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Law officers stop near jail escape

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Local law officers Sunday afternoon stopped a man from escaping the Orange County Jail. The 35-year-old man was hidden in the ceiling area of the jail before being found.

The man, who has a long criminal history and was released from state prison in late 2022, was arrested on January 4 for a string of crimes in West Orange and Orange that included stolen vehicles, a chase in which a shotgun was fired at police, and then a standoff with the Orange Regional Tactical Team.

Orange County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Mark Dubois reported correction officers in the jail noticed at 2:56 p.m. that Chadwick Alan McMillen was missing and had climbed through a loose ceiling tile in the jail's chapel.

Chief Dubois said the jail was immediately put on lockdown status. The Orange Police Department and Orange Fire Department were asked to help and the roof of the jail was searched and guarded. Fifty minutes after McMillen was missing, he was found hiding in the expansive ceiling area of the jail.



Chadwick Alan McMillen

In addition to his other charges, McMillen will now have an escape charge added.

Police in January reported a man broke into the new West Orange-Cove CISD Transportation Center in West Orange and stole an SUV. The SUV a while later crashed into the Stateline Valero convenience store on Interstate 10 in Orange. Security recordings show a man in the SUV get out, walk around, and steal the cash register.

Hours later, a man broke into Frey's Landscaping, also off Interstate 10 in Orange, and stole a truck. Police later saw the truck and began chasing it. During the chase, the driver of the stolen truck fired a gun at officers.

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RWE and Entergy define route to market Gulf offshore wind

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

NEW ORLEANS – RWE, a globally leading company in offshore wind, and Entergy, which owns and operates one of the cleanest large-scale U.S. power generating fleets, have agreed on a partnership to analyze the Gulf of Mexico offshore wind market. The companies today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly evaluate the delivery of clean energy from offshore wind to industrial customers in Texas and Louisiana.

Under this MOU, RWE and Entergy agree to assess four key areas to define an optimal route-to-market including: market demand for carbon-free energy for customers of Entergy Loui-

siana, Entergy New Orleans and Entergy Texas; resource economics; transmission analysis to ensure reliability; economic impacts extending to direct and indirect job creation; and curricula to prepare the workforce of the future.

"The existing Gulf of Mexico oil and gas supply chain, workforce, and port infrastructure represent unique advantages to a potential offshore wind hub," said Sam Eaton, CEO of RWE offshore holdings LLC. "Working together with a local partner like Entergy can deepen our understanding of the next steps to strengthen these valuable assets and support a new, regional industry. RWE's early success in the

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Bridge City Cardinal tennis team wins District Championship



The Bridge City High School boys varsity tennis team won first place in the District District 19-4A last weekend. They now move on with goal of competing in the UIL Tennis State Tournaments to be held April 25 and April 26. Bridge City's district champions are (from left to right): Max Pachar, John Smart, Aiden Gutierrez, Walker Britten, Mathis Bekkens, Evan Tran, Stephen Stone and Gavin Hartje. Best of luck team to all of us at The Penny Record!

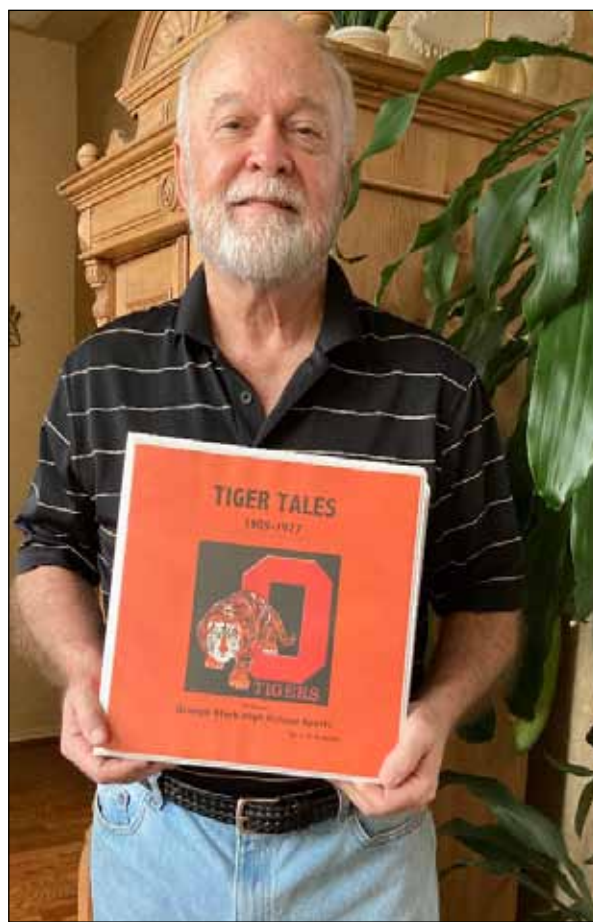
Former Stark quarterback becomes local sports historian

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

In Orange, like most small Texas towns, everyone knows the name of the starting high school quarterback. He's a celebrity in town. Fifty years ago, Joey Robins led the old Stark High Tigers as a sophomore.

Today, he goes by "Joel" and is more of a bearded history professor who has given his old hometown an invaluable gift. The retired chemical, who has long lived in Friendswood, worked seven years to compile a detail history of sports at the old Orange High, later Stark High. The mascot was the "Bengal Tigers," later shortened to "Tigers."

He has printed more than 500 typed full-size pages and compiled them into a three-ring binder he calls "Tiger Tales." Besides the detailed history, it includes photographs not seen by the general public



Joel Robins shows off the binder of "Tiger Tales," with more than 500 pages of sports history from 1909 to 1977 of the old Orange High, later Stark High.

RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal

for decades.

The history goes back to 1909, the first year Orange High formed a football team. He has included a bit of state football history, reporting the University of Texas had the first college team in the 1880s. He also reports the discrepancies in whether Galveston Ball, Sam Houston High in Houston had the first high school football team, though the legendary writer Roy Bedichek, the second director of the University Interscholastic League for Texas high schools, determined the first true high school football game in the state was with Dallas High in 1900.

Robins was in town Friday and left copies of the book with the Orange Public Library and Heritage House Museum. He sold a few copies at Art in the Park. The Record newspaper has a copy and will be using his research for fu-

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LSCO promotes Mandy Tucker to Dean

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

Lamar State College Orange (LSCO) is pleased to announce the promotion of Mandy Tucker, RN, MSN, to Dean of Nursing and Health Profession Programs at LSCO. She will now oversee the Nursing, Dental Assisting, EMT/Paramedic, Massage Thera-

py, Medical Assisting, and Pharmacy Technology Programs. Tucker previously served as the Associate Dean of Nursing.

"Dean Tucker has committed her entire career to advancing students in the critical practice of nursing. Recently, Dean Tucker successfully navigated a Board of Nursing re-accreditation

and added an additional Associate Degree in Nursing summer cohort in order to serve the immense healthcare needs of our area. We are grateful to Dean Tucker for her dedication to LSCO," said Dr. Wendy Elmore, Provost and Executive Vice President of Lamar State College Orange.

"Dean Tucker is an example of the best that LSCO has to offer. She began as a student and is now transforming lives each day through her leadership of the Nursing and Health Profession Programs. We couldn't be prouder that she will now lead the program as Dean. Day-in and day-

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My 5-Cents By State Sen. Robert Nichols

A weekly column by Sen. Robert Nichols, Senate District 3

We have passed the halfway point in session this week, but most of the work is before us. It is full speed ahead for the next two months until Memorial Day.



Sen. Nichols

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Bill establishing rural law enforcement fund passes Senate

Senate Bill 22 by Senator Drew Springer passed the Senate this week. The bill would establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to sheriff's departments and prosecutor's offices in counties with a population of 300,000 or less. Sheriffs' departments can use the assistance grant program to provide salary increases, hire additional staff, and purchase vehi-

cles, firearms, and safety equipment. Prosecutors' offices can use the funding to increase the salaries of certain employees and hire additional staff. The bill would provide funding assistance to 236 Texas counties. Both the House and Senate budgets provide \$350 million to support rural law enforcement through the fund. Small, rural communities have difficulties recruiting and retaining staff because of financial constraints. Senate Bill 22 would help alleviate that burden for our rural communities and help keep them safe.

2. Constitutional amendment requiring voters to be US citizens passes Senate

The Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 35 by Sena-

tor Brian Birdwell this week which proposes a constitutional amendment clarifying that non-citizens in the United State may not vote in any election. Should this bill pass the House by a two-thirds vote, then it will go to the voters this November to be added to the state constitution. The right to vote is sacred and should be protected. While other states have enabled non-citizens to vote, in Texas we will continue to ensure that only citizens are allowed to vote.

3. Senate Bill 15 protecting women's college sports passes Senate

This week, the Senate passed Senate Bill 15 by Senator Mayes Middleton, which would ensure the sanctity of women's sports at the collegiate level. Over the past several years, it has become apparent that some men who identify as women

unfairly compete in women's sports. Men have many physiological advantages over women which creates an unequal playing field in women's sports. This bill would require collegiate athletes to compete on the team according to their biological sex, as stated on their birth certificate. It does create an exception for athletes to compete on teams of the opposite gender if there is no team offered for their gender. Women deserve to be able to fairly compete at the collegiate level against other women. Now the bill goes to the house for consideration.

