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Early voting begins Mon. for city, school races

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Early voting for city council and school board races across Orange County will begin Monday, April 24. Election Day is Saturday, May 6.

This year, the only elections are for city councils in Orange, Bridge City, Vidor, and Rose City. School board elections will be for West Orange-Cove CISD and Vidor ISD.

Other cities and school districts were able to cancel elections because of no contested races. Orangefield ISD, however, has its board election in November. Orange County Port District and the Orange County Drainage District have elections in even-numbered years.

Early voting will be set up at three different boxes. Any registered Orange County voter may go to any of the three boxes to vote in their assigned elections.

On May 6, the Orange County Elections Administration will have open box voting for the first time. The county will have five voting boxes with regis-

tered county voters able to go to any one of the boxes.

The early voting boxes will be at the Orange Public Library, 220 Fifth Street in Orange; Orange County Airport conference room, 2640 South Highway 87, and the Raymond Gould Community Center, 385 Claiborne Street in Vidor.

The early voting hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Extended early voting hours will be Monday, May 1, and Tuesday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The contested Bridge City Council seat is for the vacated Place 3 with Bryant Champagne facing Kenneth Prosperie. All voters in the city will be able to cast a ballot in the race.

For the Orange City Council, the At-Large Position 6 incumbent Paul Burch is being challenged by Old Orange Historic District neighbor Henry Junior Leger. Any qualified registered voter in the city may vote for the position.

The West Orange-Cove school board has two incumbents and one chal-

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Bark in the Park, clean-up planned in West Orange

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West Orange is having a special spring weekend with a citywide clean-up plus a chance for people to help clear out the city's animal shelter.

The residents-only clean-up will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. behind the West Orange Volunteer Fire Department building.

Bark in the Park, a festival to show off dogs available for adoption, will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alford-Seal Plaza park next to city hall on Western Avenue.

For the city clean-up, residents may take their metal trash, green wastes, and discarded appliances to unload or place at the special dumpsters by the fire station. Appliances with freon must have the gas removed

and tagged by someone qualified to discard the waste. Hazardous wastes like tires, paints, batteries, and insecticides will not be accepted.

People taking debris and wastes to the dumpsters will be checked for a proof of West Orange residency and show a photo ID.

This will be the third year for Barks in the Park, which has grown each time. Saturday's event will include several vendors, including some with baked goods plus Big Daddy's food truck. Kids will have a chance to play on inflatable bounce sets and get their faces painted. Music will be provided by a professional DJ.

But most importantly, the West Orange Animal Shelter, along with volun-

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BCCC names Orangefield 'Student of the Month'



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the April Student of the Month for Orangefield is Christanna "Rosie" Kovatch. Rosie is ranked 20 of 121. Pictured Are: Wanda McGraw, Rea Wrinkle, Rosie Kovatch, Christi Kovatch, Chris Kovatch, Shaun McAlpin.

LSCO becomes example of local economic boom

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For The Record

Lamar State College Orange is the leading example of how industrial growth in the county is leading to building expansions to accommodate the influx of newcomers and the need for trained workers.

Wednesday morning at 10, LSCO will have a ground-breaking ceremony for the new construction of a 55,000 square foot academic building. The two-story brick building with wide windows will cost about \$38.1 million.

In addition, LSCO is opening its first satellite campus outside of Orange County. The college, under President Dr. Tom Johnson, has purchased a 3,000 square foot on Main Street in Lumberton, which is in Hardin County.

The building is being renovated with classes expected to be held there by Spring 2024.

The growth is coming after the official announcement late last year that the Chevron Phillips had chosen Orange as the site for its new \$8.5 billion petrochemical plant. The construction of the Golden Triangle Polymers Plant off Highway 87 South is expected to create up to 4,500 construction jobs and 500 permanent jobs.

At the ground-breaking ceremony in March for the new plant, Chevron Phillips announced a \$1.3 million grant to LSCO to buy professional-grade equipment to train process operators and instrument technicians for the petrochemical industry.

According to Dr. Johnson, president of LSCO, the college has drawn more students in recent years and a study showed more than 10 percent were coming from the Lumberton area in Hardin County. Opening a satellite center will make it easier for Har-



din County residents to go to LSCO classes.

Dr. Johnson has also been touting the cuts in tuition the Texas Legislature has approved for LSCO, along with the number of scholarships available for students of all ages.

Last week, Dr. Johnson was Vidor ISD Superintendent Dr. Jay Killgo and the Lamar University president to announce a program to help Vidor school paraprofessionals get an education

to become a certified teacher. Teachers will be needed as workers come to the area with their families for the new jobs.

The new academic building will be replacing the original building the college used in downtown Orange nearly 50 years ago after starting in a World War II-era elementary school. That original building was once a bowling alley and

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Regional hazardous waste collection Sat.

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

People in Southeast Texas will have a chance to legally and safely dispose of those old tires, paint cans and insecticides in the garage on Saturday, April 15, in Beaumont.

The Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission along with local industries, is sponsoring the

spring hazardous household waste collection from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ford Park Pavilion parking lot at 5115 South Interstate 10.

People will be able to drive up and leave their hazardous household products for proper disposal. Items that will be accepted include automotive products like antifreeze, used oil and oil filters, brake fluid, and car batteries.

Up to six small and regular tires will be taken free of charge with a \$1 each charge after the first six.

Also allowed are old painting supplies, solvents, varnishes, paint strippers, and wood preservatives. Gardening supplies like pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers, weed killers, and rat poisons.

Cleaning materials to be collected include polishes,

drain cleaners, oven cleaners, moth balls, cleaning concentrates, and batteries.

The hazardous waste collection site, though, will not allow appliances, electronics, oversized tires, scrap metal, explosives, ammunition, garbage, medications and pharmaceuticals, smoke detectors, exit signs, medical wastes, or mercury.



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My 5-Cents By State Sen. Robert Nichols

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

There are only 39 days left in the Legislative session and it certainly shows. The days at the Capitol are getting longer and bills are making their way through the process.



Sen. Nichols

Development Office's online application system.

2. Teachers Bill of Rights passes Senate

Last week the Senate passed Senate Bill 9 by Senator Brandon Creighton. The bill is designed to support teachers and add a salary bonus for teachers over the next year. Teachers in larger districts would receive a \$2,000 raise while teachers in smaller, generally more rural areas would receive a \$6,000 raise. It establishes and provides funding for mentor programs and the Texas Teacher Residency Partnership Program, which would provide residency positions to student teachers to work with classroom teachers. It provides for a grant program to reimburse districts who want to rehire a retired teacher. It increases funding for the Teacher Incentive Allotment and provides bouses of up to \$36,000 for high-performing teachers. The bill provides access to pre-kindergarten classes for children of educators if the district offers those classes. Senate Bill 9 provides protections for teachers and supports them in handling students who have

been removed from their classroom. The Teacher Bill of Rights is designed to help and support Texas teachers who dedicate their time, energy, and effort to educate the next generation of Texans. We appreciate them and all the work that they do.

