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Lions get set for 81st Carnival

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Members of the Orange Lions Club young and old, with help from neighboring Lions and Orange County Jail trustees, created a beehive of activity at Lions Den Park the last couple of weekends.

They're all getting ready to open the 81st Annual Lions Club Charity Carnival for two four-day weeks beginning March 30.

"We're glad to be able to open back up after the pandemic. I know the citizens of Orange missed it," Grover Roberts III, carnival co-chairman, said.

It will run from Wednesday, March 30 through Saturday, April 2, then from Wednesday, April 6 through Saturday, April 9.

Gates are open from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays. Families and Friends

Day is Saturday, April 2, with gates open from 4 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Gates are open from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

The Lions actually held a carnival last June and July but it was hardly normal. After COVID-19 totally wiped out the 2020 carnival and hurricanes wreaked havoc with the previous several carnivals held per tradition in the fall, last summer's carnival was three weeks long with a lot of social distancing.

And attendance was not up to previous years.

"It's just way too hot [in the summer]," said Pam Honeycutt, longtime carnival co-chairman.

"We have some die-hards who'll always come out, eat a hamburger, play Bingo and ride the rides. But I felt like after last year's carnival was over, 'We're not going to go back to the summertime."

"I don't think there's any-
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Jo Ann Waguespack, left, Cathy Brittain, Carmen Lucia and GERALYN VINE gather round the St. Joseph Altar at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Orange.
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Altar honors St. Joseph, people of Ukraine

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

A tradition dating back to the Middle Ages in Christianity has a legacy of its own in Orange.

However, last weekend at St. Mary's Catholic Church, a group of women and men gave the Feast of St. Joseph and its attendant St. Joseph Altar a new twist.

"This year, because of the suffering in Ukraine, we've dedicated the altar to the efforts for peace," Cathy Blanda Brittain said.

She pointed out a framed icon of "Our Mother of Perpetual Help," a depiction of



The men and women who have cooked and provided for the St. Joseph Altar at Orange's St. Mary's Catholic Church for 25 years dedicated this year's altar to efforts for peace in Ukraine and made a centerpiece of "Our Mother of Perpetual Help," a centuries-old depiction of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus.

the Blessed Virgin Mary and baby Jesus.

Brittain said many in the congregation had observed videos in recent days of Ukrainians, their cities and homes demolished by attacking Russian missiles, bombs and tanks, praying before similar "Mother of Perpetual Help" iconography.

"We all agreed to a little smattering of sunflowers (Ukraine's national flower) and her this year as a special intention for peace in Ukraine," GERALYN BLANDA VINE said, glancing at the gold-framed "Mother of Per-

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New subdivisions paved by EDC grants

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Long-range planning and steady investments with economic development grants have helped the city of Orange to attract developers to build new subdivisions for single-family houses.

The city had been landlocked for a number of years to allow for new large subdivisions, but decisions made by voters and the Orange City Council 20 years ago have opened new it up for new construction.

In 2002, voters approved the city applying a special half-cent per dollar sales tax to be used specifically for economic development. The state has rules and restrictions on how the money can be used. Expenditures include paying for the city to build water and sewer lines to areas without the services.

The council, under Mayor Brown Claybar, with Sam Kittrell as acting city manager, began annexing a large

area into Little Cypress months after the EDC tax was approved.

Then, in the past 12 years, the city council, under City Manager Shawn Oubre, set a goal of extending water and sewer services all along Allie Payne Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Mayors Jimmie Sims and Larry Spears have also presided over the long-range investments.

The city's Economic Development Corporation in 2013 spent nearly \$700,000 to put new water and sewer lines westward from Meeks Drive along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive toward the new First Baptist Church. The church agreed to spend \$150,000 for the project.

Another EDC investment included \$660,000 in 2015 to extend water and sewer services westward along Allie Payne Road west of Meeks Drive.

The city's first EDC grant
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Zack's drive-in 'The Living End...You Dig?'

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Don't blame YouTube and TikTok for foolish foods and dangerous stunts. Decades before the internet, teenagers in Orange butted their heads on 'Stop' signs and drank Cokes with dill pickle juice. Blame it on Zack's.

Zack's drive-in during the 1950s and into the 1960s, it was the gathering place for teenagers. The restaurant was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Zack Jacobs on the West Orange side of MacArthur

Drive.

But it wasn't the youth that brought the first community notoriety to Zack's. In a 1981 interview, the Jacobs recalled having female carhops wear halter tops and shorts. Some churches complained. However, it was the complaints from sunburned carhops that led them to drop the uniforms.

The couple settled on carhop uniforms that included long, black pants that had a gold stripe down each leg.

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First 'Emergency Services District' elections reset

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Like volunteer firemen extinguishing a structure fire, the state of Texas doused the first-ever Orange County Emergency Services Districts directors' election.

It was set to be held May 7 along with city, school and county commission elec-

tions.

But Texas Secretary of State John B. Scott said no.

It will have to wait for November 8.

"The Secretary of State told us that under Election Code 41001, a county cannot order an election in May of an even-numbered year," Orange County Elections Administrator Donna Alford

said.

"They decided to do the election in November."

An Emergency Services District, as defined by 1987 state law, is a local government agency created by a vote of the public to provide fire protection and/or emergency medical service in usually unincorporated areas of a county.

More than 300 ESDs exist in Texas.

The county government, as well as that of any municipality in a proposed ESD, must OK the creation of an ESD, then taxpayers in the ESD must vote for its creation.

Orange County's ESD 1 is also known as the Vidor Volunteer Fire Department;

ESD 2 Bridge City Volunteer Fire & Rescue; ESD 3 Little Cypress Fire & Rescue; and ESD 4 is Mauriceville Volunteer Fire Department.

Each one is a taxing entity, just like school districts and the county.

The difference is each takes only a small bite.

ESD 1's tax rate is 10 cents per \$100 value on taxable

real property, the highest rate allowable for ESDs.

ESD 2's rate is 9.4 cents, ESD 3's rate is 6 cents and ESD 4's is 3 cents.

ESDs in Orange County are overseen by a five-person board of directors that have in the past been appointed to office by the Orange County

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Bridge City Early Voting location changes

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For The Record

The Early Voting location for the May 7 city and school board elections in the southern end of Orange County will be the Bridge City ISD Administration Building, 1031 W. Roundbunch Road in Bridge City.

As has been the case for many years, the county has offered four early voting sites and any county resident may vote at any of those sites. However, those waiting to vote on the official Election Day must cast their ballot at the polling box listed on a person's voter registration card.

Early voting is from April 25-29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again May 2-3 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The other three sites for early voting are the same as

they were for the March 1 Texas Primary Election:

Orange Public Library, 220 N 5th Street, Orange 77630; Mauriceville Community Center, 7441 Cohenour Road, Orange 77632; and Raymond Gould Community Center, 385 Claiborne St., Vidor, 77662.

The County Airport has been used as an early voting location for the Bridge City area in March and November county elections.

Originally, the May 7 election was to also include elections for county Emergency Services District boards but that has been rescheduled until November.

The May 7 election will include two bond elections for the Bridge City school district and a state constitutional amendment election to raise school districts' homestead exemp-

tions to \$40,000 from \$25,000.

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220 N. 5th St., Orange 77630

Mauriceville Community Center
7441 Cohenour Road, Orange 77632

Bridge City ISD Administration Building
1031 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City 77611

Raymond Gould Community Center
385 Claiborne, Vidor 77662

Polls open:
April 25-29 (Mon - Fri) 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
May 2-3 (Mon - Tues) 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

I WONDER

CARL PARKER
For The Record



Carl Parker has practiced law in Port Arthur since 1958. He is a 1958 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976.

and restricted ways to vote.

I also wonder why it is that so many in Texas claim to be pro-life and constantly state their concerns about saving the unborn but seem to totally ignore the fact our state is among the leaders in deaths connected to childbirth and runs first or second in the number of children without adequate health care. I also wonder why, if we care so much about children, why the state has repeatedly ignored court orders to take better care of dependent children.

If anyone knows the answers to these questions, please contact me because I would really like to know. My email address is cap1934@aol.com.

West Orange holds city clean-up

The City of West Orange will hold its Spring Clean-up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 22-23.

Residents are asked to unload and place debris into dumpsters that will be located behind the West Orange Fire Department, 2700 Western Ave.

Appliances, furniture, metal and green waste will be accepted, but must be brought to the drop site.

The city will be unable to make arrangements for any special pickups.

