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## Local leaders wary of fleet fuel hikes

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Rising gas prices have hit every household at the pump in 2022. Increased transportation costs have jacked up the prices of almost everything we buy, from groceries to building supplies.

At-the-pump prices have risen from an average of \$2.50 per gallon of gas in March of 2021 to a national average of \$4.33 per gallon last month. Diesel jumped from \$3.09 last year to \$5.11.

Could those higher prices also affect your tax bill?

Governmental bodies are among the largest bulk buyers of gasoline and diesel fuel, whether it's law enforcers hitting the streets or school buses delivering our babies safely from home to school and back.

"If it continues the way it is right now, that's going to be a major concern for us," Brian Ousley, director of support

services for the Orangefield school district, said.

"We have 15 regular bus routes and each bus runs its route four times a day."

Buses pick up younger students and bring them to school in the morning, then immediately double back to pick up the junior high and high schoolers, whose class days begin later. They repeat the trips in the afternoon.

Orangefield ISD uses between 35,000 and 40,000 gallons of diesel fuel per year to drive its fleet of full-size yellow buses, Ousley said. An additional 8,000 to 10,000 gallons of unleaded gas are needed to power the district's fleet of vans, SUVs and lawn equipment, he said.

They have one 500-gallon tank for gas, two 5,000-gallon tanks for diesel, so they are able to buy in bulk.

They have been getting a good price on fuel.

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## ★ OJH Symphonic Band named 'Excellent' for third straight year ★



The OJH Symphonic Band attended the Region 10 MS UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation at Groves Middle School on Thursday. For the third consecutive year, the Symphonic Band has earned an Excellent Rating on stage and straight Superior Ratings in Sight-Reading.

## Dan Harris Sr. to be inducted into Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame Saturday

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

Something so extraordinary is happening this week that the Harris family is closing Farmers Mercantile Friday and Saturday during spring planting time. The family wants to see Dan Harris Sr. inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.

Dan Harris was a member of the Sam Houston rodeo team that won the 1968 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's national championship. He said the girls and the boys teams won their competitions that year, which was a first for the NIRA at that time.

Harris bulldogged steers on the team. It's also called "steer wrestling." He learned the skill when he was 14 years old from Pete Dorman, and through the years, he has taught bulldogging to other young cowboys.

He graduated from Stark High School and said none of the high schools had rodeo teams back in those days.

After graduating from high school, he planned to go off to college to learn agri-



Dan Harris is seen with Josh Ferguson during a recent Special Angels Rodeo events.

culture and business. Even though he comes from a family of Texas A&M Aggies, he chose Sam Houston in Huntsville.

"To be honest, they had no girls at A&M at the time," he said. The Aggies all went to Huntsville on the weekend to get dates. "I figured you might as well just start out at Sam."

He joined the Sam Houston rodeo team coached by

tank of gas to get home," he said.

The Sam Houston team had made the NIRA finals in 1967, but did not win the title, Harris said. Then came the year the college had the first double championship with men's and women's teams winning. The teams were previously nominated to the hall of fame, but were not chosen at the time.

Harris is now 75 and is looking forward to seeing his former teammates again at the hall of fame induction ceremony and the festivities around it. He said the boys team has had one member pass away and another one cannot attend. Most of the members of the ladies team are also planning to go.

The Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame is in the Cowboy Coliseum in the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. Harris said events will include a Cowboy Church service, luncheon and the formal induction ceremony.

A lot of Harris family plan to attend, including his daughter, his son and daughter.

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## Bridge City busiest in May 7 election

DAVER ROGERS  
For The Record

Thursday, April 7 is the final day to register to vote in the May 7 local and Texas constitutional amendment election.

A dozen city council, school board and county district board seats in Orange County have drawn multiple candidates and the Bridge City ISD is holding elections for two school construction bonds.

The constitutional amendment election offers voters a chance to increase home-stead tax exemptions in school districts.

Early voting is from April 25 through May 3 and Orange County voters may cast their votes early at any one of four locations:

Orange Public Library, 220 N. 5th St; Mauriceville Community Center, 7441 Cohenour Road; Bridge City

ISD Administration Building, 1031 W. Roundbunch Road; and Raymond Gould Community Center, 385 Claiborne Road in Vidor.

Election Day voting on Saturday, May 7, will be at the polling box listed on voters' registration cards.

Bridge City will offer the most decisions for the election with three city council seats and one school board seat on the ballot along with the two-part bond election.

For the Bridge City city council Place 2, incumbent Mike Reed will take on former councilman Carl Harbert, who was defeated for re-election for a different seat a year ago.

Place 4 features a choice between former BCISD board member Patty Collins and community activist Kenneth Prosperie while Place 6 candidates are re-

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## New commercial construction shows growth in Orange

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

The city of Orange issued permits for new commercial construction valued at nearly a half million dollars. Added onto that are permits for six new residences that will total more than a million dollars, according to March building permits issued by the city.

A new donut shop, Orange City, is constructing a \$300,000 building, the largest permit of the month. The

new shop will be at 3640 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, north of Interstate 10, near two churches and Willow-bend Apartments.

The city issued three permits for new commercial buildings that total nearly \$475,000. The other two are for Triangle Rescue, 3875 Interstate 10, for the shell of a building valued at \$96,900.

Also, Stanley L. Floyd has a permit for a \$78,000 metal building at 540 Lucher Drive.

The city does not give public values to residential construction; so the new houses are listed as worth "zero."

DSL Homes has permits for four new houses on Cottonwood Street and the company advertises the houses as \$218,900 to \$266,990, meaning the four houses along could be worth nearly \$1 million.

Also, D.R. Horton is building a new house at 2810 Allie Payne Road in the Mallard Lake development that has

houses valued at more than \$200,000. In addition, Ducky Recovery, LLC, is building a new house at 2243 Westway.

The city issued two commercial certificates of occupancy. One was for Wing Junkies at 1551 16th Street and the other was massage Life, 7002 Highway 87. A permit for a new commercial fire alarm system went to Vape World, 1104 16th Street.

Residential permits in-

cluded one for an add-on, four for remodeling, three for concrete projects, and two for fences. Six houses are being reroofed, according to the permits.

In the past months, 10 or more residents each month have gotten permits for new generators.

In March, one permit was issued to a house to connect electricity to a generator, plus two gas to generator permits were issued. Three permits for solar panels were

given.

Seven permits were issued to demolish dilapidated houses. The addresses are 7057 FM 1130, 3319 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 95 Cherry Avenue, 2243 Westway, 807 Levingston Street, and 5 Inwood Circle B.

The city had two cell phone tower upgrade permits. One valued at \$30,000 is at 6601 Interstate 10, and the other worth \$15,000 a 1601B Main Avenue.



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## BC delegation attends TML

**From the Desk of  
Bridge City Mayor  
David Rutledge**



Arthur in the Bob Bower Civic Center.

This past week, some of our City Council members had the opportunity to meet with other Councilmembers from the 12-county area that makes up Region 16 of the Texas Municipal League (TML).

In attendance at this forum were Council Members Mike Reed, Aaron Roccaforte, Terri Gauthier, and myself. This gathering was part of our ongoing collaboration with other cities to exchange ideas, learn new things, teach others some things we've learned, find out how and where to get help with grants, best practices for planning and development, and other subjects important to all cities.

Two of our speakers for the evening were from a Houston engineering firm discussing the importance of using professional firms for many aspects of city planning, development, maintenance, and renewal projects.

Our second presentation was from the District Recovery Director for the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) who spoke on the role of TDEM in the recovery effort after a disaster and the requirements for and importance of documenting everything a City does under FEMA rules

and guidelines. The Region meeting was graciously hosted by the City of Port Arthur in the Bob Bower Civic Center.

In mid-March, I had the opportunity to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Annual Conference in Washington D.C. This was a gathering of city officials from every state who meet every year to discuss issues of importance for American cities. The main topics of this conference concerned the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation and the American Recovery Plan Act. These pieces of legislation are designed to, among other things, renew the aging infrastructure of the country. The presentations centered around how best to employ these funds at the State and Local levels.

Some of the speakers at the conference included Pete Buttigieg, the Secretary of Transportation and Susan Rice, the President's Domestic Policy Advisor. A surprise visitor also dropped in: President Joe Biden. (It wasn't much of a surprise as we had to line up for airport-like security procedures by the Secret Service before entering the conference.) He

spoke at length about the Infrastructure Bill, American Recovery Plan, and his domestic policies. Switching gears, he talked about the situation in Ukraine, America's efforts to assist the Ukrainians, and the tight-rope act of giving military aid without triggering an escalating response from Russia. The next day, our conference was privileged to receive a live stream broadcast of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's address to a joint session of the U.S. Congress. It was a very moving speech and plea for help from the West to fight the Russian aggressors.

One of the highlights for me was meeting with Senator John Cornyn. TML President Martha Castex-Tatum, TML Past President Mary Dennis and myself as TML President-Elect were invited to meet with the Senator at the Hart Office Building. We had a cordial, informative, and mutually instructive meeting where we discussed some of the upcoming legislation that pertains to states and ultimately cities. Senator Cornyn was very receptive to our ideas and understanding of the issues we face as cities and how the federal government can help us in providing services to our cities and state.

That's about it for now. See you around town. Take good care of "Bridge City, the Gateway to Lake Sabine."

## Orange set to boost housing supply

**Daver Rogers  
For The Record**

A Louisiana residential developer wants to add 119 single-family homes in north Orange and the city was expected to move the project along at a Tuesday evening meeting.

J Breaux Enterprises of Carencro, Louisiana, has already won a financial incentive from the city's Economic Development Corporation that will reimburse up to \$100,000 for infrastructure on the 77-acre

subdivision of \$200,000 homes named The Reserve at Mallard Lake.

The city's planning and zoning commission and city council met in a special session Tuesday to vote on approving the preliminary plat for the project to be located on Allie Payne Road just east of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

According to the agenda packet, the developer will be investing \$3 million into building Phase 1 of The Reserve at Mallard Lake. A possible Phase 2 could add

another 123 homes.

Breaux Enterprises recently began another subdivision south of Orange on Highway 105 near its intersection with Highway 62 in the Orangefield area. Phase 1 of Orange Gardens will add 75 homes to the county's inventory. The next step for The Reserve at Mallard Lake will be final plat approval after streets and utilities are complete and the Orange County Drainage District has approved its drainage plans.

## Dan Harris Jr. hall of fame induction From Page 1

ter-in-law, plus three grandchildren and their families. He said the lady at the reservation desk said they had never had that big of a family come before.