3. Senate passes bill to enhance education on living donor registry passes

Senator Kelly Hancock filed Senate Bill 1249 in part based on his personal experience. The bill would establish and provide educational resources to Texans regarding the living organ donor registry. Senator Hancock has personal experience as a recipient of a kidney transplant. Senator Hancock was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease that he has lived with for more than half his life. Last summer, his condition became more critical and members of his family got tested to see if they were a match. His son-in-law was the best fit for surgery and donated his kidney. The bill would allow Texans to access information regarding registering with a living donor registry at driver's licenses offices and other facilities as well as establishing the Living Organ Donor

Education program at the Department of State Health Services. The bill passed unanimously out of the Senate, and I was proud to support the bill.

4. Ban on teaching Critical Race Theory passes Senate

This week the Senate passed Senate Bill 16, by Senator Hughes, which would ban the teaching of Critical Race Theory in any form in higher education institutions. Last session, the legislature passed a measure to ensure that Critical Race Theory was not being taught in K-12 public schools. It became apparent that elements of CRT were being taught at Texas' universities as well. The bill would prohibit faculty from compelling or attempting to compel student to adopt a belief that any race, sex, or ethnicity or social, political, or religious belief is inherently superior to any race, sex, ethnicity, or belief. It is important that our institutions are committed to fostering an environment that promotes intellectual diversity and academic freedom.

5. Bill requiring ALERRT training for peace officers coming to the floor

Senate Bill 1852 by Senator Pete Flores will be com-

ing to floor in the next few days, and it will greatly enhance our public safety. The bill would require all new peace officers in the state to complete 16 hours of active shooter response training developed by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center (ALERRT) at Texas State University in

San Marcos. ALERRT training is considered the gold standard in active shooter response, and it is imperative that all our law enforcement officers are equipped with the necessary training for those situations. Minutes save lives in active shooter scenarios and the proper training is essential.

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Round The Clock Hometown News

Early voting

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lenger running for the two at-large position openings. Voters in the district may vote for one or two of the three candidates. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be seated. The incumbents are Ruth Hancock and Tommy Wayne Wilson Jr., with Donny Teate Jr. challenging them.

The Vidor City Council has one open challenged position with Ward 6 candidates Victoria M. Jones, Kathryn Weldon, and Lisa M. Harris.

The Vidor ISD board has three positions with challengers. Position 4 candidates are Billy Jordan and Natalie Martinez Long. Brooke Hoosier Gilthorpe and Rodney White are running or Position 5. The Position 7 candidates are Michael Helms, Ben Howard, and Jeremiah Harrington.

May 6 voting will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Orange Public Library, St. Francis Catholic Church in Orange, the Salvation Army in Orange, the Bridge City Knights of Columbus Hall, and the Raymond Gould Community Center in Vidor.

BC Library widows and widower support group

The Bridge City Public Library will continue its 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.

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.

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Sales tax income rising across county

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

For the first time in several years, sales tax collections in February were up across Orange County for all entities. The cities, along with the county and Emergency Services District 3 collect sales taxes. According to payments from the Texas Comptroller's

the rate of inflation from February 2022 to February 2023.

Bridge City has a 1.5 percent sales tax and collected \$158,469 for February, up 6.89 percent from February last year. The city is now at \$738,880 for the year to date, an increase of 0.43 percent from \$735,659 last year.

compared to \$241,551 last year, an increase of 11.24 percent. The city now has \$1.44 million for the year to date, an increase of 0.21 percent from the \$1.42 million last year.

West Orange has the lowest city tax rate with 1.25 percent. The city was up 10 percent for February with \$112,325 compared to \$102,081 for February 2022. The city is now up 5.19 percent for the year to date with \$486,912 collected, compared to \$467,862 for the same time last year.

Orange County has a sales tax rate of 0.5 percent. For February, the county collected \$585,020, a 10.98 percent increase from \$527,140 for February 2022. The county is up 5.96 percent for the year to date with collections at \$2.5 million, compared to \$2.35 million last year.

Orange County Emergency Services District No. 3 supports the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department with a 1.5 percent sales tax. It is the only special district in the county with a sales tax. The district had \$27,158 in returns for February and is now at \$111,137 for the year to date, an increase of 29.58 percent from the \$85,764 collected for the first four months of 2022.

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ler's Office, the sales taxes had increased from February 2022 to February 2023, and the entities were collecting more in four payments for the year-to-date than they collected last year at the same time.

The comptroller's office sends sales tax collections for each month about six weeks after the end of the month, meaning the February returns were sent in April. The year-to-date collections are for the money sent during the first four months of January, February, March, and April.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports the country had a 6 percent increase in

The city of Orange has a 1.5 percent sales tax. The February 2023 collection was \$727,297, up 33.53 percent from \$544,646 from last year. Orange has \$2.8 million for the year to date, a 10.75 percent increase from \$2.53 million last year.

Pinehurst has a 1.5 percent sales tax with the February return at \$55,787, up 8.52 percent from February 2022 with \$51,551. The city now has collected 1.61 percent more for the year to date with \$221,627, compared to \$218,114 last year.

Vidor has a 1.5 percent sales tax and collected \$268,705 for February,



Bridge City High School held a job fair last week for seniors and juniors so they could talk with a variety of professionals to discuss a future career. Local law enforcement officials who participated included, from left to right, Constable Jeremiah Gunter, Constable Brad Frye, BCISD Police Chief Cliff Hargrave, Assistant District Attorney and 2024 District Attorney candidate Krispen Walker, Officer Tommy Henry, and Constable Lannie Claybar.

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teers, will show off the dogs available for adoption. However, families need to realize they will not be able to take their new pet home on Saturday.

Every family will be screened before they are allowed to take a dog home. They will be able to fill out an application at the park, then they will be contacted to get their new family member as early as Monday afternoon. The adoption fee is \$50.

Shelters across Southeast Texas have been full as unspayed and non-neutered dogs roam and re-

produce, leaving unwanted puppies left at the shelter, or worse, dumped in a rural site.

The West Orange shelter has a variety of dogs of varying ages. Sometimes owners cannot keep the dogs any longer because of housing or health. Or perhaps the owner dies and none of their friends or family want the adult dog.

Lacey Gunn Hale, a retired West Orange-Stark communications teacher, has been volunteering as a photographer for the animal shelter. She takes portraits of the dogs dressed up and smiling as they

pose, hoping to get a real home.

In addition to seeing the dogs up for adoption, people attending the festival can help the shelter take care of the unwanted and abandoned pooches.

The shelter will be collecting donations during Bark in the Park. Requested items include bleach, puppy pads, Odeban, cat litter, paper towels, small and medium blankets that may be gently used, collars of all sizes, leashes but no retractable ones, and dog biscuits. The shelter is also asking for premium dog foods canned and dry.

LSCO becomes example of local economic boom

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had a few sloping hallways.

The new building will on Fourth Street and the Gatemouth Brown Plaza LSCO opened in 2022, and take up the south block of Green Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Part of the block was the old Orange National Bank neo-Greek designed building that was demolished in the 1970s for a modern multi-storied mirrored glass building. Through the years, the building went through a variety of owners and was a Capital One bank before closing a decade ago. It was vacant for several years before LSCO acquired the land and began demolishing the building two years ago.

The new academic building will have lecture classrooms, computer classrooms, science laboratories, student gathering places, and faculty rooms.

The state-supported college under Dr. Johnson has worked to help train people to meet the needs of the population and jobs across Southeast Texas. Those jobs include the fields of nursing, pharmacists, and medical technology, along with jobs in the petrochemical industry. The school has even developed a bus-driving course to help school districts get drivers.

