going on for a year and a half now, and in that time we've had numerous committee meetings, stakeholder sessions and

the draft ordinance has been online for public review. At this time we're nearing completion with a number of meetings scheduled over the next couple of months, including two public hearings (held on) April 14th and (an upcoming one on) August 25th. If all goes according to plan, Council has a projected adoption date of the CDO on August 25th.

Katy Times coverage of the July 21 Fulshear City Council meeting will be available online at www.katytimes.com and will appear in the July 30 edition of the paper.

UNCERTAIN

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ernor could do for us to kind of help our business and help us kind of take care of our people and take care of our employees," Jessett said. "If we keep on limiting what our business can do, our distilleries in Texas are going to start closing."

Taking action

The shutdown of bars and alcohol-serving establishments has led many to respond to the governor's executive order. Lawsuits have been filed against the governor's office and others – like Jessett – have sent letters and emails to state representatives and the governor to reconsider the entities affected by the order.

The Texas Whiskey Association has sent over 17,000 emails to the governor's office as part of their Still Strong Texas campaign. The group is looking to increase bottle sales limits, allow in-county delivery and direct-to-consumer, age verified shipping.

Texas House District 132 Representative Gina Calanni (D-Katy) and Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Sid Miller have also asked Abbott for economic relief to distilleries.

"As our nation went into a virtual lockdown, Texas distilleries saw the wide-spread shortage of hand sanitizers and, after receiving regulatory guidance, immediately responded. They went to work as essential employees, cranked up their stills, bottling lines, and labeling operations and started making alcohol for hand sanitizer," the TWA website reads.

Jessett said Abbott hasn't responded to letters and emails but the Texas House and Senate have been supportive.

Whitfield's concerns remain less political and more pragmatic.

"Usually as a small business owner, you have a mindset of progress, of building, gaining. We don't have that now. Our whole mindset as a small business owner of a live music venue is survival - can I outlast this lockdown and pay my bills?" Whitfield said.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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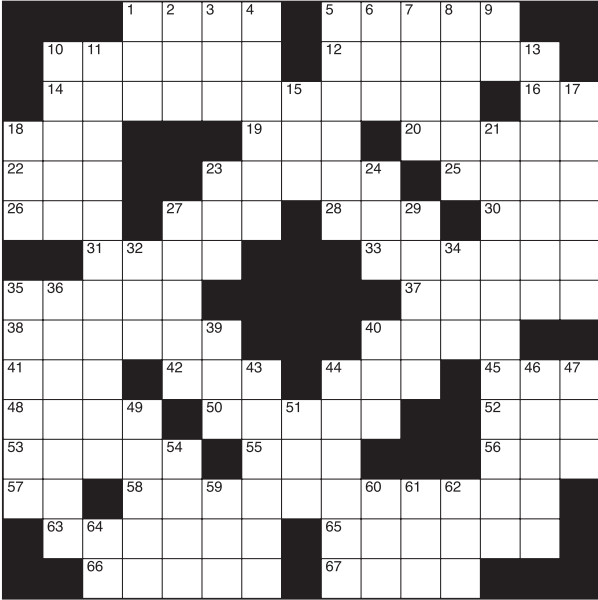
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- Swiss river
- Ethnic group of Cambodians
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Tire measurement
- Affirmative
- Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- One point north of due east
- A type of "pet"
- Tech giant
- European nation
- Fencing swords
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- Pouch
- Peter's last name
- Inclined
- Palestinian territory __ Strip
- A type of syrup
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
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- Run batted in
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CLUES DOWN

- "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
- Actors' organization



- Conscientious investment approach (abbr.)
- Ranch (Spanish)
- Beginning
- Index
- Portuguese wine
- A feudal superior
- Military brach (abbr.)
- Lithuanian given name
- A way to become different
- Able to be domesticated
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Hosts film festival
- Shows you how to get there
- Arranged alphabetically
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- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Woods
- Make yourself attractive
- Concealed

- Large primate
- A favorite saying of a sect or political group
- Tropical fruits
- Obstruct
- Car mechanics group
- Stroke gently
- They're in your toolbox
- Throgs
- One and only
- In a way, bent
- "Downton Abbey" broadcaster
- Herring-like fish
- A major division of geological time
- Vast body of water
- Cannister
- Encourage
- The man

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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To all the masks I’ve worn before

With cases of COVID-19 on the rise in the state of Texas, and Halloween just around the corner, Gov. Greg Abbott recently signed an executive order requiring the wearing of masks in public. Exceptions to the order include Texans under 10 years of age (probably the demographic that would most enjoy wearing a disguise to town), patrons eating in restaurants, swimmers and anyone lacking ears.