4. Senate passes bill, constitutional amendment to set protocol for emergency powers

Senate Bill 1104 and its accompanying Senate Joint Resolution 58, both by Senator Brian Birdwell, passed

the Senate this week. This bill and constitutional amendment will rebalance the legislative and executive responsibilities during a disaster or emergency. It sets the framework for protocols for legislative checks on executive power. These checks can only happen when the legislature is in session for 140 days every two years. However, disasters are unpredictable and can happen at any time. This bill would require the Governor to call a special session if he or she wanted to extend a disaster declaration past thirty days if the declaration affects 50 percent or more of the state's population, the declaration affects 2/5 or more of the counties, or the declaration affects 2/3 of the counties in 3 or more trauma service regions. Once convened, the legislature would have the opportunity to give advice and consent on extending the declaration. The legislature could terminate or renew the order. These bills will ensure there is balance between branches of government during a disaster without

encumbering a uniform response.

5. Nichols bills heard in committees, floor

This week I had multiple bills heard in various committees and on the floor. Here is a list of highlights:

- Senate Bill 505 was voted out of the Senate this week. It would create parity for road-use between electric vehicles and regular vehicles by raising the registration fee for electric vehicles. This will ensure that the highway fund remains whole for years to come.
- Senate Bill 1305 was heard and voted out of the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs this week. This bill would transfer ownership of the Central Heights Water System to the Angelina and Neches River Authority.
- Senate Bill 1054 was heard in the Senate Committee on State Affairs. It clarifies the process for challenging a constitutional amendment election when the amendment passes.

KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD CITIZENS

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record



Former State Senator Carl Parker

It is important to know the rules whether you are playing a baseball game or participating in politics. Most of us think of ourselves as good citizens, but few of us know many of the basic rules that control how we are governed.

The following is a small citizenship test containing matters that every Texan should know.

• Which state leader in Texas is not elected by the vote of the people?

- Governor
- Speaker
- Attorney general

• Which of the following are appointed by the governor of Texas?

- Secretary of State
- Land Commissioner
- Comptroller

• What is the salary of members of the Legislature? Both Senate and House.

- a. \$24,000 per year
- b. \$1,000 per month
- c. \$50,000 per year

• Under state's constitution when is the Legislature authorized to meet?

- Once per year
- Every other year

• When called to gather by the speaker of the House

• Under the Texas Constitution, must Texas budget be certified to be balanced?

True or False

• What is the only legislative action that cannot be vetoed by the governor?

- Constitutional amendment
- The budget

• How many members are in the state Legislature?

- 131
- 181

• The governor can call

the Legislature to meet and consider only things submitted by him.

True or False

• A joint conference committee half by the speaker of the House and

half by the lieutenant governor to adjust conflicts in bills passed by houses.

True or False

• The governor, unlike the president of the United States can veto only a

portion of legislation and leave other portion standing. It's called line-item-veto.

True or False

While these are very ba-

sic items in the rules of the state Legislature, they are important as to the way the Legislature creates laws that we must adhere to. It will be as good idea to learn the political rules as well as of any of your favorite sport.



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ture history stories, including the time more than 80 years ago when timber heir and philanthropist Lutch Stark build a fancy new stadium and bought the team new uniforms. Stark, who was not employed by the school district or on the school board, fired the head football coach for practicing in the uniforms before the big opening game. Only one person in town complained.

Stark's legacy today lives with the local Stark Foundation. Robins learned the foundation has the only complete set of the old "Orange Peel" high school year books. He was able to use the Benckenstein Archives at the foundation's museum and see the old yearbooks to get more history and find photographs from the days when photography was too expensive for small-town papers.

Robins graduated in the Stark High Class of 1966. He played football, basketball, and baseball, plus a little track. After his class 50th reunion in 2016, he became more interested in all the sports and his heroes growing up. He discovered that many of the old Orange Leader daily newspapers are online through the Portal to Texas History maintained by the University of North Texas. That enabled him to do a lot of research upstairs in his home "man cave," as he calls it.

However, he came into a few snags and learned to overcome them. Though a lot of the local papers are online, a lot are not. More are scanned into the portal's system every month, but Robins needed to fill the holes.

The Orange Public Library has the most complete set of old papers on microfilm, however the library has not had a working microfilm reader in several years. The Lamar State College Orange Library had a couple of readers and the public library would let people check the microfilm out to take across the street. But the readers at LSCO broke.

Robins said the library personnel helped him learn a new way to do his research. A Port Arthur public library had a new microfilm reader. He could request the Orange papers on microfilm at the Port Arthur library and then Orange library would send the microfilm tapes to Port Arthur through the state's interlibrary loan system.

For some of the Orange papers that are missing from all microfilm, he used other newspapers, including those from Houston, to help fill in more information. The old yearbooks also helped, though they were not printed every year, especially during the years of the Great Depression.

Robins started a newsletter with old classmates and shared his research as it was going. Sarah Boehme with the Orange County Historical Society, is in his class and asked to print his work in Las Sabinas quarterly historical journal. His work reached a bigger audience and others asked about other sports.

Those requests led him to expand his research to include other sports for boys and girls. His book includes information and photographs of stadiums, gymnasiums, and fields.

The kids in Orange may have been the only ones growing up in Texas who played on a professional baseball field. It was West End Park, the field with wooden grandstands built to attract the St. Louis Cardinals to have spring training camp there in 1921 and 1922.

The first local high school team played at West End Park, which was in the area of 14th Street near Cypress Avenue about where the city's new Recreation Center was built. The field was simple with a couple of small bleachers.

Using the available information, he figured Orange played about 40 football games in the years between 1910 and 1918. Of those games, 17 were against Port Arthur, 11, against Beaumont High, and six against Beaumont South Park High.

The Tigers even played Rice Institute (later university) twice during that period. One of the games was in 1912 and the Rice freshmen beat the Orange High team 13-0.

Robins also found out that no games were played during 1918 because of the Great Influenza and World War I.

His book has photos of early Orange High stars like Ox Emerson, who went to the University of Texas and played professional ball. He is now given credit for beginning the "Wishbone-T" formation. Also, Taro Kishi, the son of the founder of the Kishi farming community west of Orangefield, played football at Orange High and became a star player at Texas A&M, where he was the first Asian player.

Robins, of course, loves sports and enjoyed going back reading his favorite Leader sports writers from the 1950s and 1960s.

Robins was typical of many of the Baby Boom generation of kids who grew up in Orange. His father was a World War II veteran who got a job after the war with the new Dupont Sabine River Works. His parents moved into the expansive Riverside housing complex along Simmons Drive. Joel and his younger sister, Becky, were born in Orange, grew up in Riverside and then the family moved to a house in one of the new subdivisions on the west side of town. Becky was a Tiger cheerleader and homecoming queen.

After graduating from Stark, Robins went to Texas A&M on a baseball scholarship and studied dentistry. He said that after a couple of years, he realized he would never play major league ball. He left A&M and went to Lamar for a year.

But he longed for somewhere else. He joined his old friend and center, Steve Bruce, who lived in Austin and went to the University of Texas. Robins enrolled at UT and first earned a degree in biology.

He taught high school in Austin for a couple of years and then figured he would need more income if he ever wanted to get married and have a family. So he went back to college and became a chemical engineer.

He later married and had a family. He and his wife live in Friendswood today.

The quarter-back-turned-historian is now looking for a company to publish his sports history into a traditional book form. Heritage House Museum has promised to hold a book-signing reception for him when the book is published.

Jail Break Attempt From Page 1

The truck wrecked in a ditch off Cordrey Avenue near 16th Street and the driver ran off.

Police later tracked the man down to an apartment complex in Orange and had a standoff with him for three hours before he surrendered.

Orange County Jail records show McMillen is facing a charge of aggravated assault on a public servant in connection with shooting at police. Bond is set at \$1 million. He also has charges of theft, a felon in possession of a firearm, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, burglary of a building, evading detention with a vehicle, and now escape. Those charges have total bonds off \$75,000.

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out, she is helping us create a Talent Strong Texas," said Dr. Tom Johnson, President of Lamar State College Orange.

Tucker began her nursing studies at LSCO when it was Lamar University-Orange. She earned her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate in 1995 along with her Vocational Nursing degree in 1995. She earned her Associate Degree in Registered Nursing from Lamar University in 1997, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix in 2014, and her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2019.

She has taught as an instructor at Lamar State College Orange since 2008.

Clean Energy From Page 1

U.S. has positioned us well to continue preparing future markets for a robust clean energy economy powered by offshore wind."

"Our customers continue to share with us that they are seeking clean energy solutions to help them reach their own sustainability goals," said Phillip May, Entergy Louisiana president and CEO. "This partnership serves as an important early step to potentially bringing wind power to our Louisiana shores and foster even greater economic growth in Louisiana."

"We continue to move closer to achieving our goal of being a leader in clean energy," said Deanna Rodriguez, Entergy New Orleans president and CEO. "Our work with RWE will help us understand the technical and economic viability of this resource. Over time, we expect wind to be one of several resources needed to support the needs of the communities in which we serve."

"Entergy Texas is perfectly positioned to explore offshore wind development as Texas already leads the nation in electricity generated by wind energy," said Eliecer Viamontes, Entergy Texas president and CEO. "The state and our service area are growing at a rapid rate and this partnership with RWE will play a key role in evaluating a broader slate of clean resources that will sustain our robust pace of industrial growth and economic development in the decades to come."