Harris continued bulldogging after he graduated from college and was a member of several professional rodeo

associations. He would work the family farm and rodeo on weekends. But after 25 years of bulldogging, his knees and ankles gave out. "I made it to 39 (years old), almost to 40," he said.

Some of his former teammates still ride in old-timers events and he said "at least

two girls are still barrel racing," he said. Harris rides "every time we work cattle and almost every weekend."

The Hall of Fame events will be treasured, and so will the reunion. "We're all 75 years old or older. This may be the last time we get together," he said.

## Collins announces candidacy for Bridge City City Council, Place 4

*The following is a political statement issued by Patty Collins, candidate for Bridge City City Council, Place 4:*



Patty Collins

My name is Patty Collins, and I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the Bridge City City Council Place 4. Born and raised in this beautiful city, I am proud to be the third generation in a family who has been in Bridge City for over 85 years! My grandfather came to this area when it was known as Prairie View. I loved hearing the stories of how the town served those going to work at the refineries in Port Arthur, and how it eventually became Bridge City.

I am seeking a city council position because of my love for the city in which I was raised, and my desire to give back through dedicated service. Service to the community is a calling for me. I am the founder and current Chair of the Bridge City ISD Education Foundation, and member of the BC Planning and Zoning Committee.

My professional career has included significant assignments in leadership, human resources, accounting, finance, and budgeting, as well as project management of

new commercial construction. This experience has provided me real-world understanding of the careful management of assets and budgets to achieve goals in the most cost-effective manner. I also hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Master's degree in Organizational Development.

I am honored to be an active member of St Paul's United Methodist Church, which my late grandmother helped establish. I was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2022 and have been the Chair of the Prayer Garden Committee since its inception, as well as having served on the Finance and New Building committees.

I am eager to offer my time

and talents to the citizens of Bridge City. If elected to serve as your City Councilman for Place 4, I will apply my years of work experience and board service to our city. I will listen with an open mind, devote my passion and energy to supporting growth and community involvement, and will work with the city council and city officials to ensure the success of our beautiful city.

A vote for Patty Collins is a vote for leadership experience, integrity, dedication, and passion for Bridge City.

For more information, please visit my Facebook page at [Elect Collins BC City Council Place 4](#).

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## Fuel hikes From Page 1

"Ten years ago, we got into the TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) Energy Cooperative," Ousley said. "They operate group purchasing programs for transportation fuel and heating oil. I send them how many gallons of gas I'll be using this year and how many gallons of diesel I'll be using. They combine our order with other schools' and go out for bids. They're able to lock in a set price for the next 12 or 18 months."

Orangefield has a contract to buy its diesel fuel for \$2.13 per gallon through August of this year, but has had to pay the fluctuating bulk cost for gasoline. That has risen by about \$1.50 per gallon in the past year.

The school district will spend about \$110,000 this year to fuel its transportation fleet, a total bound to balloon in the future. Ousley doesn't expect to get a locked-in price for 2022-2023.

"We budget our fuel costs every year out of our local school district budget," he said. "Normally, we just budget a little more than we spent the past year. We haven't gotten our fuel price for next year, but I'm sure it will be more than \$2.13 per gallon for diesel.

"We may have to pay the rack costs until the market stabilizes more."

President Joe Biden announced last week he would release from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve 1 million barrels of oil each day for six months in a bid to lower the price of gas. Oil prices fell about 13% after the an-

nouncement.

"The only thing we have going for us is that prices might stabilize with the oil reserves, and there's only one pool of money we can get money out of."

Debbie Cormier, Pinehurst city secretary, says she expects a budget amendment will be needed to pay for unexpected fuel costs.

She said Pinehurst, a city of about 2,000 residents, paid more than \$28,000 for gas and diesel in fiscal year 2021.

According to its final budget for fiscal year 2021, Orange County spent nearly \$1 million on fuel, oil and gas, mileage or auto expenses last year, plus road building materials.

Eight county departments had budgets for fuel, oil and gas totaling \$536,000. Those included \$200,000 each for the Sheriff's Office and the Road and Bridge Department.

Thirty-five departments had mileage budgets totaling \$62,730, and six had auto expense accounts totaling \$24,932.

The Sheriff and his deputies purchase their gas at discounted prices at the pump with fuel cards. Road and Bridge maintains a diesel tank at each of its four precinct barns and a gas tank at its office, according to County Engineer Corey Oldbury.

According to the budget, the county attorney office had an auto expense of \$9,270 and the economic development received auto expenses of \$9,600. The Sheriff's Office, county attorney and economic development budgets do not report to Commis-

sioners Court.

"We use thousands of gallons," said Oldbury, who heads up the Road and Bridge Department. "We were tracking well for the first six months (of fiscal year 2022, October 2021 through February 2022), but it seems like it's going to turn into a problem.

"And don't forget our asphalt road products are all under the same price increases."

The Road and Bridge Department had a \$235,000 charge for road materials in the 2021 budget.

"It will affect our budget next year if it stays at the current rates it is," County Judge John Gothia said Tuesday, "because we didn't figure fuel at the current \$3.80 rate or whatever it is. We figured it at \$2.19, I think.

"Yeah, there will be a change, but we're not to that point. They have a fuel budget, and there is some cushion built in. But if they get to the end of that budget and we still have a couple of months left, then they will have to come to us to do a transfer of money into their budget in order to cover the rest."



**Orangefield's Norwood signs with Southwestern University**

Hunter Norwood (center) of Orangefield signed on April 5 to play football at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Norwood is congratulated for his signing by coaches Todd Trawhon, next to Norwood, Chris Pachuca, behind Norwood, and Athletic Director Josh Smalley, back right.

## May 7 elections From Page 1

tired BCISD employee Sherby Dixon and Michael Boyd, a retired operator at ExxonMobil.

For the school board, Peggy Prosperie is running against current board president Rebecca Rutledge.

Both Prosperies are campaigning against the BCISD school bonds, which would add a new middle school for \$57.7 million and a new career technology education wing to the high school for \$14.7 million.

They argue the price is too high and the need is lacking.

Bond proponents say the middle school and high school are already overcrowded while enrollment is growing and the middle school is past its useful life.

They say the need for the buildings eventually must be addressed and the longer the wait, the higher the price.

Charles Thomas, leader of the One Way Outreach Ministry, is running for Orange City Council for the fifth year in a row. His best finish saw him gather 42.7% of the vote against incumbent Paul Burch in 2020.

Incumbent Caroline Hennigan, seeking reelection in the At-Large Place 5 seat, is Thomas' opponent this time.

Also on the Orange Council, incumbent Mary McKenna runs for reelection from District 4 against Richard Pillsbury and Dwain Boullard.

The City of Pinehurst has only one office up for grabs - mayor.

Sarah McClendon, the current mayor pro-tem, is taking on first-term councilman Johnny Asevedo.

The City of West Orange has four people running for three at-large alderperson positions: incumbent Michael Shugart Jr., Frances Drodody Lopez, Jay Odom and Lanie Brown.

The West Orange school district has six persons running for three at-large board seats: incumbents Linda Platt-Bryant, Demetrius Hunter and Gina Simar, Erick Guillory Sr., John Allen Jefferson Jr. and Donny Teate, Jr.

Only incumbents filed for the Little Cypress-Maurice-

ville CISD, so no election will be held. The same is true for the Orange County Drainage District, and only one newcomer, former Port employee Debbie Britnell, filed for the empty spot on the Port Board, so those elections were canceled.

The Orangefield School District holds its elections in the fall.

The state constitutional amendment election is to raise school districts' homestead exemptions from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

To register to vote in the May 7 Orange County election, the form must be at the Orange County Elections Administration Office, 123 S. 6th St. by April 7, 30 days before Election Day.

A person must be 18 by May 7, a citizen of the United States and resident of Orange County, and fill out the application form listing driver's license number or the last four digits of the social security number.

### MAY 7 ELECTION CONTESTED RACES

Bridge City Council Place 2 -- Mike Reed (i), Carl Harbert

Bridge City Council Place 4 -- Patty Collins, Kenneth Prosperie

Bridge City Council Place 6 -- Sherby Dixon, Michael Boyd

Orange City Council District 4 -- Mary McKenna (i), Richard G. Pillsbury, Dwain Boullard

Orange City Council At-Large Place 5 -- Caroline Hennigan (i), Charles Thomas

City of Pinehurst Mayor -- Sarah McClendon, Johnny Asevedo

City of West Orange -- 3 At-Large Alderpersons -- Michael Shugart Jr. (i), Jay Odom, Frances Drodody-Lopez, Lanie Brown

West Orange CCISD -- 3 At-Large Board Members -- Demetrius Hunter (i), Linda Platt-Bryant (i), Gina Simar (i), Erick Guillory Sr., John Allen Jefferson Jr., Donny Teate Jr.

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## From The Creaux's Nest

### WHAT A COMEBACK KANSAS OVER NORTH CAROLINA

We were having a Jayhawks watch party, pulling for Kansas to defeat North Carolina for the National College Basketball Championship. By half-time, we had eaten our fill of gumbo and the trimmings. Total silence had overtaken the group as Kansas fell 16 points behind at the halfway mark. I gave up, saying no team had ever come back from such a deficit at half-time in a championship game and North Carolina was not the kind of team that allowed other teams to make a run on them. Charles Barkley, who for weeks said Kansas was the best team in the country, still had a semi-optimistic view that the Jayhawks could pull it off. After the half-time break, both teams came back as completely different teams. North Carolina was as bad as they were good in the first half. Kansas also did a complete turn around and could do nothing wrong. Eight minutes into the second half N.C. had scored only five points. Kansas was like they had found magic, winning the championship 72-69 for the greatest comeback of all time.\*\*\*\*I have to move on. Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

### CONFIRMATION VOTE THIS WEEK TO INSTALL THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN ON THE SUPREME COURT

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's historic elevation to the Supreme Court, giving President Joe Biden's nominee a burst of bipartisan support and all but assuring she'll become the first Black female justice. With three Republicans supporting her in the 50-50 split Senate, Jackson is on a glidepath to confirmation and on the brink of making history as the third Black justice and only the sixth woman in the court's more than 200-year history. Beyond the historic element, Democrats have cited her deep experience in nine years on the federal bench and the chance for her to become the first former public defender on the court. Both Collins and Murkowski said they believed that the Senate nomination process has become broken as it has become more partisan in the past several decades. Biden nominated Jackson to replace retiring Justice Stephen Breyer. Biden has sought bipartisan backing for his pick, making repeated calls to senators and inviting Republicans to the White House. "Judge Jackson will bring extraordinary qualifications, deep experience and intellect, and a rigorous judicial record to the Supreme Court," Biden tweeted earlier Monday. "She deserves to be confirmed as the next justice later this week.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 15 Years Ago-2007

