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Interstate 10, SH-87 to have traffic changes

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Two big traffic changes are scheduled for Orange County, one on Interstate 10 and the other on Highway 87 between Bridge City and the new Golden Triangle Polymers plant site.

Orange County Commissioner Johnny Trahan announced at Commissioners Court Tuesday that the Texas Department of Transportation will be having lane closures on the interstate this weekend in Orange.

The closures will be from 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, through 5 a.m. Monday, June 12. The eastbound

traffic lanes will be closed from the Whippoorwill Street entrance ramp to 16th Street. Traffic will be down to one lane on the feeder road. Also, one lane of westbound traffic will be closed with lanes alternated.

Golden Triangle Polymers, the \$8.5 billion petrochemical plant being built by Chevron Phillips and Qatar Energy, is setting new traffic routes on Highway 87 at the Cow Bayou Bridge in Bridge City beginning on Monday and going through Tuesday.

The company will be widening lanes of the highway to accommodate the

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Marcelle Adams leaves legacy for women in public service



Orange County's first woman county commissioner, Marcelle Adams, is pictured with her daughter, Theresa Adams Beauchamp during her term as county commissioner before retiring in 2022.

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For The Record

Before a Commissioners Court meeting began in 1983, Marcelle Adams, a retiree who became interested in Orange County government, was seen talking sternly to the county engineer, who stood a head taller than her. As she talked, she pointed her index finger at him and poked him in the chest.

Not many women 40 years ago would have done that. But Adams didn't stop with that encounter. She decided to run for office and later became the first woman to join what she later called "the Good Old Boys Club," commissioners court.

Marcelle Adams, a legend in her own time, died Sunday at her home in Orange. She was 99 years old. Her only child, daughter Theresa Adams Beauchamp, later

was elected to the same Precinct 2 commissioners seat and they are the only mother-daughter in the state to serve as county commissioners.

Adams in 1983 was 60 years old and retired from DuPont. In January that year, James Stringer became county judge after a contentious race against the incumbent, Pete Runnels. All four of the sitting county commissioners were at odds with Stringer and his new plans, including selling the county-owned hospital to a private company.

Adams began attending commissioners court meetings and giving her opinions.

Two commissioners were set to run for re-election in 1984, but the two incumbents announced they would not run. At the same

MARCELLE Page 3A

"Blessing Box" locations found throughout county

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

First Presbyterian Church in Orange has erected a Blessing Box to help provide assistance for needy residents in the city. The box is on the church's property located at the corner of Green Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Orange.

The idea of a Blessing Box came to fruition through the efforts of the recently created Outreach Committee at First Presbyterian Church. The committee got strong support from its Pastor Bobby Daniel to create the box, then it accepted the permission from the local church's ruling body the Session to provide the box, and concluded by receiving the approval of the City of Orange to erect it.

Jo Lynn Mott serves on First Presbyterian's Outreach Committee, and she first got the idea for a container to hold donated items to be used as an outreach to the community after seeing a Blessing Box at a church where she lives in Bridge City and at other churches in mid-Jefferson County. Mott said, "Any non-perishable food can be donated, and I know the church in Bridge City they also have soaps, shampoos, deodorant, and any necessities that people may not have funds to purchase."

This provided the impetus for the committee to pursue the idea of having its own Blessing Box at First Presbyterian Church. Committee member Ron Rehffuss researched for a couple of weeks similar distribution boxes found elsewhere.

Rehffuss shared, "We came up with the design that Kiwanis International uses around the country,



Vanessa Craigue and her husband Bobby constructed the Blessing Box at First Presbyterian Church in Orange.

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The youth group at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City made the Blessing Box which its church members fill with items for needy individuals.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

they probably have a thousand of them at various places. We just kind of adopted their basic design, and Kiwanis International calls their boxes a Little Free Food Pantry."

The idea of erecting small storage containers for people to donate items

for anyone that had needs was picked up by several Catholic churches that installed similar boxes for helping people in their various parishes in the United States. A Catholic church in Fayetteville, Arizona is credited with probably being the first to

have a Little Food Pantry started in March of 2016.

Assembly of God incorporated the idea in several of its churches including in Ardmore, Oklahoma. It was a church there that the term Blessing Box was

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'Cops N Kids' scheduled for June 9

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

The 27th Annual Orange County Cops N Kids Picnic will be held Friday, June 9, at Claiborne West Park. The purpose is to allow young people a time to interact in a friendly and fun atmosphere with law officers and other first responders to develop good relationships between them.

Cops N Kids is a function where first responders come together to bridge the gap between children and law enforcement according to Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Richard Guzman. "We want to let the kids know they have alternative means of communicating

with us, and it allows the kids to feel more at home with us instead of fearing us so they can understand we're actually here to help them," Deputy Guzman reminded.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office is not alone in Cops N Kids. Other agencies will participate including local police departments, the county constables, fire departments, wrecker services, and basically anybody involved in first response to emergencies of all kinds.

The first responders will have their equipment and vehicles with them during the picnic. This will allow the kids and the public an opportunity to see first hand the tools used when

the first responders are called to an emergency.

In addition to first responders there will be vendors at Claiborne West Park. All sorts of fun free souvenirs will be distributed to those attending including corporate sponsors like Home Depot and Entergy will have booths in an effort to help promote safety at work and around the home.

About fifty different activities will be available for visitors of all ages. Among the activities are a small train to ride, bounce houses for the kids to jump in, and local martial arts schools will give demonstrations.

There will be plenty of refreshments for everyone including hotdogs, chips, cot-

ton candy, snow-cones, popcorn, soft drinks, and watermelons. All the refreshments and activities are free to the public.

Deputy Guzman added, "It is one of the things Sheriff Mooney himself has pushed to bring the community closer together. We're looking forward to helping the kids out and letting them have a good time and just letting them be them."

This year's Cops N Kids Picnic is scheduled for Friday, June 9, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Claiborne West Park located between Orange and Vidor off of Interstate 10 west bound. Admission is free, all the activities are free, and all the refreshments are free.

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Marcelle Adams leaves legacy

From Page 1

time, the other two incumbents announced they would leave their terms after only two years and would let their positions also be on the ballots.

When the Precinct 2 incumbent announced he would leave after two years, Adams decided to run. A total of 26 candidates ran for the four open spots. Adams lost to Charles McQuade. But two years later, she beat him.

She would tell people how he talked about how she couldn't handle the rugged work of a commissioner because she was used to playing bridge and growing roses. He should have known better.

Adams was married for decades to Albert "Cowboy" Adams, the descendant of pioneering Orange County residents. He got his nickname because he could ride and

rope with the best of cowboys. Marcelle Adams didn't let him leave her behind.

She would recall that after her win, she got a pickup truck, put on her pants and boots, and went out on the roads to keep an eye out in her precinct. She became known as an outspoken member of the court who did her homework before meetings and versed herself on the activities of county government.

She lost her seat on the court when she made an unsuccessful bid in the 1990s for county judge.

Adams first moved to Orange as a teenager with her parents during the World War II shipbuilding boom. Like thousands of families at the time, they lived in a house in the Riverside housing along the Sabine River near the shipyards. She met Albert,

"My Al," as she fondly called him. It was love and they married.

Albert Adams, who became the county animal officer, was elected to the Orange County Drainage District board of directors in the 1990s. He died of cancer in 1998.

Their daughter, Theresa Beauchamp, moved to Orange with her husband, Frank, who also grew up in Orange, to be closer. Theresa inherited the public service gene from her mother and ran for Orange City Council.

Beauchamp remembered that her mother advised her the best way to win was to go

door-to-door knocking to meet people. And that's what she did to win her first race.

She later retired as an educator and left the city council, only to run for the Precinct 2 commissioners seat in 2018. She won, and did not run for another term.

Precinct 2 has the distinct honor of having the only women commissioners in county history. In between the years of Marcelle and Theresa, the late Sue Bearden won the spot. After her election win, she credited Marcelle Adams as being her inspiration.

Deaths & Memorials

Marcelle Adams, 99, Orange

Marcelle Adams, 99, of Orange, Texas, passed away on June 3, 2023, at her place of residence.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Lynn Ashcraft and Reverend Joshua Sharp. Marcelle's grandson, Brad Adams Beauchamp, will be presenting the eulogy. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Shelbyville, Texas, on October 11, 1923, she was the daughter of William O. and Lucille (Beard) Clark. Marcelle was a woman of great faith and a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Orange, actively participating in the Joy Sunday School Class. She worked diligently in the lab at DuPont for 30 years after traveling abroad extensively. Marcelle was later proudly elected as the first female County Commissioner of Orange County. A few years down the line, Marcelle's daughter went on to be elected as County Commissioner, making them the first mother-daughter duo in the state of Texas to have both held that title. Marcelle was a very independent and determined woman. She was on the National Advisory Board of the Salvation Army and was a very active member in the American Red Cross. Marcelle was also a member of both the Golden Kiwanis Club and the Ivy League Garden Club. She was a Master Gardener; known to have a green thumb



Marcelle Adams

and enjoyed working out in her yard as much as she could. During her free time, Marcelle loved to play a good game of bridge, visit her great-grandchildren in Houston, and eat Dairy Queen with her Lunch Bunch after Sunday services. Marcelle was an inspiration to people everywhere and will be fondly remembered by many.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert "Cowboy" Adams, Jr.; parents, William and Lucille Clark; sister, Marlene Ward; in-laws, Alan and Inez Hubbard; and brother-in-law, Charles Hubbard.