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From the Creaux's Nest

DOMINION/FOX PROCEEDINGS SETTLED

Fox News has disputed the damages it may have to pay if the company is found liable in a highly anticipated defamation trial over the spread of misinformation after the 2020 presidential election. Late Sunday, Judge Eric M. Davis said the proceedings would continue on Tuesday. Dominion Voting Systems, which brought the suit against Fox set the financial penalty in the case at \$1.6 billion. A dispute over that number erupted after Fox questioned the elections technology company's worth. Fox has handed over tens of thousands of emails and text messages exchanged among its hosts, producers and executives. Many of them revealed that there was widespread doubt inside the network over former President Donald Trump's false claims that he had been cheated of victory. A new trove of documents released last week from Dominion Voting Systems defamation lawsuit against Fox includes texts and emails in which Tucker Carlson shares his candid feelings about the former president. "I hate him passionately," Carlson wrote, calling his presidency "a disaster to which there isn't really an upside." Carlson "has been caught out of character," said Arwa Mahdawi in The Guardian, but his viewers won't know or care. Fox has avoided all but passing mentions of the Dominion suit. The case is considered a landmark test of First Amendment protections for the news media and has been closely watched by legal and media analysts. (NOTE: Tuesday, April 18, Fox settled with Dominion Voting Systems in the amount of \$787.5 million. In the settlement Fox admitted to telling lies about the 2020 election.)

TERROR IN BOSTON REAWAKENS WORST FEARS, "EXACTLY THE WAY I WROTE IT 10 YEARS AGO"

On Patriots' Day, the day that marks the beginning of United States independence, at the world famous Boston Marathon, April 18, 2013, two well placed Iraq-style bombs hurled shrapnel, jagged glass and ball bearings at marathon runners and onlookers. Over 180 people were injured, 17 critically and three killed. My guess is the bombs were the work of domestic terrorists, not the sophisticated plastic bombs of foreign terrorist groups. Like the other attacks, the bombings came as a surprise. How do you protect the 26 mile route of the marathon? It's impossible to safeguard every place people gather. You can't protect everything all the time. Even places full of weapons are vulnerable. Nidal Hasan proved that when he shot and killed 13 military personnel at Fort Hood. In 1995, the Oklahoma City bombing was done by homegrown terrorist Timothy McVeigh, the Atlantic Olympics, in 1998, was by a white supremacist. Since 9-11, the Heritage Foundation has counted more than 50 terrorists plots, 42 of them homegrown. We've had luck at foiling them. Six years ago, April 16, it was the campus of Virginia Tech. Last July a movie theater in Colorado and in December, an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., and now the finish line of the Boston Marathon. How do we wrap our heads around it. It is incomprehensible. I came up in a country where we feared only our foreign enemies, now we have to fear each other. American crack pots, hell bent on doing harm to America.****A side bar: Mark Dunn picked up his daughter Jenna and grandchildren, 10 years old Nate and 5 year old Delilah at Houston Hobby Monday. They had arrived from Boston Logan airport. While in flight, the Boston bombing took place. Jenna had passed up a later flight for the early one. Good thing, because Boston was on lock down and they couldn't have left that day. Also at the scene of the bombing in Boston were the Brittnel's from Orange. Amanda ran in the marathon and Brad was a bystander. Will attacks in our future become inevitable, a way of life. (Editor's note: Today we know the answer.)

TURNING BACK THE HAND OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

It's always so distressing to me when a young person, full of life, is suddenly, without notice taken from us. I'm told there is no greater hurt than the loss of a child. We were deeply saddened to learn of the auto accident that took the life of 16-year-old Blair Nicole Ray last Thursday, April 11. She was the daughter of Lt. Tom Ray Jr., of the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. and his former wife, Nichole Landry Sexton. I understand she also had lost a son, Tyler, in an auto accident. He was Lt. Ray's stepson.**** Also killed in an auto accident Saturday on IH-10 was Brit-tany Lewis, 20, of Vidor. Four other passengers, ranging in age from 4 to 16 received only minor injuries. It's life that is so uncertain and can be over so quickly. A constant worry to all parents anytime a youngster is on the road. Our deepest sympathies to both families.****Our condolences to Margie Stephens and her family on the death of her dad, Dan Redding, 74, who died Saturday winchester, Ky. Dan was retired from the West Orange School District. A native of Kentucky he moved back after the

death of his wife, Margie's mother. Harry and Margie had just returned from Kentucky and his death came sooner than she had expected.**** The big crawfish festival at Mauriceville is coming up this weekend starting Friday till Sunday. It's a fun weekend for the entire family. Plenty of food, games, rides and entertainment.****Speaking of Mauriceville, Nova Dee Strickland was out of the house early Saturday morning. I bet there was a great garage sale somewhere and she wanted to be the early bird.****On April 21, 2010, Mickey McNamera 76, was murdered at his insurance office.**** I hear our friend attorney Jim Sharon Bearden has proposed to pretty Cassie Caillouet and she said yes.****County Clerk Karen Jo Vance was nominated as "County Clerk of the Year," last Thursday in Huntsville. She did not win but was thrilled and pleased to be nominated two years in a row.**** Our girl Kree Harrison, on American Idol, will perform Wednesday night to make it to the top four. Last week Kree was in the top two. Should she make it through this week, she will reach my prediction when the show started that she would be in the final three. This girl could win it all. She's had great support from South East Texas. She attended school in Bridge City as an eighth grader and was a member of the Cardinal Singers. American Idol will visit the Dam B, Woodville area where Kree spent ten years as a child.

20 Years Ago-2003

Attorney Louis Dugas says, "You know you need a new lawyer when the prosecution team sees who your lawyer is and high-fives each other."****Louis B. "Chubby" Blanchard, 74, died Sunday, April 13. He was retired from Texaco and the Orangefield resident was a member of the Cajun French Music Association. Services at St. Helen Catholic Church, 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 15.****The Opportunity Valley News, born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1971, came to its death April 9, 2003. The newspaper, founded by Roy Dunn, was sold to Cox Enterprise on Dunn's birthday June 5, 1980. The first issue of the OVN featured on the front page a photo sport's editor Pete Runnels presenting Texas All American Steve Worster with a painting of number 30 running the ball. The painting was by artist Virginia Gilbeaux. (Editor's note: It was a great painting. I wonder if it was lost with Ike. So many art works and collectibles went the way of that great storm.)****Bridge City cancels election. The three council members unopposed are Place 1, Kirk Roccaforte; Place 2, George Navarro; Place 3, H.N. "Moe" Litton.