No hazardous materials, tires, batteries, paint, etc., will be accepted. Normal household waste will not be accepted.

Any items containing Freon must be drained and tagged by individuals certified to do the work.

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EDS elections reset From Page 1

Commissioners Court.

They serve four-year terms and are not paid.

"Sen. [Robert] Nichols wants ESDs to be elected in areas where they have taxing authority. They all have the ability [to tax] but they don't all do it," County Judge John Gothia said.

"As it is now, it really amounts to taxation without representation. They need to be an elected board instead of an appointed board."

Nichols, Orange County's representative in the State Senate, co-sponsored the bill to make the change in last year's 87th Texas Legislature along with State Rep. Will Metcalf of Conroe.

Because Orange County's rep in the Texas House, Dade Phelan of Beaumont, was serving as Speaker of the House, he was not permitted to sponsor legislation. Metcalf acted as his surrogate when it came to introducing bills.

The legislation, known as House Bill 2494, passed both houses of the Legislature unanimously last spring and was signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott on May 24, 2021.

It also abolished the policy in Orange County ESDs of having directors elected by geographic districts within the ESDs' jurisdiction.

All seats will be at-large, meaning all voters living in an ESD have a vote for every board seat. That was to encourage more people to run for board seats, said Angus Lupton of Sen. Nichols' staff.

According to Sam Taylor of the Secretary of State's Office, Texas Health and Safety Code 775.0345(h) dictates the way November's first-ever election will progress to reach a system of staggered

terms, where two to three directors of each ESD will be elected in each even-numbered year beginning in 2024.

This November, all members who wish to remain on an ESD board will be on the ballot along with newcomers seeking to join the board.

The top five vote-getters will be considered elected. The two directors who received the fewest votes serve a term that expires on Dec. 31 of 2024, while the other directors serve terms that expire on Dec. 31 of 2026, the fourth year after November's election.

According to a history of ESD 1 on its website, the Vidor Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1952, with J.C. Arnold its first chief.

ESD 2 in Bridge City celebrates its founding date as 1953, with Archie Calhoun its first fire chief.

Charlotte Schexnider Chissom reports in her book "The History of Prairie View and Bridge City" that the Bridge City Volunteer Fire Department originally was a division of the Bridge City Civil Defense Unit, which was created to help the community shelter against possible atomic bomb attacks during the Cold War.

Bridge City's firefighters were recognized as Orange County Rural Fire Prevention District 1 by the Orange County Commissioners Jan. 9, 1968, according to research of county court minutes by County Clerk Brandy Robertson.

Vidor's Volunteer Fire Department was recognized as RFPD 2 by Commissioners on Jan. 15, 1972.

What are currently ESD 3 and ESD 4, started as RFPD 3

in 1973 and RFPD 4 in 1974, respectively.

The Vidor district was the first in Orange County to be converted to an emergency services district, under the 1987 Texas Health and Security Code, in 1993. Thus it is ESD 1.

And Bridge City's fire services, formerly RFPD 1, became ESD 2 in 1994.

The conversion of RFPD 3 (Little Cypress) and RFPD 4 (Mauriceville) to ESD 3 and ESD 4 was not noted in minutes of court meetings, Robertson said.

But Rural Fire Protection Districts were last mentioned in the minutes in January of 2004 and ESD 3 and ESD 4 were referenced for the first time in March 2004 minutes, Robertson said.



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Zack's drive-in 'you dig?' From Page 1

Teenagers in a variety of cars, often belonging to their fathers, would stop for a Coke to be seen. Or, they might circle around the driveway to see who was there. MacArthur Drive had a traffic circle at the end, making it even easier to "circle the drag" and make a round at Zack's.

The girls primped their hair and the boys would dare each other in stunts. Lots of pranks were pulled.

The late West Orange Police Chief Tony Taylor once recalled having to keep a watch over the traffic and the stunts. He said he saw boys running on foot full force to ram their heads into a stop sign.

MacArthur Drive also had Jim's and Drake's, while Simmons Drive had Elmers, but it was Zack's that attracted the most teen traffic. It was not necessarily good for business.

In a 1981 interview, Zack Jacobs talked about how the teenagers drove away adults and families. And the teenagers weren't big spenders. Mrs. Jacobs said teens would order a Coke for a dime and sometimes share it. Then they would stay for a long time.

And maybe that's how the pickle Coke was created. Boredom and a dare. One time in the mid-1960s at Zacks, someone ordered Coca-Cola with pickle juice. A cherry Coke with maraschino juice was common and popular. The pickle Coke took over the town. Some now senior citizens remember asking for an olive Coke with green olive juice.

Mrs. Jacobs in the 1980s remembered kids also asking



Vintage scene of 1950's era drive-in restaurant.

for chocolate syrup in their Cokes. Tales have also been repeated about guys parking in the back of the drive-in restaurant and bringing spirits with them for their Coke.

By the late 1960s, the Jacobs built an indoor restaurant next to the drive-in and served the same kinds of foods. The drive-in was abandoned and the demolished in 1981. The Jacobs operated the restaurant until 1992, after his death.

The MacArthur Drive restaurant wasn't the first for the Jacobs. Their first Zack's Whop-a-Burger (before the first Burger King opened) was a walk-up stand on Second Street. They sold the first corn dogs in Orange, hand-dipped and fried.

The walk-up stand was off Green Avenue and was built soon after World War II, before Interstate 10 was constructed. The highway bridge into Louisiana was at the end of Green. The stand attracted shipyard workers, travelers, residents from the nearby neighborhoods of Gilmer

Homes and Riverside along Simmons Drive.

The stand stayed open for 25 years before burning.

The Jacobs moved to Orange in 1938 after Mr. Jacobs got a job at the Grove nightclub in "East Orange, Louisiana." The Louisiana side of the Sabine River Bridge on Green Avenue drew a variety of nightclubs with entertainment and gambling. The Grove was the largest.

Mrs. Jacobs in 1992 said her husband took a defense job during World War II to build ships at Levinston. She said he was a welder, even though "he didn't know beans about it." He complained about getting eye burns.

When the war ended he started his restaurant business. Mrs. Jacobs was 83 when her husband died. She leased the restaurant in 1992 and moved to be with her daughter. The restaurant building has been gone for more than a decade.

St. Joseph's altar From Page 1

petual Help."

It was the 22nd annual "Labor of Love" by the church members who joined to create the St. Joseph Altar and accompanying meal.

Nearly two dozen women and half that many men were up early Saturday putting on the finishing touches for Sunday's feast.

The Feast of St. Joseph is an Italian tradition that began in Sicily to honor St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and patron saint of the needy, for answering prayers by bringing rain to end a Middle Ages famine.

The altar is an elaborate series of tables covered in breads, cakes, cookies, fruits and nuts, flowers, figurines and icons.

The meal is "traditional Italian," Vine said, "things like fried eggplant casserole, roasted artichoke salad and bread, Italian white bread and herbed bread."

And, according to tradition, leftovers are shared with those less fortunate.

Vine says not all of those helping out are members at St. Mary's, and not all of them are members of the Blanda and Lucia families.

It just sort of seems like it.



Members of the Knight of Columbus help with cooking and preparation of the annual St. Joseph's Feast at Orange's St. Mary's Church. Felix Anderson fries eggplant for the Sunday, March 20 meal.

When Vine and Brittain were growing up, many Catholic families in Orange set up St. Joseph Altars in their family homes. They are supposed to bring good fortune.

Bonnie Backer, among those helping Saturday, had a photo of her parents, Mickey and Mary Blanda, in front of the St. Joseph Altar in the home she grew up in.

Brittain has been heading up the St. Joseph's Day celebration since 2017.

Carmen Lucia is in charge of altar decorations, Vine heads up the cookie detail,

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Glenda Lucia and Margaret Duchamp are in charge of meals, Jo Ann Waguespack heads up the servers and Johnny Lucia is in charge of facilities.

The Knights of Columbus men "do the cooking, under Glenda's direction," Vine said.

Preparation begins almost a month prior to the meal, preparing the dough. Cooking began Friday.

"It takes a village," Carmen Lucia said.

"It's a large community effort," Vine said. "It's a tradition."

New subdivisions in county From Page 1

was made in 2004 and soon after, the city began paying for water and sewer lines within city limits along Highway 87 South toward Bridge City.

A decade ago, ITEX developers built two apartment complexes and began the Cypresswood Village subdivision for single-family houses on land north of Highway 87 South and west of FM 105, the area where water and sewer lines were extended.