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From the Creaux's Nest

HOLY WEEK-SPECIAL TIME FOR CHRISTIANS

Well, it's come on **Easter week**. Come Sunday, **40 days of Lent** would have flown by. Everyone else who gave up something for **Lent** will be able to indulge again. The annual **Easter cold snap** came in a few days early but the wind will move to the south Thursday, with rain and cooler weather after that. The **full moon arriving**, it will be just the right time to **get a garden planted**. I hope the **Easter bunny** comes by your place and deposits a little something. **Sunday is a big church day**. Many will attend only on **Easter Sunday**; others go to church on **Good Friday**. Many places will shut down Friday, **most banks, not all**, all government buildings and schools. This **Holy Week** is a good time to review the **religious roots** that would make your mother proud.****I've got to move on. Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

TRUMP CHARGES TIP OF THE ICEBERG

As expected, former President **Donald Trump** pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to **34 felony counts of falsifying business records** in the first degree stemming from an investigation into the hush money payment to porn star **Stormy Daniels**. **Trump**, who surrendered at the **Manhattan Criminal Courthouse**, is the **first U.S. president** to face criminal charges. The next hearing in the case is currently set for December 4. The indictment was unsealed Tuesday by **Judge Juan Merchan**. **Trump** left the **Manhattan Criminal Court** after his arrest and arraignment. He is the first **U.S. president** ever to be charged with a crime. While Tuesday's arraignment of former President **Donald Trump** will be the first, it likely won't be the last. By summer's end, **Trump** could be charged in no fewer than four separate criminal investigations. In fact, while **Trump's** indictment stemming from his **\$130,000 hush money payment** to adult-film star **Stormy Daniels** represents a legal threat to the former president, the others may carry a **greater risk of serious consequences**, including a possible prison sentence. There are also three other investigations that could result in more indictments for **Trump**.

LSU WINS NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

LSU Head Coach Kim Mulkey, who assembled nine transfers and freshmen in an effort to "**Piece It 2gether**" in her second season in **Baton Rouge**, brought the program its first **Final Four victory** in six attempts last Friday. Two days later, she led the flagship institution of her home state to its first **NCAA Basketball Championship**. It was the fourth championship in as many title game appearances in **Mulkey's coaching career** (previous wins at Baylor in 2005, 2012 and 2019), as she became the first women's basketball coach to win **NCAA championships at multiple schools**. At the end of the battle between two of the best women's basketball programs in the nation, **LSU head coach Kim Mulkey** had nothing but praise for **Iowa's Caitlin Clark**. **Mulkey** and **Clark** met in the postgame handshake line after **LSU had defeated Iowa 102-85** in the national championship. **The 21-year-old scored an incredible 191 points** throughout the tournament, including dropping **41 points in back-to-back games**, the first time someone has had **consecutive 40-point games** in the history of the women's tournament. **Clark's** scoring run surpassed any single-tournament **March Madness** tally, men's or women's, and ensured that her historic performances will be remembered for years to come. Her **eight three-pointers in the championship game** were also enough to break another record but – unfortunately for **Iowa fans**, not enough to seal the tournament win. **Clark's 191 points** throughout the NCAA tournament is the **most in men's and women's history**.

UCONN WINS NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

From busted brackets to No. 1 seed nail-biters, **March Madness lived up to the hype**, culminating Monday night as the **University of Connecticut Huskies** men's basketball team **won their fifth NCAA Championship title**. **Coach Dan Hurley** led the elite basketball program to notch his first-ever title with a **76-59 win over the San Diego State Aztecs**. **Coach Hurley** joined "**Good Morning America**" to reflect on the momentous occasion. "You could feel it coming, it just wasn't here yet and now it's here," he said of the time it took to build this caliber of team."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

Kree Harrison is one of seven contestants remaining on **American Idol**. Even with her talent, **Kree's** future is also determined by the voting public.******Former Bridge City Police Chief Wilson Roberts** says his daughter **Cathy** would have been extremely proud of his granddaughter **Kree's** accom-

plishment. **Cathy, Wilson's only daughter**, was killed in an auto accident.******First Presbyterian Church** turns 135 years old. In 1878, residents of **Orange** asked the **Presbytery of Eastern Texas** for a church. The present structure on Green Ave. was built 101 years ago. The residents, in **March and April of 1878**, who formed the first congregation, likely did not foresee that their small church, originally located at the corner of **Market and Polk streets** would ultimately move into the elaborate, historical structure which draws thousands to witness the **architectural wonder**, featuring many first time features. The church was under construction from **1908 to 1912**. Besides celebrating their regular anniversary.****We were sorry to hear of **Colonel Kimbrough's** death. He was the father of **Dist. Attorney/County Attorney John Kimbrough**.****April 6 is a special day in our history. In **1917**, the **U.S. entered into WWI**. Celebrating a birthday on this day is **Cyndie Chauvin**, who has put up with **Vance**, the "**Big Red**" refrigerator man, for a bunch of years. **Cyndie** is one of "**Buster**" **Scales** daughters.****April 7, is a special day for the **queen of the "Strutters"** **Cathy Riley**, who has led that **Bridge City High** awarding group for many years. (Editor's note: **Cathy** is now enjoying retirement.)

20 Years Ago-2003

Temperatures dip down to **37 degrees** Saturday, March 30. April is here and looks to be wet. **Neighbor Cox** plowed the sod and **Ms. Virginia** will sow the seeds and plants in the neighborhood garden.******Judge Flo** has been retired only three months but **Gene** says **Flo** has made him and **Todd** do 20 years of work. **Flo** says things were neglected for 20 years because they didn't have a foreman.****A blood drive for **Jimmy Dillon** was held at **Lamar Orange** on April 2 and 3.******County Bank, in Orange**, holds a grand opening under new ownership April 8, at 4 p.m. New officers are **Carlos Vacek, president-CEO; Lin Bingham, V.P.; chief financial officer, Billy Burrow Jr.; senior VP, Mike Moreau; senior VP, Bryne Hurley**.****The **Texas Longhorns** are in the **Final Four**. **Rick Barnes** is coach.******Bridge City pitcher Derek Blacksher** struck out 15 batters in an 11-7 win over **Buna**. **Bridge City** came from behind but **Buna** kept the pressure on. **Coach Sam Moore** said it was a battle. **BC catcher, Ben Myers** was 4 for 5 at the plate. **Hunter Hayes** was 3 for 5 and 4 RBI's.

50 Years Ago-1973

Judge Grover Halliburton is doing quite well after heart surgery. When asked how the attack felt, he said, "**It's like a big coon falling out of a tree** and landing on your chest and every now and then biting you."******Dr. Wynn Pearce** tells **Joe Molley**, who is overweight, "**You're an addict** and your grocer is a pusher."******Ed Bacon** says he watches too much television. He said, "I can't quite decide who's the sillier, the TV shows or me watching them."******The Godfather wins the Academy Award** for best picture of 1972. **Marlon Brando** refused to accept his **Oscar** for best actor. **Lisa Minnelli** wins for best actress for her performance in "**Cabaret**."

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr. had a good **April Fool's** joke two days late. Monday evening, more than **10,000 Entergy customers** across the east and north-east part of the county lost power suddenly. The area included almost all of the city of **Orange**. The mayor on Facebook posted: "**On behalf of the City of Orange!** I apologize for we had to make a tough decision this week between **paying Entergy or buying Easter Eggs for the City Easter Egg Hunt** this week. We probably need to revisit the agenda item!" Good one, mayor. **Mayor Spears** has been taking off from some of his official ceremonial duties recently to stay at home with his wife, **Trish**, and their new baby. But he made sure he was on stage Saturday to welcome **Orange native O'Shaquie "Shock" Foster**, who won the **World Boxing Council super featherweight world championship** in February. The mayor gave the boxer a framed "**key to the city**." **Shock** had a parade that included the **West Orange-Stark Mustang** band, cheerleaders, and **Fillies** to lead him up to the stage set up at the old **Orange City Hall** on Green Avenue. The parade and ceremony was held in conjunction with the popular **Art in the Park** next to the building. Four-year-old **Lara Spears**, who had been the baby of the family, asked to lead the **Pledge of Allegiance**. Her father, **the mayor, couldn't resist** and she may have a career ahead of her for being patriotic.****Weather cooperated with **Art in the Park** this year as the temperatures heated up to near 90, but a breeze and the shade in **Stark Park** kept people comfortable. Food trucks were selling out. People were buying paintings, crafts and even homemade jellies and baked goods. **Betty Harmon**, who now uses a walker, was out strolling the event with her daughter, **Debora Lanciaux**. **Betty Melton** also made the rounds with her daughter, **Linda. Latouia** and **Aaron DuBois** took in the sights with local celebrity artist **Lauren Leigh** and her husband **Brandon Stanley**. **Elise Domas Burgamy** brought her family back to town and went around seeing old friends. **Rodney** and **Dr. Amy Townsend** visited **Art in the Park** and then went to **Orange's popular restaurant** on the bayou, **Bluebirds**.****The **Stark Museum of Art** and the **Stark House** by the park were open for the event.******First United Methodist Church** a block away held special tours in of their **1920s sanctuary** as the church congregation celebrates **150 years in Orange**. More than 150 people toured the church Saturday. **Angela Abshire, Leigha Barron**, and lots of others at the church helped with the open house. Now-retired **city judge Jerry Pennington**, along with wife, **Susan**, were wearing their **First United Methodist T-shirts** at **Art in the Park** after being at the church earlier.****The **Lions Club Carnival** made a full run without having to cancel a day for weather. It's a recent **record for the charity tradition**. The weather in the past two decades have not been kind to the carnival's schedule, or rides. The event dates back to 1939. **Stump Weatherford "Mr. Lion,"** wasn't around for those first carnivals, but he's local fixture at the carnival's sno-cone stand. **Wife Dayle** was there helping. Of course a lot of volun-