She is survived by her daughter, Theresa Beauchamp and husband, Frank; companion and dog, Noelle; grandson, Brad Adams Beauchamp and wife, Meagan; great-grandchildren, Mary Merle, Annabelle Marcelle, and Georgia Dale; sister, Margie Henry; and cousins, Betty James, Shirley Thornton, and Mike James.

Serving as pallbearers will be Roy Philp, Ebb Moore, Van Vandervort, Chipper Nance, Mike James, Dan Harris, and Scott Hasty. Honorary pallbearer will be Roger Walker.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Marcelle's caregivers, Tresa Hebert, Myrna Trahan, Elaina Vickers, Rhianna Bullock, and Hospice of South East Texas.

In honor of Marcelle, donations can be made to Trinity Baptist Church in Orange; 1819 North 16th Street, Orange, Texas 77630.

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BCISD honors teachers and staff for career accomplishments

Staff Report For The Record

The Bridge City school district has honored teachers and staff for the 2022-23 school year. Teachers of the Year are Jennifer Fall of Bridge City Elementary, Brittany Lee of Bridge City Intermediate, Marty Taylor of Bridge City Middle, and Daniel Auchenback of Bridge City High.

Fall was named Elementary Teacher of the Year and Auchenback was named Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Judith Brownlie was named as one of the regional winners of the Wayne A. Reaud Award for excellence in education. The special award, which includes a cash prize,

goes for educators for their longterm work in the field.

The district also honored retirees Judith Brownlie, Beverly Delahoussaye, Deborah Ellender, Pauline Hall, Mary Heslep, Gina Mannino, Linda Simon, Tammy Stark, and Gay Vela.

Superintendent Dr. Mike Kelley also gave service awards, with Linda Simon of Bridge City Elementary honored for 40 years with the district. Kara Brinson has 30 years of service, with Christi Wiegrefe and Edith Peet recognized for 25 years of service. Those with 20 years of service are Corrin Gonzales, Gina Mannino, Sherry Moore, Betty Diabo, and Kinnley Rodrigue.

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New RV park rules for Orange County delayed

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Orange County Commissioners Court Tuesday was set to hear a report on the needs for setting rules and standards for RV park developments, but new state rules made the court delay.

County Engineer Corey Oldbury said he was set to give his findings and suggestions, but Assistant County Attorney Denise Gremillion said she still needed to study recent state laws on what the county can do.

The issue is important to the county because of the influx of construction workers to the area for the many building projects, including the \$8.5 billion Golden Triangle Polymers plant. Many construction workers buy RVs with their per diem expenses pay and bring them from job to job. Others find renting an RV in a park less expensive than long-term hotel rates or local apartments.

County Judge John Gothia said he needs to find out which parts of proposed legislation on RV parks passed in the recent session of the Texas Legislature, which ended May



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29 with hundreds of new bills passed and hundreds others failing or left behind without a full vote.

One of the proposals during the session was to make all RV parks in the state follow national requirements, rather than having each county set their own rules.

In other business, the court approved spending \$30,000 a year for a new software system for the Orange County District Attorney's Office. Assistant District Attorney

RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal

Krispen Walker said the new system will allow the office to upload and download evidence quicker and easier.

The system is iCrime-Fighter and is being used in Jasper County. Judge Gothia said MIS Director Lisa Reeves studied the system and checked with other counties using it.

Walker said a 2014 state law requires prosecutors to share all evidence in criminal cases with defense attorneys. The law was passed after an inno-

cent man was freed from prison years after being convicted of murder. A judge determined the prosecutor in that case with held evidence that would have helped the man show his innocence.

Walker said more and more evidence is coming from surveillance cameras and body cameras on law enforcement officers. Under the current system in Orange, police depart-

ments have to burn a disc and then upload it into the computer system. Many times problems in the system's load make transmitting videos difficult.

With the new system, the videos can be transferred easily directly online. Walker said some police departments may get the same system and officers will be able to submit all the case interviews and evidence directly to the

DA's office.

The court also approved a budget transfer of \$79,000 from the contingency fund of the Risk Management Department. The transfer will allow the county to pay a premium increase of \$92,500 for property insurance. County Auditor Pennee Schmidt said the insurance has increased 55 percent.

BCCC hosts scavenger hunt

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Fifty-two businesses in Bridge City are participating in a summer scavenger hunt that can make the winner \$500 richer.

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the contest as a way to introduce more of the public to local businesses and what they offer. Besides the grand prize, a number of the merchants and business services are handing out special gifts to scavenger hunt players who visit them.

Chamber Director Mandy Lyda said the scavenger hunt, which started this week, will run

through July 31. "We wanted to give enough time for people to go to all the businesses," she said.

Anyone can participate and there is no age restrictions on winning. "It would be a fun thing for the family to take their kids," Lyda said.

All it takes is to read a clue online and start with that site. Participants can scan a QR code on their cell phone and then go to the next business for another clue. The person who visits the most businesses at the end of July 31 will win a \$500 gift card.

Lyda said if people tie for the most businesses, a drawing of those will be

held to determine the final winner.

"Our goal is just to get people into local businesses and see what they have to offer," she said. "People drive by businesses everyday and they often don't know what the businesses are about."

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce is at 150 West Roundbunch Road. More information on the scavenger hunt and the chamber is available by calling 409-735-5671 during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon.

Traffic changes ahead From Page 1

heavy haul trucks that will be transporting the module pieces of the new plant, which will be barged down Cow Bayou. Digital message boards have been flashing information about the traffic for the past two weeks.

The company describes heavy haul loads as those

exceeding 55,000 pounds. The company has already set Gate 2 along Highway 87, across from the Orange County Airport between Bridge City and Orange as the entrance for trucks. Highway lanes there have been widened and one lane of traffic has been set aside for the trucks by a

concrete barrier.

The company said heavy haul trucks must remain in the right lane. In addition, trucks leaving the site at Gate 2 must turn right and travel on North Highway 87, rather than try to cross traffic lanes.

The time schedule for the heavy loads is set for

October this year until April 2025. Chevron Phillips has bought property along Cow Bayou and is building a barge unloading site. An estimated 200 barge transfers are expected for the 350 modules of the plant.

Blessing Box From Page 1

first used to identify the container.

First Presbyterian Church in Orange adopted the same name for its box as suggested by Randy Branch a member on the Outreach Committee. Branch is also the mayor of the City of West Orange and indicated his city is working to design a sharing container which they plan to call a Blessing Box to be located in Seale-Alford Plaza near the city hall in West Orange.

Constructing the Blessing Box was based on examples found by Rehffuss and was handled by committee members Bobby and Vanessa Craigue at First Presbyterian Church. Bobby Craigue commented, "At first we thought it was going to be kind of small and wondered why others didn't build theirs any bigger, but when we lifted it up on the pole empty we thought this is a good size."

The final apparatus is 24 inches wide, 30 inches tall, and 12 inches deep. The box sits on a post lifting it 44 inches off the ground.

A sign prepared by OC-ARC is attached to the post. The sign reads BLESSING BOX. Take what you need. Give what you can. Above all, be blessed. First Presbyterian Church.

Donations to the Blessing Box are greatly appreciated. The door on the box can be easily opened and items put inside before closing the transparent front of the box.

Blessing Box are any product that has been opened or partially used, has a glass container, or has a container with no labels on it.

The Blessing Box at First Presbyterian Church in Orange is the first such box in the City of Orange. It is located near the Gillespie Building on

Ninth Street where the church operates a soup kitchen between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM every Tuesday and Friday.

In Bridge City a Blessing Box is at St. Paul Methodist Church located at 1155 W. Roundbunch Road. The youth group at the church built the container over a year ago and members do their best to keep it filled with non-perishable food and other personal hygiene items.

Another Blessing Box can be found in Pinehurst. That Blessing Box is located across the street from Destiny Church at 3423 Martin Street.

The Orange Public Library on Fifth Street in downtown Orange does have its own Blessing Box outside the front of the library. Instead of non-perishable food items it holds writing paper, pencils, pens, and other such supplies.