Speaking of restaurants, this new order has caused a level of strident debate in the Lone Star State not seen since Texans flipped their lids over the purchase of the iconic Whataburger fast food chain by a Chicago investment firm threatening to replace the Honey BBQ Chicken Strip Sandwich with a Deep-Dish Italian Beef and Hot Dog Whatapizza.

While I’m still not sure how I feel about Abbott’s order after all of the money I’ve spent on whitening toothpaste and nose hair trimmers, it has inspired me to reflect on the defining moments of mask-wearing throughout my life.

Some of my earliest memories involved those sadistic 1970’s mold-ed-plastic Halloween masks – the ones that could make your face sweat in the Arctic and lacerated your tongue when you couldn’t resist trying to force it through the breathing hole.

I dressed up as Frankenstein one year, and along with the vinyl face-sauna, I had a little tube of green “blood” – because everyone knows that Mary Shelley’s creature was part Vulcan. On another Halloween, I chose a Tusken Raider/Sand Person mask from the first Star Wars movie. My mother even made me an authentic cloak to perfect the look and solidify my reputation as a hopeless nerd. Despite our efforts, though, most people didn’t recognize my costume and thought I was dressed as a deformed walrus with severe tooth decay.

When I entered my teen years in the early 1980’s, my masks (and my hygiene practices) became more elaborate and grotesque. I remember blowing my allowance one year on a highly-detailed rubber skull mask I found at Spencer’s in the mall.



JASE GRAVES

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The mask was the perfect complement to my Members Only jacket and nylon Bugle Boy parachute pants. Michael Jackson’s macabre “Thriller” music video was all the rage at the time, and I was sure that my fashion medley, combined with a playfully frightful disguise, would be irresistible to the ladies. Instead, they just found me frightful, and I nursed my wounded pride by using the mask to scare the younger neighborhood kids when I answered the front door. I only got punched in the gut a few times.

My most memorable masked incident as an adult happened when I was newly married, and my wife and I were house-sitting for some friends of my parents. It was bedtime, and I had discovered a rubber “old man” mask (complete with wig) while rummaging... I mean walking past an open closet. My wife had gone to the bathroom, so I slipped out of bed and met her at the bathroom door wearing nothing but the mask and a pair of boxer briefs. Instead of screaming or running, she just froze in terrified silence and started crying, eliciting a torrent of desperate apologies from me. (She still has the same reaction to seeing me in my underwear – and I still feel the need to apologize.)

Now that I’m a mature adult and rarely dress up like Star Wars characters or elderly exhibitionists, the prospect of wearing a mask to Walmart or the church house isn’t too appealing. But I say let’s have fun with it. Try painting a set of hillbilly teeth on your mask, or one of those curly mustaches you’ve always wanted to grow but were afraid it wouldn’t look right with your favorite shade of lipstick.

Yes, I realize that face coverings make you look like Hannibal Lecter and sound like Charlie Brown’s teacher when you talk. But at least you can take comfort in knowing you’re allowed to remove your mask when you sit down to eat your Chicago-style Whataburger.

OPINION



A look back at President Nixon’s all-stars

During a normal Major League Baseball season, by mid-July fans would be anticipating the annual All-Star Game. But in 2020, COVID-19, the great killjoy, has forced the game’s cancellation, the first time since 1945 when World War II travel restrictions interfered and no players were selected. Baseball bugs that would have cast their 2020 ballots, and would be looking forward to watching the All-Star Game, are plum out of luck.

Back during President Richard Nixon’s White House years, sports writers and baseball officials considered the president the nation’s most well-informed and devoted fan. Journalist Dick Young, who covered New York baseball for more than five decades, said Nixon wasn’t just a guy who showed up at season openers to take bows and get his picture in the newspaper. Nixon, Young said, “knows baseball.”

So profound was Nixon’s baseball knowledge that when his political career appeared over – he had lost the 1960 squeaker presidential election to John F. Kennedy and then lost by a landslide in his 1962 bid for California’s governorship to incumbent Pat Brown – professional players urged him to consider the MLB’s commissioner post.

The Players Association lobbied hard for Nixon, spearheaded by future Hall of Famers that included the Cleveland Indians’ Bob Feller, and two Philadelphia Phillies – Robin Roberts and Jim Bunning. Nixon, at the time a



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Wall Street lawyer, declined.