The first phase of Cypresswood Village has already been filled and Phase II has started. That area is around a semi-circle off FM 105 (Orangefield Road) and has lots for 41 houses. Four are currently being built by DSLD

Homes.

The Cypresswood Village area is across Highway 87 South from where acreage has been cleared for a possible new Chevron-Phillips chemical plant.

On Allie Payne Road nearly 30 years ago, six houses were built along Mallard Lake west of Velma Jeter Homes. Now, four more along the lake are under construction by D.R. Horton. More land along the lake has been cleared.

D.R. Horton's website is also advertising to build homes in Oak Allie. Businessman David Hinds has the city go-ahead for Oak Allie, which will have 16 two-story houses built in the clas-

sic New Orleans style.

DSLSD and D.R. Horton are large corporations specializing in residential construction. D.R. Horton touts itself as the "largest homebuilding by volume in the United States." (Earlier this month, several lawsuits were filed against D.R. Horton in Louisiana accusing the company of not building houses suited to the Louisiana climate.)

Currently, land is being cleared for the Little Cypress Grove subdivision off Martin Luther King Jr. Drive west of Little Cypress Junior High. The subdivision, according to city records, is 28.42 acres and will include 97 lots for houses.

St. Mary Spring Festival set for April 23rd

St. Mary Catholic School will be holding their Family Fun Spring Festival on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 9 a.m. at 2600 Bob Hall Road in Orange. There will be delicious food, games, music, entertainment and opportunities to win valuable prizes.

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From The Creaux's Nest

PUTIN CONTINUES TO INFLICT DEATH ON UKRAINIANS

When and how will it end? Western officials and analysts say the conflict is turning into a grinding war of attrition, with Russian president Vladimir Putin's forces using air power and artillery to pulverize cities from a distance. Russia's invasion has driven over 3.5 million people from Ukraine. Those who have made it out of Mariupol told of a devastated city. There are no buildings there anymore. The pre-war population of Mariupol was around 430,000. Around a quarter were believed to have left in the opening days. Many others were killed. Putin continues to find support among some in the United States. The 'man with a thousand faces,' Tucker Carlson, as late as Monday night on his FOX show, was claiming that Ukraine is not a democracy. He also claimed that Putin had never done anything to hurt him personally. Late last week, two FOX journalist were killed by the Russians, despite wearing signs that they were the Press. A standstill in this war will eventually destroy the countries infrastructure. I don't believe the Ukrainians will ever give up, even if the Russians kill President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Putin will have to be held as a War Criminal. My bet is he rolled the dice and lost, despite the destruction of Ukraine

REMEMBERING "BUSTER" SCALES

James B. "Buster" Scales, age 93, passed away on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2022. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 23, 2:00 p.m. at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. I had known Buster and his brother Harold since 1953 and also their dad Burlie, who I believe was the post master at the time. Buster and his wife Sybil raised a houseful of youngsters and I'm proud to have known most of them. I especially valued the friendship of Jimmy and Donna. Jimmy died in 2017 from an accident with a lawn mower. Buster was the kind of guy you would like when you first met him. He was a jack-of-all-trades and was an okay guy to ride the range with. Condolences to his large family and many friends. His obituary tells his story so please read it. May he rest in peace.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 15 Years Ago-2007

Four years ago this week, 2003, the United States invaded Iraq. It should have been a cakewalk, however, our leaders were so incompetent that they let our troops stand around and watched the people loot the entire country. The boys laughed at how much stuff those Iraqi people could stack on their backs, heads, and in hand drawn carts. They emptied every palace, government building, stores and gun shops. Our troops cheered as Saddam's statue was toppled. The U.S. just gave them the run of the country. A short time later President Bush landed on the aircraft carrier and declared victory. In a 'how tough we are' statement, the President declared, "Bring them on." They were stupid enough to believe we had really won. Four years later, 3,220 soldiers have been killed, 298 from Texas, 69 from Southeast Texas. Texas has sent 160,000 active duty and 23,161 National Guard and Reservists since mission accomplished. We were sorry to hear of the death of Myrtle Susan Granger, 94, who passed away March 13. Her services were held March 16. She was a beautiful, petite lady, full of energy and always had a big smile. Among her off springs were grandsons, Cal Stakes, Jr. and Marc Carter. That should tell you what an interesting life this fun lady had. Well, I'm still in the hunt for the final four. I led with my heart in putting Texas in the mix for the finals but I was certain they would make the final 16. USC, from the git-go, smoked them out. Kevin Durant, 6 feet, 9 inch freshman, scored 30 points, with 9 rebounds in the 87-68 game. The rest of the Texas team fell short however. Durant hasn't decided if he will get in the draft but the Boston Celtics have been fined \$30,000 by the NBA for contacting Durant's family. The good news is that Texas A&M, for the first time, has made the final 16. They meet Memphis in San Antonio Thursday. If they win, they will likely meet one of my picks, Ohio State, Kansas and Oregon, my other picks, are still in. Wilford 'Crazy Ray' Jones, 76, Cowboy super fan cheerleader, died Saturday, March 17. The fans loved him in his western outfit. Happy birthday this week to our special, beautiful friend Carol Emerson, who celebrated March 19. Glenn Close turns 60, and Bruce Willis, 52, on the same day. Rosie O'Donnell turns 45 on March 21. Zsa Zsa Gabor's husband, Prince Fredric Von Anhalt, has sued Bill O'Reilly for defamation of character. Bill called him a 'fraud' for claiming he could be the father of Anna Nicole Smith's baby. The Prince is seeking at least \$10 million in damages. O'Reilly hurt his pride by insinuating that the Prince didn't have it in him to make a baby. I look for that baby situation to be settled this week with DNA. I don't believe the Prince will be the dad. Tom DeLay has a new book out, "No Retreat, No Surrender." In it, he burns some of his friends for not having the guts to follow through with taking over the country. DeLay's plan, through redistricting, would have made the US a dictatorship. It's a good thing he was stopped because the United States would have been in total control

of the neocons. Doug Harrington and Owen Hebert have both become interested in wild hogs. Their argument is that we have cow, buffalo, goat and sheep cheese, why not pig cheese. Pigs are not ruminants (with four stomach digestion tracts) they don't produce the acids that give the other animal cheese its distinctive flavor. Sows milk wouldn't taste very good either but what I'm wondering is who is going to hold that wild, 700 pound sow for someone to milk her. Matt Bryant came by the Creaux's Nest where he, Roy and Mark had a nice visit. This week, Matt will try to get in a little baseball hitting with the Cardinal team. Sunday he will fly back to Clearwater, Florida for the Legends baseball game between the major league old timers and the celebrities. Matt will be paired with former major leaguer Boggs for the Home-run Derby before the game. Ironically, last year Matt was given a bat with the number 62 printed on it. Later, in the football season he kicked his record 62-yard field goal. Matt is also coaching his stepson's little league team in Tampa Bay. He is in the second year of a five-year contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Matt is a member of the 1992 Bridge City baseball team that played in the state championship game. The team will be honored Saturday before the 2:00 p.m. Bridge City game. Coach Chuck Young and most of the players are expected to attend. Billy Bryant, Matt's brother, is the Cardinal head baseball coach. His dad, Casey, was Bridge City's first coach in 1956 and his mom, Mary, is on the school board. Matt and his two brothers Kim and Billy starred in high school in both baseball and football. Kim was selected to the All State baseball team. Matt went into football. His two brothers were baseball standouts at McNeese.