teers come from all over the county to help the **Lions clubs** here run the carnival, and this year was no exception. Last week's volunteers included **International Paper** and **Dow Sabine River Operations**. **The Orangefield High Honor Society** likely got wet when they helped in the goldfish toss and the duck game. **West Orange-Stark High student council members** were out one night assisting the grown-ups. Others seen working the carnival included **Sherry Hommel, Alison Clary, Amy Prouse**, and **Jill Watson**. **Paul and Raul Burch** worked at the ring toss and the **Little Cypress club's** chocolate-covered strawberries booth. **Lions members** at some of their traditional posts included **Debbie Hughes** and **Chris Kovatch** at the merry-go-round, and **Steve Maddox** grilling burgers. **Gina** and **Skipper Yeaman** were back at the blinky-thingy stand.******The Lutcher Theater** had two nights of the stage musical "**Anastasia**." **County Clerk Brandy Robertson** attended with son, **Nathan Hayes**. **Sandra Gross** went with longtime friend **Frances Lewis**, while **Terry Hoyland** and mom **Karen Colburn** enjoyed another night together. **Nancy Sonnier** and **Skylar Lanicek** also were in the audience.****Not everyone stayed in **Orange County** this past week. **Rosalie** and **Karl Eason** are touring Italy, taking in the colorful landscapes and ancient artworks, plus lots of good food.******Kacey** and **Chris Burnitt** went to Las Vegas and hit a lot of the spots and landmarks. They were joined at **Wolf-gang Puck's Spago restaurant** at the Bellagio by **Chris's boss, Robert Currie** with Innovative Air Service. **Robert** was accompanied by lovely wife **Mindy**.****Spring must be a popular time for weddings because we had quite a few anniversaries, which included **Jeff and Sherri Fruge** with 44 years. **Alaniz** and **Codie Vasquez** marked 31 years of marriage, while **Sheila** and **Keith Faske** celebrated their 23rd by going to Louisiana for seafood. **Mark** and **Janois Grizzaffi** had an anniversary, as did **Phillip** and **Cristy Smith**, and **Jerry** and **Mindi Vandervoort**. **Cole** and **Melissa Monson** had their fourth anniversary.****Birthdays this last week include little blond bomber **Bodie Bearden** turning 4. **Brynlee Burch** had a couple of celebrations for her seventh birthday. **Dylan Krummel** turned 17 while **Coree Guerra** had her 19th birthday. Of course we can't forget **Constable Lannie Claybar**, who had a birthday on Monday and on Tuesday celebrated his wife, **Melanie**, with national librarians day. **She's the LC-M High librarian**.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks celebrating their "big day" in the next few days. **April 5: Mary Hesphe, Jean Taylor, Nidi Viola** and **Lisa Coffey**.******April 6:** Today is **Pass-over**, a major Jewish holiday. It is also **Holy Thursday**, the commemoration of the **Last Supper of Jesus Christ**. This day is **Judge Chad Jenkins'** birthday. The **JP** is not only a carnival barker, auctioneer, master meat smoker, married to **Wendee**, mother of his three boys, but an all around nice guy. Happy Birthday Judge. Also celebrating are **Cyndie Scales Chauvin, David Blanton, Bob Cummings** and **Brenda McPherson**.******April 7:** Today is known as **Good Friday**. Celebrating birthdays on this day are **Bethanie Penning, Shelly Watts, Janet Anderson, Linda Juneau, Wayne McPherson** and **April Butler**.******April 8:** This day is known as **Holy Saturday**, a Christian religious observance that ends the **Lenten season**. Several good folks celebrate birthdays today. **Angel Sehon, Cathy Riley, Brandy Block, Melissa Pittman** and **Lindsey Etheridge**.******April 9:** Easter Sunday, the most important day in the **Christian faith** commemorating the resurrection of **Jesus Christ** from the dead. Celebrating birthdays today are **Lauri Williams, Trey Dubose, Kristi Trahan, Terri Brent, Tonya Burch, Wayne Currie** and **Adam Prosperie**.******April 10:** Happy Birthday to **Dr. Katie Olson, Janet Montagne, Barbara Goins, Austin Brent** and **K'Lynn Ess**.******April 11:** Celebrating today are **Chelsea McLemore, Becky Myers, David Thacker, Dustin Kemp, Patsy Evans** and **Travis Reed**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK A Letter to Sostan

Dear Cuz,
I don't rote for a long time me, cause I been working offshore. I see where the **little dicktater in North Korea** is making waves. He's going to mess around and git himself killed. Looks like he got a hair cut at **Tee Man's Barber Shop** where he puts a bowl on you head and cut around it.

Joe Comeaux was at a party at **Tee-Boy's Bar & Grill** when he call across da rum to his wife, "**Ready to go home Mother of six**." Dat irritate **Agnes**, she shout back, "**Anytime you ready, father of four**." At da same party, **Honey Bee's brother Ralph** and his wife **Clotile** were celebrating dere **40th anniversary** wen dey got in an argument. **Ralph** yell at her, "I swear **Clotile**, wen you die I'm getting you a headstone dat says, "**Here lies Clotile, cold as ever**." **Clotile** said, "If you die before me **Ralph**, I'm getting you a headstone dat says, "**Here lies Ralph, stiff at last**." **Honey Bee** said, "Let's go home before liquor gets to us too."

Anyway, everybody is good here. I hope you and you bird are doing ok.

**You Cuz,
Sostan**

KAZ IN REHAB FOLLOWING SURGERY

Joe Kazmar, a sports writer for over 45 years, is considered one of the longest serving sports writers in the nation. His weekly column, **Kaz's Korner**, will be put on hold for a few weeks while **Kaz** recovers in rehab after surgery. Last week he fell and broke his hip and required surgery. He will spend the next few weeks in a **Vidor rehabilitation center**. It is a very frustrating accident for **Kazmar**, here at the beginning of baseball season. His wife **Susan** reports **Joe** is a very unhappy camper. He has been involved with baseball since he was a member of the **Yonkers New York Little League World Championship** team. **Kaz** is not only a student of the sport, he is considered to be one of the most knowledgeable baseball writers in the country. We wish **Joe** a speedy recovery. He will be missed by us and his many fans.****Please read us cover to cover. You'll find that we're one of a kind. Also shop our family of advertisers when you can. Have a wonderful Easter. **Take care and God bless**.

Deaths & Memorials

Don Tom Howard, 80

FORMERLY OF ORANGE

Don was an educator for 35 years. He began in Orange as an algebra teacher and then high school counselor. In 1989, he and his wife, Linda Kelly, moved to Round Rock where he soon became an Assistant Superintendent for Round Rock ISD. He and Linda retired in 1999.

For years, Don and his sail crew (Linda and kids usually) enjoyed sailing out of the Port Arthur Yacht Club, where he served as Commodore and was a multi-year yet controversial Gumbo Cook-Off Champion. After retirement, he was a long-time member of the Sun City Poker Club, where he enjoyed the friendship of a close group of players.

Don and Linda married on Feb. 29, 1984, and recently celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary (or 9th, depending on how you count Leap Year...).

Family, friends and former students will remember him as always witty and kind.



Don Howard

Don earned his bachelor's in Mathematics from Lamar University and then later a master's in Counseling from Lamar. He earned a second master's in School Administration from Stephen F. Austin University and a School Superintendency Certificate from Southwest Texas University.

Donations in Don's honor can be made to your local food bank.

Don was born in Beaumont in 1942 to parents William and Jacqueline Howard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Tim Howard.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Kelly of Georgetown; his son Michael Howard and wife Alicia of Jupiter, Florida; and his daughter Gina Farrell and husband Tim of San Antonio.

He has four grandchildren, Ellie Howard of Seattle, Washington; Jamie Howard of Jupiter, Aidan Farrell and Keagan Farrell, both of San Antonio.

Earnest Ray Procella, 91, Orange

Earnest Ray Procella, 91, of Orange, Texas, passed away on April 1, 2023, at his grandson's home in Orange.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 8, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Michael Procella and Reverend Charles Miller. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation will take place prior to the service from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 8.

Born in Hemphill, Texas, on January 14, 1932, he was the son of Henry Procella and Marcilena (Parrie) Procella. At 4 years old, Earnest lost his father and watched his mother raise 6 boys by herself before she remarried and gave birth to another son. He graduated from Hemphill High School in 1949 before proudly serving in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953, during the Korean War. Earnest was a huge sports fanatic and played baseball for the Red Raiders in Milam, Texas. He then went on to play professional baseball for the Dothan Phillies in Dothan, Alabama but decided not to go the Major League, instead he opted to come home. Upon returning home, Earnest earned his bachelor's degree and later his master's. He began his teaching career in 1959. He taught science and coached football and basketball at Cove, West Orange Stark, and Little Cypress Mauriceville before retiring in 1990. After retirement, he was named president of the condominiums and also took care of all the



Earnest Procella

maintenance. Earnest married his first wife, Mary Bourghs and had 3 boys. He later married June Roy and lovingly inherited her family. He followed behind his grandson, Michael, wherever he went as he preached the word of the Lord to different locations. Earnest dedicated his life to Christ and was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Orange. His loved ones will go on to cherish their memories of him and will miss Earnest deeply.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Marcilena Procella; and wife, June Procella.