Celebrating 60th Wedding Anniversary

Gerald and Betty LeBlanc

Betty Vincent married Derald LeBlanc on June 8, 1963 at The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Morse, Louisiana. Mr. & Mrs. LeBlanc had six children: David, Darren, Dwayne, Dana, Dena and Donna. The LeBlanc's have 7 grandchildren (all boys): Gregory Gravett, Micah Meranda, Troy & Trace LeBlanc, Coy & Clay Darby. The LeBlanc's also have 1 great grandchild: McCartney Gravett. Happy 60th Anniversary.

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From the Creaux's Nest

LUNCH BUNCH ANNIVERSARY DELAYED ONE WEEK

The Wednesday Lunch Bunch 32nd anniversary gathering has been postponed due to the funeral service Wednesday, June 7, at 11:00 a.m., for former county commissioner Marcelle Adams, age 99, who passed away June 3. The Lunch Bunch will celebrate its 32rd anniversary this coming Wednesday, June 14. For many years Marcelle Adams had attended the Lunch Bunch gatherings. Most members will be attending her funeral at Claybar Funeral Home Orange at 11:00 a.m.

REMEMBERING COMMISSIONER MARCELLE ADAMS

Marcelle Adams was the first woman county commissioner in Orange County. She was a 30-year employee of Dupont. She was highly respected by everyone who knew her and was very involved in public service. Many stories have been told of how Marcelle always extended a helping hand to any family in need. She and her late husband, Cowboy Adams, were one of the better known couples in Orange County because of their involvement in the community. Unknown to most, Cowboy was an underwater welder and deep sea diver. On land he was a cowboy's cowboy and Marcelle was his Ms. Kitty. They had one child, daughter Theresa Beauchamp, who followed in her mother's footsteps and became only the third female to serve as county commissioner. I will always remember when Marcelle called me and said, "Theresa is going to run for county commissioner, I hope you can support her." Besides knowing Theresa and Frank for a longtime, I had been friends of her parents and had helped Marcelle in her campaign for county commissioner. I had not seen her since we went underground for COVID, but about three years before, at age 96, she was still driving herself to the Lunch Bunch gatherings. She only had a few dents in her car. She was a remarkable lady. The Adams' left their mark. They came, they served and spread goodwill. Today, after a long wait she and her Cowboy are re-joined. May she rest in peace. Condolences to Theresa and her family and to all the friends she leaves behind. Please see obituary.

AUDREY LAPEYROLERIE A PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY

Audrey McCrory Lapeyrolerie, 98, of Bridge City, passed away on June 2, 2023, at her home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 10, 2023, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Father Ernie. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange, Texas. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 9, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. The Cursillo Rosary will begin at 6:30 p.m. She and her husband moved to Bridge City 70 years ago with their first four children. They raised their children in the Catholic faith in the Bridge City School District. The Lapeyrolerie's of Bridge City were as much a part of the community as the Rainbow Bridge. Audrey, the monarch of the family, was a pillar of the community she loved and had served. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

Kree Harrison, is on a busy schedule. Tuesday night, June 4, she sang on the Grand Ole' Opry with Keith Urban and Kellie Pickler. Wednesday, Kree will perform during the Country Music Awards. She will begin touring with American Idol on July 19. The group will perform in Houston July 28. Meanwhile, she will be working on her new album, searching to find just the right songs, many her own. She has released her single, "All Cried Out" and even though it hasn't been revealed yet, it's believed that Kree has a record deal waiting to be completed. "Outlaw" a book about Waylon, Willie, Kris and the Renegades of Nashville, written by Michael Streissguth, went on sale last week. It's a look at how the outlaw music shook up Nashville in the late 1960's and 1970's. James Comey, a Justice Department official under President George W. Bush will be nominated by President Obama to replace Robert Mueller as head of the F.B.I. Judge Derry Dunn is watching his diet and has taken up walking in preparation for the adventure with his two boys in the Oregon country. They will kayak four miles, in 300 foot deep water. His doctor sons have ordered an oversized kayak. Our friend, Patsy, at Patsy Peck Travel, tells us she has been busy booking trips. She has a couple coming up; one will be to New York. Patsy says the travelers really like New York. We were sorry to hear about the death of Fred Cervelli, age 79, who died May 29. Services were held at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Fred was the sports editor at the Orange Leader for many years. He had moved to Austin in the early 70's. He worked for the AFL-CIO as a spokesman. Jean Stapleton, 89, died over the

weekend. Edith, or "Dingbat" as she was called was the beloved wife of Archie Bunker on the hit TV show, "All in the Family." Also dying in the last few days was Father Andrew Greeley who wrote more than 100 non-fiction works and over 50 novels. One of his last books was titled, "A Stupid, Unjust and Criminal War; Iraq 2001-2007." Lannie Claybar would be 101 on this day. He died at age 57 on Sept. 6, 1969.

17 Years Ago-2006

Chief Deputy John Tarver turned in his letter of resignation to Sheriff Mike White, effective June 16. Terry and Ella Steubing, in a surprise move, one day before graduation turned in their resignations from BCISD. Terry was high school principle and Ella was intermediate principle. Terry had been with BCISD 32 years, Ella 30 years. Dr. Darrell Myers is the superintendent at BCISD. Valedictorian at Bridge City High is Angela Evans; Orangefield High School Valedictorian is Zena Matlock. Friends lost but not forgotten. The 183 graduates at Bridge City planted two sycamore trees in remembrance of students who died, Caleb Day and James Reeh. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and country singer Billy Walker both died last week. The Bridge City Cardinal baseball team faces Cameron Yoe in Regional title game. Only eight teams remain. A victory would propel the Cards to UIL 3A state championship in Round Rock. The Cards ace pitcher is Kevin Angelle. Other seniors are Aaron Brouette, Brent Day, Derrick Coleman, Broc Haymon, Cody Sparks, Rory Scales, A.J. Hecker and Randy Jennings. The Cards swept Cameron Yoe in two games, 9-5 and 6-3. The Cards take on Texarkana at Dell Diamond next. Billy Bryant is head coach, James Johnson assistant. The LCM Lady Bears captured the state title in an 11 inning game against Dripping Springs, 3-0. On the mound for the Bears was Cody Trahan. LCM won the first game 3-2 in 12 innings. Acadian Ambulance Service takes over Orange County Ambulance Service on June 12.

47 Years-1976

Ray Granger and Louis Reed tried to beat the fastest train in the south, the Amtrack Sunset Limited, and lost. They were lucky, not many folks walk away from a train wreck. The first International Gumbo Cookoff was a large success. Chamber members and Ann McCollum had their stuff together. Around 7,500 people attended. Ann and Lou Malcolm's gumbo edged out Major Inman and Jim Graves. Some of the folks spotted were, "Teddy Bear" Cox, Liz Wickersham, Louis Dugas, H.D. Pate, Roy and Phyllis Dunn, Barbara Smith, Mrs. Cleo Hogan, Nita and Peter Henry, Lynn and Carol Emerson, Corky and Betty Harmon and Jerry Wimberly, who was being blood tested by M.J. Girlinghouse. M.J. said he found no pressure on Jerry at all. Gumbo Cookoff champions were Mildred Cobb, grand champion, Lennard Carlson, professional class, Mrs. Marshall Duhon of Bridge City, was named number one in amateur class. Bruce Tuppen, a fine young man, was killed in an auto accident last week. Bruce is the second son Jimmy Tuppen lost in auto accidents. Benis Lee and his children lost his wife and mother, Paula, a few days ago. Jim and Diane Crossland were in town to attend Mrs. Lee's funeral. Diane will be moving from Canyon, Texas to Newkirk, Okla. where Jim, a longtime football coach has purchased a Ford dealership.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Anyone who ever met C. Delle Bates will never forget him. The longtime businessman-inventor-artist died in late April at the age of 79. His family will be having a celebration of his life, along with a memorial art show at First Presbyterian Church in Orange on Friday, June 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. The art show is serving as a celebration of his life and will be set up in the church's fellowship hall, 902 Green Avenue. After succeeding in business with his creation of an industrial emulsion, Bates turned full time to his passion of painting a drawing. He even bought and restored a historic commercial building in downtown, turning it into a combination home, art studio and gallery. The celebration of his life will likely be as colorful as his paintings. Bassmasters Elite fishing tournament drew crowds to the Sabine River in Orange this past weekend, but no official word has been released on whether Orange set a new attendance record, but Tuesday Orange County Judge John Gothia said it looks like Orange may beat our previous record by a few. Two years ago, the county had 40,000 people attend the four-day even, setting a Bassmasters record. The bass here may not be the big lunkers as caught in lakes, but the fishing here is challenging. Gothia said some of the bass pros don't get a chance to fish saltwater and stayed extra days to catch some red fish and flounder. As pro Greg Swindel posted on his Facebook, the anglers love to come to Orange because of the hospitality and crowds. The crowds even stayed, or came out specifically for the evening entertainment this year. Of course, it's all free, except for food and drinks. Stephanie Roberts was there every day and Orange City Councillor Brad Childs was up before sunrise to take photographs of the anglers ready to run. Many people may not realize he is an accomplished photographer. Of course his wife, Terri, was there enjoying the activities and helping out. Brandy and Roderick Robertson, along with Stephanie Robinson, took their folding chairs out for the concerts. Richard Bonnin, an LCM grad who is a songwriter and music affectionado, traveled from Houston to see the Randy Rogers Band. He sat with his mom, Della Gallien. Sister Rita Monson is the grant administrator for the city of Orange, and like many of the city's employees, was likely out volunteering for the event. Of course David Jones of Gopher Industrial was all over. He was instrumental, along with Gothia and Ida Schossow of the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce, to entice the mammoth corporation of Bassmasters to come to Orange. Jones this year again sponsored the kids fishing tank, plus two of the concerts. Summer is here and people are traveling. Right now it looks like