40 Years Ago-1977

Jim Austin announces the association of Houston Baker with the Jim Austin Olds-Cadillac-Toyota on IH-10. McDaniel's Liquor holds a grand opening. Specials: Old Charter, fifth \$5.39; Old Taylor, fifth \$4.59; Jim Bean, fifth \$4.29; Budweiser, 6-12 oz. Cans \$1.39; Pabst, 12-12 oz. Cans \$2.49; Buckhorn, 6-12oz. Cans \$1.15. Uncle Jim 'The Fisherman' McKay at his 92nd birthday party held at the Opportunity Valley News, was visited by Raymond Prater, 91. The two old gentlemen shared stories about life before the turn of the century and the early 1900's. Baxter fired again. This time by John Hicks at KLVJ. Bax made \$50,000 a year and was one of the highest paid disc jockeys in the country but claims to have brought in over \$1 million in advertisement the last nine years. The good old boys at Courtesy Pontiac are Ken Hughes, Don Jones and Terry Morton. Rhonda Beeson turns ten this week. Kay Morlis also has a birthday and Janet Hall will turn three on March 28. Jesse Dupuis, who was burned in a Texaco explosion, has been taken off the critical list. James Rowe also burned is still listed as critical. Bobby Hoosier, a burn victim in John Sealy Hospital, is in need of blood donors. (Editor's note; all three of these guys recovered after much time and have lived productive lives. Attorney Cimon Campbell is president of the Orange County Bar Association. Terri Pasternak, known for her jewelry creations, will have a trunk showing at Scofield's of Orange on 10th Street. A group of entertainers got together for a gig at the home of Roy and Phyllis Dunn. Bax, using his smoking pipe as a microphone, put on a six-hour show. Jimmy Carlisle performed two sets, Don Jacobs sang most of the songs that he has written including, 'Stamp Broke Henry,' 'Leave Wella Nuff Alone,' and a song about Sheriff Moore, who had a daughter named Less. Another song was about Harold Beeson's ex wife, and his latest, The 'Legend of Roy Dunn.' Vickie Cash and Dennis Hall entertained with their guitars. Everyone else pitched in with songs. Pat Doguet has started childcare center, training for per-schoolers. Bridge City baseballers win John J. Certa Tournament. Jim Shaw and David Jones named to the All Tourney Team. Kim Bryant named MVP. In Track Rusty Purifoy and Toney Mulholland placed first and second in the 880-yard dash. Charlotte Marks wins girl's 880 for the Cardinals. Renee Romero turns 17 on March 23. Wade Gillis also celebrates a birthday.

50 Years Ago-1972

The first Opportunity Valley Newspaper was published on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, 1971. Last week, in 1972, the O.V.N. celebrated its first anniversary. The front page of that paper featured a picture of Steve Worster and his 14-year-old brother Gary arm wrestling. Also inside is a full page interview with Steve from high school, University of Texas and Canadian football, about his speed and running style. Steve said, "I run 4.7 in the 40 when I'm in shape, out of shape 4.9. According to the pros, they could care less, they say I have quickness off the start. There are probably not three fullbacks in the league who can run better than 4.8." Judge Eugene R. Hoyt has withdrawn from the race for 163rd District Court because of ill health. Hoyt is in a Houston hospital. His action leaves Judge Fred Trimble unopposed. Hoyt was appointed to the 163rd District Court bench by Gov. John Connally in Sept. of 1963. He was elected to the post in 1964. Hoyt was defeated by Trimble in 1968. He was also an unsuccessful write-in-candidate for John Dowdy's second congressional district seat. Hoyt has practiced law in Orange County since 1952. John Ford was appointed constable of Pct. 2 by Commissioners Court to fulfill the unexpired term of his brother, Louis O. Ford, Jr., who was killed in the line of duty on January 31, 1971. John Ford, 35, is running to keep the constable position. He and Geraldine have three children, Vickie, 13, John, 10 and Mark, 8. Ford is a native of Port Arthur and 1955 Thomas Jefferson graduate. He is an employee of Dupont Sabine River Works. J.O. Joe Davis is a candidate for mayor of Bridge City. Davis is 45-years-old. He and wife Geneva have four sons, Jay, Joe, James and John. Davis is employed at E.I. Fupont.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Spotted indulging in spicy, boiled crawfish at High Tides Friday afternoon was pretty Morgan Shaw, Collin Gros and his brother Sean. Morgan was on spring break from Dallas; Sean was in from College Station. They gave the crawfish high marks. I had been out of honey for some time but thankfully our friend Phillip Welch has resupplied me. I spoke to him several times since he delivered it to our office in Orange but Mark had neglected to bring it to me. Thanks Phillip, I'll enjoy it even more after the wait. Speaking of stuff to put on pancakes, here's a new one on me. Mark's daughter Jenna and her family, who live on a 72 acre farm in north Massachusetts, raise animals, produce and most interesting to me, they bleed Maple trees for sap. This can only be done in very cold

weather. This winter they made 100 gallons of Maple juice that will be used to make syrup and other items. Once the weather gets warm they turn the spickets off. Speaking of Mark, he was concerned about the wildfires in Eastland County. He has taken a lot of photographs around Rising Star where the Dunn clan was raised. His grandfather Clay, great-grandparents, great aunts and uncles are all buried there in Sipe Springs cemetery. I asked Keith Wallace if they were taking spring break this year. Keith said, "No, that Logan wouldn't allow it because my production was below par." Here's a suggestion I'll pass on. I heard a doctor say if you are 60 or older and have had COVID you should visit a cardiologist. I recommend Gulf Coast Cardiology. Chances are you will see someone you know. I've never been to Dr. Morbia that I didn't run into one of the home folks. I've always enjoyed baseball since I played it as a youngster. I've been watching Bridge City High School baseball about 60 years. I don't recall a bad B.C. team. I remember in 1965, Steve Worster was the catcher for the Cardinals, Joe Langston the pitcher. In a game being played at Stark High West End Baseball Field, I visited with a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals. He was looking for a big catcher and first baseman. The catcher however was headed to Longhorn football the following year. Speaking of Bridge City baseball, Jacob Lemoine, Bridge City 2012 grad, is currently pitching for the Oakland Athletics in MLB Spring training as a non-roster invitee. He's expected to begin the year in Triple-A with the Las Vegas Aviators. Also, 2015 grad, Chase Shugart, coming off a successful winter in the Puerto Rican Winter League is expected to begin the year pitching for the Portland Sea Dogs, Double-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. Good luck to both of these fine lads.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

March 23: Celebrating are Kenneth Kemp, Lance Eads, Kurt Haggard, Chad Gearhart, Natalie Sarvar, Tiffany Smith, Helen Clark and Euel Norwood. March 24: Hannah Drane, Coach Joseph Blanda, Matt Hanson and Dr. Grant Kimbrough. March 25: Katie Birdwell, Matt Thompson, Warren Claybar. March 26: Karen Bozman, Sherry Stevens and Christy Day. March 27: Jordan Harper, Dale Forse and Jane Scherer. March 28: Garrett Gros, Dorothy Keith, Lindsey Peoples, Steve Holland. March 29: Julie Walker Kaydee Wingate, Al Granger and Julie Norwood Happy Birthday to All.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

March 23: Blogger Parez Hilton, turns 44; Country Singer Brett Eldridge, 36; Actress Keri Russell, 46; R&B Singer Chaka Khan, 48. March 24: Football Player Payton Manning, 48; Actors Jim Parsons, 49; Alyson Hannifin, 48. March 25: Rock Singer Elton John, 75; Race Car Driver Danica Patrick, 40; Actress Sarah Jessica Parker, 57. March 26: Soul Singer Diana Ross, 78; Rock Singer Steven Tyler, 74; Country Singer Kenny Chesney, 54. March 27: Pop Singer Mariah Carey, 52; Director Quentin Tarantino, 59; Singer Fergie, 47. March 28: Pop Singer Lady Gaga, 36; Country Singer Reba McEntire, 67; Movie Actor Vince Vaughn, 62. March 29: Model Elle Macpherson, 58; Actors Lucy Lawless, 54; Scott Wilson, 80.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Miss Agnes Comeaux, da organist at St. Mary's, in her 80's now had never been married, her. Everybody loved Ms. Agnes and admired her for her sweetness and kindness to all. Father Guillory him, was a new pastor dat had just arrived as the pastor of St. Mary's. He went around the community, getting acquainted and visiting his church members. One afternoon father Guillory came calling on Miss Agnes. She showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited da pastor to have a seat while she made dem a cup of Community Coffee.

As he sat facing Miss Agnes' old Hammond organ, da young priest noticed a cutglass bowl sitting on top of it. Da bowl was filled wit water and in da water floated, of all tings, a condom.

Miss Agnes returned wit da coffee and some of her famous sugar cookies, den dey began to chat. Father Guillory tried to ignore his curiosity about da bowl of water and it's strange floater.

Soon however, it got da better of him and he jus couldn't resist no longer him. "Miss Agnes," he said, pointing to da bowl, "I wonder if you would tell me about dis?"

"Oh Father," she replied, "Ain't it wonderful." "I was walking through da park me, last spring and I found dis little package on da ground. Da directions said to place it on da organ, keep it wet and dat it would prevent da spread of disease. You know father, I haven't had da flu, not even a cold all winter, me."