Instead, baseball soon entered the Marvin Miller-led era. Miller, a tough former U.S. Steelworkers Union labor expert, helped abolish baseball’s reserve clause which, in turn, ushered players into an era of continuously escalating salaries.

In 1972, after Nixon’s first post-Watergate press conference and in an effort to lighten the assembled crowd’s somber mood, a reporter asked if “the nation’s number one fan” would submit his all-time baseball team, a daunting challenge. A few days later and with help from son-in-law David Eisenhower, Nixon broke up his choices into the National and American Leagues and by the players’ era: the Early Era, 1925-1945; the Modern Era, 1945-1970; the Yankees’ Era, 1925-1959, and the Expansion Era, 1960-1991. Nixon’s selections were a mix of baseball’s most famous, and the games’ outstanding but less well-known players.

For example, from the Early Era, Nixon picked American League superstars Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Joe DiMaggio, but also stars whose

prominence had faded, such as Herb Pennock, Bobo Newsom and Harry Heilmann. From the National League’s Early Era, Nixon tapped the same mixture of historic favorites as well as worthy, but less familiar players: Dizzy Dean, Rogers Hornsby and Carl Hubbell are instantly recognizable, while Arky Vaughan, Pie Traynor and “Ducky” Medwick’s talents have faded from most fans’ memories.

As Chief Executive, Nixon, attended 11 games – 9 in D.C. and one each in Atlanta and Cincinnati. At a July 1969 game between the Detroit Tigers and his hometown Senators, Nixon saw a triple-play, an event every fan hopes to witness personally. Earlier in 1969, Nixon persevered through a 13-inning night game between the Senators and the Oakland Athletics.

Later, Nixon said he never left a game before the last pitch “because in baseball, as in life and especially in politics, you never know what will happen.”

Nixon may have been referring to his resurrection from the politically moribund. After his 1962 loss to Brown, Nixon told about 100 reporters standing outside the Beverly Hills Hotel that “You won’t have Nixon to kick around anymore, because gentlemen, this is my last press conference...” Six years later, Nixon returned with a roar. In November 1968, voters elected Nixon as the 37th U.S. president.

Nixon gave dozens more press conferences during his abbreviated five-year presidency, and he got kicked around in most of them.

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Tompkins' Milroe ready for senior season

By COLE McNANNA
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Although the coronavirus pandemic made things a little difficult in the offseason leading up to his final season under center for the Tompkins Falcons, quarterback Jalen Milroe said he got comfortable being uncomfortable and has made strides to prepare himself to lead his team on another postseason run.

Milroe, along with his head coach Todd McVey, recently appeared on an installment of the QB1 show hosted by Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine's managing editor Greg Tepper where the pair of Tompkins representatives talked about what this offseason has been like amid the pandemic.

"The mindset of the guys on the team has been outstanding," Milroe said. "The biggest thing that I saw was guys still getting work in because it would have been easy to just sit at the house and not do anything. But guys have been steadily getting better, we were actually able to Zoom, we have a sportsYou app that posts the workouts for all of us to stay active."

McVey said the sportsYou app has been a great tool the coaching staff has been able to stay in touch with the student-athletes through the long and uncertain road that started when school let out in March.

"We've got kids doing what we call Falcon curls, and they've got a stick with weights - and I'm talking like their backpacks with books in them - and they're going through the workout and they're out their backyard. We have been very creative," McVey said. "We've just tried to stay connected on being there for each other. That's the best we can do, and that's our controllable. We don't linger in the bad stuff. We don't allow that.



FILE PHOTO

Jalen Milroe said he put in the work in the offseason to prepare himself for his final season for the Tomkins Falcons as starting quarterback. Recently named to MaxPreps' preseason all-state team, Milroe is committed to play for the Texas Longhorns next year.

So, we're going to be as positive as we can with each other."

Milroe, a University of Texas commit, said one of his favorite parts of the offseason came after one of the zoom meetings where his teammates reached out with questions to better understand the offense.

"That was awesome to me because I like explaining things,"

Milroe said. "I'm a student of the game, I'm still gonna grow, I don't care how long it takes; in 30 years, 40 years (I still want to be growing). I love the game, I love to get coached but when I'm not getting coached I don't like it."

He will soon be back to getting coached in person and his head coach who got to see him nearly every day detailed what separates

Milroe from other quarterbacks.

"He's big time here for us and he's going to be big time in whatever he does in life, but the way he responds; we talk about E (event) plus R (response) equals O (outcome) all the time," McVey said. "When I jump on him, he doesn't get pouty because he wants to get better. He knows why I'm getting on him and he

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— TOMPKINS SENIOR
QUARTERBACK JALEN MILROE

excels at trying to take what I said and get better at what we talked about."