Italy is a popular draw for Orange County folks. Karen and Karl Wickham have been traveling around the Italian countryside with a group of Texans including Lucy Terry. One of their activities included participating in a cooking school. Lucy's Cafe will likely see some new items on the menu. Michael and Angelique Catt also took off for Rome and other cities and villages there. Tommy Mann, who helps keep track of the regional music scene for The Record, eloped with his companion Dana Skibo, to Colorado with friends for a nice honeymoon vacation. Heard their flight back to Houston on Monday took some strange flight paths as thunderstorms changed plans. Brandi Griggs of Bridge City likes to take off whenever she can and her break last week took her and her family to Pensacola, Florida. People celebrating their Gemini birthdays included Ginger Lee Veal, who turned 93. Eric Ellison, aka Captain Cornmeal, had a birthday to cap off an exciting week. The local fishing guide traveled with Bassmaster pros and film crews. Parott Captain Jack had to stay home. Also, the new barndominium for the two captains in the Cove neighborhood is almost complete. Monday was a big day for some local birthdays with LSCO speech and drama teacher Kevin Doss marking it, along with musician-singer-songwriter Britt Godwin, retired Heritage House Director Carolyn Rose, and former Orange City Councillor Tommy Ferguson. Another former Orange Councillor, Patrick Pullen had a birthday, along with Cory Broom, Kody Campbell, Mary Hanauer Sapp, Mariana Gonaes, Barbara Jane Hanneman, and Janelle Ramsey. Emma Ann Marie Rodriguez turned 5 and got spoiled by her grandmother. June has traditionally been the month for weddings, and it appears the anniversaries show that's true. In the first week, we've seen Jane and Jerry Chesson have their 62nd anniversary, with David and Telisa Derosier marking No. 56. Retired Orangefield principle Jacqueline Kyle and husband, Dr. Keith Kyle, had a big 50th anniversary party with lots of out-of-town friends and relatives coming to celebrate the milestone. County Commissioner Johnny Trahan and wife, Becky, had their 41st, while their daughter and her husband, Cody and Mikah Tant also had an anniversary. Others included Becky and Tom Henry with No. 29, Carrie and W.T. Bryant with 20 years, Charles and Bianca Garrett with 17 years, also John and Dena Bean, Kenny and Toni Myers, and Chris and Kacey Burnitt.

BREAUX BIRTHDAY

A few folks we know having birthdays in the coming week. June 7: Shirley Zimmerman, Richard Granger, Ashley LaRose. Billy Frank Bradberry and Logan Smith. June 8: Shon Jones, Tana Hightower, Walter Riedel celebrate on this day. June 9: Happy Birthday to Jennifer Reves, Dennis Monk, Karli Choate and Paige Olive. June 10: James Ardoin, Jennifer Turner, Tyler Derouen, Caroline Hennigan and Chris Riedel. June 11: Celebrating today is Judge Mandy White Rogers, Harold Adkins, and Lacey Wallace. June 12: finds Lindsay Hallman, Ronda Dishon, Candice Steele, Pam Williams, Caitlyn Vellanoueva, and Jesse Walles a year older. June 13: Celebrating today are Ryan Kelly, Duane Anthony, Susan Fisher and Tammy Drodody.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Tee-Neg Comeaux, wat make his living catching crawfish and game from da swamp, decided he could make more money working in the canning factory in Green Bay. While da craw fishing was slow he caught a plane out of New Orleans to Wisconsin. A well dressed man, carrying a brief case and laptop computer, sit next to him. Tee-Neg introduce himself and say, "I catch crawfish for a living me but I'm on my way to work in da canning factory up north." The gentleman said he was a big time attorney from Chicago. Tee-New say, "Boy, wit a job like dat, you must be smart you."

Da man answer, "Yes, I am very intelligent. I have a doctorate in finance and a law degree from Yale."

Tee-New say, "Keyaw!"

The gentleman say, "We can pass the time away wit a little game. You ask me a question and if I can't answer it, I'll give you a hundred dollars. Then I'll ask you a question and if you don't know the answer, you give me a dollar."

Tee-Neg said, "Well, I just finished the second grade me, all I got is Cajun common sense but I'll play."

Tee-Neg goes first; he axe, "Wat has ten eyes, 14 legs, two tails and lives on da bottom of Bayou Tech?"

The lawyer say, "I don't know the answer, here's your hundred dollars. By the way, wat is it?"

Tee-Neg replaied, "Mais, I don't know me, here's your dollar."

C'EST TOUT

VIOLET BROWN HELPED LAUNCH O.V.N.

When I first met Violet Chapman she was married to Fred, 29-years-old and the mother of three, Polly, Fred, Jr., and Lia. She was the first type setter we hired at the Opportunity Valley News. Fred was an employee of K.O.G.T. Radio for Ed Lovelace. Violet always looked forward to vacation times when she could go home to Florida. Those five people would cram into a little car and head out. Violet wasn't only an employee, she was a friend. After 20 years of marriage, she and Fred split up and she married Norman Brown, a newspaper man who worked for the Orange Leader. They traveled the country together for 30 years. Today, everyone is gone; daughter Polly Gamblin is all who remain of the five folks we once knew. (Sidenote: Many of you might recall when as Progress chairperson Violet brought Don Williams and the Oak Ridge Boys to LCM football stadium.) She has now passed. A gathering will be held at a later date. Violet helped to create the column "Office Hound" in the O.V.N. that was a forerunner to the column "The Creaux's Nest." Don't forget the advertisers who bring you this paper. Take care and God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Audrey McCrory Lapeyrolerie, 98

Audrey McCrory Lapeyrolerie, 98, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on June 2, 2023, at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 10, 2023, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Father Ernie. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange, Texas.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 9, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. The Cursillo Rosary will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Born in Hobart, Louisiana, on March 18, 1925, she was the daughter of Prentiss McCrory and Cora Delaune. Having lost her mother as an infant, the youngest of eight children, Audrey was raised by her aunt and uncle. She attended school at St. Gabriel, where she met her future husband, Arlie "Buster" Lapeyrolerie. They were married June 28, 1944, while Buster was on leave from the Navy. After the war they moved to Carville, Louisiana. In 1953 they moved to Orange, Texas with their first four children, when Buster was hired at DuPont. The following year, they found a place in Bridge City, where they could pursue their dream of a "house full of kids, a big garden, and a yard full of chickens". Four more kids soon followed.

Audrey Loved homemaking, gardening, cooking, sewing, and traveling (which often involved camping). She was a member of the Alter Society at St. Henry Catholic Church for many years and also volun-



Audrey Lapeyrolerie,

teered at the Hospitality Center. Other favorite pastimes were going dancing almost every weekend and attending yearly reunions with Buster's Navy shipmates all over the country. Audrey will be missed beyond words by all who loved her and depended on her for her unconditional love, help, and guidance.

She is preceded in death by her husband, A.J. "Buster" Lapeyrolerie; parents, Prentiss McCrory and Cora Delaune; daughter-in-law, Sheri Fudge Lapeyrolerie; grandsons, Brad Lapeyrolerie and James Lapeyrolerie; daughters, Theresa Lapeyrolerie, Nora Lapeyrolerie, and Cora Lapeyrolerie; sisters, Dot and Jewel; brothers, Edgar, Jimmy, Elegene, Bob, and Eldred; and her aunt and uncle who raised her, Roberta and Bill McCrory.