He is survived by his sons, Michael Ray Procella and wife, Tommilyn, Ernest Glenn Procella and wife, Millie, and Barry Paul Procella and wife, Terri; grandchildren, Michael Procella and wife, Emilee, April Thompson and husband, Wesley, Erica Arnold and husband, Wesley, Landon Procella and wife, Emily, Jared Wagnon and wife, Amanda, and Jenna Procella; eight great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Jennifer Guidry and husband, Kent, and Jeff Roy and wife, Leah; step-grandchildren, Drek Guidry and wife, Amber, Lindsay Davis and husband, Session, Brooke Chambless and husband, Clint, Reid Guidry and wife, Evan, and Jeslyn Sabol and husband, Will; and twelve step-great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mike Procella, Glenn Procella, Barry Procella, Michael Procella, Landon Procella, Carson Saucedo, and Billy Brad Lankford. Honorary pallbearers are his former players and students.

Cecil Scales, 69, formerly of Orange

On March 23rd, 2023 Cecil passed from this earth to spend eternity in the presence of God.

Born in Orange, Texas on December 12th, 1954, he was the youngest child of Cecil Cleborn Scales, Sr. and Betty Sue Brannon. He grew up in the Scales family home in the Orangefield area surrounded by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. After graduating from Bridge City High School in 1973, he moved to the Houston area and began working in the banking and computer industries. Cecil found that he had an aptitude and interest in comput-



Cecil Scales

er-aided drafting and spent several decades working in this field for a variety of companies in multiple locations throughout the country. Cecil loved the outdoors, photography, water skiing and hunting. Cecil will always be remembered for his kind nature by those who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents Cecil Sr. and Betty, his sister Cherion (Scales) Shaban of Katy, Texas and his niece Shellie (Beard) Tichenor.

He is survived by his nephew Chris Beard and wife Kirsten of Montgomery, Texas. Services will be held at a later date.

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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.

John Stephen Smith
c/o:
Stephen C. Howard
Attorney at Law
903 W. Green Avenue
Orange, Texas 77630

Dated the 31st day of March, 2023.

Stephen Howard
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Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit, Application ID# 125793 by LBS BBQ & Catering, LLC dba LBS BBQ & Catering, LLC located at 4777 West Roundbunch, Orange, TX 77630. Owner of said corporation is Lamar Belcher.

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c/o:
Timothy Davis
665 CR 725
Buna, TX 77612

Dated the 30th day of March, 2023.

Tommy Gunn
Tommy Gunn

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **JERRY J. MCNEIL**, Deceased, were issued on **APRIL 3, 2023, in Cause No. P19626**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Carol Ann Allen**.

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

Dated the 4th day of April, 2023.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **BRANDY LYNN DUHON**, Deceased, were issued on the **MARCH 1, 2023, in Cause No. P19634**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Eric Steven Duhon aka Steve Duhon**.

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:
Jerry V. Pennington
Attorney at Law
PO Box 2010
Orange, TX 77631-2010

Dated the 29th day of March, 2023.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARVIN WYNN FUNCHESS**, Deceased, were issued on **APRIL 3, 2023, in Cause No. P19627**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Jimmy Lynn Funchess**.

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, 2023.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

FORREST RICHARD CLEVELAND, Deceased
Cause No. P19662
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 the 28th day of March, 2023, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **FORREST RICHARD CLEVELAND**, 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 the 28th day of March, 2023.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: *Samantha McInnis*, Deputy
Samantha McInnis

GENERAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE RFQ-2023-01-GEN-ENG

The Orange County Drainage District seeks to contract with one or more engineering service providers ("Respondents") to provide general professional engineering services to the District. Interested Respondents may find copies of RFQ-2023-01-GEN-ENG ("RFQ") on the District's website at: <https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing/> (search under "Current Procurement Opportunities") and at <http://civcastusa.com> (search for "Orange County Drainage District"). Interested Respondents must submit five (5) physical copies of its statement of qualifications ("SOQs") to Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, at the Orange County Drainage District located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 ("District Office"). To be eligible for consideration, the District must receive SOQs no later than 12:00 pm on April 26, 2023, at the District Office. The District will publicly open the submitted SOQs at 2:00 pm on April 26, 2023, at the District Office. The District reserves the right to negotiate with all Respondents submitting eligible SOQs. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Municipal Election held on May 6, 2023 will be tested on April 12, 2023 at 8:30 am at Orange County Elections Administration at 206 Border Street, Orange, TX 77630 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Donna Alford
Donna Alford
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Bobcats remain undefeated in district



Kyle Michael of Orangefield drove in the go ahead run for the Bobcats in their win over the Anahuac Panthers.
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DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The Orangefield Bobcats are undefeated and in first place in the District 22-3A baseball standings. The end of March marked the halfway point of the district schedule of games. A shortage of umpires caused Orangefield to play the Kountze Lions on

Monday instead of Tuesday last week. The Bobcats scored early and often in the 17-2 triumph that was shortened to five innings because of the 15-run rule.

The Bobcats scored six runs in the fifth inning. The late rally was fueled by Camden Fountain, Kyle Michael, Logan Cheek, Adam Tran, and Caleb Fregia.

Brycen Tait got the pitching victory throwing four innings and surrendering two runs on two hits with four strikeouts. Colton Myers pitched a scoreless fifth to close out the win for Orangefield.

Friday's game at Anahuac was maybe the toughest district game to

this point for the Bobcats. Orangefield snagged a late lead and defeated the Panthers 14-7 to keep the district slate clean for the Bobcats.

The game was tied 3-3 in the top of the fifth when Kyle Michael hit a sacrifice fly to give Orangefield the lead. Morgan Samp-

son swung the biggest bat for the Bobcats driving in five runs in the game with four of them coming on one swing with a grand slam homerun in the fifth. He also doubled in the seventh to drive in a run.

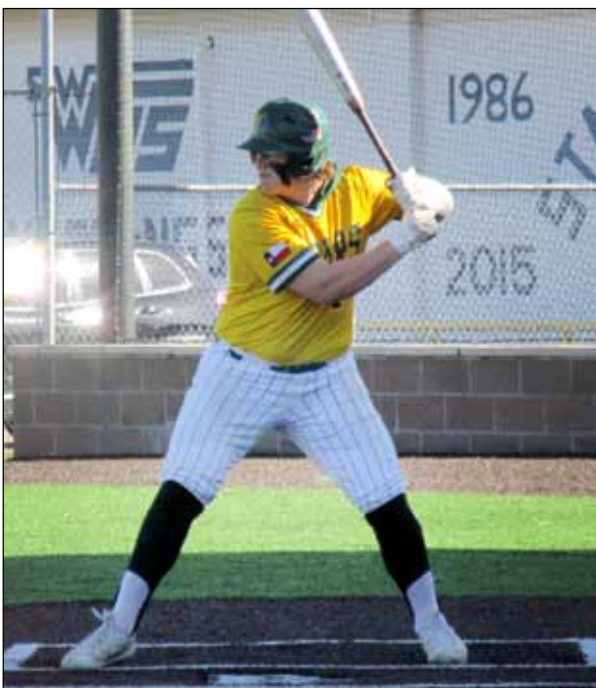
The Bobcats notched some insurance runs in the seventh inning. In ad-

dition to Sampson, Caleb Fregia, Cameron Dearing, and Michael all contributed runs batted in during the five-run seventh for Orangefield.

Pitcher Jason Bodin helped with his bat driving in two early runs and

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Bears drop two to Vidor



Marco Bandiero scored two runs for LCM but the Bears lost two games to the Vidor Pirates last week.
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears played games on Tuesday and Friday with the Vidor Pirates during the last week of March. The Pirates came away with wins in both games.

On Tuesday Little Cypress Mauriceville had the advantage late but the Pirates rallied to pull out the 4-3 victory in Vidor. Two runs in the sixth inning gave the Pirates the lead which they did not relinquish. Bryce Bushelle got the win on the mound pitching the first six innings and Aiden Sims earned a save by pitching the seventh inning for Vidor.

The second game was played at Don Gibbens Field on the LCM campus. The Pirates beat the Bears 7-4 to improve their district record to 5-1 while the Bears dropped to 1-3 in district.

Vidor opened the scoring in the top of the first inning when four straight Pirates reached base with walks beginning with Austin Cadroy who scored on a wild pitch. Bear pitcher Cameron Bilbo escaped further damage striking out opposing Pirate pitcher Logan Morris and retiring Ty Watson on a soft liner to shortstop Parker Seago to end the inning with the bases loaded with Pirates.

Bilbo tied the game for Little Cypress Mauriceville in the bottom of the second with a leadoff homerun to center field. It was the first of only three hits off Morris in the game.

The Pirates retook the lead in the top of the third as three straight batters reached after there was one out. Jarrett Odom scored on a single by Morris and Cade Safer scored from third base on a Bear error to put Vidor up 3-1.