Last week Cal Broussard was picking up all the old boys and giving them a ride to Van Choate's for the Wednesday Lunch Bunch gathering. Cal is the only one who drives one of those Cadillac SUV's so he's running a cab service.\*\*\*\*Heard from James and Janet Fontenot, who are living at Heritage Oaks, in Georgetown. They are planning to have the Orange crew over in December for a big gumbo at the new Heritage Oaks clubhouse commercial kitchen. We had wondered about their daughter April. She is now a pharmacist in Liberty.\*\*\*\*I'm constantly amazed at Mark's sports pictures. His action shots are unbeatable. He's in a league of his own. The shot of Dishon last week, hitting that homer, is an award winner.\*\*\*\*Charlie Wickersham celebrates a birthday April 3. He's having a party at the David Self Ford open house. By the way, daughter Liz and Paul Derovnian are marking their anniversary the next day, April 4. We don't see Charlie much lately. Sprad says he invites him over for dinner but it's past his bedtime when Charlie wants to start the feed.\*\*\*\*Happy 97th birthday to Odette Simar, a very special lady, who celebrated Saturday.\*\*\*\*Remember former congressman Bob Barr, the far-right, Christian crusader, who preached that everyone who deals in drugs should get long terms in prison? Well, he has left the GOP since getting defeated in Georgia's congressional race. In 1999, he sponsored a bill to block the use of medical marijuana. He called it, "Bogus Witchcraft." Today Barr is lobbying for legalizing pot and defends its usage. I knew that old boy was a hypocrite when he declared himself a man of God and branded President Clinton as a sinner.\*\*\*\*The Texas House voted to give teachers an overall \$800 raise, ending incentive pay. However, Sen. Florence Shapiro and Gov. Rick Perry will fight to defeat it. Opponents say merit pay pits teachers against each other. The 2006 school finance plan gave the teachers a \$2,000 across-the-board raise.\*\*\*\*I had been seeing this lovely, distinguished lady and thought she looked somewhat familiar but couldn't place her. I found out, in our paper last week, the classy lady I had been seeing was recording artist Billie Jo Spears, who lives right here among us. I bet she has great stories about the artists she has known during her career and world travels. There sure are a lot of questions I'd like to ask her, personal antidotes, etc.\*\*\*\*Denise Jackson, wife of Alan Jackson, has written a memoir about her marriage and life with the country singer. They met in their teens, went through the pressures of success, separation and reconciliation. The book titled "It's all about him: Finding

the love of my life," will be out July 31, also a bonus CD with two songs Jackson recorded specifically to accompany the book.\*\*\*\*Also out this week, April 3 is a CD of 15 songs featuring Jackson, George Strait and Jimmy Buffett. Speaking of musicians, folks who are now in or approaching their 50's: Remember this guy, singer/piano player Leon Russell turned 65 on Monday, April 2.\*\*\*\*Emmylou Harris turned 60 on Saturday, March 31.\*\*\*\*Orange County's John Patterson, the number one ace pitcher for the Washington Nationals, pitched the opening day game Monday against Florida. John didn't have a good outing. The Marlins won 9-2. He pitched 3.2 innings. One of Roy Dunn's favorite collection memorabilia is John's cap from the game.

### 45 Years Ago-1977

Retired nurse Doris Faircloth enters the business world, opening her 'Red House' & 'Green House.' Gifts in the 'Red House,' plants in the 'Green House.' The business is located at 520 Lee St. in Bridge City. (Editor's note: Doris was the wife of Lee Faircloth, one of her three sons, Steve, is Bridge City Chief of Police.) Valedictorians have been announced in Bridge City. They are Cindy Adams, Craig Fisette and Kevin Haynes. Salutatorian will be Donna Becker.\*\*\*\*McDaniel's Liquor on 16th St., co-owned by John Smith, Dan Barberre and John Smith, continue the store's grand opening sale.\*\*\*\*KOGT radio station changes hands. Sabine Area Broadcasting Co. becomes KOGT INC. Edwin T. Lovelace, Jr. sold the station for \$488,000, plus \$80,000 for a non-competition contract. Buyers are Tolbert Foster, who holds 27.89 percent of the station, former Gov. Allen Shivers has 27.89 percent, and the rest is split among three buyers. The group also owns KVUE-TV, Austin; KNGT, Palestine; KUTE-FM, Austin; KTEP-FM, El Paso, and KDET-AM, Center. (Editor's note: I remember that change after many years of local ownership. I bet no one remembers better than Richard Corder, who had to deal with some out-of-town big shots and a station manager who wanted his hide. I recall when Teddy Bear Cox and Roy Dunn confronted the manager, Bill Fort, and it wasn't pretty. He got the message and Richard stayed with the station for another 30 years, until a stroke, last year caused his retirement. Richard passed away several years ago.)\*\*\*\*Gary Johnson, Melvin Hogan and Brown Claybar elected to West Orange-Cove school district board. Merger of West Orange and Cove school districts passes. Cove High students have previously attended Bridge City High.\*\*\*\*Lon Hubbard will escort Michelle Harris to Dogwood Festival coronation as festival queen. Michelle, a Bridge City student, was selected by B&PW in the Miss Bridge City Pageant.\*\*\*\*Rose Davis celebrates a birthday in a few days.\*\*\*\*Barbara Gail Brown turns sweet sixteen.\*\*\*\*The lovely young lady in Gunn's Studio ad this week is Kim Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hogan.\*\*\*\*Ace Amodeo comes up with a black eye, blaming it on a bee sting. Friends suggest it was a left hook from Jo.\*\*\*\*Jack and Nancy Ramsey are building a new home. She and Jack are having problems over Nancy wanting to install burnt orange, tea-sipper carpet and Jack ain't going for it.

### 50 Years Ago-1972

Barbara Mulhollan was in charge of the skit (politics) at the legal secretaries' banquet and party and did a beautiful job. Here is a very condensed review of the party that brings back many memories. Many of these great folks are gone now. Hazel Force was named 'Secretary of the Year,' Judge Grover Halliburton 'Boss of the Year.' He was nominated by Barbara Gillis who is batting 1,000. Judge David Dunn threw her under the bus after she pushed Commissioners Court to name Dunn county court judge. Cowboy Hillard says Wayne Peveto, running for state representative, shook his hand four times at the party. Jerry Wimberly was overheard saying, "With all these politicians, a fellow could get his hand shook plum off." Jeanette Owens, Mary Hoyt, Sandy Parkhurst and Louvenia Hryhorchuk were attending solo. That's a lot of solo in one place. Sharon Bearden, a candidate for district attorney, who has lost a few pounds, says if he got down to 136 pounds they would still call him that little fat assistant D.A. A few others in attendance were Clark Gimple, Jim Morris, Marlin Thompson, Charlie Wickersham, Judge Frank Husthmyre, Max Boatman and wife Gladys, State Representative Clyde Haynes, Fred Cervelli, attorney Jack Smith, Senator Charlie Wilson, Verdis Wagner, attorney John Beeson, attorney Graham Bruce, Linda and Charlie Reed, Don Burgess. (Editor's note: Most are gone now. Can you pick out those still with us.)\*\*\*\*Congratulations to Sherry Hatton, who received a \$100 scholarship from Lamar Art Department.\*\*\*\*Carroll G. Holt is a candidate for the West Orange-Cove school board.\*\*\*\*Bill Tillman is a candidate for LCM school board.\*\*\*\*Twenty year old Lamar student, Larry Fisher, is a candidate for WO-Cove school board trustee.\*\*\*\*In the Orange Evening Optimist oratorical contest Sheri Hayes, Stark won first place; Barbara Brant, West Orange, took second place. In the boy's division, Steve Neuman won first place, Gary Garrison, Stark, second place.\*\*\*\*Three of our J.P.'s are attending a conference in College Station this week. They are James Stringer, Marlin Shelton and Martin Ardoin.\*\*\*\*Beall's, at 506 Green Ave., is having a grand opening sale.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to our hometown boy Jacob Lemoine who will make the Oakland A's Opening Day bullpen. Lemoine was informed Sunday that he had made the team and will be on the roster. Jacob is a 2012 graduate of Bridge City High School. One person who has followed Jacob since Little League is his grandfather Jerry McInnis. His proud parents are Lisa and Jude Lemoine.\*\*\*\*J.W. Dalton told me about a big party that will be held April 23 with lots of food, entertainment and fun. More on the big Motorcycle Awareness Day in next week's issue. Watch for it.\*\*\*\*It was good to hear from Tonya Birdwell. I hadn't heard from her since her mother, Nova Dee, left us. She and sister "Hootsie" sure miss her. I do too. "Hootsie" is living at her mom's place and working at The Stark Museum and really enjoying it. Tonya said right now her husband Tommy is hitting on seven of his eight cylinders and that's good.\*\*\*\*Did you know Texas has an Eiffel Tower. It stands 65 feet high and topped with a big western hat and is located in Paris, in Northeast Texas.\*\*\*\*Last week I noticed that Coree, Christy Koury's only child, turned 18-years-old. Those two have been really close through the years. Coree graduates from Orangefield in May and