She is survived by her daughters, Ann Li-ebey of Bridge City, Amy King of Bridge City, Janice Mahan and husband, Frank of Groves, Texas; and Jean Lapeyrolerie of Port Neches; sons, Arlie Lapeyrolerie and wife, Karen of Bridge City, Brad Lapeyrolerie and wife, Brenda of Bridge City, Bill Lapeyrolerie and wife, Shana of Woodville, Texas, and Paul Lapeyrolerie and wife, Lisa of Bridge City; her 18 grandchildren; her 18 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Ina Brownlow; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Vince Lapeyrolerie, Michael Lapeyrolerie, John Lapeyrolerie, John Lewing, Scott Mahan, and James Ruggles.

Lester Anthony Saucier, Jr., 81

On May 31, 2023, Lester Anthony Saucier, Jr. completed his masterwork of a life at 81 years. Crawfish or crab boil? Yea, that's Lester.

Born on January 7, 1942 in Plaquemine, Louisiana at home, the culture, and colors of Louisiana never left him. He attended University of Southwestern Louisiana holding a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. A large portion of his education toward his degree was in the fields of mechanical and civil engineering. He practiced professional engineering from 1971 until 1 week before his journey. His decades of contribution and commitment included the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few.

Lester's zest for life extended beyond his work. He was a true outdoorsman. There's not a golf course, hunting blind, or bayou he didn't know like the back of his hand. It's amazing how the tides, winds, or seasons of life didn't fool him. As we bid farewell to this exceptional outdoorsman, we take solace in knowing that his spirit will forever roam the vast expanses he so dearly loved. Though his physical presence may be absent, his memory will continue to inspire us to cherish the moments he taught us - how to 'bait the hook', 'breathe out slowly'



Lester Saucier, Jr.

when pulling the trigger, and always put your money on LSU/Saints/ULL.

His infectious laughter and unwavering sense of humor brought joy to even the most challenging moments. He was a loyal and compassionate friend, always willing to lend a helping hand, share a kind word, or tell a colorful joke.

He'll be having a crawfish boil in heaven with the following loved ones: Lester A. Saucier, Sr. and Marie Saucier, daughter Donna Saucier Ferchak, Arlene Thibodeaux Saucier, Ryan C. Johnson, Jr., and Beau C. Johnson.

He is survived by his loving family: wife, Marialeice Jeffcote Saucier; seven children, Jade M. Saucier and wife Karen, Dana M. Dupuis and husband John, Tammy A. Saucier, Erron L. Saucier and wife Erika, Marc G. Saucier, Dominic J. Colletti, and Adrienne Poni Colletti; sister, Alice M. Duncan; 14 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren with another on the way; 2 great-great grandchildren, 5 Sister-in-laws, 5 Brother-in-laws; nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and extended family.

Rest in peace, dear friend. A celebration of life will be held at the KC Hall in Bridge City, TX, Saturday, June 10th from 11 am to 2 pm.

Ralph William Hebert, 85

Ralph William Hebert, 85, of Orange, Texas, passed away on May 29, 2023, at Vidor Health and Rehab Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Mr. Jeff Bell. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will begin prior to the service at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Orange, Texas, on March 9, 1938, he was the son of Adam Hebert and Willie Mae (Parker) Hebert. Ralph served in the United States Army Branch. He also retired from the Texas Department of Transportation. Ralph belongs to The American Bowling Congress. He loved bowling, riding his bicycle and traveling. Ralph loved all kinds of animals. He was a wonderful person and enjoyed being surrounded by his loved ones. Ralph will be deeply missed by everyone who loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Willie Mae Hebert; wife, Mil-



Ralph Hebert

dred Hebert; son, Gary Sheffield; sisters, Joan Pittman and Grace Breaux; and nephew, Eddie (But-ton) Higginbotham

He is survived by his daughters, Sheila Hebert, Valerie Bailey and son-in-law, Charles Bailey, Kathy Solly, and Vickie Simon and husband, Edward; grandchildren, Colin and Breana Bailey, Karla Ward, Kasey Jones, Misty Smith and Chad Simon; nine great-grandchildren; four great great-grandchildren; nieces, Dianne Gibbons, Debbie Khan, and Laura Wade; nephew, Lynn Chumley and Dorothy Berry; as well as other loving family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Edward Simon, Chad Simon, Charles Bailey, Colin Bailey, Sheila Hebert, and Breana Bailey. Honorary pallbearer is Mark Goble.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Vidor Health and Rehabilitation Center and SETX Hospice in Orange, to all of the health care professionals who took good care of Ralph during this time, thank you to each and every one of you. - The Family of Ralph Hebert.

Wayne Bergeaux, 48, of Orange

Wayne Bergeaux, 48, of Orange passed away on June 2nd at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

He was preceded in death by his father James Earl Shaver. He is survived by his girlfriend Leanne Young; sons Cameron Bergeaux and Seth Bergeaux, mother Diane Shaver, siblings James Earl



Wayne Bergeaux

Shaver Jr "JJ", Joseph Aaron Shaver and fiance Bailee Paddock; sister; April Greer and Shelly Trahan, numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be cremated and no service at this time.

Phillip Benjamin Thompson, 69

Phillip Benjamin Thompson, 69, of Orange, Texas, passed away on June 4, 2023, in Beaumont, Texas. His beloved family was by his side after a bravely fought ten-year battle with cancer.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Deacon Hector Maldonado.

Visitation will take place prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, on June 16, 1953, he was the son of Benjamin Crable Thompson and Florence (Thibodeaux) Thompson. Phillip was a man of great faith and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Orange. He was employed at the Medical Center of Southeast Texas as a skilled Licensed Vocational Nurse. Phillip was the oldest of 6 and was responsible for teaching his siblings all about classic rock music and Ford Mustang cars. He was a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and was recognized as a member of the Order of the Arrow. During his free time, Phillip enjoyed fishing, barbecuing, and watching his favorite Houston Astros. He loved tak-



Phillip Thompson

ing trips to the beach and spending time with his dear family. Phillip's loved ones will treasure their memories of him and will miss him deeply.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ben Thompson and Florence Thibodeaux; and baby sister, Clarisse Thompson.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 47 years, Betty Tallant Thompson of Orange; son, James

Thompson of Orange; daughters, Clarissa Thompson of Austin, Texas and Kayleigh Thompson and partner, Jay Martinez of Austin; siblings, Greg Thompson and wife, Susan of Orange, Suzanne Thompson of Beaumont, Bruce Thompson and wife, Crystal of Orange, and Mark Thompson of Beaumont; and brother-in-law, John Tallant and wife, Gwen; all of his many nieces and nephews; along with numerous other loving family and friends.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Greg Thompson, Mark Thompson, Suzanne Thompson, John Tallant, Bruce Thompson, and Jay Martinez.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to American Cancer Society: P.O. Box 6704

Hagerstown, Maryland 21741.

Free men's health screenings on Saturday

The Julie Rogers Gift of Life program will be giving free health screenings for men this Saturday, June 10, at the campus of the former Baptist hospital on Strickland Drive.

Appointments are necessary for the screenings, which will include a PSA for

prostate cancer, along with testing of blood pressure, cholesterol, hepatitis C, and blood glucose. A physician will be on-site for a consultation.

Appointments may be made through giftoflifebmt.org, or by calling 409-833-3663.

BC Library hosts widows support group

The Bridge City Public Library will continue it Widows/Widowers group after the success of its opening meeting. The group's purpose is to provide an opportunity for those who often lead lonely lives after the death of a spouse to have an outlet to share with others in the same situation. It is not a dating group but a place to gather, share with others and to play games as entertainment. Snacks and coffee will be provided.

We do require participants to call the library the Monday before the Friday of the meeting so that we can know how many to plan for.

Planned meetings will be from 10 am to noon on the following Fridays, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16 and July 7 and July 21. If you have any questions, call the library at 409-735-4242. We look forward to getting to know you.

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Mosley wins \$100,000 top bass prize in Orange



going into Championship Sunday. While big bites eluded him during the final round, Mosley's limit of 9-15 pushed him past a charging Clark Wendlandt of Leander, Texas, by a margin of 2-13.

Along with the coveted Elite Series trophy, Mosley won the \$100,000 top prize, pushing his career earnings with B.A.S.S. over \$785,000.

"I never dreamed I'd be standing here after the practice I had," Mosley said. "After the first day, I kinda got into a rhythm and every day I got a little more dialed in."

Mosley's strategy contrasted his 2021 game

plan, in which the first three days saw him running 110 miles to fish in Clear Creek on Houston's east side. He'd end up spending his final day of that event in local waters near Orange.

This time around, Mosley split his first three days between a Sabine offshoot a couple miles downriver from the takeoff site and Taylor Bayou, about 45 minutes south. His first area was an industrial waterway encompassing Orange Harbor Island with barges, seawalls and tie-up posts.

"I didn't think it would be won in one specific area this week," he said. "I

thought this year it would be won out of a mixture of places. I didn't feel like I could catch a big one in the Sabine River. So, every day I started (in the Harbor Island waterway) and then ran to Taylor and then ran to waterway to upgrade. You gotta have a big fish to get you to the end."