After the University Interscholastic League's decision to delay the start of the fall sports season, Milroe's next chance to get better in person won't come until September but with a commitment in place to continue his athletic and academic careers at the University of Texas at Austin next year, he knows he's got plenty of road ahead.

"The relationship I have with (Head) Coach (Tom) Herman has been great. I like the offense that he's ran at Texas," Milroe said. "The relationship we have is the biggest thing because I'm going to be away from home so having a relationship with your coaches and having that support (is big)."

UIL, TAPPS delay fall sports seasons for 5A, 6A

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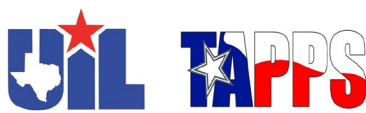
The University Interscholastic League announced Tuesday morning that fall sports competition in Classes 5A and 6A will be delayed about a month but Classes 4A and below will remain on schedule.

Football teams competing in Classes 5A and 6A will start practice on Sept. 7 and play their first games Sept. 24. By Dec. 5, all district competitions will have been completed ahead of the state championships which are scheduled for dates to be determined in January of 2021.

A similar decision to the UIL was made by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) during a July 17 webinar where all fall sports teams had their practice start date pushed back until September but the post-season was not postponed.

Along with their updated schedule, the UIL also released COVID-19 risk mitigation guidelines that districts will have to follow when hosting sporting events. Fan capacity will be limited to 50%, student groups such as marching bands, cheerleaders and drill teams will also be allowed but were advised to bring limited participants and all employees, visitors, parents and students 10 years and older must wear face coverings upon entry and when not actively participating in the event according to the Tuesday release.

"These adjustments reflect the public health situation at this time and the varying numbers of COVID-19 cases across different geographic areas of the state," the UIL said in the Tuesday release. "This plan provides a delay for



schools in highly-populated metro areas, primarily conferences 5A-6A, given the challenges with COVID-19 those communities are facing, while providing schools in other areas, primarily 1A-4A, an opportunity to start seasons on schedule."

The UIL qualified that statement by saying they understand the fluid situation of the pandemic could still create changes in the coming days and weeks but this is the first step to getting districts prepared for the season.

"Our goal in releasing this plan is to provide a path forward for Texas students and schools," UIL Executive Director Charles Breithaupt said in the release. "While understanding situations change and there will likely be interruptions that will require flexibility and patience, we are hopeful this plan allows students to participate in the education-based activities they love in a way that prioritizes safety and mitigates risk of COVID-19 spread."

The guidelines also detail the steps to be taken by a district after an individual either shows symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for the virus. It also says for performance areas, band halls, locker rooms and other congregate areas to be cleaned regularly while having ample sanitization stations for all participants.

TAPPS held a webinar last Friday to announce their return-to-sports plan that keeps all sports from starting practice until Sept. 8 with individual sports (cross country, tennis, swim, golf) and volleyball able to begin games

ATHLETICS

Activity	1st Day for Practice	1st Day for Games / Matches / Meets	District Certification Deadline	State Championships
CONFERENCES 1A-4A				
Team Tennis	**	August 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	November 11-12, 2020
Cross Country	**	August 17, 2020	November 14, 2020	December 5, 2020
Volleyball	August 3, 2020	August 10, 2020	October 27, 2020	November 18-21, 2020
Football	August 3, 2020	August 27, 2020	November 7, 2020	December 16-19, 2020

CONFERENCES 5A-6A

Team Tennis	**	September 7, 2020	October 24, 2020	November 11-12, 2020
Cross Country	**	September 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	December 5, 2020
Volleyball	September 7, 2020	September 14, 2020	November 17, 2020	December 11-12, 2020
Football	September 7, 2020	September 24, 2020	December 5, 2020	January 2021, TBD

MUSIC

Activity	1st Day to Begin Contest Show Visual / Marching Curriculum	Region Contest Deadline 2A / 4A / 6A	Area Contest Deadline 2A / 4A / 6A; Region Contest Deadline 1A / 3A / 5A	Area Contest Deadline 3A / 5A	State Championships 2A / 4A / 6A; State Military Championships 1A / 2A / 4A
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ALL CONFERENCES (unless otherwise denoted)

Marching Band	September 7, 2020	December 3, 2020	December 10, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 2020, TBD
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on Sept. 21. Fall soccer and field hockey will have scrimmages the week of Sept. 21 and can start playing games Sept. 28.