plans to attend college at the University of Houston. She was worried about leaving her mom but knows Kirk will take good care of her.\*\*\*\*Here is one Texas story you may not have heard. Selena, the most inflectional Latin artist of all times was born April 16, 1971 at Freeport Community Hospital. She was delivered by former congressman Ron Paul, who worked as an obstetrician gynecologist from 1961 to 1980 in Lake Jackson where Selena was born. She was murdered by an employee on March 31, 1995. That was 27 years ago, she was only 26 years old.\*\*\*\*This week in 1882, the outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of the James gang.\*\*\*\*Sarah Palin to run for U.S. House seat from Alaska to replace Rep. Don Young, who died last month after serving 49 years in the House. Palin already has some opposition, one from a North Pole city council-member named Santa Clause. Sara has made a deal with Donald and he has endorsed her. Just what this country needs, one more Bimbo in congress. At least we will find out just how good a Trump endorsement is. By the way, when is the last time you heard Abbott mention his name. Donald who?\*\*\*\*Fifty-four years ago, on April 3, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered what was his final speech to striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee. "I've been to the mountain top and seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you but I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land." MLK was killed the next day by James Earl Ray.\*\*\*\*The number one non-fiction book is, "One Damn Thing After Another," by former Trump attorney general William P. Barr, who recounts how evil the former president is.\*\*\*\*The number one non-fiction is, "Run Rose Run," by Dolly Parton and James Patterson. The book portrays a singer/songwriter's dark past.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 6: Happy Birthday to Judge Chad Jenkins, Cyndie Chauvin, Helen Locklin, John Green. This is the day the United States entered WWI in 1917.\*\*\*\*April 7: Shelly Watts, Linda Juneau, Wayne McPherson and April Butler.\*\*\*\*April 8: Special Happy Birthday to Janelle and George's lovely daughter, Angel Sehon, also to Cathy Riley, Lindsey Etheridge, Mike Knox, Lorene Zoch and Melissa Pitman. On this date in 1974, Hank Aaron hit his record homerun #715 on a pitch from Al Downey.\*\*\*\*April 9: Trey Dubose, Kristi Trahan, Terri Brent, Tonya Burch.\*\*\*\*April 10: Happy Birthday to Janet Montagne, Barbara Goins, Elliot Purcell, Jamye Martin, K'Lynn Ess, Dr. Katie Olson Nancy Hood and Austin Brent.\*\*\*\*April 11: Becky Myers, David Thacker, Dustin Kemp, Jackie Schell, Patsy Evans, Amanad Ginn and Travis Reed.\*\*\*\*April 12: Jill Lemoine, Don Breaux, Kathy Vessel, Roy Mazzagate III, Shellie Holmes. The Civil War started in 1861 on this date. It ended June 22, 1865.\*\*\*\*April 13: Betty Stark, Dawn Mason, Gene Bellard, Kaylin Abshire, and Jo Ann Collins. Happy Birthday to All.

### CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

April 6: Actors Candance Careron-Bure, 46; Paul Rudd, 53; Billy Dee Williams, 85.\*\*\*\*April 7: Former football player Tiki Barber, 47; Actors Jackie Chan, 68; Russell Crowe, 58.\*\*\*\*April 8: Actors John Schneider, 60; Patricia Arquette, 54; Taylor Kitsch, 41.\*\*\*\*April 9: Actors Kristen Stewart, 32; Dennis Quaid, 68; Keshia Pullman, 43, Fashion Designer Marc Jacobs, 59.\*\*\*\*April 10: Singer/Actress Mandy Moore, 38; Country Singer Marlin Morris, 32; Actor Steven Seagal, 70.\*\*\*\*April 11: Soul Singer Joss Stone, 35; Wrestler Goldust, 54; Actor Marcus Johns, 29.\*\*\*\*April 12: Actors Andy Garcia, 66; Claire Danes, 43; Shannen Doherty, 51; Retired Show Host David Letterman 75.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

A letter from Cuzzin Sostan  
Dear Simple  
Jus dropping a line to catch you up on wats going on here. Tings are a little better here.  
Sugar Bee's brother Clyde, went down to Baton Rouge and applied for a job wit da police department. He passed all da test but he flunked da physical. Da exam results showed dat he was allergic to donuts him.  
Cuzzin, Joe Fontonot went to jail. He was making big money him, it was about a quarter of an inch too big, da FBI said.  
Ed Boudreaux and his wife Agnes, moved to Baton Rouge dem. Ed got a job driving a taxi cab him. He said he picked up a Texan, wat was going to da airport. Ed said da Texan axe him wat da LUS football stadium was, den he axe how long it took to build it. Boudreaux said, "Bout five years." Da Texan said, "We got one bigger dan dat and it took only one year to build." Wen da pass da capital, he axe Boudreaux how long it took to build it? "Bout tree years," Boudreaux answer. Da Texan said, "We got one in Austin dat only took six months to build." Wen dey drove past da Mississippi bridge, da Texan axe, "How long did it take to build dat bridge?" Ed was tired of dat him, he answer, "I don't know me, it wasn't dere dis morning?"  
Well dats about it from here.  
You cuz,  
Sostan.

### C'EST TOUT

#### Global Outrage Mounts with Bodies Found in Streets

Moscow faced accusations of war crimes Monday after the Russian pullout from the outskirts of Kyiv revealed streets strewn with corpse of what appeared to be civilians, some whom had seemingly been killed at close range. The grisly images of battered bodies left out in the open or hastily buried led to calls for tougher sanctions against the Kremlin, namely a cutoff of fuel imports from Russia, Germany and France created by expelling dozens of Russian diplomats, suggesting they were spies, and President Joe Biden said Russian leader Vladimir Putin should be tried for war crimes. "This guy is brutal, and what's happening in Bucha is outrageous," Biden said, referring to the town northwest of the capital that was the scene of some of the horrors. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called the "genocide" and "war crimes" in Bucha. He said dead people had been "found in barrels, basements, strangled, tortured." "We have every reason to believe that there are many more people killed," he said. "Much more than we know." At the same time many warned that the full extent of the horrors has yet to emerge.\*\*\*\*Thanks for your time. Please shop our advertisers. Take care and God bless.

# Deaths & Memorials

## Edward Hutchins, 86, of Bridge City

Edward Hutchins, 86, of Bridge City, passed away on March 31, 2022, at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Parkway Life Church in Lumberton. Officiating will be Reverend Nathan Keating. A graveside service will be 2:30 p.m., at Peebles Cemetery in Goodrich, Texas.



Edward Hutchins

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Edward Oliver Cowen was born March 10, 1936, in Buffalo, TX, and passed away on March 31, 2022 in Beaumont, TX. Yes, you read that right, Edward Cowen. Ed was raised by his mother and stepfather Ruth and

Earlie Hutchins, along with his loving siblings Gene, Earlie, and Kathy. At the age of 18, his name was legally changed to Edward Hutchins.

After years of longing, at the age of 26, Ed finally met his father and stepmother, Oliver and Auda Cowen, and siblings Dennis, Jerry, Theresa and Cindy. He was welcomed into the family and they have always remained close. Ed graduated from Chester High School in 1954. He had two wonderful boys, Bruce and Greg. In 1976, he married Cathy and two years later his only daughter, his baby girl, the apple of his eye, Keri, entered this world.

He began his career at Gulf States Utilities which later became Entergy. His work ethic and character catapulted him from the Appliance Repair Department to a System Operator and on to District Superintendent of the Mid County office in Port Neches and later District Manager of Orange County. After 39 years, he took early retirement and was honored with a formal proclamation by the Mayor proclaiming it "Ed Hutchins Day" in the City of Orange.

He was very active in the communities of Port Neches and Orange. In both cities, he served as President of the Chamber of Commerce and also served one year as Co-Chairman of the Annual Pow Wow Festival. He was also a long-standing Rotary Club member serving one year as President and was honored with the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Ed was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Gregory Hutchins, who passed away unexpectedly December 30, 2021 while Ed was still in a Houston hospital. We were not able to tell Ed of

his passing. Oh, what a surprise reunion they must have had! He was also preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Ruth & Earlie Hutchins,

his father and stepmother, Oliver and Auda Cowen, brothers, Gene Hutchins, Earlie Hutchins, Dennis Cowen and sister, Theresa Cowen Hermes.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Cathy Hutchins, son, Bruce Hutchins and wife Rosalyn, daughter, Keri Michutka Curd and husband, John Curd, granddaughters and spouses, Holly and Trey Brocato, Pamela and Kyle Hoffman, grandsons, Matthew Curd and Keaton Michutka, and great grandchildren, Charlie and Gentry Brocato.

He is also survived by his sister Kathy Hutchins Burroughs, brother, Jerry Cowen and sister, Cindy Cowen Porter and lots of nieces and nephews.

He had a passion for fishing the lakes of Texas. Whether it was bass, stripers or hybrids, he loved fishing with his boys. White bass fishing at Lake Livingston was his favorite. He also enjoyed playing golf and loved the opportunity to play on the beautiful courses in San Diego, especially Torrey Pines.

When it came to family, there was no doubt where he stood. His deep love for each one of them was evident in all that he did. But nothing could put a bigger smile on his face than his grandkids Holly, Pamela, and Keaton! When the girls married, he was blessed with two wonderful grandsons, Trey and Kyle, and two great-grandchildren, Charlie and Gentry! And of course, we can't forget his granddogs, Bailey and Parker. He knew he was one blessed Papaw!

His bond with Keaton was extra special due to quality time spent with Papaw as Keri went back to work. From preschool to middle school, Keaton spent every day after school making memories and bonding with his Pops and Nana who treasured every moment of being a part of his life!

Ed was a quiet man, but a man with much wisdom. When he spoke, people listened. Gentle, loving, kind, honorable. The list could go on. He was the best husband, daddy, and papaw in the world. He has left a legacy of love for God and family. He has run his race. He has kept the faith. He has entered into the joy of the Lord with the words, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

## Wilbur Klein, 93, Bridge City

Wilbur Klein, 93, of Bridge City, passed away on March 30, 2022, in his home.



Wilbur Klein

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Orange. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 10:00 to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, at St. Henry Catholic Church. A rosary will begin at 2:30 p.m. Wilbur "Pete" Klein was born on June 14, 1928, in Mowata, Louisiana. He was one of ten children born to George and Lenia Klein. He served as a gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Army Artillery Battalion. He was a faithful member of St. Henry Catholic Church and KC Council 3406 and was known for the many thousands of rosaries he made daily and gave away. His rosaries are being prayed around the world. After retirement from Spencer/Chevron he was an avid gardener and traveled across the United States with his wife Mildred in their Airstream travel trailer.

He was preceded in death by wife of 54 years, Mildred; granddaughter, Carrie Wallace Walpole; his parents, and several siblings. He is

survived by his children, Randal Klein, Glen Klein and wife Susan, Ruth Wallace and husband Randy, Peggy Biddle and husband Sam all of Bridge City; grandchildren, Chris Klein and wife Tiffany of League City, Brad Wallace of Dallas, Sister Kelly Biddle of Houston, Cory Klein and wife Jalisha of Bridge City, Robert Biddle and wife Christine of Kingwood, Wes Biddle and wife Sherri of Groves; great-grandchildren, Billy Walpole, Tommy

Walpole, Natalie Klein, Madilyn and Carter Biddle, Ben, Adalyn and Jaxon Klein; and special brother-in-law, Harold Duhon.

Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Klein, Cory Klein, Robert Biddle, Wes Biddle, Randy Wallace, Brad Wallace and Sam Biddle. Honorary pallbearer is Harold Duhon.