Taylor Bayou delivered multiple culls on Days 1 and 2 but offered nothing helpful for Day 3.

"Today, when I started out with a quick limit for 8 1/2 pounds, I said, 'I'm going to make them beat me today. I'm not going to lose it by making a long run and wasting a bunch of time.' So, I stuck around and grinded it out."

After enduring a mid-morning drought, Mosley admittedly struggled with his decision to ditch his Taylor Bayou trip

Brock Moseley took the \$100,000 top prize at the Bassmasters Elite fishing tournament held in Orange and received the big, blue trophy in front of thousands of fans this past Sunday. Waters in Louisiana were off-limits to the competitors and Moseley took to bayous in the region.

PHOTO: Bassmasters

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Bassmasters Release For The Record

ORANGE, Texas — Brock Mosley got the monkey off his back and put the blue trophy on his mantle.

After enduring five second-place finishes, including the 2021 Elite event at the Sabine River, the angler from Collinsville, Miss., in his eighth year on the Elite Series, tallied a four-day total of 44 pounds, 3 ounces to claim his first pro-level win at the Folds of Honor Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River.

"After five times walk-

ing off the stage and seeing my wife crying, I was starting to think it would never happen," Mosley said with a quaking voice. "But I always said, 'When it's God's timing, I'll win one of these.'"

Mosley got off to a solid start with a 12th-place, Day 1 limit of 9-15. Despite losing two hours to a mechanical issue in the second rounds, he added 11-7 and took over the lead on Day 2.

On Semifinal Saturday, Mosley anchored his best effort — a five-bass limit that weighed 12-14 — with a 4 1/2-pound kicker and expanded his lead to 3-1

Orangefield golfers capture Babe Zaharias Awards



Orangefield's Xander Parks, Coach Todd Trawhon, and Lincoln Parks were honored during the Babe Zaharias Awards Ceremony with brothers Xander and Lincoln tying for Boys Players of the Year and Trawhon being named Boys Golf Coach of the Year.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

DAN PERRINE For The Record

The Orangefield golf team received further recognition of its outstanding achievements at the end of this school year during the 13th Annual Babe Zaharias Foundation's Award Ceremony held in Beaumont on May 31. Brothers Xander and Lincoln Parks tied for Boys Golfers of the Year and Todd Trawhon was named the Boys Golf Coach of the Year.

Xander Parks won the Class 3A state golf tournament held in Austin on May 22-23. Younger brother Lincoln Parks helped the Orangefield golf team coached by Todd Trawhon to finish in fourth place in the same state tournament.

This is the second year

in a row that the two Orangefield golfers and their coach have been awarded by the Babe Zaharias Foundation. Xander was the Boys Player of the Year and Lincoln was the Boys Underclassman of the Year in 2022 while Coach Trawhon was also selected as the Boys Golf Coach of the Year.

As a senior Xander graduated in May from Orangefield High School and will be attending Jacksonville College in the fall where he plans to continue to compete in golf. Lincoln will be a junior at Orangefield High School next fall and is the lone Bobcat returning from the five-member team for Coach Trawhon to build his golf team around next school year.

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Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

This week's Texas Gulf Coast Fishing Reports was compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

The Lakes

• Toledo Bend Fishing Report

GOOD. Water stained; 75-79 degrees; 0.62 feet below pool. The water level is 171.37 with no generators running. Water temperature at the Dam is 77 degrees. North of the three-mile Pendleton bridge, temperatures have been running 75-79 degrees. The shad spawn is winding down, and now the bluegill spawning beds will be the key for that big bass bite using swim jigs in bluegill colors with a short trailer in green pumpkin and watermelon red with just a little tail dip in chartreuse. Look for a hard sandy bottom where the Bluegill can spawn on shallow points close to deep water. Some bigger bass are being caught on the main lake using Carolina rigs with a 10-12-inch old monster worms in colors watermelon red, watermelon red candy, black/red flake and tilapia gold over brush piles and edges of the river channel. Pay close attention to your thermocline as this can make or break your fishing day. Crappie bite is still heating up offshore using minnows and jigs. While fishing deep for Crappie using minnows you might catch several types of fish like Catfish, White Bass, Bluegill, and Gaspergou. The frog bite has been producing on popping frogs and hollow body frogs late in the evenings over vegetation. Flyrodders are catching quality Bass over vegetation using 8 and 10 weight fly rods. Top flies this week have been a weighted spoon fly black with red glitter, a Stealth Goober, and shad imitation topwater popper fly. Safety reminder: sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen! Remember, it is always better to play it safe by telling a loved one or friend the area you will be fishing, how many people are in your party and the expected return time. Good luck and keep casting forward! Report from Master Captain Steve "Scooby" Stubbe, Mudfish Adventures LLC, Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide, and Mudfish Custom Rod Shop.

• Sam Rayburn Fishing Report

GOOD. Water stained; 77 degrees; 0.63 feet above pool. Bass topwater bite is picking up, and wacky worms, spinnerbaits and Carolina rigs are good on offshore ridges and humps. Crappie are good with mostly smaller sized fish being caught on brush piles and timber using minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good off points in 20 feet of water with cut bait. White bass are roaming on humps and points. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Freeport

FAIR. 76 degrees. Trout, redfish, pompano and

whiting are good in the surf. Trout, redfish, gafftop and catfish are good in the bay under the birds. Flounder are good in cuts coming into the bay. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy.

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 80 degrees. Limits of trout can be had in the jetties with live shrimp under a popping cork against the rocks. Slot redfish are biting in the jetties on red crankbaits or glo chartreuse 1/16 ounce jig heads. When the winds are blowing fish inland. Sabine Lake shell flats and rocks piles in 3-6 feet of water are holding trout and redfish on long drifts. This week the artificial bite was outperforming live shrimp. Shrimp continue to trickle out of the bayous and there is lots of bait in the system. Sabine Channel holding redfish and trout. Limits of flounder limits can be on plastics tipped with shrimp on the bulkheads in outgoing tides. The mudflats in the marsh are good for redfish and flounder. North Levee continues to boast good limits of trout early in the morning live shrimp under a popping cork and topwater lures, then mid-day on crankbaits and plastics. Neches River limits of redfish on live mullet or live shrimp Carolina rigged, with some trout mixed in near buoys in 4-8 feet of water. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 74 degrees. The surf is starting to hold black drum, pompano, small sharks and the occasional redfish. The gulf side of the north jetty is holding limits of sheepshead and trout against the rocks at the end using a popping cork with shrimp, free-line shrimp or croaker. Channel side holding some nice trout and big redfish on the bottom. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Trinity Bay

SLOW. 82 degrees. Eastern shoreline of Trinity bay has begun to clear. Best catches are coming from the northwest end of the bay over shell reefs. A mix of speckled trout and redfish on live shrimp and soft plastics. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 83 degrees. Decent numbers of speckled trout being caught over open bay reefs, such as Hanna's and Deep Reefs, using live shrimp and soft plastics. Birds working in the eastern end of the bay. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter. Surface water



Redfishing is heating up in Gulf Coast saltwater estuaries and bays.

temperatures are 84 degrees and the water clarity is good in most places. There continues to be a large amount of freshwater in the Bay system, however trout can be caught without running too far from the launch spot in Stingaree Canal. Winds have been less than 15 mph for the most part, this creates the opportunity to fish most anywhere increasing success rates over the past week. There is a good number of baitfish or shrimp over shell and grass lines attracting the predator fish. Trout, redfish and black drum are biting live shrimp under a popping cork, as well as purple with chartreuse paddle tails and 1/4 ounce jig heads. Fish close to the shoreline, with larger catches coming off open water reefs. Tide movement as well as major feeding times are producing the best catches. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC. Yates Bayou drain and Siever's Cut are holding redfish against grass line on popping cork and shrimp. Hanna's is great early on the same, or a twitching artificial. Look for birds, moving bait, and small slicks. Slicks have a fishy watermelon smell, so be sure to let your nose help guide you to fish. Deep Reef, Pepper Grove Cove to Moody's Pass holding fish. Smith Point to Moody National Wildlife. Look for schools of redfish under birds. Pearl, Chartreuse, big papa pure Pearl, and Strawberry are great colors. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Galveston Bay

FAIR. 80 degrees. Good numbers of speckled trout coming from the gas wells and rocks located in the middle of Galveston Bay. Still a few fish being caught along the shorelines near Eagle Point. Lots of black drum being caught on any type of structure. Best bite is on live shrimp and croaker. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The Surf is on fire from Pleasure