45 Years Ago-1978

Shelia Beeson makes history by becoming the first woman elected to a city council in Orange County. Shelia was elected at Rose City last Saturday.****Lannie McMillon rolled a perfect 300 game She is on the Ball and Chain Bowling team.****Bridge City/Orangefield Community Center holds mock beauty pageant. Bill Dryden, "Miss Willow Willoment," was crowned queen. Jess, "Jessia Just Luscious" Freemont, was runner-up. Other brave contestants were Bobby Cormier, Fred Broussard, J. Lawson, Gene Edgerly, Jim O'Cliff, Hank Eckhardt and Lawrence Helton. Richard Corder was Master of Ceremonies.****West Orange native Dolores Cantu is featured in "Modern Screen" magazine. She appears in a movie, as well as a television series. She appeared in "Saturday Night Fever" and "Class of 1967." She is a 1968 grad of West Orange High.****Jo Amodeo and artist Tim Finnell were top winners in the Art League's art show. Jo took top amateur category. Tim won as best professional for a pen and ink of the old Stark home.****Pat Garrett has been appointed district coordinator for the 1978-79 Projects Division of Pilot International. Mrs. Garrett served as local club president in 1972 and 1975. She has played a major role in developing programs for Pilot Clubs throughout Texas. She is a member of the Volunteer Association for Retarded Children, past state president for Jaycettes, past president of March of Dimes. She will attend her 10th annual Pilot International convention at Washington, D.C. in July. She is married to G.L. "Red" Garrett. (Editor's note: Both Pat and Red have long been gone.)**** Monthly supper club gathers. Ace and Jo Amodeo were hosts. The group took in Chez OCA Restaurant in Lake Charles. Attending were Bill and Martha Hughes, Louis and Beth Dugas, Corky and Betty Harmon, James and Janet Fontenot, Beverly and Wilson Roberts, Bob and Doris Jones, Roy and Phyllis Dunn and Mike and Terri Pasternak.****Harold and Sheila Beeson host a gathering at their Rose City pad. Unique artistic people attended. Gordon and Diane Baxter, along with baby Jenny, Betty Em and Bernard Giarratano, Don and Patsy Jacobs, Phyl and Roy Dunn, Earl Newlin, John Palmer, Dennis and Lynn Hall, Jerry Wright, Bill McKay and a dozen or so others.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

I asked newly elected commissioner Kirk Roccaforte if his new bride Christy is a good cook. "Great, he said, if you like broccoli, cauliflower, beets and carrots." She's just trying to keep the old boy healthy. He was raised in an Italian family, by a Cajun lady. That's a lot of starch, pasta and rice dishes. Good luck with that Christy.****Most areas of Orange County escaped the bad thunderstorm with hail that hit Southeast Texas Saturday, but some residents were over in Jefferson County when the hail hit. The Bridge City Strutters were having their spring revue at the Julie Rogers Theatre in Beaumont. Members of the audience report the hail got so loud at one point it was almost drowning out the dance team's music. Audience members included Ida Schossow, Ruth Wallace, and Kathy Fuqua.****Sending out congratulations as the Bridge City Cardinal Band announced Jackson Pachar as next year's drum major. Assistant drum majors will be Addison Woolley, Caitlyn Yost, and Elizabeth Bunch.****During this time of recognizing the BC students, we can't forget Saylor Moreau hitting her first hole-in-one in Huntsville Monday during the regional tournament.****Steve Maddox will have a tough time topping the flowers

his wife, Gail, got to experience for her birthday this year. The world-traveling couple is at it again, this time touring Amsterdam and taking a river cruise to Belgium. They have seen spectacular displays of fields of tulips, hyacinths, lilies, and other blooming bulbs along the way.****Michael and Angelique Catt spent the weekend relaxing in Austin and getting a new family member. This one is a furry puppy named Frankie.****Ron Sigler is about to be a genuine grandpa to go with the grumpy one he's been portraying for years. He celebrated the new baby with family, plus some beer and crawfish, at a shower for daughter Cameron Sigler Henderson and son-in-law Russell Henderson.****Music writer Tommy Mann and fiancée Dana Snyder took in the Styx concert at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles.****Local couples enjoying baseball at Minute Maid Park on separate nights including Scott and April Goodman, and Gina and Skipper Yeaman.****Dan and Lue Harris were our longest couple celebrating anniversaries this past week. The local legends marked No. 55 this past week. Dan learned long ago not to complain about what Miz Lue cooks for supper.****The musical couple of Russ and Theresa Cronin, he's a retired school band director and she's a retired school choir director, marked 49 years of making their own melodies, along with producing some talented musical grandkids.****Michelle Tubbeville and her family also had a double celebration this week with two birthdays. Son William turned 18 and son Konner turned 16.****Pat Cook is now 71 and his best present was a pedicure from his daughter.****Leslie Williams, the 'Doc's daughter,' was surprised for her birthday by friends at the VFW on the performance night of Britt Godwin acoustic. Of course, Gina and Skipper were there, along with Denisha and Matt LaFleur.****Devin Nolan was feted with a lovely layer cake decorated with a dachshund. Little blonde girls Stella and Indy Jaymes with their grandmother Donna Scales were among the well-wishers at party.**** Others celebrating birthdays this past week included Karen Wickham, Carolyn Mello, Cindi Gipson, Kahil Gibran Akram, and Shelby Eason.****Sending best wishes to Pinehurst Poet Laureate John Zerko after he fractured his shoulder during a fall. The former Pinehurst city councilor reportedly at least did not have a concussion.****Bobby Hoosier, former Bridge City resident, drove in from California where he has been living for the last 40 years. He says from time to time he has this urge to return home to Bridge City where his roots are. His parents are both gone now but he has relatives still living in the area. His sisters, uncle, aunt, cousins and a few friends he was raised with. Bobby's life is an interesting one. He's a survivor of an oil rig explosion in the Gulf in the 70's. He has done well, lives good and enjoyed his visit home.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating their special day this week. April 19: Our longtime friend, who many years ago married a beauty queen from Rye, TX, insurance man Bill Nickum celebrates today. Also celebrating is former chief deputy, longtime lawman, Orange city councilman David Bailey. Happy Birthday to Jamie Moore, Barbara Sarver, Dustin Gibbs, Shirley Bonnin, Mandi Nugent and Cheryl Patterson.****April 20: A former West Orange beauty, longtime Bridge City school teacher, Ms. Pearl Burgess' youngest daughter and Jody's better half, Beverly Raymer, celebrates today. Also sharing birthdays on this date are Dr. Wilbur Hah, Brad Williams, Bill Broussard, and our buddy Kenny Brown.****April 21: Theresa Lieby celebrates today along with Courtney Williams, Dana Hill and Christian Dubose.****April 22: Happy Birthday to Frances Shoemaker, Scott Fisher and Allison Rendall.****April 23: Jason Smalley, Brandon Fisher, Paul Zoch, Samantha Briggs and Jeremie Breaux all celebrate today.****April 24: Today would have been our late friend Capt. Dickie Colburn's birthday. He left us way too young. Some great folks celebrating today are Allison Small, Shaun McAlpin, Sean Edgerton, Barbara Fuselier, Crystal McCarthy and Peggy Granger. Happy Birthday to all. (To publish birthdays or anniversaries email us at therecordlive.com or call us at 409-886-7183.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

A long time ago, during World War Twice, I ever will forget dat me, I was in Kaplan, Looziana, about 10 or nine mile from a li'l town wat dey call Abbeville.

A whole bunch of us mens and boys too were in Leblanc's bar and saloon havin' a meeting, us, drinking buttermilk, wen Clovis Abshire, him, came runnin in an he say, "Hurry! Hurry! We got to leave here rat now, us. Me, I just hear on da raydio dat dem German was all over Abbeville, dem. Com on, let's got ourselves outta here."

"Wait jus' a minute, Clovis, slow down. Dat's not Abbeville, Looziana no; dat's Abbeville, France, wat Abbeville in Looziana was name after," Alcide Thibodaux say.