Seago replaced Bilbo on the mound and struck out two Pirates to complete the Vidor third. In the fourth Cadroy tripled to right center field with two outs and came home on a passed ball to increase the Pirate advantage to three runs.

Pirate pitcher Morris had control problems in the bottom half of the fourth walking three Bears. He narrowly avoided disaster after walking the first two Bear batters when Bilbo hit another long fly ball to deep left that appeared to be a game tying homer but the ball was caught near the fence for the first out. Marco Bandiero scored when Justin McCarver reached on an error that made the score 4-2 in favor of Vidor after four innings.

Shaky fielding by both teams resulted in the Pirates scoring two runs in the top of the sixth

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Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 65 degrees. Salinity continues to improve in Sabine Lake. The jetties are full of sheepshead, bull redfish and drum biting off the rocks using live shrimp on a Carolina rig or under a popping cork. Sabine Channel is very good for speckled trout up to 20 inches off docks, bulkheads and rock piles with live shrimp under a popping cork with 5-6 foot leaders. Sabine Lake is producing good catches of redfish off points, drops and in the bayou drifting over mussel and shell flats in 2-6 feet of water with carolina rig or popping cork with live shrimp. Pleasure Island on the north revetment is producing nice trout drifting along the bank with live shrimp under a popping cork or glo chartreuse plastics with a 1/2 ounce jig and crankbaits. Neches River turnarounds holding redfish, sheepshead and drum using carolina rig or popping cork with live shrimp. Buoys in 10-15 feet of water are holding nice speckled trout and redfish on red shad or watermelon artificials. Flounder up to 18 inches are showing up in the wooden bulkhead near Pleasure Island using chartreuse baits with a 1/4 ounce jig. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 67 degrees. The surf is starting to hold some black drum, pompano, small shark and occasional redfish. The North Jetty surf side holding sheepshead and trout against rocks look for bait. Redfish in the channel on Carolina rigged mullet, shad, and crab. The end holds nice schools of trout and sheepshead. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Trinity Bay

SLOW. 69 degrees. Waders doing the best along the east shoreline when winds are favorable. Upper northwest corner of the bay producing scattered catches of trout and keeper black drum. A few oversized redfish and black drum are also being caught and released. Live shrimp and soft plastics drawing the most bites. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.



The Record's Capt. Chuck Uzzle displays a nice Sabine Lake redfish.

• East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 70 degrees. Bay reefs should begin to produce speckled trout for those anglers drift fishing. Waders catching scattered trout up to 6 pounds on a variety of mullet imitation plugs. A few redfish in the mix at times. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter. Yates Bayou (Drain) holding redfish against grass line on popping cork and shrimp. Then Hanna's is great early on same bait or twitching artificials. Look for birds and Slicks, small slicks could be just getting started. Look for bait moving. Watermelon smell in the air don't pass on them. Pepper Grove Cove to Moody's Pass holding fish. Smith Point to Moody National Wildlife. Redfish look for schools and birds. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Galveston Bay

GOOD. 71 degrees. Pier pilings producing a few speckled trout, but the black drum bite has been good. Flood gate at Moses Lake coughing up a few redfish, and black drum. Nearby shoreline scattered catches of speckled trout. A few trout showing along rocks in the open bay. Live shrimp catching the majority of the fish. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The South Jetty still holding Trout, sheepshead and

around as the winds pick up. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Houston

FAIR. Water stained; 69 degrees; 0.09 feet below pool. Bass are shallow in cover on spawning beds out to 12 feet biting crankbaits. White bass are running in the creeks biting roadrunners. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good in 12 feet of water and near docks biting on cut bait.

• Texas City

GOOD. 69 degrees. Excellent catches of sheepshead from the Galveston jetties on live shrimp. Oversized black drum still being caught on live halved crab and fresh dead shad. Some bull redfish with them. A few slot redfish and speckled trout are also showing up along the rocks. Rock walkers on the dike still catching big black drum. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The Dike is holding bull redfish along the rocks with scattered drum and flounder. Dickinson Bayou, holding some redfish and drum on popping cork and shrimp or soft plastics. The Rock shoals south of dike holding fish on popping cork with live shrimp. Millers point holding a few trout and occasional Redfish. Look for slicks and birds thtime of year. The smaller the

redfish close to rocks free-lined shrimp, or Carolina rigged float with live shrimp or soft plastic. SWP Holding redfish from Pier and from rocks. Sheepshead in front on concrete Seawall. The drains out of Swan Lake and Campbell's Slough holding sheepshead with an occasional Redfish. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 71 degrees. A few waders are finding pockets of speckled trout and redfish mostly on soft plastics. Along bay reefs scattered catches of trout and redfish being caught by drift fishing with soft plastics and live shrimp. Causeway bridge beginning to produce better numbers of keeper size drum, redfish, and speckled trout on live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Greens lake holding redfish against grass lines and by sandy shores early. ICW holding fish through greens cut and Carancahua cut holding trout and redfish with the amount of wind wind we are getting. Mecom Reef will have fish on it early up by rocks with artificial or live bait free-line or under cork. You'll need to find protected waters with bait moving

slick, the more fresh it could be sometimes. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Freeport

GOOD. 64 degrees. Fishing patterns are starting to move from mud and shell to the spring pattern on the rocks and sand. Check the wind forecast before heading out. Spanish mackerel, pompano, sheepshead and big redfish at the jetties with live shrimp. Sheepshead are spawning anywhere with moving water, so target the pass, river, and jetties. Redfish are in the river, back lakes, river and bays with live shrimp under a popping cork or soft plastics in new penny and chartreuse, Texas roach or red/white.

Flounder are showing up in the bays. mixed in with trout and redfish. River holding flounder and trout. Few catches of trout in the surf mixed in with jack crevalle and sharks. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adventures.

• East Matagorda

SLOW. 64 degrees. Fishing is picking up, but the fight will still be with the weather and not the rod. Trout are good drifting with live shrimp under a popping cork, or wading the shorelines with lures. Redfish are mixed in on live shrimp under a popping cork.

Flounder gigging at night is producing the best bite. Report by Captain Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

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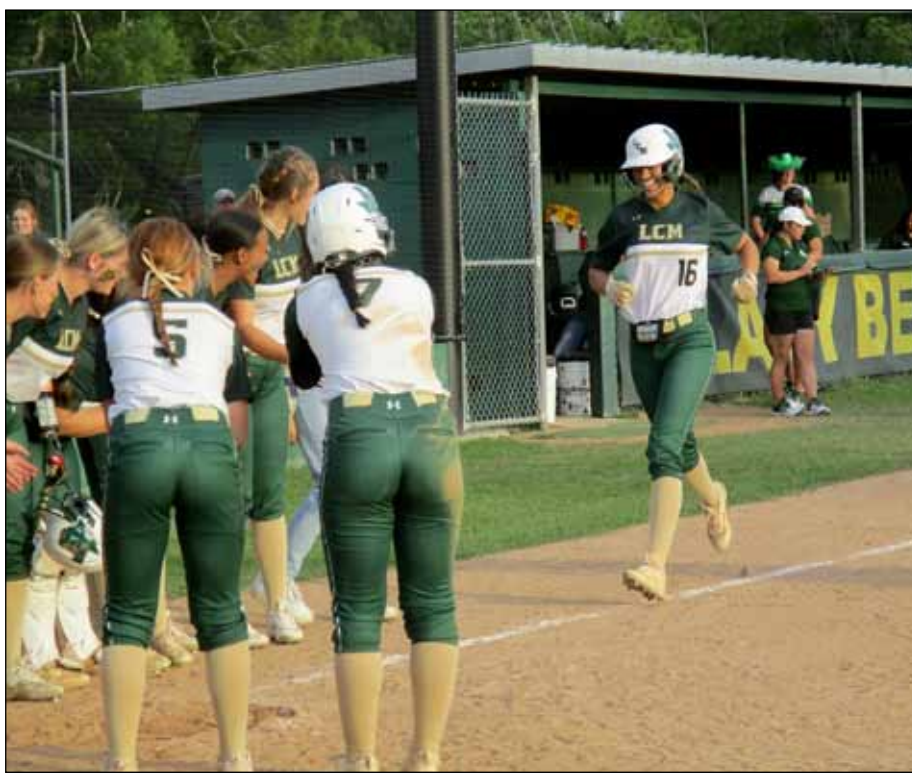
BC Lady Cardinals, LCM Lady Bobcats ready for rematch

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The first half of the district games are completed with the Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears and the Bridge City Lady Cardinals holding the top two positions in the District 19-4A softball standings. The Lady Bears and the Lady Cardinals play their second game against each other in the district on Tuesday, April 4 at Bridge City.

Little Cypress Mauriceville will be 6-0 in district going into Tuesday's game in Bridge City. The Lady Bears won the first meeting at home 4-2 with the Lady Cardinals back in the second week of March.

This week the Lady Bears played only one game against the sixth place Silsbee Lady Tigers. Little Cypress Mauriceville kept its district record unblemished on Tuesday, March 28, with a 10-0 win at home. Starting pitcher Ella Stephenson had a rough outing in the circle her previous game not even getting out of the first inning before being relieved. Stephenson



Keylie Washburn is greeted at home plate after her first inning homerun gave the Lady Bears a 2-0 lead.
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

had her best stuff against Silsbee though throwing a no-hitter for five innings before the game was called because of the ten-run rule.