Football similarly will start practice on Sept. 8, with balls and helmets, before pads and full contact practice begins the following week. Only one scrimmage will be on the schedule for the week of Sept. 21 before games start Sept. 28.

The fall sports playoffs, however,

were unchanged and will begin Nov. 12-14 which leaves just a six-week season on the football field.

Clay Richardson enters his fifth year at the helm of the St. John XXIII Prep Lions football team fresh off a 7-3 overall record last year but only a 1-2 mark in district play. This year, St. John XXIII will compete in Division I's District 2 against Antonian College Preparatory, San Antonio Central Catholic, Concordia Lutheran, San

Antonio Christian School, St. Pius X Catholic School and St. Thomas.

The start of TAPPS' winter sports season was also delayed, with the first day of practice moving from Oct. 19 to Nov. 2. Instead of scrimmages starting Oct. 26, they'll now start Nov. 9 ahead of games beginning on Nov. 12, ten days after they were originally scheduled to begin. The winter transfer deadline was also made Nov. 3.

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Annie Marie "Ann" Stryk Cerny was born on September 30, 1932 in Praha, Texas to John Charles Stryk and Anastazia Migl Stryk.

Annie married the love of her life, Stanley on July 27, 1953 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Praha, after his discharge from the Korean War. They settled in Houston, where she became the proud and caring mother of two children, Sharon and Gary. During her time in Houston, she was employed by Nabisco, and later, after moving to Spring Branch, she became an accomplished seamstress with Everett Beulow. After many years at Everett Beulow, she developed her own alteration business in her home. From this business, she made many long lasting friendships. She was a member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Catholic Church in Katy, where she was a member of the Happy Hearts. She was a 75+ year member of the KJZT Society and The Praha Altar Society. She enjoyed kolaches and other Czech dishes, attending church picnics, polka dances and an "occasional" trip to the casino. She loved all these things, but she loved her family and friends even more.

Annie Marie "Ann" Stryk Cerny passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 16, 2020 in Katy, Texas after a courageous battle with cancer at 87 years of age.

She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Stanley; her daughter, Sharon and her

husband David Crowe; her son, Gary and his wife Robin Cerny; her grandchildren, Julie and her husband Jack Perry, and Colton Cerny; her great grandchildren, Jackson, Annie, Maggie Perry; her sister Martha Sitka; and many other loving family members and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her four brothers, John, Joe, Jimmie, and Ernest; and by her four sisters, Agnes, Tracy, Mary, and Georgie.

The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, and a rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m., with Deacon Fred Dinges. Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, in Katy, with Rev. Wayne Wilkerson, Celebrant. A graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, in Praha, Texas with Rev. Gabriel Maison and Rev. Wayne Wilkerson officiating.

Should you wish, memorial gifts may be made to the Praha Altar Society, c/o Robin Cerny, P.O. Box 402, Flatonia, Texas 78941.

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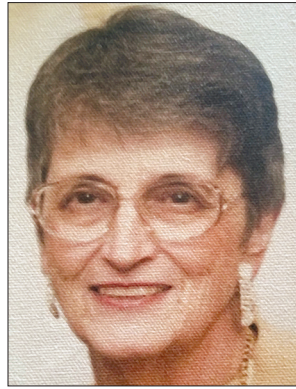


ANNIE STRYK CERNY
1932-2020

Judith "Judy" Farley passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at the age of 78 years. She was born on June 28, 1942, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, to Emil and Evelyn Denchfield. She remained in St. Cloud until she met and married Edward "Edd" Farley on July 31, 1965. They moved to Arizona, Illinois, and then settled in Texas. Judy worked many years in the oil and gas industry until her retirement, of which more than 20 years were spent at Amoco. She called Katy home for more than 35 years and raised their daughters here.

Judy lived by her faith, family, and friends. She was a devoted wife, involved mother, and caring friend to all. She was a dedicated member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and Katy Elks Lodge Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a long-time member of Holy Covenant United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Colleen Farley (Brad Barker) and Erinn Brown (Kevin), all of Katy, and grandchildren Ashlee Riegler, Austin Riegler, Collin Barker, Macie Brown



JUDITH BARCLAY FARLEY
1942-2020

and Mason Brown. Additionally, Judy is survived by her youngest sister, Phyllis Mergen (Ralph) of St. Paul, Minnesota and numbers of other loving relatives and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edd Farley on April 19, 2015; and her parents, three brothers and one sister.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, with Rev. C.

McAllister "Mac" Vaughn officiating. The family encouraged friends and family to join the service virtually due to COVID restrictions.