C'EST TOUT

Historical Nominee for Supreme Court

The confirmation hearing for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson got underway Monday. The first Black woman nominated to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Jackson is expected to face opposition and criticism from Texas U.S. senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz. Judge Jackson has been through three confirmation hearings for Federal Judicial positions. The GOP Texas senators did not support her nomination then and neither will do so now. Sen. Cory Booker, a Black senator from New Jersey, said, "It's never happened before. The senate is poised right now to break another barrier. We are on the precipice of shattering another ceiling." The hearing continued with questions for the Judge on Tuesday and Wednesday. No judge has ever been nominated for the Supreme Court that has had more experience than Judge Jackson. She has written more than 570 decisions. If confirmed this will be a landmark achievement in our nation's history. President Joe Biden had promised to nominate a Black woman to the court. "It's the right thing to do, said the President. Let us hear from you, also check us out on the web. Take care and God bless.



Deaths & Memorials

Elvin Fuselier, Sr., 78, Bridge City

Elvin Fuselier, Sr., 78, of Bridge City, passed away on March 14, 2022, at his home in Bridge City.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Jack Comer. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Mamou, Louisiana, on June 2, 1943, he was the son of Wedry Fuselier and Irene Guillory. Elvin was a dedicated member to his church, Circle Drive Baptist Church, for several years. He worked in the oil and gas industry as a pipe fitter for local union 195. Elvin was very well travelled as he got to work all over the world. He loved working so much he considered it his hobby and stayed working until he was 75. Elvin played the guitar and loved old westerns, he was a true cowboy at heart. He could be stubborn but that never stopped him from making



Elvin Fuselier

friends as he knew everyone. He was truly loved by everyone and will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wedry Fuselier and Irene Guillory; son, Ray Fuselier; grandson, Jeffery Caillier; and siblings, Tony Fuselier, Robert Fuselier, Richard Fuselier, Terry Fuselier, Elaine Marceaux, and Diane Wright.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Amalia Fuselier; children, Joey Fuselier and wife Donnakay Fuselier, Melanie Howard and husband Steve, Josh Fuselier, Katina Fuselier; grandchildren, Magan Inman, Samantha Caillier, Trae Fuselier, Amber Harwood, Kandace Rash, Jessica Tallant Jacob Fuselier, Sandra Hebert, Steven Howard; great-grandchildren, Samuel Garcia, Gracie Renshaw, Emma Heber, Brooke Harwood, Bailey Harwood, Melody Hebert, Wyatt Caillier, Andie Fuselier, Marion Howard, Elliot Rash, Lucy Rash. Serving as pallbearers will be Joey Fuselier, Trae Fuselier, Josh Fuselier, Steven Howard, Jacob Fuselier, and Ricky LaFleur.

James B. "Buster" Scales, Bridge City

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26

James B. "Buster" Scales lived as a man of faith dedicated to his family and the community. He was a son, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a laborer, an entrepreneur, a preacher and so much more.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Keith Royal. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Buster was born in Ballinger, Texas, to James Burlie and Clarice Scales on October 13, 1928 and passed away on March 17, 2022. He graduated from Lutchter Stark High School in 1946. After graduation Buster joined the US Army as World War II came to a close serving as a member of the Allied occupation forces in Japan. He married Sybil Goulas on March 9, 1951 at St. James in Port Arthur, Texas. Throughout their 54 years of marriage, they enjoyed traveling all over the United States as well as overseas.

Buster worked at Texaco's Port Arthur refinery from 1951 to 1984 in a variety of positions, eventually promoted to field engineer.



James Scales

In 1969 he established his own company - Scales Portable Buildings in Bridge City. This endeavor called for him to expand his already impressive list of skills and became a master electrician.

Buster served as a deacon and then a preacher for Grace Communion International Church. During the last 20 years of his life, he enjoyed making wine and mead for his friends and family, working in his garden and visiting with family and friends.

James B. Scales is preceded in death by his wife, Sybil Scales; parents, James B. Scales Jr. and Clarice Laxon Scales; son, James B. "Jimmy" Scales III; and siblings, Ralph Scales and Joan Dodson.

He is survived by his brother, Harold Scales, his children and their spouses, John H. Scales (Brenda), Christy Gonzales (Jesse), Cyndie Chauvin (Vance), Susan Scales (Gail), Kendall Scales (Lisa), Nancy Biri (Lonny), Jodie Van Chau (Andrew), and his daughter-in-law, Donna Scales, as well as 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be John H. Scales Jr., Jerrid Scales, Rory Scales, Jordan Gonzales, Ethan Biri, Bryan Chauvin and Drew Van Chau.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance, 200 W. Round Bunch Road, Bridge City, TX 77611.

St. Mary Spring Festival set for April 23rd

St. Mary Catholic School will be holding their Family Fun Spring Festival on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 9 a.m. at 2600 Bob Hall Road in Orange.

There will be delicious food, games, music, entertainment and opportunities to win valuable prizes.

There are opportunities for sponsorships to promote yourself or your business. For more information please call 409-883-8913.



Craig Darby with the Little Cypress Lions brings tent stakes to set up the club's tent for game booths at the Lions Club Carnival set for Wednesdays through Saturdays March 30-April 2 and April 6-9 at Orange's Lions Park. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Lions Charity Carnival From Page 1

body in the club that didn't enjoy a fall carnival, but for the last several years it seems we always have a hurricane attached to the fall."

As is always the case, heavy tractors were used this year to pull and push the heavy club-owned carnival rides and trailers into position. Tents were being raised Saturday to provide cover for the midway game booths.

"It takes weeks of planning," Roberts said. "We're very appreciative of the inmates that help and their

guards who bring them out. We're very appreciative of the Lions who are able to help us set up.

"It really is a team event. It takes a lot of participation and dedication."

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students aged 10-17 and youngsters under 10 are admitted free.

Proceeds of the carnival will be used by the Lions Club to fund club causes like the Eyeglass Bank, scholarships for youngsters to Lions Club Camp, food baskets

and their beautification tree project and the Texas Ramp Project for the wheelchair-bound.

Besides carnival rides, the event features game booths and food booths. Food choices run from hamburgers, funnel cakes, chocolate covered strawberries, popcorn, cotton candy to turkey legs, pork-a-bobs, corn dogs, nachos and popcorn balls.

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Take heed to yourselves, lest you be void of that saving grace of God which you offer to others.

I entered seminary as a naive and idealistic young man with grand designs and enormous hopes about future pastoral ministry. Between proper training and my passionate heart, nothing would stand in the way of me reaching souls for Christ — or so I thought.

I eagerly devoured every book assigned. Whether out of uncritical focus or predetermined agreement, everything I read affirmed that I was thinking correctly about what it took to succeed in ministry. I knew I was getting all I needed to be a great pastor.

Then I met Richard Baxter.

Of course, I mean the Richard Baxter who ministered in Kidderminster, England, from 1647 to 1661. That's the power of words and sentences — you can actually meet and learn from someone who has long since died. And make no mistake: although dead, he still spoke to me and challenged me in a way that fundamentally altered my ministry.

Neglecting the Christ We Preach

I remember sitting in my seminary library, eager to dive into Baxter's book *The Reformed Pastor*. All my classmates raved about it. I opened to the first chapter anticipating confirmatory words that would strengthen

how I thought about ministry. To my surprise, I was stopped dead in my reading tracks.

Take heed to yourselves, lest you be void of that saving grace of God which you offer to others, and be strangers to the effectual working of that gospel which you preach; and lest, while you proclaim to the world the necessity of a Savior, your own hearts should neglect him, and you should miss of an interest in him and his saving benefits. (17)

Baxter's words landed on me like a ton of bricks, and my heart was pierced with conviction. No one had ever challenged me to search my own heart for the very grace that I was so passionate to offer others. For the first time, I had been warned to "take heed" to my own heart for fear that I might miss out on "the effectual working of the gospel."

Covering Dullness with Ministry

As I pored over Baxter's words, it became clear to me that it was my own sanctification that was being challenged. I was still confident I was saved through faith, but

I had assumed that my desire to preach the living waters of Christ meant that I had been drinking deeply from his well. The line "Take heed . . . lest you . . . be strangers to the effectual working of that gospel which you preach" splashed upon my soul like a bucket of cold water, waking me out of the state of spiritual slumber in which I had lived and studied. I sat stunned under the weight of the power of what I had just read.

For days, Baxter's words searched me. His warning scared me. I was left facing the reality that I had become content to be in a state of grace without vigorously pursuing lively fellowship with Christ. I'd been deceived into thinking a passion for ministry was enough to sustain my heart. My youthful enthusiasm to minister to others, however, was often a front for dullness of spirit toward the sweetness of Jesus.

It had never even occurred to me to take the spiritual temperature of my own soul. I was exposed. My heart was laid bare by the penetrating words of *The Reformed Pastor*.