Ella overpowered the Lady Tigers striking out twelve of the nineteen batters she faced while walking

four. Of the three pitches that were put in play by Silsbee and fielded by the Lady Bears only one was hit hard with third baseman Keylie Washburn snatching a laser of a line drive about shoulder height to her left.

Washburn provided all

the offense the Lady Bears required in the first inning. Leadoff hitter Eden Frenzel tripled to right field, and then Keylie hit what ap-

peared to be a for sure sacrifice fly to center field but the ball continued to carry until it cleared the fence for a two-run homerun to put Little Cypress Mauriceville up 2-0 after only two batters.

Lexis Moss followed with a triple to left. Moss scored on a sacrifice fly to center by Ava Wright to give the Lady Bears a 3-0 lead after the first inning.

Stephenson helped herself out with the bat and her legs in the second inning when her single to center went past the Lady Tiger fielder and Ella raced around to third base. She scored LCM's fourth run on a groundout by Frenzel.

Two more Lady Bears scored in the third with the rally starting after there were two outs. Ava White singled and came home on a Silsbee throwing error that allowed Tessa Erickson to reach second base. Ansley Moore delivered a clutch two-out single to left to drive home Erickson.

Silsbee changed pitchers

in the bottom of the fourth but the Lady Bears greeted her by the first four hitters reaching base. Stephenson singled, Frenzel bunted for a hit, Washburn grounded to second which scored Ella and Eden when an error was made, and Moss hit a towering fly ball to left that left the park for a two-run homer bringing the score to 10-0 for LCM.

Meanwhile Bridge City was playing at West Orange Stark that same night. The Lady Cardinals jumped out to an 11-1 lead in the second inning. After tallying a lone run in the third Bridge City blew it open with 12 runs in the fourth to invoke the 15-run rule with the score 24-1 after four innings.

Freshman Cambree LaComb was the winning pitcher for Bridge City surrendering just one run. The Lady Cardinal hitting stars included Nicole Sasser who homered and drove in five runs while Haley Munoz and Brooklyn Droddy both drove in three runs.



Orangefield's Harleigh Rawls homered in the Lady Bobcats win over Anahuac last week.
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Orangefield Lady Bobcats fight on

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats softball team are in the midst of a difficult portion of the district schedule. Orangefield Coach Rebekah Ragsdale termed it running the gauntlet for her Lady Bobcats.

The first stop in the three game stretch of top district opponents for Orangefield was at Kountze on March 28. The Lionettes laid the Lady Bobcats low with a 10-0 pounding. It was only the second loss in district for Orangefield.

The Anahuac Lady Panthers handed Orangefield the earlier loss in district, and the Lady Bobcats got pay back on Friday, March 31, with a 2-1 win at Anahuac. The victory makes Orangefield 7-2 in district.

Pitcher Abigail Curphey was stellar in the circle for the Lady Bobcats giving

up only one hit and striking out nine Lady Panthers. Curphey did not walk a batter and the only run scored by Anahuac was unearned.

Senior Harleigh Rawls got the Lady Bobcats on the board first with a homerun in the top of the first. Curphey also had a hand on the offense going two for three with courtesy runner Haylee Spears scoring the decisive run in Curphey's place in the seventh inning when Alysen Vincent singled Spears home. Charlee Sanches missed adding an insurance run when her base hit clanged off the top of the centerfield wall.

Four teams are battling at the top of the District 22-3A softball standings. Kirbyville started this week at 7-1 with Orangefield and Kountze tied for second place at 7-2. Anahuac has dropped to fourth place with a 6-3 record. Orangefield played

Kirbyville on Tuesday, April 4. The game at Paul Cormier Field was Teacher and Staff Appreciation Night. The Lady Bobcats play again at home on Thursday, April 6, against East Chambers.

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got the win on the mound for the Bobcats. Bodin allowed one hit and three runs over four innings striking out seven and walking none. Colton Myers and Matthew Johnson combined to pitch the final three innings for Orangefield.

The Bobcats improved to 16-3 on the season and are 7-0 in district. The second half of the district games began on Tuesday, April 4, with the Kirbyville Wildcats visiting Orangefield. The East Chambers Buccaneers come to Orangefield on Thursday to play the Bobcats.

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OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

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



Chuck Uzzle

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.

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. Remember 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.

I must admit I struggled putting this column together knowing exactly what was going on in the world today with political witch hunt that is taking place in New York. The far left is desperately trying to find a way to stop Donald Trump from running for president and they have now gone so far as to indict him on charges that have already been dropped by two other courts. The exact same district attorney who reduced 52% of all felony charges in 2022 to misdemeanors is now trying to take misdemeanors and make them into felonies against former President Trump, it's a dark day for our country but you certainly can't tell that from the media coverage which is heavily slanted to the left.

Orange County Master Gardeners Conquer Weeds: Know the Foe

JOHN GREEN ORANGE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Let's discuss turfgrass weed management! Before you start rolling your eyes, and thinking to yourself, blah, blah, blah...boring, just know that beautiful, healthy, weed-free, and well-manicured lawns don't occur by accident! They require each of us to learn about and understand specifics about the turf grasses in our lawn, types of weeds present, and creating a systematic approach to maintain a healthy, weed-free lawn, in an environmentally friendly way. When performed correctly, lawn weed control doesn't require much effort, but it does require being informed! So, before discussing weed management, we need to understand the basics, as there are three fundamental groups of weeds: annual, biennial, and perennial. This is the first step in developing a strategy to effectively manage weeds, since each group is managed differently.

Annual weeds germinate and complete their life cycle in under a year and are often easiest to control but due to the abundance of seeds produced at the end of their life cycle, can become persistent. Annual weeds are sub-divided into summer and winter annual weed groups.

Summer annual weeds germinate in spring, and grow during summer and flower, setting seeds in fall. Seeds remain dormant through winter, germinating the following spring, beginning the cycle again. Summer annual weeds include cocklebur, morning glory, lambs quarters, common ragweed, crabgrass, pigweed, foxtail and goose grass.

Winter annual weeds germinate in late summer, fall and winter, where plants mature forming seeds in spring or early summer completing their lifecycle. Summer's high temperatures inhibit seed germination. This group includes wild mustard, henbit, and sow thistle.

Biennial weeds live more than one year and less than two. There are but a few weeds in this category, such as wild carrot, bull thistle, common mullein, and burdock.

Perennial weeds live two years or longer. They are grouped by method of reproduction: simple or creeping. Simple perennial weeds

generally spread by seeds but if cut, their pieces can produce new plants. For example, if dandelion is cut in half each, each half will produce new plants, creating two plants. Other examples are buckhorn, plantain, broadleaf plantain, and pokeweed.

Creeping perennial weeds reproduce by their roots creeping along the soil surface or beneath the soil with rhizomes, in addition to seeds. Examples are red sorrel, perennial sow thistle, field bindweed, wild strawberry, mouse ear, chickweed, ground ivy, nut-sedge (nutgrass), torpedo grass, smilax, Virginia button weed and quack grass.

Once your lawn has become infested with weeds, know that some of the listed weeds are difficult to control, since many of them have roots and rhizomes which grow deeply into the soil, some a foot or more. Pulling the weed most often leaves roots and rhizomes in the soil, allowing the plant to regrow, doubling the amount of weeds present. The best defense against weeds starts with a well-established turfgrass lawn. The vast majority of SETX lawns are St. Augustine grass, followed by Bermuda grass in some and Centipede in others. Our lawn, like many of yours, has a mix of turfgrasses, St. Augustine and Centipede. Turfgrass maintenance requires an investment of time and energy. Let's face it, lawn mowing is time-consuming but necessary to maintain the lawn's health. Sharpen the mower blades and set the mower deck height so that no more than one third of the growth per cutting is removed. The taller the grass, the deeper the root structure! Fertilize using a slow-release fertilizer, as this will make for a nicer looking lawn, and note that Centipede grass does not like weed and feed fertilizers, but rather needs a straight fertilizer mix such as 8-8-8. Grass clippings are a gift of mowing, so just leave them in place after mowing! I know for some of you this is difficult because 'they appear unsightly', get over it already...it's a momentary thing. The clippings dry quickly and filter down to the turf grass roots helping to retain moisture, cool root structure, provide nitrogen back into the soil as they decompose, reducing the amount of fertilizer required. Watering the lawn is an important practice in keeping a good turf-

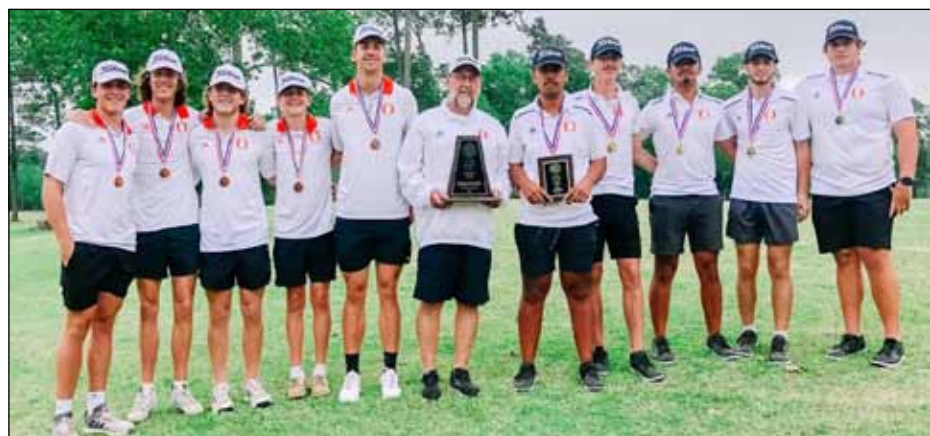
grass root system growing and deeply watering the lawn is better and more efficient than shallow watering.