The gift of yourself and your love are appreciated. In lieu of flowers, the family requests friends, so desiring, make a memorial contribution in Pete's name to St. Henry Catholic Church at P.O. Box 427 Bridge City, Tx 77611, Southeast Texas Hospice at P.O. Box 2385 Orange, Tx 77631-2385 or your favorite charity.

## Huey Carol Schrieber, Sr., 89, Orange

Huey Carol Schrieber, Sr., 89, of West Orange, passed away on March 28, 2022, at his home.



Huey Schrieber

Born on September 15, 1932 in Orange, he was a Litcher Stark High School Graduate, class of 1951. Huey met and married Karen Dickerson in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army and was discharged in 1955. Huey then worked for Texaco at their Port Arthur refinery for 38 years, retiring in 1988. A

member of First Baptist Church in Orange, he gladly served in their mission office as long as he was physically able. He was also a member of the Faithful Servants Men's class.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Lawrence R. Schrieber and Katherine M. Croker Schrieber.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Karen Schrieber; a son, H. Carrol Schrieber, Jr. and wife Donna of

Nacogdoches; grandsons, Daryl Peveto II of Phoenixville, PA, and Deric Peveto and wife Dr. Melinda Wenner of Nacogdoches.

Cremation is under the direction of Simple Tributes by Claybar. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. We would like to thank Chris Flowers of Amedisys Hospice for his compassionate care.

## Mavis Ann Yellott Seal, 83, Orange

Mavis Ann Yellott Seal, 83, of Orange died April 1, 2022, at her home.



Mavis Seal

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 8, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange with Rev Michael Inman and Rev Amy Walker officiating. Interment will follow at Ida Wilson Cemetery.

Mavis was born August 8, 1938 in DeQuincy, Louisiana to W.R. and Nola Yellott. Graduating as valedictorian of her Little Cypress High School class after only three years, Mavis attended TCU in Fort Worth where she earned a degree in secondary mathematics education. She spent many years teaching math at Little Cypress High School and Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School. Mavis was a member of Little Cypress Baptist Church for over 40 years.

Cooking and entertaining large groups of family and friends brought her great joy. Mavis was also very creative and enjoyed making things for others. Many family and friends have ceramic pieces or yard decorations her and husband Bill made, quilts she pieced and quilted, or throws she crocheted.

Mavis was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 50 years Bill Seal, sisters, Mary Manley and Adele Murphy, sister-in-law, Betty Stanfield, and brother-in-law, Danny Seal.

She is survived by daughters Debbie Inman and husband Ron of Maypearl, Diana Perry and husband Greg of Mauriceville, Donna Beadle and husband Ernest of Orange, and son Bill Seal of Beaumont; Grandchildren Alison Hernandez and husband Lupe of Waxahachie, Warren Beadle and wife Emily of Phoenix, Arizona, Jonathan Inman and wife Rebekah of McKinney, Michael Inman and wife Josie of Graham, Steven Perry and wife Stori of Houston, Martin Beadle and wife Kenedie of Orange, Brandon Perry of Dallas, and Anna Beadle of Orange; Great-grandchildren Makenzie Hernandez, Ava Hernandez, Olivia Inman, and Phoebe Inman. Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Kidney Foundation or a charity of your choice. The family would like to thank Dr. Kurt Lee and the full staff at Biotronics/Fresenius Kidney Care for their excellent care for the past twelve years.

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Life in the Spirit can feel ordinary at times. It really is one of Satan's greatest feats.

If he cannot keep God from breaking in and reviving a once-dead soul, he will do what he can to downplay what has happened. He'll seed thorns that disrupt our sense of safety and rest (2 Corinthians 12:7). He'll try to veil the glory of God in us and around us (2 Corinthians 4:4). He'll flood us with cares and riches and pleasures to distract us from spiritual reality (Luke 8:14). He'll seize on any glimpse of sin: "See, you're exactly who you were before" (Revelation 12:10).

Satan can convince us that a life invaded by the presence, help, and joy of God — by the Holy Spirit — isn't really all that different from any other life. He convinces us to perceive and define our lives by what's left of the curse, rather than by the inbreaking of the new creation.

Yes, life in the Spirit — for now — often feels ordinary. We eat and drink, work and sleep, toil and spin, and then do it all again tomorrow. But none of now is the same as it was, not even our morning coffee or our afternoon snack. "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). This glory doesn't skip meals; it invades them. And who empowers us to eat and drink and do everything for the glory of God? The Spirit.

Now, we eat with the Spirit. Now, we drink with the Spirit. Now, we work and play and sleep in the Spirit. Now, we walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16). A normal day may feel ordinary, but below the surface of our perceptions, God is

knitting together a new, miraculous, unfinished life in us — by his Spirit.

### You Have the Spirit

Do you remember that, if you belong to Christ, the Spirit of God lives in you? He doesn't hover above you waiting to help. He's not waiting at a desk in heaven for you to call. He's not patrolling neighborhoods looking for souls in need. No, when God delivered you from the prison of sin and death, he not only invited you into his presence and family, but he came to live in you. He made a home for himself in you, your weak, broken, and forgiven soul.

"Do you not know that you are God's temple," the apostle Paul asks, "and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). Do you know? Has the ordinariness of life made you forget? God is living in the ordinary, in your ordinary.

Paul writes in Romans 8:8-9, "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you." Even if many aspects of your life stayed the same after you came to Christ — your family, your job, your neighborhood, your car, your wardrobe, even what you have for breakfast — something fundamental changed. Someone fundamental. God flooded every corner and unremarkable corner of your life with God — with himself, with his Spirit.

Feel the force of Paul's wonder as he repeats himself three times in just a few verses:

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. . . . If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who

raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:9-11)

He's captivated by a reality we often miss. God does not just love you, protect you, provide for you, and draw near to you; he dwells in you. He dwells in you. He dwells in you.

### Making His Presence Felt

If we could see all that the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us, we would not yawn or groan over "ordinary" like we're prone to. One day, we'll have eyes and ears tuned to these miracles, but for now, we have to search for them — for him. But what do we look for?

We look for child-like dependence. Paul goes on to say in Romans 8, "You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Romans 8:15-16). Whenever we reach out in faith to God as our Father — as someone who sovereignly loves and cares for us as his children — we do so by the Spirit. Do you have an impulse to pray when you feel tempted or weak or confused or discouraged? That impulse is not ordinary or natural; it's a work of God.

We look for an awareness of spiritual reality. Anything you truly understand about God, his word, and his will are gifts of the Holy Spirit. Anyone can read God's words and perhaps even make sense of the vocabulary and grammar and logic, but no one grasps the realities unless the Spirit moves. "Now we have received not the spirit

of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God" (1 Corinthians 2:12). We will never fully comprehend all God has done for us in Christ, but what we do understand now, we understand because of what God has done for us in the Holy Spirit.

We look for rejected temptations and conquered sins. "If you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Romans 8:13). Humans die in a thousand different ways, but sin dies in just one: by the Spirit. We may miss the power of these deaths because we assume, somewhere deep down, that we could overcome sin on our own — but we can't and we don't. If sin dies by our hand, it is only because our hand has become a mighty weapon in the hands of God himself.

We look for God-like love. The Holy Spirit doesn't only weed out the remaining wickedness in us; he also plants and nurtures a garden of righteousness. The clearest evidence that he dwells in us is not the ugliness he removes, but the beauty he creates. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). In other words, he makes us more like Christ. We look for love like his, joy like his, faithfulness like his. "We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image" — his image — "from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

We look for specific giftings or insights that meet needs in the church. Everyone in whom

the Spirit lives has been given abilities for the good of other believers. Paul says of the church, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7). To each — not just some or many. If the Spirit lives in you, then to you too. So how has God recently met a specific need through you? When he does, he's reminding you that he lives in you, by his Spirit.

Most of all, though, we look for love for Jesus. "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord,'" Paul says, "except in the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3). Of course, they can say it, but not with their heart — not with their faith, their joy, their hope, their love. Sustained love for Jesus only happens where the Spirit lives. Paul describes the same miracle in 2 Corinthians 4:6: "[God] has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." If we still love what we see when we look at Jesus, we see something only the Spirit could do in us.

Do you see continued dependence on God in your life? Do you see any gifting from

him, any victory over sin, any Christlike love or peace or joy? Do you still love what you see of Jesus? Then your ordinary isn't as ordinary as you might think, because the Holy Spirit is alive and at work in you.

### Prophecies of Paradise

As Christians, we have — yes, have — the Holy Spirit. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?" (1 Corinthians 6:19). We have the Holy Spirit now, but what we experience now is only a taste of what's to come. The Spirit, Paul says, "is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it" (Ephesians 1:14). Guarantee, meaning there's more.

Whatever good the Spirit does in each of us now is merely an appetizer of what he will do in all of us forever. The Spirit living in us in this world is a taste of what it will be like for us to live in his coming world. And, at the center of it all, we'll find him. The Christ whose Spirit lives in us will be the Christ who lives with us.

Life in the Spirit feels mundane when we grow dull to miracles. Yes, we live and work and love among thorns and thistles for now, but we do so by the strength and wisdom of God — until the day when he makes glory our ordinary.



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# Orange County baseball and softball teams enter mid-season

**OC SPORTS BEAT**  
**DAN PERRINE**  
**For The Record**

The second half of the district softball season started last week and the Bridge City Lady Cardinals remained perched at the top of the standings. The Lady Cardinals were undefeated in their first seven district ball games.

Win number six for Bridge City was on Tuesday, March 29 at Lumberton. The Lady Raiders came into that game trailing the Lady Cardinals by just one game in the district standings and could



Dan Perrine

have tied for the first half lead with a win.

The contest was a classic pitchers' duel between Carson Fall of the Lady Cardinals and Sydnie Cline for the Lady Raiders. Bridge City edged Lumberton 2-0 to stay undefeated while handing the Lady Raiders their second loss in district.

Bridge City's Fall was marvelous pitching a perfect game retiring all 21 Lady

Raider batters she faced including a remarkable 19 of them with strikeouts. Cline was herself brilliant for Lumberton pitching a two-hitter with one walk and striking out 13 Lady Cardinals.

Runs were at a premium for both teams. Marlie Strong drove in one of the runs for the Lady Cardinals. Lexi Nugier and Olivia Hornsby scored the two runs for Bridge City.

Three nights later the Lady Cardinals began the second half of district with their eighth straight district win 8-0 over West Orange-Stark.