Second (and Inspired) Witness

Not long after reading Baxter's words, a friend of mine helped me see that Baxter was simply reiterating something the apostle Paul had said thousands of years earlier.

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:16)

I was encouraged that even Timothy, as a "man of God" (1 Timothy 6:11), needed a word of reminder to regularly consider the state of his own heart — something that I was embarrassingly failing to do. I was so focused on feeding others with the Bread of Life that I had neglected to feast on him first. Wanting so desperately to be a spiritual chef, I was starved from not being "nourished on the words of the faith" (1 Timothy 4:6 NASB). What arrogance!

Thankfully, God opened my eyes to see the pivotal nature of a pastor's personal, experiential knowledge of Christ. I was gripped tighter by the necessity of prioritizing my own spiritual well-being, seeing how my usefulness to others rests on the depth of my ongoing experience of God and his grace.

Through Baxter and Paul, God showed me that he empowers a man to be suitable to the calling of public ministry through a vibrant and ongoing walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. I discovered that doing for Christ to the neglect of being sustained by and reveling in Christ is a recipe for disaster. Without the impact of Baxter's words,

confirmed by Paul, I was surely headed for a short-lived, shallow, and graceless ministry.

Our Usefulness Depends on Delight

This reorientation changed everything for me. Instead of seeking to be a great pastor, I started seeking to be a great lover of Jesus. Knowledge of Christ and intimacy with him became the prism through which I now viewed my training, ministry, and life. Driven by Baxter's challenge, I saw that many of my heroes in ministry were mightily used of God not because they were so gifted (although many of them were gifted), but because they were so personally acquainted with the grace of Christ. They served so faithfully and fruitfully because they "had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

Friend, pastoral ministry is a high and holy calling. To serve Christ by shepherding his people and proclaiming his glorious gospel is a heavenly privilege that no man deserves. It is all of grace, and it should be pursued with fervent passion. But I want you to learn what Baxter taught me: never stop pressing on toward intimacy

with Christ and cultivating a heart saturated with his grace.

Our usefulness in ministry is inextricably tied to our delight in Christ. Don't be fooled into thinking that you can overlook the condition of your own heart and still be helpful to others. It doesn't work like that.

The gospel of Jesus we preach to others is first and foremost for us. Treasure it by treasuring him. Fuel your passion for ministry by filling your soul with gospel grace. It would be the ultimate tragedy to come to the end of your ministry only to realize that you had labored in vain because you had not mined the depths of the riches of Christ and his grace toward you.

Take heed, my friend. Take heed!

Anthony Kidd is the preaching pastor at Community of Faith Bible Church in South Gate, California. He and his wife, Sherry, have five children.

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LCM Bears, BC Lady Cards take early lead in district

OC SPORTS BEAT
DAN PERRINE
For The Record

One week into the District 22-4A baseball games the race to finish in first place is already heating up. Only two teams out of the seven in the district remain undefeated through the first two games of league action.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears have won both of their first two games outscoring their opponents by a combined seventeen runs. The Bears defeated



Dan Perrine

to 2-0.

Ashton Landry pitched a shutout in the shortened five inning game because of the 10-run rule. Landry helped his cause with a three-run homerun in the fourth inning and later added a two-

run single in the fifth.

Coach Hunter Hagler of the Bears talked about the contributions Landry is making for the team. "Ashton is a complete competitor. He's a guy you want on your side. He plays the game hard, he plays the game right, and I think that he's getting rewarded for doing all those things right," Hagler praised.

The Bears totaled 17 hits in their district opener blasting the Lumberton Raiders 13-6 win at Lumberton on Tuesday, March 15. Landry, Reid Peco, Gage Griffith, and

Marco Bandiero all had multiple hits in the game. Landry had the biggest bat in that game also going four for five on the night.

The Bears scored six runs in the second to take the lead for good. Three Bear batters battled to get base on balls in

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Landon Reeves earned a save for Bridge City and starter Ethan Ocegüera got the win against Vidor.

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had key hits in the big inning.

The winning pitcher for LCM was Peco who pitched five innings allowing four runs on six hits while striking out three. Brice Frenzel pitched the final two innings striking out the last two Raider batters to earn the save.

Winners of their last seven games the LCM Bears may be playing their best ball of the season. Hagler stated, "I think we're on our way to playing our best ball of the year right now. I think we're starting to do a lot of things right, we're starting to play together more and more each time we step on the field."

The Silsbee Tigers are the only other district team without a loss through week one of the district schedule. The Tigers had a bye on Friday, March 18, so they have only played one game going into the second week of the district.

The Orangefield Bobcats suffered their first loss of the season in the district opener falling 5-1 at Silsbee on March 15. The Tigers got an excellent pitching performance from Logan Simmons who threw a complete game allowing one run on three hits and striking out nine Bobcats.

Trent Eaves started on the mound for Orangefield. Eaves allowed seven hits and four runs over three innings, striking out four.

Tyler Shearin led the Bobcats' offense with two hits in three at bats. Orangefield did not commit an error in the game.

The Bobcats rebounded nicely from that opening district loss by clobbering the Bridge City Cardinals 10-0 at Orangefield on Friday, March 18. Pitcher Coop Longron threw a complete game five-inning shutout allowing just two hits, walking one, and striking out five Cardinals for the win.

Orangefield got on the board in the first inning when Jason Bodin singled on a two-two pitch to drive home Shearin with what turned out to be the winning run. The Bobcats scored in every inning but the second.

Orangefield scored three runs in the third and added four more in the fourth in-



Ashton Landry

ning. A final two runs in the fifth invoked the 10-run rule ending the game with the Bobcats as the victors.

The offensive onslaught came from several walks and eight hits in the game for Orangefield. Rusten Traxler and Macoy Marze coaxed vital walks in the Bobcat rallies. Kyle Michael, Brennon Lecoq, and Bodin all produced multiple hits for Orangefield. Bodin had a double among his hits for the Bobcats who are now 1-1 in district and 12-1-1 for the overall season.

Coach Tim Erickson of Orangefield was hoping to see if his Bobcats could bounce back after their first loss of the season to Silsbee. "We wanted to see our guys respond to Tuesday's game and they did in a big way. Walking it off in the fifth I thought that was pretty impressive. We just stayed on them the whole game, had some good at bats, knocked their starter out of the game early, and just really never looked back. We did a good job," Erickson praised.

Bridge City is tied in the district standings with Orangefield and Lumberton at 1-1 following the loss on Friday, March 18. The Cardinals won their opener 4-3 at home against the Vidor Pirates on Tuesday, March 15.

The emphasis for Bridge City this year with the bat has been small ball and scratching out runs. That worked for the Cardinals in this game as they only had three hits yet scored four runs. Chasse Goodwin drew a bases loaded walk to drive in one run, a wild pitch scored another run, and Deegan King brought home a third run with a ground out in a three-run third inning for Bridge City.

Braylen Collins led off the fifth with an infield single,

the only base hit of the inning. Collins scored when Aidyn Mulhollan was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded following a previous hit batter and a walk.

Senior Ethan Ocegquera who was persuaded to come back out to play baseball his final year at Bridge City High School got the start for the Cardinals. Ocegquera pitched well lasting until the sixth inning striking out three and allowing three runs by the Pirates to earn the win.

Bridge City Coach Chad Landry complimented Ocegquera and Landon Reeves for their fine pitching in the win. Reeves continued being the closer for the Cardinals getting the final five outs allowing just a walk and hit batter to pick up the save for the Cardinals.

The recipe for the victory has been a similar one this

season according to Landry. "Another one-run game. We don't have the offensive fire power to put anybody away, so we've got to continue to pitch real well, and I was really proud of our defense too, we did a good job especially in the sixth when shortstop Brice Swanton made a great play to get the lead guy out at third. That was huge for us to get out of that inning," Landry reminded.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs are very young and are struggling to earn their first win of the season. The Mustangs had a bye on Tuesday, March 15, so their only game through last Friday in district was the 10-0 loss to Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

Orange County Softball Teams

The Bridge City Lady

Cardinals are sitting in the highest softball nest winning their first four district games. Two of those victories were achieved by the Lady Cardinals in the last week after winning their opening two games in the first week of district softball play.

Pitcher Carson Fall was dominate in the 4-0 win for Bridge City at home against the Vidor Lady Pirates on Tuesday, March 15. Fall registered 20 strikeouts in the shutout.