Weed control can be achieved through diligence, in a couple of ways: manually (most environmentally friendly) digging weeds individually which isn't an issue if there are but a few in your landscape, though more exhausting and labor-intensive for large areas. For large areas infested by weeds and without Turfgrass, covering the area with plastic for around 4 weeks, allowing the sun to do the 'heavy lifting' by cooking the weeds.

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For specific homeowners herbicide guide for weed control visit Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service:

Orangefield Golf Team Wins District



This week the Orangefield boys golf teams competed in the 22-AAA District golf tournament that was held at Chambers County golf course, in Anahuac. The Orangefield #1 team finished in the top spot allowing them to bring home, back to back district championships. After day one the Bobcats shot a team total 355, 17 shots ahead of Warren (372) and 31 shots ahead of Orangefield #2 (386). On day 2, Orangefield #1 shot a team total 330, for a combined 2 day total of 685. The Orangefield #2 team finished with a 2 day total of 775 to capture the 3rd spot. Lincoln Parks won the first place medalist, shooting 77 and a 72.

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Entertainment: Music events move into spring

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There are a lot of big shows being added to the schedule for spring and summer. Recently added concerts for the region include Guns N' Roses, Jelly Roll, Beck, Mark Chesnutt, Diamond Rio, Pat Green and more. Check out the schedule below for upcoming shows and see the full listing of events online at www.therecordlive.com



Pony Bradshaw will be performing at Courville's in Beauomont on May 4.

- **April 6**
Charlie Robison, Courville's, Beaumont, Onyx, House of Blues, Houston
- **April 9**
Gorod, Cognitive, Summoning The Lich, Flub, Scout Bar, Houston
- **April 14**
Styx, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **April 15**
Wynona, Christus 40th Annual Gala, Beaumont Civic Center, Beaumont, Stryper, Vixen, Rise Rooftop, Houston
- **April 17**
Keshi, 713 Music Hall, Houston
- **April 22**
Diamond Rio, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **April 22**
Taylor Swift, NRG Stadium, Houston
- **April 23**
Spiritbox, House of Blues, Houston
- **April 26**
Robert Plant, Alison Krauss, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **April 28**
Mark Chesnutt, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **April 29**
The Kentucky Headhunters, The Toman Brothers Band, Honky Tonk Texas, Silsbee, Scarface, Doug E Fresh, Rakim, Slick Rick, Big Daddy Kane, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- **May 4**
Pony Bradshaw, Courville's, Beaumont, (hed)PE, Crazy Town, Adema, Tantric, Rise Rooftop, Houston
- **May 5**
Carly Pearce, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Tom Jones, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land

- **May 6**
For King and Country, Ford Arena, Beaumont
- **May 7**
Santana, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **May 11**
Natali Rize, Kumar Minori, Scout Bar, Houston
- **May 12**
38 Special, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Hammerfall, Warehouse Live, Houston, Hunter Hayes, House of Blues, Houston
- **May 13**
Tanya Tucker, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **May 14**
Loudness, Warehouse Live, Houston
- **May 18**
Joshua Ray Walker, Courville's, Beaumont
- **May 19**
Pat Green, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Dave Matthews Band, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **May 26**
Morgan Wallen, Hardy Ernest, Bailey Zimmerman, Minute Maide Park, Houston, The Sisters of Mercy, Bayou Music Center, Houston
- **May 27**
Morris Day and The Time, Zapp Band, Rose Royce, Confunkshun, Ohio Players, Atlantic Starr, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **June 3**
Janet Jackson, Ludacris, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

- **June 9**
Duran Duran, Nile Rodgers and Chic, Bastille, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **June 10**
Jo'El Sonnier, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor Koe Wetzell, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **June 15**
Liliac, Rise Rooftop, Houston
- **June 16**
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, Nate Smith, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.
- **June 23**
Pixies, Franz Ferdinand, Bully, Bayou Music Center, Houston
- **June 27**
Fall Out Boy, Bring Me the Horizon, Royal and The Serpent, Daisy Grenade, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **June 28**
Bryan Adams, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- **June 30**
Matchbox Twenty, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 8**
Blink-182, Turnstile, Toyota Center, Houston
- **July 22**
Shania Twain, Mickey Guyton, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 23**
Nickelback, Brantley Gilbert, John Ross, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 27**

- Disturbed, Breaking Benjamin, Bush, Jinjer, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Young the Giant, 713 Music Hall, Houston
- **July 30**
ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Uncle Kracker, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 3**
Big Time Rush, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 4**
Thomas Rhett, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Aug. 12**
Foreigner, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 14**
REO Speedwagon, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- **Aug. 20**
Beck, Phoenix, Weyes Blood, Sir Chloe, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands,
- **Sept. 2**
Lainey Wilson, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Ghost, Amon Amarth, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 7**
Pentatonix, Lauren Alaina, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The



Rock band 3 Doors Down (pictured) announced a summer tour to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its "Away from the Sun" album and will conclude its tour with a Sept. 23 concert at the Smart Financial Centre in Sugar Land with special guest, Candlebox. Other recently announced shows include Willie Nelson in The Woodlands, The Oak Ridge Boys at L'Auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles and much more.

- Woodlands
- **Sept. 13**
Madonna, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 22**
Jelly Roll, Three 6 Mafia, Struggle Jennings, Josh Adam Meyers, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 23**
- Beyonce, NRG Stadium, Houston
- **Sept. 24**
Beyonce, NRG Stadium, Houston
- **Sept. 28**
Guns N' Roses, Minute Maid Park, Houston
- **Oct. 21**
Kansas, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land

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Make The Most of Holy Week

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In one sense, there's nothing special about "Holy Week." Just another sequence of eight days each spring — nothing is intrinsically holy about this Sunday to Sunday that moves around the calendar each year.

We have no mandate from Jesus or his apostles to mark these days for particular observance. Paul, for one, would be quite happy for us to partake, or not. "One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind" (Romans 14:5).

Clearly, the celebration should not be pressed upon the conscience of others. "Let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath" (Colossians 2:16).

Opportunity, Not Obligation

Celebrating Holy Week is not an obligation, but it is an opportunity. It is a chance to walk with the church, throughout time and throughout the world, as she walks with her Bridegroom through the most important week in the history of the world. It is a chance to focus our



minds on, and seek to intensify our affections for, the most important and timeless of realities.

While not mandating the observance, or even suggesting it, the New Testament does give us indirect reason, if we're looking for it. The final eight of Matthew's 28 chapters are given to this one week, along with the last six of Mark's sixteen and the final six of Luke's 24.

Most significant, though, is John. Ten of the Gospel's 21 chapters — essentially half — deal with the final week of our Lord's life, his betrayal, his trials, his crucifixion, and his triumphant resurrection. Even Acts, which then narrates the life of the early church, returns to the events of Holy Week with frequency (see, for instance, Acts 1:15-19; 2:22-36; 3:11-26; 4:8-12,

24-28, among others).

Indeed, it could even be said that all the Old Testament anticipates this week, and the rest of the New Testament reflects it in theology and practical living.

Seize the Week

Without any arm-twisting or conscience-pressing, I would encourage you to consider how you might make the most of this week. These are some of the darkest and brightest days in the history of the world, and they are rich with soul-sustaining food and life-clarifying vision.

In the chaos of our increasingly fast-paced and hectic society, Holy Week is a reminder to pause and ponder, to carefully mark each day and not let this greatest of all weeks fly by

us like every other.

Perhaps pick a time each day — alone or with family or housemates — to slow down and savor what was happening during the Passion week some two thousands years ago. Consider reading through a Holy Week devotional — or even better, one (or a couple) of the Passion narratives from the Gospels:

- **Matthew 21-28**
- **Mark 11-16**
- **Luke 19-24**
- **John 12-21**

Block out several minutes. Find a comfortable place to sit. Seek to quiet your soul, and pray that God would meet you in the events and significance of this week. And spend a few moments in prayer after you read and

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turn the truth Godward in adoration of Christ. Receive this week with thanksgiving, and make it holy by the word of God and prayer (1 Timothy 4:5).

You may want to make it memorable with candles or some other special flair. If your church, or another in town, does a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service, that presents another opportunity.

A Prayer for Passion Week

If you'd like a specific biblical text to serve as a prayer charter for this week, here's what I'm asking for myself and my family: that God would make the prayer of Ephesians 3:16-19 increasingly true of us this Holy Week —

that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Jesus's step-by-step journey to Golgotha is a glowing revelation of the extent of his love. He loved us "to the uttermost" (John 13:1) in going all the way to the cross for us, with every bruise, every puncture, and throb and stab of pain. And it is during Holy Week that we see most profoundly how deep the Father's love for us. "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

May God make this to be for you a week of being newly grounded in the love of Christ, so plainly on display from the resolve of Palm Sunday, to the ultimate sacrifice of Good Friday, to the triumph of Easter Sunday. And may you freshly know the love of Christ, in all its breadth and length and height and depth — and wonder upon wonder, be filled with all the fullness of God.

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