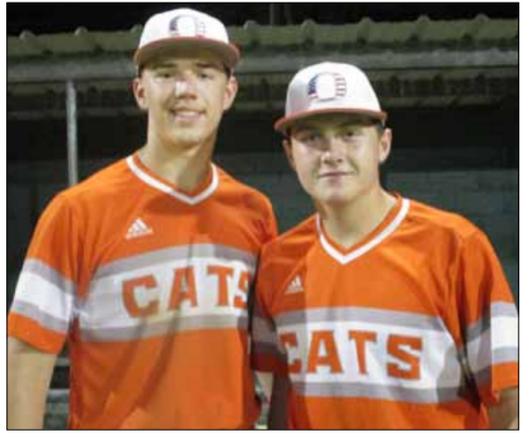
Carson Fall was again outstanding in the circle for Bridge City pitching a one hitter and striking out 19 Lady Mustangs.

Makenna Carey, Marlie Strong, and Brooklyn Drod-dy each had two hits in the game for Bridge City. Carey also reached on a walk and accounted for half the team's

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Orangefield's Kolbie Sowell and Kyle Michael were two of the hitting stars in the Bobcats win over LCM

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Bridge City Lady Cardinal  
Carson Fall



LCM Lady Bears  
Jacelyn Cook



T'Era Garrett has hit three homeruns for the Lady Mustangs during district the last one being against Silsbee last week.  
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runs. Nataleigh Sims for the Lady Mustangs threw her best game in the district season so far. Sims only walked two Lady Cardinals and struck out three in her six innings of work that night.

On the final Tuesday night in March two other teams battling for playoff positioning played as the Orangefield Lady Bobcats traveled to face the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears. Only one game separated the pair in the standings with the Lady Bears at 4-1 and the Lady Bobcats at 3-2 before the game started.

Orangefield opened the scoring in the first inning. Madison Hughes got a one-out walk before Harleigh Rawls singled to centerfield. Abigail Curphey followed with another single to right that scored Hughes with the initial run ahead of a throw to the plate which allowed Rawls and Curphey to advance another base.

Lady Bear pitcher Cami Shugart then settled down. She struck out the next two Lady Bobcats to hold the Orangefield rally to one run.

Shugart pitched masterfully the rest of the game striking out twelve and allowed only two more base runners over the last six innings on a hit batter in the fourth and a single by Paris Becker in the seventh. "Cami again tonight, that's two games in a row where, she's just had great control of the ball and great composure on the mound and she's really getting it done for us on defense," Lady Bear Coach Dena Adkins exclaimed.

Orangefield's Curphey escaped a scary first when the Lady Bears got their first two batters Jacelyn Cook and Shugart on base. Curphey retired the meat of the LCM order Lexis Moss, Ava Wright, and Keylie Washburn to get out of the inning unscathed.

The top of the lineup also started the bottom of the third inning for Little Cypress-Mauriceville. Cook walked for the second time and scored the tying run when Shugart reached on an error.

Moss grounded out moving Shugart to third. Wright doubled down the left field line to drive home Shugart making the score 2-1 in favor of the Lady Bears. Washburn singled to bring in Wright with LCM's third run of the inning and went to third when the ball was misplayed in the outfield by the Lady Bobcats.

After a walk to Jillian Brown, Rhylan Wilson hit a short fly to right on which Washburn tagged and beat the throw home to make the score 4-1 in favor of the Lady Bears. Ansley Moore hit a line drive that just ticked off the extended glove of the Orangefield second baseman for a single to score courtesy run-

ner Ashlynn Wilson. In the sixth inning for the third time Cook was the first Lady Bear batter, and again she started a rally. Cook singled, stole second, and went to third when the throw down to second base got away. Wright delivered a clutch two-out hit to bring Cook home with the final run of the game.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville secured second place for the first half of the district race with the win one game behind

Bridge City and one game ahead of Lumberton. Coach Adkins was happy with her team's comeback victory and the progress they have made this season. "Considering where we started this year and where we are now I'm very, very proud of all these girls coming together and finding a way to play together and becoming a team. Everybody on this team has a role and they're all contributing to these wins," Adkins assured.

The second half started on April 1 with the Lady Bears almost having a misstep against the Silsbee Lady Tigers who were looking for only their second win in district. LCM won a thriller 11-10 in eight innings using five errors by the Lady Tigers to secure the victory.

The hero was freshman Ella Stephenson for the Lady Bears. Stephenson had a single to drive in the first run of the game, a bases loaded double to bring home three more runs late in the game, and a squeeze bunt that scored what proved to be the winning run in the eighth inning.

Lady Bear pitcher Cami Shugart was not one hundred percent, and Adkins had to pull her in the third. Jacelyn Cook finished the game and got the win for LCM. Adkins indicated it is unclear whether Shugart was hurt and what her status is for the upcoming week.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats lost 8-1 to the Vidor Lady Pirates at Paul Cormier Field on the first day of April. The Lady Bobcats have dropped four of their last five games in

district. The Lady Pirates jumped on Orangefield pitcher Abigail Curphey for three runs in the

first inning and added one in the third before tallying four more in the fifth to clinch the big win for themselves. The

Lady Bobcats dropped into a tie with Vidor for fourth place

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# NFL owners change overtime rule for playoffs

**KAZ'S KORNER**  
**Joe Kazmar**  
**For The Record**

One of the greatest comebacks in National Football League history occurred last winter during the Buffalo Bills-Chiefs playoff game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

Even though I wanted the Chiefs to win that playoff game (because wife Susan is from the Show Me State), I was overly impressed how Buffalo refused to run up the white flag after Kansas City scored with 19 seconds left in regulation play.

The Bills extended those 19 seconds to more than five minutes of television time by utilizing their time outs and going out-of-bounds after catching a pass.

The game got down to the final second when the Bills' quarterback Josh Allen threaded the needle between three Chiefs defenders to score a touchdown as time ran out and made the extra point to tie the game and send it into overtime.

Buffalo, being the visiting team, got to call the coin flip and said "heads" and the flip came out "tails" and the Chiefs elected to receive the overtime kickoff.

This was where Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes was at his best—using short passes to get first downs and moved his team downfield.

The one long pass went for a touchdown and the Chiefs advanced to the next round of the playoffs while the Bills' players put on their snowshoes and went back home to watch the rest of the NFL playoffs WITHOUT ever touching the football in the overtime period.

Somehow my empathy kicked in and I felt like the Bills worked so hard in those precious 19 seconds and never got a chance to run another offensive play as their season sadly ended. It just was not right!!!

Last week the NFL owners approved a rule change that will allow the team that surrendered the overtime-opening touchdown a chance to score one of their own after realizing that the coin toss to begin the overtime period has too much impact on post-season game results.

If that second possession of overtime extends beyond the initial 15-minute period, play would continue until the team either scores or fails to get a first down somewhere along the way. Should the team tie the game, it would then become sudden death.

Since the previous overtime rule for the regular season was initiated in 2012, the team that won the coin flip won the game half of the time (76-of-152). But both teams had at least one possession in 82 per cent of the games (124-of-152), according to the



Joe Kazmar

Associated Press article.

"Since 2010, when that rule was instituted for the playoffs, seven of the 12 overtime

games have been won on an opening-possession touchdown and 10-of-12 have been won by the team that won the coin toss," the article points out.

An amendment was added to the original proposal by the Colts and Eagles to not make a change in the regular season, but in the postseason where the problem principally lies.

The Tennessee Titans had recommended that both teams possess the ball in overtime unless the team receiving the kickoff scores a touchdown and a two-point conversion. That would end the game.

Of course, if a team has the league's best rusher like the Titans do, they would have a great advantage. But the owners thought that rule was too gimmicky and went with the other proposal. The fans want to see their quarterback touch the football in the overtime period.

"Under previous rules, the 10-minute overtime in the regular season only continued if the team getting the ball first failed to score or kicked a field goal. Should the side receiving the kickoff make a field goal, the team that first played defense would get a possession in which it can score a touchdown and win, or kick a field goal and play would continue—if time allowed," the article concluded.

**KWICKIES...**Last week the Baltimore Ravens signed coach John Harbaugh to a three-year extension through 2025. He is entering his 15th season and has gone 148-96, including a Super Bowl victory at the end of the 2012 season.

The Houston Astros open the 2022 major league season against the Angels in Los Angeles tomorrow for a four-game series, play two at Arizona against the Diamondbacks and finish the nine-game, 11-day road trip at Seattle against the Mariners. Their opening game at Minute Maid Park in Houston isn't until Tuesday April 18 when the Angels come in for a three-game series with Toronto concluding the six-game homestand with a weekend series which also ends the Astros' home games for the month of April.

Hubert Davis did a magnificent job in his first year coaching the North Carolina Tar Heels after plowing through the NCAA tournament (mostly as the underdog) and reaching Monday's finals against top-seeded Kansas by upsetting state-rival Duke 81-77 and ending

Mike Krzyzewski's brilliant coaching career with the Blue Devils.

And while on the subject of the NCAA tournament, South Carolina went wire-to-wire as the women's No. 1 team to down UConn 64-49 in Sunday night's national championship game.

The Harlem Globetrotters have returned to Beaumont for their annual hilarious show 7 p.m. Friday at Ford Park.

A series "They Call Me Magic"--about the life of Magic Johnson--debuts April 22 on Apple TV.

Tiger Woods spent the first part of this week testing his right leg that was damaged so badly in his auto accident doctors considered amputation, to see if he would be able to play in the Masters, which begins tomorrow. If he does participate, Tiger will be a 39-1 longshot to win. Jon Rahm is the favorite at 6-1 odds.

J.J. Spaun, a pro golfer who had dropped to the Korn Ferry Tour less than a year ago, will play in this week's Masters after winning last weekend's Valero Texas Open at the TPC Course in San Antonio by two strokes over Matt Kucher and Matt Jones. It was his first PGA Tour victory that not only netted him \$1.548 million but also his first-ever berth in the Masters.

**JUST BETWEEN US...**Last Saturday's funeral mass for my former next-door neighbor Mickey Bergeron (pronounced Badger-ron) was like old home week for former and present Country Club residents. Father Jimmy Sichko, who lived right across the Bergeron's backyard fence, was magnificent in officiating the ceremony. Besides Mickey's family (wife Peggy, daughters Michelle and Angie and son Scott and their spouses and families) were Dean Woodley who is Angie's husband and Barb Ori, who used to live in Country Club addition, plus Judge Buddy Hahn and wife Carol, Cary Bresie and wife Brenda, Joe Murphy and wife Marilyn plus Thereze Sichko who still live there.