Pier to Surfside is for speckled trout, pompano, jack crevalle on live shrimp under a popping cork, or croaker on an OCTO Circle with small chatter weight. The South Jetty holding big redfish, with some nice sharks on the end. Gulf side is on fire for speckled trout, sheepshead, pompano and redfish close to rocks on popping cork with live bait, free-lined shrimp, Carolina rigged float with shrimp, or chatterweight and croaker. Channel side holding trout close to rocks popping cork with live shrimp. 61st Pier has some bulls being caught on spoons as well as bait. A few jack crevalle mixed in. The causeway and Pelican Island Bridge are holding redfish. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 84 degrees. Birds are working over schools of speckled trout in the upper end of the bay. Structure on the eastern side of the causeway bridge holding speckled trout along with a few redfish. Live shrimp under popping corks working best. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Greens Lake holding redfish against grass lines and by sandy shores early. Wade anglers are having success for speckled trout and the occasional redfish on and around the south shoreline where there is hard sand. The east side of Oyster Creek is holding some redfish for wade anglers. Mecom Reef will have fish on it early up by rocks with artificial or live bait free-line or under cork. As the winds pick up fish in protected waters with bait moving around. Fish are under birds around Confederate and Carancahua Reefs. Ease in on the birds for fish at least 75 yards riding a drift that will get you there quickly. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Houston

FAIR. Water stained; 78

degrees; 0.15 feet above pool. Fishing patterns are holding steady. Catfish are biting in 15-20 feet of water on shad. Crappie are good in 8-16 feet of water in open water and on brush piles using black and chartreuse or blue and white jigs off the bottom. Bass have pushed out to 6-10 feet of water using chatterbaits, or Texas rigged worms. White bass are good under the lights at night with rattletraps and double rigged jigs. Report by Jason Machala, JM Fishing Guide Service.

• Texas City

FAIR. 82 degrees. Galveston beachfront and jetties good for speckled trout on live shrimp and croakers. Lots of big sharks being caught along with bull redfish. A 60 inch tarpon was caught and released a few miles from the beach. Texas City Dike is good at night for speckled trout. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The Dike is good for trout at night under lights, and the SWP is good day and at night free lining shrimp or shrimp under popping cork near the rocks. Campbell holding fish under birds. Limits of trout near the rocks early live shrimp. Mosquito Island holding trout and occasional red early. Moses Lake holding fish under birds early. Fish holding near the piers from top water grill to Eagle Point. Gas Wells has trout action on croaker. Halfmoon shoal holding a few redfish and black drum. Report provided by

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Everybody likes a little “lagniappe” sometime

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

For most of us who have spent time around the Cajun French way of life or culture the word “lagniappe” usually brings a smile to your face because it means “a little something extra”. I could not think of a better word to



Chuck Uzzle

has been turned and the destination, even though it may be farther than we think, is actually

describe how things are going in my little part of the world at the moment, it finally feels like a corner

beginning to come into view. After more days than I care to recount it appears that some of the old reliable patterns that we counted on for so long to catch fish are finally starting to produce again and make things resemble something normal.

I am personally trying to temper my enthusiasm with caution because it could all disappear as fast

as it showed up. Until that time comes lets all enjoy it.

Looking back at many years of notes it's not hard to put a plan together based on all that historical data accumulated. Several patterns jump out to be noticed right from the start. Consistent weather does nothing but increase every anglers odds because every inch of water

becomes fishable, from offshore to the shallowest of marshes, and that means every angler can pursue their favorite fish like they prefer. A couple of patterns that usually grab the lions share of attention are hustling big trout off the jetty systems and near shore rigs before daylight as well as working flocks gulls picking brown shrimp in the open bay.

Both of these patterns are paying big dividends right now and that should do nothing but get better as we get deeper into the summer months.

The pre dawn topwater bite is one that no angler should miss down on the rocks, it can be absolutely epic in every sense from numbers of fish to the size

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Mosley wins top bass prize

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and stick with local waters. Sensing he needed more weight and watching his fishing time dwindle, he pondered his options.

“At 11 o'clock, I was starting to question myself and I almost pulled the plug and made the run,” he said. “But I made myself stay and it wasn't long after I caught one that helped. That calmed me down, and I ended up culling two or three times this afternoon.”

Mosley started his mornings with an old Rebel Pop-R that required retrofitting.

“I pulled it out of my tackle box and the hooks were rusted, so I changed them to Trokar treble hooks,” Mosley said. “I didn't lose any fish on that bait.”

After the morning topwater window, he turned to a 4-inch Yamamoto Senko in black/blue and junebug. He Texas-rigged the plastic bait for flipping Taylor Bayou's natural shorelines and rigged it on a power shot when he targeted seawalls with subsurface rails.

Placing second with 41-6, Wendlandt improved daily with weights of 10-3, 8-13, 10-6 and 12-0. Wendlandt anchored his final limit with a 4-2 that bit around 9:10 and rock-

eted him into the unofficial second-place spot on BassTrakk.

“When I set the hook on that fish, I said, ‘This is the one I need,’” Wendlandt recalled. “I broke one off late in the day. Where I was fishing, there were a lot of abrasions and it just happens.”

Spending most of his time in Hildebrandt Bayou, Wendlandt caught his bass on a 1/2-ounce Strike King tungsten jig with a Strike King Baby Rage Craw trailer and a 5/16-ounce Strike King spinnerbait with double Colorado blades.

Matty Wong of Honolulu, Hi., finished third with 39-8. Making his first Top 10 appearance, Wong turned in daily weights of 6-7, 13-13, 8-13 and 10-7.

Also fishing the Orange Harbor Island waters, Wong caught his fish on a Megabass Super-Z Z3 spinnerbait, a Megabass Super-Z Z2 crankbait and a flipping rig comprising a Megabass Rock Hog on a 3/0 Gamakatsu G-Finesse flipping hook with a 1/4-ounce Freedom Tungsten weight.

“When (Bassmaster Emcee Dave Mercer) announced the Top 10 on Day 3, it made me start to cry,” Wong said. “Less than two years ago, I was

driving a 1991 Ranger with one working graph and one working gas tank.

The fact that I get to chase these little green monsters across the nation as a job completely blows my mind.”

Mosley took home an additional \$3,000 for being the highest-placing entrant in the Toyota Bonus Bucks program while Wong earned \$2,000 for being the second-highest placing entrant

As part of the Yamaha Power Pay program, Wendlandt earned an additional \$2,500 as the highest-placing entrant and ninth-place angler Kenta Kimura of Japan claimed an additional \$1,500 for being the second-highest placing entrant.

Day 1 leader Chad Pipkens of DeWitt, Mich., won the \$2,000 Phoenix Boats Big Bass of the Tournament award with the 5-12 largemouth he caught on Day 1.

Pipkens also won the \$2,000 VMC Monster Bag award with his opening limit of 14-7.

Clifford Pirch of Payson, Ariz., won the \$1,000 BassTrakk Contingency award for the most accurate weight reporting.

Alabama pro Kyle Welcher finished seventh




Along with the coveted Elite Series trophy, Mosley won the \$100,000 top prize, pushing his career earnings with B.A.S.S. over \$785,000. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

with 36-6 and leads the Progressive Insurance Bassmaster Angler of the Year standings with 511 points. Brandon Cobb of Greenwood, S.C., is in second


with 499 points, followed by John Cox of DeBary, Fla., with 483, Tyler Rivet of Raceland, La., with 467, and Drew Cook of Cairo, Ga., with 456.

Will Davis Jr. of Sylacauga, Ala., finished 39th with 21-6 and leads the Dakota Lithium Bassmaster Rookie of the Year standings with 449 points.




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Summers here, okay, well maybe not officially! It's easy to tell when summer arrived and not just by wiping away sweat while working outdoors as our daytime temperature rapidly increases, surpassing 90F on several occasions. I'm talking about the weed population, it seems to have exploded exponentially, over a very short period.

Gardeners, if I were to ask you your least favorite gardening task, the resounding response is always 'weeding'. Weeds are 'sneaky', destructive, and often obscure, growing quickly by robbing water and nutrients from the soil which beneficial plants require.

Believe it or not, there are 'right' and 'wrong' ways to remove weeds from our garden areas, so let's 'dig' into a few of the best ways to extricate weeds from our garden and free-up some time to relax and enjoy our outdoor spaces!

Weed Now (Just Do It)- allowing weeds to tower over beneficial plants and vegetables makes matters far worse when it's time to remove them.

Get the Root- grasp the base of the weed, take your time, and grasp all leaves around the base and the stem, gently tug the weed from the soil, Ensure the roots are removed, otherwise the weed will break into two pieces with the roots remaining in the soil which means it will return! Note: there are weeds which are stubborn, such as thistle varieties, grow deep roots but are extremely difficult to pull because they have prickly stems and foliage that can pierce most gardening gloves, so use heavy leather gloves.