In lieu of flowers, please consider gifting to the Children's Heart Foundation as this organization was near and dear to Judy's heart or to a charity near and dear to you.

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WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Waller County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing under the authority of Transportation Code Chapter 251, Subchapter E to consider the installation of No Thru Truck Signs at the following location:

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Ordinance No. 132

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS TO DESIGNATE STREET INTERSECTIONS AS STOP INTERSECTIONS AND DESIGNATE THE STREETS UPON WHICH VEHICLES SHALL STOP BEFORE ENTERING SUCH INTERSECTION; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT OF NOT LESS THAN \$1.00 OR MORE THAN \$200.00 FOR VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

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PASSED by a majority vote of the members of the City Council this 2nd day of June 2020.

Details about these ordinances can be found on the City of Pattison website: www.pattison.texas.gov under the Information Section. Contact the City Secretary at 281-934-3715 or via email at CitySecretary@pattison.texas.gov with any questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Katy anticipates the award of Disaster Recovery funding, in its project implementation of the City's Harris County allocation for Hurricane Disaster Recovery Contract No. D2017-074. This is part of the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program of the Texas General Land Office (GLO), for 2017 federally declared disaster associated to Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332). Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified Professional Engineering Design Firm (individual/firm) to provide the following, but not limited to, services: 1) Preliminary & Final Design to include data collection, schematics, surveying, cost estimates; 2) Construction Bidding to include development of project manual, facilitation of competitive sealed bidding requirements per 2CFR 200.318-26, bid tabulation and recommendation of award; 3) Construction Management & Inspection services to include facilitating the notice of award and pre-construction conference, contract management associated to change orders and reporting, review of contractor invoices, field observation and inspections; 4) Contract Closeout services to include final project inspection and acceptance, submission of as-built/record drawings. These services are being solicited to assist the City in its project implementation of contract(s), if awarded, to support eligible activities in the City of Katy.

Bid Submission: Please submit three (3) copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the following address: City of Katy, ATTN: Anas Garfaoui, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493.

Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 2:00 PM on the August 6, 2020 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject bids. Bidders will be required to furnish verifiable references with their bids/proposals. Bidders will be required to have a payment and performance bond.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting will be held via zoom **1-888-475-4499, Meeting ID: 894 7933 8417** on July 30, 2020 at 2:00 pm. All questions must be submitted to planning@cityofkaty.com no later than August 3, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. A final addendum will be released no later than August 3, 2020.

This project will be federally funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department through the Texas General Land Office (GLO), and administered by the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD). Bidders shall comply with regulations governing the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program (Regulation 24 CFR 570). Applicable requirements include but are not limited to compliance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, Fair Labor Standards, and Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Katy is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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TRIBUTES

Gale Oliver, III, devoted husband and father, died peacefully in his home in Houston surrounded by his loving family on July 10, 2020.

He was born in Refugio, Texas on February 13, 1939 to Gale Oliver, Jr. and Frances Hamilton Oliver. Besides his loving parents, Gale was greatly influenced by his maternal grandmother, Clare Wofford Hamilton of Cuero.

While attending Refugio High School, he was honored his senior year as an All American and All State football athlete, while also winning State in the shot put. During his senior year in Refugio Gale was recruited by Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and accepted a football scholarship to attend Texas A&M University where his father, paternal grandfather and great uncles had attended and received degrees.

Gale was a three-year letterman as an offensive lineman from 1957- 1959. He was co-captain his senior year and was selected by the Buffalo Bills in the 1960 AFL draft. Gale was a member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets and was an athletic officer on the Corp Staff. He was also a member of the Ross Volunteers, which is the official Honor Guard of the Governor of Texas. He was a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and the Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Honor Society. He graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1960.

While he attended Texas A&M, Gale met Gay Chandler, who was attending Sam Houston State University in nearby Huntsville. Gay was a cheerleader, as well as Miss Sam Houston in 1958. She was also named Texas A&M Vanity Fair Sweetheart in 1960.

Gale and Gay were married in 1961 and they were together while he served in the US Army at Fort Benning, GA and later at Fort Hood, TX from 1961-1963. Following discharge from the army in 1963, he went to work at Ingersoll Rand as a sales engineer. In 1975, he and close friend Ron Laughter started Oliver and Laughter Equipment Co. and in 1998 it became Oliver Equipment Co. Gale retired in 2007 and sold his business to his son, Gale Hamilton Oliver and his partners, who continue to operate and expand the original family owned business.

Gale served on numerous bank boards, was a member of the Tejas Vaqueros and served as President of Lakeside Country Club in Houston.