McKenzie Freeman and Elaina Forester of LCM won silver medals in the Girls Doubles at the District Finals.  
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

## OC tennis squads bring home medals in tournament finals

**Dan Perrine**  
**For The Record**

The tennis tournament finals for high schools in District 22-4A were held Friday, April 1, at the Beaumont Athletic Complex. Orange County schools were well represented on the courts.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville took home a team trophy after finishing with the most points in the boys division of the tournament. Silsbee won the overall team trophy for boys and girls competing.

Dax Rodgers and Tex Collier, son of the assistant tennis coach Jeffrey Collier at LCM, won the Boys Doubles

championship. Rodgers and Collier began playing doubles together last year.

Dax is glad to have a partner like Tex. "I couldn't ask for a better partner, he's one of my best friends I consider him my brother. He's an amazing partner, I wouldn't want to be partners with anybody else on this team," Rodgers stated.

Freshman Carson Forester of Little Cypress-Mauriceville grabbed the silver medal as the runner-up in the Boys Singles competition. Forester lost in the finals to the defending district champion Adam Saenz, a senior from Silsbee, who won the district title for the second year in a

row. Having been playing tennis only since he was in the seventh grade three years ago, Forester has been motivated to do his best. "I've been working hard ever since, and I've kind of stopped playing my other sports to just focus on tennis to see how good I can get and to just keep working," Forester informed. LCM tennis coach Brett Nicholson indicated Forester is the first freshman from Little Cypress-Mauriceville to ever compete in the Boys Singles tennis district finals.

Carson's sister Elaina was  
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# OC baseball, softball roundup From Page 2B



Braylen Collins of Bridge City got the win on the mound against West Orange-Stark and hit a three-run homer in the same game. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Silsbee were a full game behind the Bears. The race got even tighter after the games of Tuesday, March 29.

The Orangefield Bobcats beat the previously undefeated LCM Bears to take over first place by a half game over the Bears. The Bridge City Cardinals and the Silsbee Tigers won their games resulting in a three-way tie with LCM for second place behind the Bobcats.

Orangefield exploded offensively with a 23-1 blowout at Little Cypress-Mauriceville. "We knew it was going to be a good day to hit here. This park is smaller than most and then plus we knew the wind was blowing straight out," Coach Tim Erickson of Orangefield analyzed.

The Bobcats scored three runs in the first inning and did not stop putting runners across home plate until they scored 13 times in the sixth. The hitting stars were up and down the Orangefield lineup. Kolbie Sowell had a three-run homer in the final inning, and Kyle Michael smacked two doubles in that same inning.

Bobcat pitcher Trent Eaves was the beneficiary of all the runs to which he too contributed multiple hits. Eaves pitched a complete game yielding only a run in the bottom of the first to get the win for Orangefield.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville lost more than the game and first place in the standings. The Bears' starting pitcher Ashton Landry sprained his right elbow in the third inning. LCM Coach Hunter Hager said the trainer will continue to check Landry's arm to make sure it is only a sprain and nothing more serious.

The Bears lost to Silsbee in their next game without the services of Landry. The Tigers won 9-2 handing LCM its second straight loss.

Alone in first place for the first time the Bobcats kept their winning streak alive whipping Vidor 10-0 at Orangefield on April 1. The win was the fifth straight for the Bobcats and guaranteed at least a share of first place at the halfway point of the district schedule.

Pitcher Coop Longron threw the shutout and has not surrendered a run in three district starts. "Everybody plays with confidence when he's on the mound. We know what we're going to get out of him, and he threw up a bunch of zeroes tonight. That's all you can ask for," according to Erickson.

The Bobcats opened the scoring in the first inning on a single by Kolbie Sowell. Orangefield tallied three in the third and four runs in the fourth to open a big lead. McCoy Marze tripled in the sixth just missing a homer before scoring the Bobcats' tenth run to end the game.

The Bridge City Cardinals enjoyed their most impressive win in the district to that point on Tuesday, March 29. The Cardinals took the lead in the top of the first and never trailed in their 7-1 triumph at Lumberton.

Ethan Ocegura has embraced his role as the ace of the Cardinal pitching staff. Ocegura started his third district game that night, all wins for Bridge City. He went five and a third innings struck out seven and did not give up an earned run to the Raiders. Relief ace Landon Reeves closed out the game for the Cards.

The Cardinal offense was led by John Van Huis who had two hits and drove home a run. Other Bridge City runs were produced by Brice Swanton, Aidyn Mulhollan, Chasse Goodwin, and Deegan King.

Bridge City won by a bigger margin the next game on April 1 defeating West Orange-Stark 11-1 in six innings. Braylen Collins was the winning pitcher for the Cardinals and helped his own cause with a three-run homerun.

John Van Huis had a triple for Bridge City. The Cardinals stole nine bases in the game.

West Orange-Stark ended its scoreless streak in district games scoring three late runs against Silsbee on March 29. The Mustangs lost 24-3 to the Tigers to remain winless on the season.

The runs were produced on a single by William Lee, a bas-

es loaded walk from Andrew Wilson, and Tyrone Wilson scored on a wild pitch. Mustang Coach Sergio Espinal commented, "We are playing a little better. We still need to make improvements on the offensive side."

Games played on Tuesday of this week concluded the halfway point of the district baseball schedule. Orangefield had a bye so if Bridge City beat Little Cypress-Mauriceville and Silsbee defeated Vidor there would be a three-way tie for first place between the Bobcats, the Cardinals, and the Tigers.

The second half begins on Friday, April 8, with the big game being the battle between Silsbee and Orangefield at Paul Cormier Field. The Tigers won the first meeting between the two teams 5-1 at Silsbee to start district action.



Orangefield Bobcat  
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William Lee

in the district.

Orangefield Coach Rebekah Ragsdale said the Lady Bobcats have been struggling since the tight loss to Bridge City three weeks ago. "In that game I thought we played exceptionally well, and I thought we played exceptionally well up to that point, but since then we just haven't. I know with a young group we're going to have a lot of inconsistencies, but we do have to find a way to pull ourselves out of it to play well again," Ragsdale evaluated.

The West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs lost 14-4 against the Silsbee Lady Tigers on the last Tuesday night in March. Both teams were looking for their first win in district.

The loss was a tough one for West Orange-Stark despite some good hitting from several Lady Mustangs. Erika Jordan went three for three and drove in a run. T'era Garrett hit a solo homerun her third in district play, scored two runs, and walked twice.

Tykeira Montgomery went one for three with an RBI for the Lady Mustangs. Nataleigh Sims hit a double, walked, and scored a run. Rayven Gales scored a run and went one for two.

After two weeks of district games only one game separated the top four teams in the District 22-4A baseball standings with Little Cypress-Mauriceville in first place leading Orangefield by half a game while both Bridge City and

## Texas mystery bull is on the loose



The Wharton County Sheriff's Office in Texas said deputies are trying to identify the owner of a bull that is believed to have been on the loose for a month and a half.

### Staff Report For The Record

Authorities in Texas said a bull has been on the loose for about a month and a half -- but no one knows where it

came from.

The Wharton County Sheriff's Office posted photos to Facebook showing the light-colored bull seen wandering in the area of County Road 216 since about mid-February.

"The bull has been roaming between wooded pasture and a hay meadow in the area. No brands or markings on the bull," the post said.

The sheriff's office said deputies do not know where the bull came from and they are now attempting to locate the animal's owner.

Texas law holds that even if the bull is captured by a member of the public, they must turn it over to the own-

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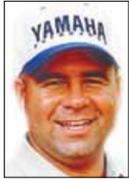
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# Slow down, fast doesn't always equal catching more fish

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Chuck Uzzle

Fishing too fast is a common problem that many anglers have, especially when the fish tend to gather up and school in big bunches. Saltwater anglers who chase schooling fish along with freshwater fishermen who also key in on flocks of birds over hungry groups of stripers, hybrids, and whites are perhaps the worst. The frenzied activity puts everyone on the boat in high gear often leaving the majority of the water column untouched. It's a proven fact that smaller more aggressive fish will be the first to attack a bait so consequently the "speed fisherman" may never see what caliber of fish is really down under the surface. Savvy anglers will let a bait get down under the surface melee and are more often than not rewarded with better quality fish. Saltwater enthusiasts often find better speckled trout and redfish down under all the small trout hustling shrimp and shad near the surface. By allowing the smaller fish to hit the bait and not setting the hook anglers can get down past the smaller fish to where the big boys play. Some anglers will actually crawl their baits along the bottom with very little action and catch some of the best fish out

there, it's difficult to do but well worth the effort.

By taking the time to patiently work a school of fish with a slower retrieve and perhaps a little larger bait anglers can effectively cull out smaller fish. The smaller fish will peck at the larger baits while the better fish will usually strike them with a little more gusto. This slightly different approach proves itself out in some of the strangest ways. Think about how many times you have caught a fish while dragging bait and correcting a backlash, it makes you wonder. If we could see the baits we are fishing with underwater we would see how little of the actual area we are fishing, most of the time it's less than 2 feet deep. Burning a lure at a high speed has its applications but it's awful hard to argue with the success that the slower approach produces.

Speaking of slower approaches one that comes to mind is dropping anchor on drifts instead of dropping buoy markers. In years past we would make long drifts down Sabine Lake, catch some fish, and repeat the drift only to catch fish in basically the same area. It was fishing on an escalator; you

just went round and round until the fish quit biting. One day while fishing on Calcasieu I got schooled on a better way to go about this process from a local fisherman. We were both fishing the same area only we were going about it differently. The local guy was sitting on anchor while I continued to make drift after drift on the same line. After about 3 passes I hear the local guy say to his buddy in the boat "that guy has a beautiful boat, it's a shame he couldn't afford an anchor". After that encounter I decided to try fishing like the locals and it has paid big dividends. If you watch these guys they keep the anchor real handy, one or two bites in the same area and they ease the anchor overboard and fish the area thoroughly. Usually these patient fishermen wind up catching more fish while others who continue to drift just miss out on the action. I am sold on the technique because it works; we really use it in the spring down on the south end of Sabine.