Shortstop Marlie Strong scored the first run of the game in the second inning. She opened the inning with a single was moved to third on sacrifices by Brooklyn Drodody and Haley Munoz before scoring on a single by Nicole Sasser.

Munoz and Sasser combined to get two more runs for the Lady Cardinals in the fourth to put Bridge City up

by the eventual four-run winning margin. "Last season we were lucky to get one or two runs across the plate, so we've really hit better so far to give Carson the space so she can relax a little bit," Lady Cardinal Coach Raven Harris analyzed.

In what was billed as a matchup of the two best softball pitchers in District 22-4A Fall was in the circle for the Lady Cardinals against Abigail Curphey of the **Orangefield Lady Bobcats** on March 18. The game hardly started as a pitchers' duel as Bridge City and Orangefield scored four runs in the first two innings to keep the teams tied.

Kaylyn Dosch started the game for the Lady Cardinals with a single. Dosch scored the first run on a Lady Bobcat error.

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Two unhappy stellar millionaires kiss Houston goodbye

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

While sports fans were enjoying the second round of the NCAA March Madness basketball tournament last weekend, Houston fans had some madness of their own as they watched two of the city's best players at their respective sport and position decide in less than a 24-hour period to leave town and head north to resume their illustrious careers.

What I'm referring to is the fact former quarterback Deshaun Watson—who was rated by most fans as the best quarterback to ever wear a Texans or even Oilers uniform—and shortstop Carlos Correa—also considered the best at that position to ever wear an Astros uniform—both agreed to new contracts with other teams Saturday and Sunday.

The straw that broke the proverbial camel's back for Watson before last season started was when the Texans' owners, general manager and field manager interviewed prospects who were selected by the group to interview for the job WITHOUT getting any input from their quarterback Deshaun Watson.

Before the 2020 NFL season got under way, then general manager/head coach Bill O'Brien cut the team's best receiver DeAndre Hopkins and best defensive lineman ever J.J. Watt and got nothing in return for either player. The Texans 0-4 start of the season got O'Brien unceremoniously fired with defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel named as interim head coach.

The team didn't do very well (4-12) and at season's end Watson demanded to be traded. But new general manager Nick Caserio, who spent his entire career under the influence of New England Patriots Bill Belichick, refused to jump at the first offer for Watson and kept him on the active roster the entire season without him getting a snap.

Caserio patiently listened to other teams' general manager's offers for Watson but balked at all of them.

After Watson was cleared by the Houston grand jury of any criminal charges, suddenly Caserio's phone rang off the hook with some very legitimate trade offers. He wanted No. 1 and No. 2 draft picks for Watson that most of the callers did not have available.

Another problem was the "no-trade" clause O'Brien built into his new extended four-year contract that kicks in this coming season. Watson had narrowed the teams he would play for down to four—Cleveland, Atlanta, Carolina and New Orleans. The first team Watson crossed off his list was the Cleveland Browns, for whatever reason.

But when Cleveland owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam came back a couple of days later and offered a brand new five-year \$230 million contract that was fully guaranteed, Watson immediately waived his no-trade stipulation and leaped at the deal.

Watson now leads the NFL quarterbacks in guaranteed salary with his \$230 million with Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers a distant second at \$150.7 million, Buffalo's Josh Allen close behind at \$150 million, Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes fourth at \$141.5 million and Dallas Cowboys Dak Prescott fifth at \$126 million.

Now instead of playing in the 72-degree comfort of NRG Stadium all season long, Watson will have to endure the inclement weather stimulated from Lake Erie that should make his quarterbacking job much more difficult than it was in Houston.

Another problem Watson will face is how the city of Cleveland will respond to a player bringing so much controversial baggage with him like the 22 sexual assault civil lawsuits still facing him.

Browns' football fans will

probably cut him some slack because they haven't had a championship team since 1964 during the Jim Brown era and they are optimistically confident Watson will become their "savior".

The Texans will receive first-round picks in 2022, 2023 and 2024, a third-round pick in 2023 and a fourth-round pick in 2024. Cleveland gets Watson and a fourth-round pick in 2024.

Correa is another story. Astros' fans were hoping he would stay and take the team's generous offer of five-years, \$160 million, but he decided on the Minnesota Twins' three-year \$105.3 million which doesn't even make sense for him to play fewer years for less money on a team that finished last season 73-89.

The talented 6-4 shortstop also turned up his nose at a 10-year, \$275 million offer by Detroit and his old Astros' manager A.J. Hinch, who now pilots the Tigers.

Now, just like in Watson's case, he will be playing at Target Field in Minnesota which doesn't have a roof. And it snows a lot in Minneapolis during April.

The Astros will miss their team leader immensely, but his absence shouldn't hurt how they should finish in October. They probably will make the playoffs and be one of the American League teams favored to win the 2022 World

Series.

The Texans won't be as fortunate this season and probably even in 2023, but with 10 picks in next month's NFL draft and those extra first rounders they have coming up in the next couple of years, Caserio's rebuilding project should go well.

And with the huge salary cap the Texans gained by the trade, he should get some great talent from the free-agent marketplace.

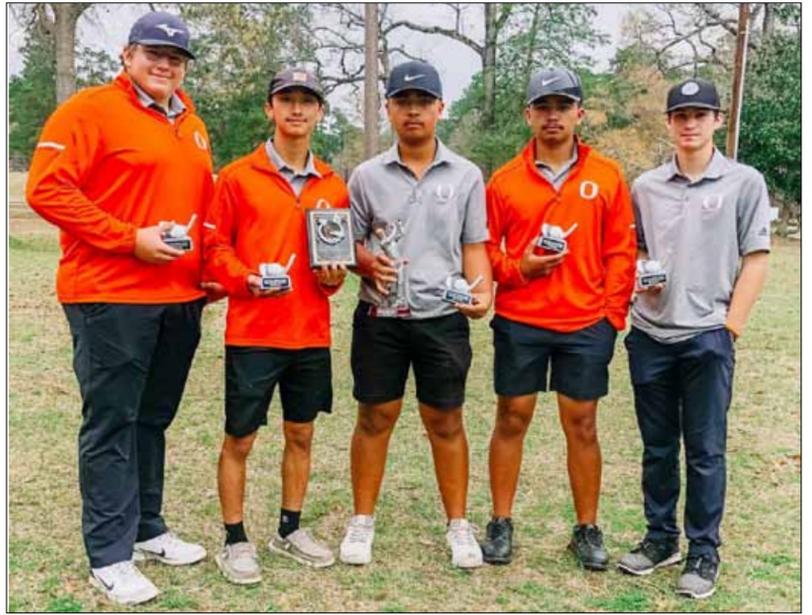
It may not take Houston fans that long to forget Deshaun Watson and Carlos Correa!!!

KWICKIES...Two Texas teams made it to the Sweet Sixteen last weekend as the University of Houston out-classed Illinois 66-53 and now must play No. 1 seed Arizona tomorrow (Thursday) while Texas Tech edged past Notre Dame 59-53 and will play second-seeded Duke also tomorrow and try to end their head coach Mike Krzyzewski's fabulous career.

And while on the subject of the Sweet 16, surprising teams making it to the third round include No. 15 St. Peter's, No. 11's Michigan and Iowa State and No. 10 Miami. On the other side of the coin, the Baylor Bears are the only No. 1 seed to get bounced from the tourney.

The Houston Texans lost two quarterbacks by trades or free agency in Deshaun Watson to Cleveland and Tyrod Taylor to the New York Giants. Others switching teams

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The Orangefield boys varsity golf team competed in the Warren Invitational, at Wildwood Country Club. The Bobcats shot their best score of the year (325), which would put them in 3rd place behind Lufkin (319) and Livingston (315). Lincoln Parks shot a 2 over par 74, to 1st place medalist honors after winning a sudden death playoff. The rest of the Bobcats consisted of Xander Parks (78), Reese Johnson (83), Ethan Gunter (90), and Drew Tran (91). The Bridge City Cardinals posted a team total of 351, with Tim Weaver (84) leading the way, followed by Chip Darby (87), Ethan Oceguera (90), Brayton Tregre (90), and Julius Hanson (95). Laffite (93) led the LCM Bears.



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with two runs in the bottom of the first. Joli Ponfick and Madison Hughes got the rally going with singles before Harleigh Rawls loaded bases when she was hit by a pitch. The two runs scored on a hit by Abby Broussard.

Sasser hit a leadoff double in the second for the Lady Cardinals. Munoz moved her to third with a bunt, and Lysnie Barg brought Sasser home with the tying run on her bunt single.