Boy, everybody say poo-yai, wit' relief dem, and sat demself back down to start de meeting over again.

"I feel so sorry fo dem Frenchman, me. I don't know what to did," Harry leBoeuf say.

"Not me, no" Otis Mouton piped up. "I ain't got no sympathy for dem no. Dem crazy fool never should have left Looziana and gone over dere in de first place."

C'EST TOUT JOHNSON SETS UP SHOP IN LUMBERTON

You never know what Dr. Tom Johnson is up to. He must stay up nights trying to figure out new way to grow his college LSCO. About three weeks ago I was talking to him on the phone when he said he was in Lumberton looking at a new building to expand Lamar College there. Monday night I saw where he had succeeded in that endeavor. Give Dr. Johnson enough time and he will double the enrollment of the Orange college. It's his wish that every poor child can get some higher education schooling. He will even bring the school to them.****Happy trails to you until we meet again. Thanks to all the good folks who make us possible. Gotto go. Take care and God bless.

Orange County had woman doctor a century ago

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

An immigrant woman who moved to Orange in 1901 became one of the most respected citizens in town and set an example as a medical doctor in a world dominated by White men.

Dr. Karen Peterson Mitchell was one of the first women physicians licensed in Texas and like many prominent people in local history, moved here because of the Lutch and Moore Lumber Company. Her new husband at the time was offered a job as an engineer with the company, according to a story in the Las Sabinas Historical Journal written by Dr. Mitchell's daughter.

The story was printed in July 1976, the first year of the journal published by the Orange County Historical Society and told of the great adventures of the young daughter treating members of the infamous Dalton Gang and other outlaws hiding in the hills and mountains of Indian Territory, later Oklahoma.

Today, families would brag about a daughter working to become a physician. But in the Nineteenth Century, Mitchell's parents disowned her and left her to pay for her education herself.

"Karen's family were horrified and considered that she had disgraced them by choosing this profession," Marie, the daughter, wrote about her mother's admission to medical school. "As a result, her family refused to help her financially or recognize her socially."

Karen Inena Peterson was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on November 26, 1872. Her parents immigrated to the United States when she was still a baby and moved to a Danish settlement in Iowa. The family bought a farm and worked it.

But as a girl, Karen dreamed of becoming a medical doctor in the days when she was expected to become a wife and mother.

Her daughter wrote that Dr. Mitchell went to a one-room school. After graduat-

ing at the age of 18, she taught school in a log cabin for two years to save money for medical school.

Even after being admitted to medical school, the young Dr. Mitchell had to work to pay for her education. She took jobs like being a companion to the elderly and even housekeeping.

Her last year in med school, one of the members of the faculty let her live in his home and help take care of his blind wife, according to her daughter Marie. In addition to the room and board for work, Dr. Mitchell received a "bit of money" to pay for books and sometimes new clothing.

Dr. Mitchell attended the Iowa University medical school, starting in 1892. Her daughter wrote that as the only woman in the class, she became "an object of great curiosity and speculation."

In those days, medical students did not have hospital internships, but would often be assigned to learn skills from a practicing physician. Perhaps because men doctors did not want a woman, Dr. Mitchell found herself working with one from Iowa University who was in what is now Muskogee, Oklahoma.

At the time, it was U.S. Indian Territory and outlaws would hide. The Las Sabinas story reported stories Dr. Mitchell would tell about treating the outlaws, including members of the Dalton Gang, when they were shot or sick. The gang members were careful and didn't let the doctor drive herself in the fear that she might lead law officers to them.

Dr. Mitchell would have someone appear at her house in the dark to summon her if she was needed. She would get her horse and buggy, then the outlaw would blindfold her and drive her up to the hide-out.

If she stayed overnight, she had to wait again until the next night to return as they always traveled in the dark. Once again, she was blindfolded while someone drove her back home in her own horse and buggy.

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preciated Dr. Karen so much they gave her a pair of chestnut thoroughbred horses for her buggy.

A disaster, though, made the young doctor move to Texas. A fire destroyed the town of Muskogee in 1899 and Dr. Mitchell lost all her belongings, including her books and her gifted horses. She moved to Houston and set up a practice on the second floor of the Rice Building.

One of her patients was a young engineer from Austria. His birth name had been Alexander Loeffler, but Americans could not pronounce his name. He had it legally changed to Alexander Loeffler Mitchell. The doctor and patient fell in love and married in May 1900.

The couple moved to Orange in 1901 after Alexander Mitchell got a job with the Lutch and Moore Lumber Company. Dr. Mitchell set up a practice here and the community, even in those Victorian Days of sexual segregation, accepted her and she drew many patients.

Like many doctors at the time, some patients could not afford to pay her cash, but she didn't refuse to help. Her daughter wrote that Dr. Mitchell accepted chickens and produce for her services. The physician also made sure her patients were cared for in other ways besides medicine. She would often pack baskets of preserves and other foods, plus clean linens to take to patients.

Alexander Mitchell belonged to the Madison No. 126 Masonic Lodge, where he was a 32nd-degree Mason. Dr. Mitchell was an original member of the local Order of the Eastern Star Lodge. The Masonic Hall at that time was on Water Street, which went along the south and east bank of the Sabine River and was the address of the earliest fine homes in Orange, including the Lutch mansion.

Patsy Phillips in a 2001 edition of Las Sabinas Historical Journal about the lodge that she learned Dr. Mitchell was "quite the character."

The members would have to walk, ride horses or buggies to the night meetings. At the time, the only street lights in Orange were on Front Street. In addition, the city did not have any livestock ordinances. Cows and other animals roamed the streets and sidewalks.

Dr. Karen recalled stepping "in foreign matter" during those walks. The membership fee for the Eastern Star Lodge that first year was \$1.50.

The Mitchell family joined St. Paul Episcopal Church and ended up living in a house at 410 15th Street, off Main. In those days, nearby Green Avenue ended at 15th Street.

Alexander Mitchell died in 1930 and was buried in Jett Cemetery. Dr. Mitchell continued her medical practice until her death. Even after learning she had terminal cancer, she continued to see patients at her home. She died on October 4, 1945, with her death making local headlines in the local daily newspaper. She died a few weeks before her 73rd birthday and left behind a colorful legacy.

Deaths & Memorials

James Earl Shaver Sr., 64 of Orange

James Earl Shaver Sr., 64 of Orange passed away on April 7th at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. He was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence & Daisy Shaver.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years Diana Shaver; sons Wayne Bergeaux and wife Leanne, James Earl Shaver Jr "JJ", Joseph Aaron Shaver and fiancée Bailey Paddock; daughters; April Greer and Shelly Trahan, 11 grandkids and numerous great grandkids.

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Annual Depot Day festival May 6

Staff Report
For The Record

The annual Depot Day festival to support the historic Orange Train Depot is getting help this year from the Little Cypress-Mauriceville High building trades class.

The students in teacher Matthew Huckaby's class made wooden cutouts of a miniature train that will allow families at the festival to take photographs as they look out the windows of the train. Carrie Woliver, founder of the non-profit Friends of the Orange De-

pot, said local artist Lauren Leigh will paint the train in time for Depot Day on Saturday, May 6.

Woliver said Alicia Booker, president of the Friends board of directors, thought a train for posing would be a good idea. Board member Paul Burch, who also is a member of the Orange City Council, contacted Huckaby at LC-M, where Burch graduated. She said the building trades teacher and students enthusiastically volunteered for the project.