Taking the slower approach one step farther by learning how to properly anchor in places where you may be in deeper water can be critical to success. One day many years ago Capt. Dickie Colburn and I were fishing a stretch of the Sabine River where we knew a herd of Redfish had been hanging

around. For some reason we couldn't find them until we adjusted our position on the anchor by letting out about 30 feet of line and slipping right into the perfect spot. Our adjustment put us into casting range but kept us off the big concentration of fish; any other set up would result in either spooking the fish or not getting bit and both of those options don't sound good at all. By adjusting our position we were able to cast over a submerged point where the redfish were ganged up escaping the current. The extra rooms on our casts finally allowed the bait to reach the fish that we knew were there, we were

just off the mark by a few feet. Sometimes that few feet can be the difference between a great day and a zero.

During the coming months your patience and abilities will be tested not only by other anglers but by the elements and the fish as well. A more controlled approach will pay huge dividends as the crowds descend on the bays this summer. It never fails this time of year, everybody hears about how good the fishing is and how easy it is to catch fish so the thundering herd collapses on the coast. Regular anglers know this is coming so they adjust accordingly and make due until the crowds cease. Re-

member there are plenty of fish out there for everyone so stay clam and patient because fishing is our sanctuary and the actions of someone else should never be allowed to ruin that. Enjoy the fishing and the weather and be sure to share the outdoors with someone who may not know just how wonderful it really is.

## Everybody Reads 'The Record'

## Tennis finals From Page 3B



The Little Cypress-Mauriceville boys finished in first place at the District 22-4A Tennis Finals held in Beaumont on April 1. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

the Cypress-Mauriceville was Rachel Ammean who took the bronze in the Girls Singles. Ella Roy and Chloe Henry from Little Cypress-Mauriceville finished fourth in the Girls Doubles. Jacob Miller and Christine Qi were fourth in the Mixed Doubles for LCM.

All those that won gold or silver medals qualify for the Regional Tennis Tournament at Bryan High School on April 11 and April 12. Bronze medalists qualify as alternates to the regionals.



Orangefield's Shon Currie and Alayna Dodd won gold medals in the Mixed Doubles competition at the District Finals. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

half of LCM's top Girls Doubles team with McKenzie Freeman. Forester and Freeman lost in the finals to twins Lauren and Emma Scott Wellman from Silsbee.

Freeman and Forester have only been playing tennis together since 2021. The two seniors have been best friends though throughout their four years in high school together which has benefitted their game.

Elaina explained the benefit of the friendship. "I think we really have a mentally strong game, both of us do, and even what we lack in physical we gain back in mental. We're really good at keeping each other up, we're never down on each other, and we always encourage each other to use our placement and use our communication," Forester said.

McKenzie added the friends also had something to prove. "Even though we just started playing together last year I think it made us really have something to prove. You can do anything you put your mind to, and

having my best friend there beside me really helps," Freeman concluded.

The longest match of the day was for the Mixed Doubles championship. It lasted over three hours with the championship being decided in an extended third set with Orangefield taking it 8-6 over Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

Shon Currie and Alayna Dodd took home the gold medals for the Bobcats. Evan Barborek and Kaitlyn Ewing won the silver medals for the Bears.

The other medalist for Lit-

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## Orange County Project Public Open Houses Scheduled for April 2022

The Orange County Project, a component of the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Program (S2G Program), will host a series of public open houses in April 2022 to provide the public with information about project progress.

The Orange County Project is one of three projects included in the S2G Program. The Orange County Project will consist of a new levee system, including multiple pump stations, which aims to reduce the risk of storm surge impacting coastal communities such as Bridge City, West Orange, Orange, and various unincorporated areas of Orange County. The project is being designed to reduce the risk of flooding from a storm surge, while not inducing adverse impacts to area residents and businesses.

The Orange County Project is a partnership of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and its non-Federal sponsor, the Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD). Orange County and the Orange County Drainage District are actively engaged with USACE and the GCPD in coordinating the project design.

To learn more about the Orange County Project, visit:

- The project website – [www.swg.usace.army.mil/S2G/OrangeCounty](http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/S2G/OrangeCounty)
- The project StoryMap – [sabine-to-galveston-usace-swg.hub.arcgis.com](http://sabine-to-galveston-usace-swg.hub.arcgis.com)

Public open houses will be held on the following dates and locations:

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**  
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
**Bridge City Community Center**  
105 Parkside Drive  
Bridge City, Texas 77611

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**  
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
**American Legion Post 49**  
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**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
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Materials and format will be the same at all three meetings. Informational displays will be available for public viewing, and project team representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions.

Public feedback and participation are encouraged. These public open houses are intended to inform and provide opportunities for the public to participate in the Orange County Project. **These public open houses are not part of the formal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which was completed in 2017.**

Comments received during this time will be taken into consideration by the Orange County Project Team but will not be documented as part of a NEPA-required public comment period. Written comments will be accepted during the public open houses and may be emailed to [S2GOrangeCounty@usace.army.mil](mailto:S2GOrangeCounty@usace.army.mil).

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

**BOBBY RAY MANSHACK, Deceased**  
 Cause No. P19375  
 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 31, 2022, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Bobby Ray Manshack, 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 31, 2022.

**BRANDY ROBERTSON,**  
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 By: *Samantha McInnis*, Deputy  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **EDWARD ANTHONY NEWCOMER, Deceased,** were issued on **MARCH 31, 2022, in Cause No. P19303,** pending in the County Court of **ORANGE COUNTY, Texas,** to: **MICHAEL H. LEWIS.**

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  
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Dated the 4th day of April, 2022.

*James R. Dunaway*  
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### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 COUNTY OF HORRY  
 CRYSTAL THOMPSON PARKS & CHRISTOPHER TERRY PARKS,  
 PETITIONERS,  
 V.  
 REBECCA NICOLE PURVIS & JOHN DOE,  
 RESPONDENTS.

IN RE:  
 EMMA RENEE PARKS (DOB: 01/03/2011) A MINOR  
 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14-YEARS-OLD

TO: REBECCA NICOLE PURVIS BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A CAUCASIAN FEMALE CHILD BORN IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 3, 2011;  
 TO: JOHN DOE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CAUCASIAN MALE CHILD BORN IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 3, 2011;

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to respond to the Petition for Adoption in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you and to serve a copy of your response on the subscriber at her address, Brana J. Williams, Indigo Family Law, LLC, 2055 Glens Bay Road, Surfside Beach, South Carolina, 29575, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Petition for Adoption within the time aforesaid, the Petitioners in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition.

**REBECCA NICOLE PURVIS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an adoption proceeding was filed in Family Court of Horry County on December 20, 2021, and in this Petition, you are named to be the mother of **A CAUCASIAN FEMALE CHILD BORN IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 3, 2011.**

**JOHN DOE YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an adoption proceeding was filed in Family Court of Horry County on December 21, 2021, and in this Petition, you are named to be the unknown biological father of **A CAUCASIAN FEMALE CHILD BORN IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 3, 2011;**

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED,** that if Notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard prior to the Final Hearing. To file notice to contest, intervene or otherwise respond, you must notify The Clerk of Court for Horry County, as well as the Chief Administrative Judge for the Family Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, at the Horry County Family Court, at 1301 2nd Street, Conway, South Carolina 29926 or mailing address P.O. Box 677, Conway, South Carolina 29528. All of the above-named must be informed, and must be kept advised, or your current address throughout the adoption proceedings.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED,** that your failure to respond within thirty (30) days of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitutes your consent to this adoption and the forfeiture of all your rights and obligations with respect to the child who is the subject of this action. It is further alleged that your consent to this adoption is not required under S.C. Code Ann., Section 63-9-310 and that your parental rights should be terminated pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-7-2570 (7) GROUNDS.

**YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED** that this notice is given pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-730 (E).

**THIS ACTION WAS FILED ON DECEMBER 20, 2021 and a final hearing is set for July 11, 2022 at 9:30a.m. before Honorable Salley McIntyre, at the Horry County Judicial Complex located at 1301 2nd Avenue, Conway, South Carolina. BE SO NOTIFIED!**

Respectfully submitted,  
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 CASE NO. 2021-DR-26-2784

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDING

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: **JONATHAN MARRERO SERRANO**  
 Defendant(s), Greeting:

**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 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law #2 of Orange County at the Courthouse thereof, in Orange, Texas, by filing a written answer on or before 10 o'clock A.M., of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being May 12, 2022, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on DECEMBER 11, 2018, in this cause, numbered 24173 on the docket of said court and styled:

Quibodeaux, Steve, Dba Bridge City Wrecker vs Jonathan Marrero Serrano

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION as more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this March 31, 2022

**Brandy Robertson, Clerk, County Court**  
 Orange County, Texas  
 By *Brooke Hatton*  
 Brooke Hatton

### DIVORCE CITATION BY PUBLICATION (OTHER) - COPUBWD

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: **Michael M Smith** Respondent, NOTICE:

**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 judgement may be taken against you.

The petition of **Christopher Denmon, Petitioner,** was filed in the 260th District Court of Orange County, Texas on 15th day of July, 2021, against **Michael M Smith, Respondent,** numbered 210309-C.

The suit request:

**Defendant to be cited to appear and answer herein as to the following property:**

This is a Declaratory Action to determine the rights of Michael Smith, Seller/Defendant and Christopher Denmon, Buyer/Plaintiff with respect to the real property located at 209 Skylark Avenue, Bridge City, Texas and more particularly described as follows:

Being a 0.212 acre tract or parcel of land out of the JOHN JETT SURVEY, ABSTRACT No. 15, Orange County, Texas, being a park of Block 8, Orange County, Farms, recorded in Volume 2, page 41, Map Records, Orange County, Texas also being a 0.212 acre tract or parcel of land conveyed to Jason Morgan, by deed recorded in Clerk File No.348596, of the Official Public Records, of Real Property, Orange County, Texas, said 0.212 acre tract being more particularly described as follow;

BEGINNING at a ½" iron rod found for the intersection of the Northeast corner of said 0.212 acre tract, and the South right-of-way line of Skylark Avenue;

THENCE South 14 deg. 53 Min. 27 Sec. West, along and with the East line of said 0.212, for a distance of 119.85 feet, to a 5/8" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of said 0.212 acre tract;

THENCE North 79 Deg. 15 Min. 12 Sec. West, for a distance of 75.55 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of said 0.212 acre tract;

THENCE North 14 Deg. 50 Min. 30 Sec. East along and with the West line of said 0.212 acre tract. For a distance pf 125.40 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of said 0.212 acre tract;

THENCE South 75 Deg. 02 Min. 25 Sec. East, along and with the North line of said 0.212 acre tract, for a distance of 75.46 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.212 Acres, of land.

The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment which will be binding on you.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this April 2, 2022.

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