Use the Right Tools- using the right tool for the job can speed up the weed removal process. Chose ergonomic tools



Getting a 'grip' on reducing the weed population in lawns, flower beds and vegetable gardens can seem a daunting task, even for seasoned gardeners. It only takes a few weeds producing seeds before weeds get the upper hand.

that are crafted well, including solid handles with comfortable grips. Kneeling, standing, and stooping repetitive motion places stress on a gardener's legs, shoulders and lower back. Choose wisely before investing in gardening tools to keep you from 'pulling' something other than weeds!

Prevention- stop the weeds from germinating by using a pre-emergent herbicide. Sprinkle the granular herbicide on the soil surface and water, as the granules dissolve, they penetrate the soil creating a barrier surrounding the seeds.

The Burn- for large areas of weeds or areas which are 'out of control', along fence lines, or around raised garden beds, one method to consider is burning them out of existence using a torch. Weeds should be actively growing and 'green' (not brown), so be careful and don't start a fire! Another method, (my preferred method) uses "boiling" water multiple times during the seasons to reduce weed popula-

tions without fire risk! Fill a kettle with water, then carefully pour the hot water on the weeds, but take care not to allow the water to splash onto your feet. **Landscape Fabric-** are woven fabrics, such as polypropylene, which are placed on the soil surface. Often used in flower beds, borders, walkways, around trees, shrubs, roses, and other garden applications creating a physical barrier, and then covered with mulch materials. The fabric allows water to permeate the soil.

Damp Soil- the best time to weed garden areas is after it rains. The next best time is after watering flower beds, vegetable gardens or the lawn. Moist soil makes removing the entire weed (including the root) more likely to occur. Some gardening experts recommend placing weeds in compost bins, I'm not one of them! In fact, I'm completely against the practice of adding weeds to compost bins.

Herbicides- can be used to control weeds and for many gar-

deners, it simply makes gardening easier for them. In case you missed my comments earlier, this gardener doesn't advocate the use of herbicides, ever, under any circumstance! Yes, I would agree using an herbicide is easy

but at what cost to our local environment? No sugar coating today readers, herbicides are highly toxic substances, and my recommendation is and will always be to find an environmentally friendly alternative.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **WILBUR J. BENOIT, JR.**, Deceased, were issued on the **MAY 30, 2023**, in Cause No. **P19655**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **JACK D. "TREY" HUFFMAN, III**.

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.

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Dated the 31st day of May, 2023.

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of some these brutes, it's impressive. Topwater plugs and swim baits rule the roost down there so be prepared to do battle when you arrive.

The open water program of chasing the flocks of feeding gulls is a bit less technical but just as much fun and action packed. A vast assortment of baits work under these conditions from topwater plugs to soft plastics and virtually everything in between, it's really your preference when the fish are feeding. Perhaps the most consistent producer under these circumstances is a rattling cork and plastic shrimp imitation rigged on a 2 foot leader with 1/4 ounce jig head. The rattling cork is hands down the great equalizer under the birds.

Now earlier we mentioned "lagniappe" and the fact that it meant "a little something extra". As a guide, or just people for that matter, we tend to get in ruts and stay there for periods of time until something snaps us out of that and we either get refocused or find something to renew our enthusiasm. Easily one of the things that I consider lagniappe is when I get to help new anglers learn more and catch more fish. So many of the things we take for granted every day as a "ho hum" experience are really big occasions for some young or novice anglers. I enjoy talking fishing with young anglers and helping them to understand some of the methods so they can be successful. Many times after sharing a few tips or techniques I'll get a text with some pictures from a young angler or their parent showing off their catch and saying how excited they are to keep getting better. Few things are more satisfying than helping others to enjoy something that you care about and seeing them succeed as a result of just sharing some knowledge with them. Each and every time this happens I make it a point to stop and take things in, appreciate the opportunities, and be thankful for the experiences.

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What Risks Can Moms Take?

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For years, my husband and I each prayed for God's timing and the right opportunity to move overseas to work among the unreached.

For many reasons, God did not open doors while we were single. And for many reasons, he did not open them in the first years of marriage either. The door finally opened when we had the most to lose, humanly speaking — a home, young children, unique educational opportunities for them, stability and favor in an interesting career, and a church family we loved and gladly gave ourselves to. That was when God called us to go.

My husband had visited the country once before, but I knew almost nothing of the place we were moving to except that the need was great and that the culture was both suspicious of foreigners and hostile to Christ. Some loved ones questioned our judgment, our value system, even our sanity. Do you have to go to such a risky place? Should you be doing this when you have a young family?

Some even sought me in private, appealing to my mother's heart. Why make the kids suffer? Why are you throwing away so much? Indeed, why? We asked the same questions of ourselves and of God in prayer. Father, is this really what you are calling us to do? As we searched Scripture and wrestled in prayer, we sensed God asking us in return, Do you trust me?



Am I worth what it will cost?

Will You Trust Me?

When I was in high school, my uncle took my brother and me backpacking in a beautiful alpine mountain range. On our way back, unbeknownst to us, we took a trail that required us to cross a ravine. The only way forward was across a fallen tree high above a river rushing with snowmelt. The trunk was narrow and its strength untested. If we fell in, especially with our heavy backpacks buckled to us, we could have showed up in the local obituaries. But we had little fear. We accepted the challenge and ambled across.

Motherhood has changed the way I think about that tree. I probably would not take the same risk today with young children who depend on me (much less ever lead them across it) — unless God himself promised to go with us.

Some gospel risks feel like this tree, suspended above real dangers and yet the only path between

where we stand and where we think obedience lies. Every mother who has been reconciled to Christ and entrusted with "the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18-19) feels at times the tension between fear and gospel obedience.

God, how can I move to that part of town, even if it's for a church plant? How can I open the safety of my home to complete strangers? Don't you know how difficult life will be if my husband takes on more ministry? What if my neighbor never speaks to me again after I share the gospel with her? Do you know how messy the foster-care system is? Why would we walk alongside that troubled family, and invite trouble into our home?

Even believing mothers can want to shield their families from all risk, but only a false gospel preaches that we can follow Jesus and avoid pain and loss in this world.

Christ requires that his followers (yes, even mothers) deny themselves and take up their crosses (Mat-

thew 16:24). Only those who fully trust his next words would dare to follow: "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25). Even if obedience results in immediate loss, do we trust its end will be life and gain, as he said?

The greatest question in the face of risk is not what we might lose but whom we will believe. And our trust has no better — no other — resting place than "our Father, our Redeemer from of old" (Isaiah 63:16). He is good and does good (Psalm 119:68). With him is wisdom, might, counsel, and understanding (Job 12:13). He holds the outcome of the dice and the whims of the king in his hands (Proverbs 16:33; 21:1).

And she who hopes in God will not be found cowering in the basement, shielding her children. She will be in armor out on the battlefield, asking in the face of danger, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?" (Romans

8:35). Whether she is in a tree-lined suburb, a concrete city, or some foreign country, she will teach her children not to run from the risks of serving Christ, but instead to pray, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you" (Psalm 56:3).

Am I Worth Your Risks?

Before our move, I acknowledged with conviction God's worth and, by extension, the worth of his gospel message and church. I trembled, but I confessed he was worth all we were about to risk.

Over a year in, as the real stresses of living in a foreign culture took their toll (and as I hoped to shut the chapter on the sickest year of our lives), I found myself nursing my family through even more rounds of severe illness. I found myself in the emergency room again, holding my smallest child, with no answers as to what was ailing her. Listening to the doctor try to explain to me that she might also have a problem with her kidneys, I lost sight of his worth.

In 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, Paul describes some of what he suffered as a servant of Christ: labors, imprisonments, bodily injury, deprivation of basic needs, and the dangers he faced from both people and nature. In Philippians 3:3-6, he further details what he lost for the sake of Christ: birthright, pedigree, identity, education, accomplishments, and the commendation of men.

Even when the Holy Spirit testified to him that "imprisonments and afflictions" awaited him in every city, he declared, "I do not account my life of any value

nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the risks of serving Christ, (Acts 20:24). In Christ, the apostle saw such a magnitude of worth that even his very life was worthless by comparison.

Your Next Risky Yes

We cannot dismiss Paul's choices as less practical or easier just because he was an apostle (and a single man with no dependents). Paul's valuation of Christ transcended his season of life and calling in life.

Holding my child in the hospital, I was looking only to things seen and had lost sight of Jesus, "the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). I had to pray — and ask others to pray — that God would enlighten the eyes of my heart (Ephesians 1:18) so that I could endure "as seeing him who is invisible" (Hebrews 11:27).

How then do our risks weigh against the worth of Christ? They are but light, momentary afflictions preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Fellow mom, though I may be oceans away, neither of us raises our family in the country of our citizenship. You also face many risks as you serve Christ. Do you trust him? Is he worthy? If so, what is a faithful, risky yes you can say to him today?

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