LC-M students working on the train cutouts were Marshall Oldbury, Zane

Lopez, Richard Ammean, Blake Huckaby, Blake Kay, and Alec Westbrook.

Depot Day will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the grounds of the restored early 20th Century Southern Pacific train depot in the 1100 block of Green Avenue. The family-festival is free with minimum charges for some rides. Vendors and food trucks will participate. The annual fundraiser helps keep up with the maintenance and care of the depot-museum.

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Cause No. P19564
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 10th day of April, 2023, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of OSCAR JOSEPH LEBLANC, SR, 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 10th day of April, 2023.

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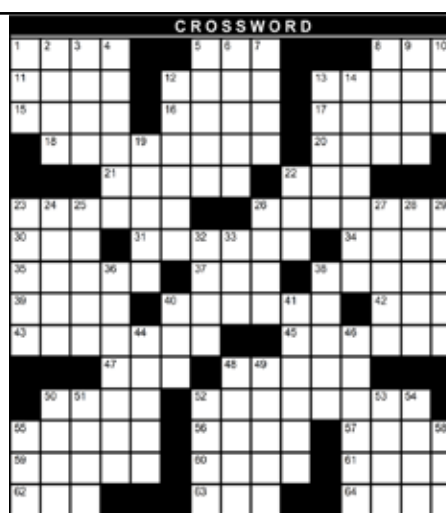
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OC baseball teams focus on district finales

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The West Orange Stark Mustangs are looking for their first win in district this season, but played a good game against the Silsbee Tigers on Tuesday, April 11, at Ronnie Anderson Park. Silsbee prevailed 11-5 over the Mustangs.

The weather had an effect on the game. Officials called weather delays three separate times because of lightning strikes in the vicinity or actual precipitation falling down.

The Mustangs started Diego Ibarra on the mound. The freshman left-hander retired the first seven Tiger batters he faced striking out four of them. Ibarra had to pitch through the worst of the weather with the delays disrupting his rhythm and then he threw in a steady downpour during the third inning when Silsbee scored its first six runs.

The Tigers took a 7-0 lead adding a run in the top of the fourth off of



Dan Perrine

Ibarra. West Orange Stark staged a rally in the bottom half of the same inning. Tyrone Wilson reached on a single to get things started. Ibarra walked before both courtesy runner Cortez Robertson and Wilson advanced a base on a wild pitch.

With one out Noah Robles walked to load the bases with Mustangs. Grayson Gregory sliced a hit to left field that rolled all the way to the fence driving in all three runners. Silsbee turned a soft liner to first base into a double play to limit the Mustangs' damage to three runs.

West Orange Stark scored without the benefit of a hit in the sixth. Robles walked for the second time, advanced to second on a ground out, and eventually came home on two

wild pitches to make the score 7-4 in favor of Silsbee.

Gregory replaced Ibarra on the mound for the Mustangs in the fifth inning and retired six of the first seven Tigers he faced. Silsbee got to Gregory for four runs on four hits in the seventh to open up an 11-4 lead.

The Mustangs did not go quietly into the night. Christian Anderson bunted for a base hit and Will Lee reached on a Tiger error. Tyrone Wilson hit a bullet to centerfield but right at the Silsbee outfielder for the first out.

Anderson scored on a wild pitch to narrow the gap to 11-5 for the Mus-

tangs. Ibarra and Andrew Wilson walked to load the bases with one out but no further scoring occurred in the seventh.

Coach Sergio Espinal commented that his Mustangs are battling every game. "We've been playing pretty tough. We've just haven't gotten the right breaks at times, and we've

kind of fallen apart in one inning that kills us. I think once we learn how to handle adversity we should be okay," Espinal explained.

The Mustangs and the Tigers played again on Friday, April 14, at Silsbee. The Tigers won 11-0 over WOS with Tiger pitcher

OC BASEBALL Page 3B

Lady Bobcats hope to clinch district title



Charlee Sanches pitched well in two of the Orangefield wins last week and hit a homerun in one game while Harleigh Rawls hit a homer in all three games for the Lady Bobcats. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Orangefield survived the three game gauntlet when it recently played the three other leaders in the District 22-3A softball standings over an eight-day period and now the Lady Bobcats are sitting in the catbird seat of first place. The Lady Bobcats (11-2) completed the trifecta this past week winning three games in four days and can claim the district championship with a win in their final game with Hardin.

Orangefield beat Buna 4-3 in the earlier meeting between the two teams played at Orangefield in March. The Lady Bobcats went to Buna on Friday, April 14, and took a big step closer to clinching the district title with a 4-0 win over the Lady Cougars.

Lady Bobcat pitcher Abigail Curphey threw a complete game shutout to earn the victory. Curphey surrendered three hits, no walks, and struck out five in a gem of a pitching performance for Orangefield.

Senior Harleigh Rawls is on a tear at the plate for the Lady Bobcats. Rawls went three for four which included a homerun in her third straight game and she scored two runs.

The Becker sisters Hal-lee and Paris combined for a pair of hits. Charlee Sanches added two hits and drove in a run while Rylee Dougay had a hit and knocked in a run for Orangefield.

The Lady Bobcats' bats

were booming in their two previous games last week. Orangefield blasted the Warren Lady Warriors and the East Chambers Lady Bucs by scores of 16-1 and 16-0 respectfully on Tuesday and Wednesday. The game with East Chambers played at Orangefield only lasted three innings and the game at Warren was shortened to five innings both because of the fifteen-run rule.

Orangefield Coach Rebekah Ragsdale used two pitchers in each of the two games. Abigail Curphey started the games and Charlee Sanches finished in the circle for the Lady Bobcats.

Curphey pitched a total of four innings allowing two hits, no runs, and striking out six. Sanches was very effective too yielding just one run in her four innings of work while striking out seven opposing batters.

There were hitting stars throughout the Lady Bobcat lineup. Harleigh Rawls hit a homerun in both games and drove in seven runs. Alysen Vincent drove in five runs against Warren and two against East Chambers. Sanches smashed a homerun in the game with the Lady Bucs.

Lost in all the offense and great pitching was solid fielding by Orangefield. The Lady Bobcats made no errors in the two games, and left fielder Paris Becker made a sensational running catch of a fly ball to rob an East Chambers hitter of extra

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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. 71 degrees. April showers have muddied the water clarity in the lake, subsequently slowing the bite in the lake. Sabine Pass Jetties will be a good place to start this week. ICW is producing good catches of redfish, sheepshead, and drum on the rock piles and bulkheads using live shrimp under a popping cork. Neches River and Bessie Heights are holding nice limits of redfish with trout mixed in, in the canals off the marsh in 2-6 feet of water. Sheepshead and drum are good in the ditches with six feet of water with live shrimp under a popping cork or Carolina rigged. North Levee is good for limits of speckled trout with live shrimp under a popping cork, or top-water baits early in the morning. Forecasted north winds will concentrate fish to the North Levee. Flounder are good at the North Levee on mullet and live shrimp carolina rigged. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 70 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. 68 degrees. There has been an increased amount of water flowing downstream from the San Jacinto and Trinity Rivers, so the upper end of Trinity bay and northern end of Galveston Bay is off colored. Scattered catches of speckled trout and black drum and an occasional redfish are being caught off live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 70 degrees. Nagging strong to moderate northeast winds have limited the open bay reef fishing. Those fishing along the protected shorelines and back marshes catching scattered redfish and speckled trout. Report by Captain David Dill-