Longtime ambassadors of Texas A&M athletics, Gale and Gay made 'giving back' to his alma mater his priority. He is a life-time member of the Letterman's Association and together, Gale and Gay created two endowed full scholarships, one with the 12th Man Foundation and the other with The Association of Former Students. In 2011, Gale and Gay, joined by

Gale's brothers, Bill, Alex and Robert honored their parents with a Texas A&M endowed scholarship. He and Gay were members of the 12th Man Diamond Champions Council and were honored in the Family Heritage Hall in the Bright Building on the Texas A&M campus. They were contributors to the Letterman's Lounge and in 2017, Gale and Gay were inducted into the Texas A&M Athletics Hall of Honor.

Gale is survived by his wife Gay, daughter Kathy and Brian Chandler, and son and daughter-in-law, Gale Hamilton and Tricia Oliver. Also, grandchildren, Parker & Kyle Oliver and three brothers; Bill (& Coylene) Oliver of Bryan, Alex (& Nance) Oliver of San Antonio and Robert Oliver of Cuero; brother-in-law, Jack Roeder. He loved his nieces and nephews, Kristen, Will & Greyson; Clare & Amory; Ron, Rick, Scarlet & Shannon. He particularly loved his many wonderful friends who adoringly referred to him as "Ollie," all of whom regarded Gale as a man of the highest integrity. He will be forever missed.

Gale's family wishes to thank his wonderful and compassionate caregivers, Alicia Pena, Gabriella Agis and Mola Ogunyinka. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that a donation be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Due to current restrictions and safety concerns regarding Covid-19, a private family burial is planned. A church service and celebration of Gale's life will be held at a later date in the very near future.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.memorialoaksfunerals.com for the Oliver family.



GALE OLIVER III
1939-2020

Frederick Bascom Brock passed away on July 10, 2020, at home. He was the husband of Kim Brock. They shared 43 years of marriage together.

He was born in Houston, Texas on July 28, 1954, to James Thomas Stratton Brock Jr. and Patricia Alice Roberts. He graduated from Westbury High School in 1973. He graduated from the University of Houston with BA in 1997.

He was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church. He proudly served in the U.S. Army for 17 years. He was a veteran of the Gulf War and was a member of the Katy VFW Post 9182. He was a lifetime Committeeman member of the Main Corral Club at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He served on the board of the First State Bank of Clute in Clute, Texas for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife Kim; his sister Carrie; his children Stratton, Emily and Anna;

his daughter-in-law Kellie; son-in-law Dylan; and grandchildren Stratton and Kolton.

The family will receive friends from

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy. Mass was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, in Katy, with Rev. Ricardo Arriola, Celebrant. A graveside service with military honors to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2020 at Gulf Prairie Cemetery in Jones Creek, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Brookwood Community and the

Houston Food Bank.

Funeral services were held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home at 1344 W. Grand Parkway South in Katy, Texas. They can be reached at (281) 391-2424.



FREDERICK BASCOM BROCK
1954-2020

Jennings Larry Sizemore passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 in Katy, Texas.

Jennings Larry Sizemore was born July

31, 1945 in Elkridge, West Virginia. Growing up Larry lived in West Virginia and Ohio. He graduated high school in Jefferson, Ohio. He joined the United States Air Force in 1965 and was a Staff Sergeant during the Vietnam War. During his time of service he met his wife Wanda Sizemore in Amarillo, Texas and would have celebrated their 54th year on August 4th. Larry and Wanda loved traveling and have been to every state in the United States except Alaska and have resided in Ohio, California, and Grand Cayman but moved to Katy, Texas in 1979 where they made Katy their home.

Larry loved Katy and especially Katy High School Football. Larry had several kids and grandkids play for Katy football and/or graduate from Katy High School. He attended as many games as he could. He remained a Katy Tiger Fan until his last breath. His pride and joy was without a doubt his family. He loved family vacations, fishing trips, traveling, boating, SCUBA diving and singing with his family.