This is when the pitchers' duel really started. Fall and Curphey threw goose eggs for the next five innings causing the game to go to extra frames.

In the eighth Strong opened the inning with a single. Sasser had hit safely her first three at bats, but hit into a fielder's choice for the second out of the inning. Sasser then showed her speed stealing two bases and the throw to third got away allowing her to sprint home to score the go ahead and eventual winning run.

Coach Harris was proud of her Lady Cardinals. "It was not our best game, but we showed up and competed for the whole eight innings that we played, so that's all I can ask for. We pulled out a win and that's the best news of the day," Harris replied.

Coach Rebekah Ragsdale for Orangefield consoled her pitcher Abigail Curphey after the tough loss. "I am so incredibly proud of her. She has filled Codie Sorge's shoes and done a fantastic job, she's throwing her tail off for us right now so I can't ask for much more," Ragsdale indicated.

Earlier in the week the Orangefield Lady Bobcats defeated the Silsbee Lady Tigers 15-1 raising their record to 2-0 in district play before their first district loss at the hands of the Lady Cardinals. Curphey got the win for the Lady Bobcats pitching all seven innings yielding just one hit, one walk, and one unearned run while striking out 13 Lady Tigers.

Harleigh Rawls led the Orangefield offense with two doubles, a triple, a run scored and three RBIs. Rylee Dougay had two hits with two RBIs and two runs scored. Curphey had two hits with two runs driven in.

Other Lady Bobcats contributed with their bats as Madison Hughes added three hits and scored three runs. Joli Ponfick had a hit and two runs scored. Abby Broussard had two hits and three runs scored. Alysen Vincent, Paris Becker, and Greenlea Oldham each scored or drove in a run.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears bounced back from their loss to Bridge City on March 11 with two wins in two days during the week that followed. The Lady Bears won a tight one 3-2 at Lumberton on March 15 before winning 10-0 over the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs the next day at home.

Cami Shugart was the winning pitcher for LCM in both games. Shugart allowed only three Lady Mustangs to reach base in the second game on a hit, an error, and a walk. She struck out eight in the six-inning game.

Coach Dena Adkins of the Lady Bears is counting on more big games from Shugart in the circle. "I like it when Cami has her stuff under control and hits her spots. She had good control of the ball today and she handled the batters well," Adkins evaluated.

Hitting stars for the Lady Bears were Keylie Washburn with three hits including a homerun, Ashlynn Wilson collecting three hits including a double, Ansley Moore rapping out three hits before being robbed of a hit by Laila Rhodes in left field, and Lexis Moss getting two hits while scoring three



The Lady Bobcats have a new pitcher this season in Abigail Curphey who has been very good for Orangefield.

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runs.

Natalie Sims for WOS also pitched good except she had a rough time in the fourth inning when the Lady Bears scored five of their runs. The Lady Mustangs played outstanding in the field behind Sims with no errors, and Paris Overstreet started a double play on a grounder to third in the second when the score was still close.

Despite the loss the performance by the Lady Mustangs may set the tone for the remainder of the season for his team according to West Orange-Stark Coach Matt Robertson. "This is the best district game that we've played defensively. We've got to hit better. If we hit the ball we're going to give some people some problems because when we get on base we can run. It's hard to do anything with a goose egg on the board, you can't win a game with a goose egg on the board," Robertson analyzed.

The baseball and softball teams play the same schedules now through the end of the softball season on April 22. The boys and the girls will have the same opponent each night there is a game.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville teams had a bye on Tuesday, March 22, and play at Vidor on Friday. Bridge City played Silsbee on Tuesday before they have their bye for the first half of district on Friday. The Orangefield girls and boys traveled to Lumberton on Tuesday and will play the West Orange-Stark teams at home on Friday, March 25. West Orange-Stark's other games this week were on Tuesday at home against Vidor.

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include Russell Wilson from Seattle to Denver, Carson Wentz from Indianapolis to Washington, Buffalo back-up Mitch Trubisky to Pittsburgh and Terry Bridgewater from Denver to Miami. The big question mark is where is former Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield going to play next season? Indianapolis appears interested in him and the deal could very well be done before this Korner hits the streets Wednesday.

Green Bay's talented receiver Devante Adams has been quarterback Aaron Rodgers' favorite target for the last eight years and suddenly he bolted to the Las Vegas Raiders to join his college quarterback Derek Carr when they both played at Fresno State. In his farewell address to the city of Green Bay and the Packers' fans, Adams didn't mention Rodgers one time, which is really strange. Adams has a five-year deal that will pay him \$141 million, the richest deal ever for a wide receiver.

Now that Carlos Correa is a Minnesota Twin, the Houston Astros are putting their faith in young Jeremy Pena, who has three weeks to prove himself as a major league shortstop. Pena has played in only 30 games above Class A Advanced. But the job is his to lose to back-ups Niko Goodrum and Aledmys Diaz.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **DAVID LEE ANDERS**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 9, 2022**, in Cause No. **P19321**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Sandra Eloise Anders**.

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.

Sandra Eloise Anders
c/o: **Stephen C. Howard**
Attorney at Law
903 W. Green Avenue
Orange, Texas 77630

DATED the 1th day of March, 2022.

Stephen Howard
Stephen Howard

Attorney for:
Sandra Eloise Anders
State Bar No.:10079400
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **WARREN THOMAS WESSON**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 8, 2022**, in Cause No. **P19035**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Romana Kate Linscomb Walker**

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

c/o:
James R. Dunaway
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 100
Orange, TX
77631-0100

Dated the 9th day of MARCH, 2022.

James R. Dunaway
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Unkown Father, 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 citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The petition of **KRISANA BROOKE ANTHONY** and **CALVIN CALEB ANTHONY**, Petitioners, was filed in the 260th District Court of Orange County, Texas on the 21st day of January, 2022, against Unkown Father, numbered 220051-D and entitled **In the Interest of A Child**. The suit requests **Termination and Adoption of Stepchild**.

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

Ezra Lee Mahoney 01-23-2021 Galveston, Texas

The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment 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 said Court at Orange, Texas, this March 4, 2022.

VICKIE EDGERLY, District Clerk
Orange County, Texas
Vickie Edgerly

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

FRANKIE JOYCE HUDSON DECLOUET, Deceased
Cause No. **P19007**
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on MARCH 7, 2022, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **FRANKIE JOYCE HUDSON DECLOUET**, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

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

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

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on MARCH 7, 2022.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas
By: *Samantha McInnis*, Deputy
Samantha McInnis

GARDENING short
14. More certain
15. Tiny bit
16. a.k.a. Bruce Banner
17. One who plies one's trade
18. "Days to _____," on a seed packet
19. Nile dweller, for

21. Apartments, e.g.
22. *Plumerias are often used in this Hawaiian greeting
23. Scrooge's visitors
24. Digging into
25. What Carl Lewis did
26. Bestow
27. Month before
28. Dress with a flare
29. Cholera
30. On a store tag
31. Central points
32. Paul Reubens' Herman
33. Mother lode stuff
34. African bloodsucking pests
35. Salty dogs
36. Current tense of #30 Across
37. Retches
38. Bovine cries
39. "Like an aggressive weed"
40. Frustration, in a comic book
41. "Holds a plant stem to a support
42. Type of hot sandwich
43. One born to Japanese immigrants
44. Urban legends, e.g.
45. Check out
46. Shakespeare's "at another time"
47. "The _____ Who Loved Me"
48. *Flower's location after a garden?

DOWN

1. Kimono closer
2. Banish to Hades
3. Crunched numbers
4. Facebook's update

5. *Seed plant's harvest
6. *Goes to seed
7. Rotten and stinky
8. *Plant variety
9. Famous canal
10. Hold as a conviction
11. Make a blunder
12. Church service oil
13. Salesman's speech, e.g.
14. Loosen laces
15. Tennis do-over
16. *Splice, to a gardener
17. Nimbi on ikons
18. In the cooler (2 words)
19. Former Saint Brees
20. "Pulling my leg," e.g.
21. Mother-of-pearl
22. *Kind of thumb
23. Pizzeria output, pl.
24. "_____ you kidding?"
25. *N in N-P-K
26. Sneaked glances
27. Slammer
28. "The Shawshank Redemption" theme
29. Served raw
30. Isaac of science fiction
31. This Dogg can rap
32. What Elton John tickles, sing.
33. Street in Anytown, USA
34. Guesstimate phrase (two words)
35. Bodily disorders
36. Lope de _____, Spanish playwright
37. Building extensions
38. Nurses' org.
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