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

man, Galveston Bay Charter. This week we fished a number of areas in the marsh, as well as a quite a few drains on a stout incoming tide. Water temperatures in East Galveston Bay were in the low 70s, and we had winds that were for the most part, 10-20 mph out of the North to North East. Water clarity is good up around Stingaree Marina to Elm Grove and once you get past Big Pasture Bayou and East, the water gets darker. The redfish caught were up along the grass lines and around pinch points of drains. These areas also produced Black Drum, and Flounder, with the majority of fish coming on Live Shrimp, under a popping cork with an 18-30" leader. We also caught several fish in the same areas on ¼ ounce jig heads and artificial tails, with White Ice achieving the most consistent bites. Most of Speckled Trout came on artificials bounced off shell beds on protected shorelines, and in channel bends, depending upon the time of day we were fishing, and the top water bite is beginning to heat up in the early mornings. Mosquitos were not as bad this week, but the Gnats were brutal when we were fishing areas up in the marsh. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC. 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, and moving bait. 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. 68 degrees. Fishing has not been consistent while the winds are blustering. Scattered reports of speckled trout and redfish coming from protected areas like Moses Lake and Dickinson Bay. Black drum being caught along rocky areas on the east side of the ship channel. Even a few redfish from the same area. Live shrimp accounting for the catches. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The South Jetty still holding Trout, sheepshead and 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 of the concrete Seawall. The drains out of Swan Lake and Campbell's Slough holding sheepshead with

line or under cork. You'll need to find protected waters with bait moving around as the winds pick up. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Houston

FAIR. Water stained; 60 degrees; 0.88 feet above pool. Water runoff has lowered the water temperature. Catfish are biting in 15-20 feet of water on shad. Some catfish are staying close to bulkheads waiting for the shad spawn to resume. Crappie are good in 8-16 feet of water in open water fishing black and chartreuse or blue and white jigs off the bottom. Structures are holding smaller fish. 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 rattletails and double rigged jigs. Report by Jason Machala, JM Fishing Guide Service.

• Texas City

GOOD. 69 degrees. Better numbers of bull redfish being taken off the Galveston jetty rocks on fresh dead shad and blue crab. Still catches of oversized black drum, along with sheepshead, puppy drum, and a few speckled trout for those anglers using live shrimp. 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 the dike holding fish on popping cork with live shrimp. Millers Point holding a few trout and occasional Redfish. Look for slicks and birds this time of year. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

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Lady Bears and Lady Cardinals top softball standings

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

With two games to play before the post season Bridge City and Little Cypress Mauriceville were tied for first place in the District 19-4A softball standings. There is a very good chance the Lady Cardinals and the Lady Bears will be co-district champions when the regular season ends later this week.

Little Cypress Mauriceville won both its games last week. On Tuesday, April 11, the Lady Bears defeated the Lady Raiders 7-3 at Lumberton.

Ella Stephenson was the winning pitcher for LCM. She walked six batters but limited Lumberton to three runs only one of which was earned.

The Lady Bears jumped to a three-run lead in the top of the first inning before tallying a single run in the third and three more in the fifth. The hitting stars for LCM were Eden Frenzel going three for five, Tessa Erickson with two hits, and Ava White with two runs batted in.

On Friday, April 14, Tessa Erickson threw a one-hit shutout for Little Cypress Mauriceville in a 4-0 victory over the Jasper Lady Bulldogs. Erickson only walked one Lady Bulldog and struck out six in the win. "Tessa was looking strong tonight,



Tessa Erickson pitched a one-hitter for the Lady Bears against Jasper and centerfielder Ava Wright made two great catches to preserve the shutout.

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hitting her spots, doing what we asked her to do, and she brought her A-game just like she does every time she steps in the circle and not much phases her," Lady Bear Coach Dena Adkins commented.

There was some defense by the Lady Bears too. Ava Wright made a wonderful running catch in centerfield for the first out of the seventh inning and then went to the fence to pull down the final out of the game. Coach Adkins told Wright after the game she earned the "golden glove" for the night with the two late catches to preserve the shutout.

The only hit for Jasper was a triple but the Lady

Bears got the ball quickly back into catcher Jillian Brown who rifled a throw to third base to nip the Lady Bulldog diving back to the bag after rounding it with thoughts of an inside the park homerun. LCM also pulled off a double play in the first inning on an attempted sacrifice bunt by Jasper.

As they did on Tuesday the Lady Bears took the lead in the first inning with two runs. The rally started with two outs as Lexis Moss singled, Wright walked, before Jacylyn Cook and Ansley Moore both delivered clutch hits to drive in the pair of runs for a 2-0 Little Cypress Mauriceville lead.

Two more Lady Bears



Lady Cardinal Carson Fall pitched another great game against third place Vidor allowing one hit and striking out 16 Lady Pirates in the 3-0 win for Bridge City.

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scored in the fifth inning to make the score 4-0 in favor of LCM. Moss and Wright had the runs batted in that inning.

Coach Adkins was pleased with twice getting two-out rallies and the Lady Bears' defense. "It's always nice when we come out in the first inning and put a couple runs on the board, and then when my defense plays solid as they did tonight so that a couple more runs scoring late just secures the win for us," Adkins concluded.

The Lady Cardinals got shutout pitching last week as Bridge City won its two games. On Tuesday, April

11, Carson Fall was fantastic pitching a one hitter with sixteen strikeouts as Bridge City beat a very good Lady Pirates (6-4) team by the score of 3-0 at Vidor. Brooklyn Drodgy swung a big stick going three for three with two runs batted in for the Lady Cardinals.

Friday night the Lady Cardinals clobbered the Lumberton Lady Raiders 10-0 in Bridge City. Freshman Cambree LaComb pitched the five-inning shutout yielding four hits in the game that was shortened because of the 10-run rule.

LaComb was a hitting

star as well with two runs batted in. Haley Munoz, Nicole Sasser, and Amaris Larkin each had two hits for the Lady Cardinals.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears and the Bridge City Lady Cardinals were both 9-1 with two games to play this week. The Lady Bears played at West Orange Stark on Tuesday and will close out the regular season on Friday at Silsbee.

The Lady Cardinals traveled to Jasper on Tuesday and will celebrate Senior Night at Bridge City on Friday against the West Orange Stark Lady Mustangs.

Lady Bobcats From Page 1B

bases. Needing to win the last game on the schedule to clinch a district championship has Coach Rebekah Ragsdale proud of her Lady Bobcats. "We've set ourselves up well, and we've set ourselves up for success, a championship is doable at this point. I think at this point where we are at in our heads is it's doable and it's right there like almost we can taste it," Ragsdale described.

A district championship will be icing on the cake for the Orangefield Lady Bobcats as they are definitely in the playoffs in

their first season having moved down from Class 4A to be one of the biggest schools in Class 3A. Coach Ragsdale analyzed, "We're going to have a target on our back and every game is going to be tough from here on out."

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats played their final game of the regular season on Tuesday, April 18, at Paul Cormier Field against the Hardin Lady Hornets. The game was Senior and Youth Night at Orangefield. Playoff details for the Lady Bobcats will be forthcoming probably next week.