Larry is survived by his wife, Wanda Eileen Sizemore; his eldest daughter, Daphney Judith Kirby and her husband Kent Kirby; his son Brian Jennings Sizemore and his wife Melisa Sizemore; his youngest

daughter, Wendy Dawn Sidwell-Sizemore; his Grandchildren, Randall Hilliard and his wife Sara Hilliard; Ryan Hilliard and

his wife Libby Hilliard; Kendall Sizemore and his wife Lauren Sizemore; Kailey Sizemore; and Alyssa Sidwell; Step-Granddaughters, Katy Piskorick, Kristie Murr, Sarah Kirby; his Great-Grandchildren; Logan Hilliard; Brady Hilliard; Rhett Hilliard; Rhyder Hilliard; Sawyer Jennings Sizemore; and Emerson Sizemore. His Brother Gerald Sheets; eldest sister Maxine McCoy; sister Dottie Placek; brother Lyle Sizemore and his wife Susan Sizemore; brother Bruce Sizemore

and his wife Karen Sizemore; brother-n-law Wayne McCoy; brother-n-law Fred Lightman; brother-n-law Homer Winfrey; brother-n-law Don Hanson; brother-n-law Jerry Sadler and his wife Irene Sadler; brother-n-law Ralph Sadler and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Larry is preceded in death by his father, Jennings "Jink" Sizemore; mother, Thelma Alease Sheets-Sizemore; sister, Wanda Hanson; sister, Faye Winfrey; sister, Bonnie Lightman; brother, Blair Sizemore.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no funeral services are planned at this time. Upon a later designated date Larry Sizemore will be laid to rest honorably at the Houston National Cemetery of Veteran Affairs in Houston, Texas.



JENNINGS LARRY SIZEMORE
1945-2020

Waller 4-H student earns scholarship

By SANDRA SADEK
EDITORIAL INTERN

Sarah McFarlane just received one of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program Opportunity Scholarships for \$3,000 dollars, according to a July 9 press release from the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension.

The scholarships are based on academics, financial need, and experience in the 4-H program. Up to 225 scholarships were awarded, ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 dollars, depending on amounts given by donors. The Texas 4-H program attempts to provide recipients with the highest dollar amount of that scholarship that they are eligible for.

The Texas 4-H Scholarship Program works in partnership with the Texas



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Waller County 4H participant Sarah McFarlane was awarded a \$3,000 Will Looney Memorial scholarship for her hard work and success through the 4-H program.

A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. As a member in the 4-H Youth Development

Foundation, McFarlane was awarded for her work within the program along with meeting other academic criteria.

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This new book will contain a credible "unified theory of everything" that can explain the very basics of science. Albert Einstein predicted that someone "off the street" was going to do this someday. After 53 years (at approx. year 2000), I decided to include God at every step of the process of trying to come up with a scientific "Theory of Everything". Prior to this, it was about the "only thing" I felt I had not been successful at inventing or figuring out. --- You see, God had already given me the gift of inventing at age 9-10, in His response to my Second Major Prayer. --- By the year 2014, God had allowed me to assemble sufficient knowledge that I felt 95%, of what I needed to figure out, had been accomplished.

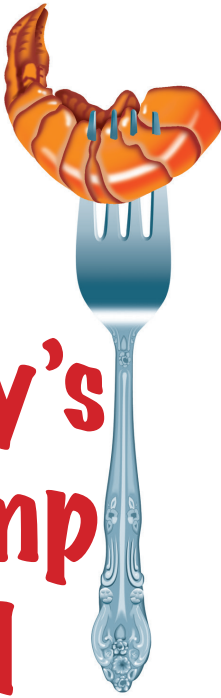
One thing I had always wished for, especially as I was approaching the age of 40, is for God to speak to me. Well, when God did speak to me, I liked my first message from God about as much, I suppose, as Abraham liked his message from God, when he was told to sacrifice his son. But God was testing both of us! God was also making us stronger.

There are still two major topics in life to be addressed, prior to publishing the new book. One is a major release of scientific information of the new theory across the U.S.A. The second is starting an evangelical ministry.

Author of new book is a Chemistry graduate (B.S. 1971/M.S. 1978) of Texas A&M (A&I) in Kingsville, TX. He also attended S.A.C. in San Antonio. He has additional hours at SWTSU, Texas Tech U., Boston College, Westinghouse PWR. He has worked at Texas Uranium Operations as Chief Chemist, at South Texas Nuclear Project as Nuclear Chemist during pre-startup, and retired from City of Houston where he was in charge of Technical Services Section of Bureau of Air Quality Control. Owner of BAKER'S BOOKS is also the author of *God's Amazing Answer To Prayer*, in 2012.

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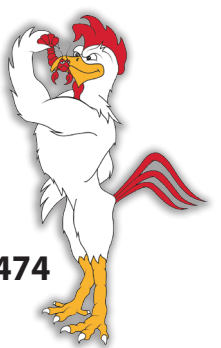


Kathy's Shrimp Boil

from 5-9pm
(every Friday) for \$10.50 lb
includes corn and potato
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