OC baseball From Page 1B

Taylor Wise throwing a perfect game during the shortened five innings because of the 10-run rule being invoked.

The Bridge City Cardinals split their two games last week with the Lumberton Raiders. The two teams both won on their home fields.

The Raiders won on Tuesday at Lumberton scoring nine runs in the first two innings and taking the victory 11-1 in five innings. The Cardinals used five pitchers in the loss.

On Friday at Chuck Young Field in Bridge City pitcher Braylen Collins was the star with his arm and his bat. Collins struck out eight Raiders and lim-

ited them to one run to get the 8-1 win on the mound for the Cardinals. He also hit a three-run double to spark the offense.

A split in two games is what Little Cypress Mauriceville did in its two games with Jasper this past week. In their games the road team won each contest.

The Bears got a strong pitching performance from starter Dean Reynolds who got the win 4-3 in Jasper with Landon Richards picking up a save in relief. Clay Raney reached base three times and drove in a run. LCM's Marco Bandiero and Justin McCarver both had two hits in Tuesday's game at Jasper.



Braylen Collins of Bridge City pitched great and hit well too as the Cardinals defeated Lumberton last week 8-1 at Chuck Young Field.

The second game was played on Friday at Don Gibbens Field on the LCM campus and the Bears took the initial lead with a run in the first inning. The Bulldogs got a two-run homer in the top of the second to grab the lead briefly but the Bears scored again to tie the game 2-2 in the

bottom half of that inning.

Pitchers Parker Seago and Landon Richards of the Bears combined to shutout Jasper over the next five innings. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs took advantage of three Bear errors in the top of the eighth to score five runs to win the game 7-2 to gain the split in the two games.

Little Cypress Mauriceville (2-6) plays West Orange Stark (0-8) this week. Tuesday's game between the Bears and the Mustangs was played at Don Gibbens Field on the LCM campus and Friday's game will be at Ronnie Anderson Park on the WOS campus.

The Bridge City Cardinals (5-3) face the Jasper Bulldogs (4-4) twice. Tuesday's game was at Chuck Young Field and on Friday

Fishing From Page 1B

• Freeport

GOOD. 70 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, chartreuse, Texas roach or red/white. Flounder are showing up in the bays mixed in with trout and redfish. River holding flounder and trout.



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Orangefield Bobcats remain undefeated

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Orangefield express is still rolling with just three games left before the start of the post season and the playoffs. The Bobcats were undefeated in first place of the District 22-3A baseball standings with a week left in the regular season.

The Orangefield Bobcats won 8-2 on Friday, April 14, at Buna. The Bobcats improved their district record to 11-0 with three games remaining.

Bobcat pitcher Jason Bodin threw seven innings giving up two runs on six hits and striking out nine

Cougars to get the win. Bodin appears to be over some earlier soreness in his right arm and is fitting back into the regular pitching rotation for Orangefield.

The Bobcat bats pounded out thirteen hits in the game led by Morgan Sampson and Bodin with three hits apiece. Sampson got the scoring started with a double in the first inning to put Orangefield on top 1-0.

Orangefield scored four more runs in the third with Sampson driving in a run with a single. Adam Tran had a key single and Bodin doubled during the rally for the Bobcats.

Orangefield has really only been challenged in a



couple of their eleven district wins. One of those contests was Tuesday, April 11, at Warren where the Bobcats were victorious 5-2 over the Warriors.

As he has done during much of the district schedule Orangefield Coach Tim Erickson threw multiple pitchers during the game. Brycen Tait got the win hurling the first three innings allowing two runs on three hits and striking five

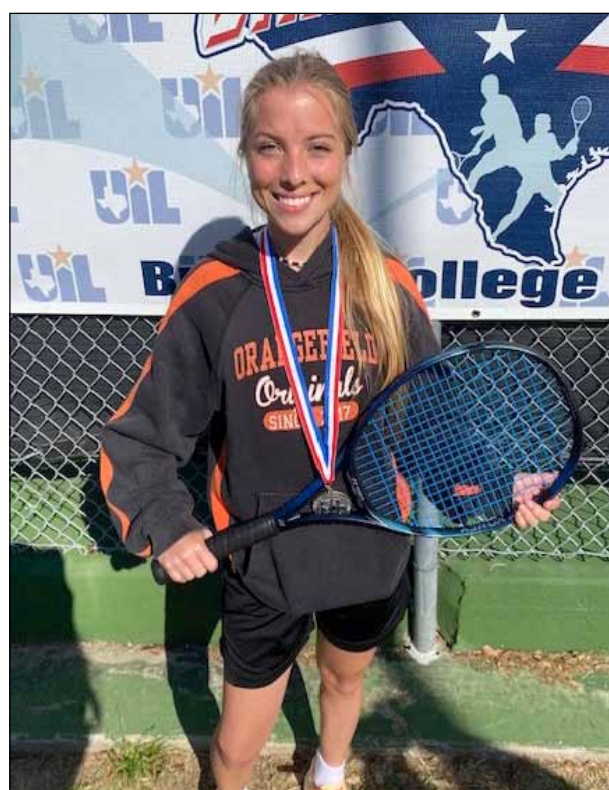
Warren batters. Garrett Rawls threw four shutout innings in relief to earn the save.

The Bobcats took the lead in the first inning on a single by Matthew Johnson. Morgan Sampson homered in the third inning for Orangefield. Kane Smith and Jason Bodin both had two hits to lead the Bobcats' offense against the Warriors.

Orangefield is 20-3 on the season. The Bobcats played at home this week on Tuesday against the Hardin Hornets. The next game for the Bobcats will be Friday, April 21, at Paul Cormier Field in Orangefield against the Kountze Lions.

(Left) Orangefield's Kane Smith had two hits in the Bobcats' win over Warren last week.

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Dan Perrine



Orangefield High School's Tennis Singles star player Summer Hackbarth competed in the Regionals tennis tournament in College Station on April 10-11. Hackbarth had an outstanding performance bringing home the silver 2nd place medal. She swept her first two competitors with scores of 6-0 and 6-0. The semifinals brought a more challenging match against Franklin, but Hackbarth again delivered the victory. In the championship match, Summer played New Waverly, the 3A state singles runner up from last year, and went to deuce nearly every game with her opponent. Her back-and-forth championship battle came to an end after long and tough sets, one of them going to a tiebreaker. As the regionals silver medalist. She will advance to the state tennis tournament in a few weeks.



The Orangefield FFA Land team traveled to Huntsville to compete in the Area IX CDE competition. Out of 16 teams, they placed 2nd in the area and 1st in district and will advance to the state contest on April 26-27. The team consists of Kylie Newman (4th High Point Individual), Blaine Lenard (6th High Point Individual), Bryce Blacksher, and Ethan Welch (10th High Point Individual).

Pictured from left to right: Ethan Welch, Bryce Blacksher, Blaine Lenard, and Kylie Newman.

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Gardeners, today's discussion is defining Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which is a comprehensive approach to managing garden pests which include pathogens, insects, nematodes, mites, weeds, and numerous other pests utilizing science-based practices and techniques. While researching this topic, I reviewed the US Environmental Protection Agency's website, and according to the USEPA, "Integrated Pest Management is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices", they further state "IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment". Utilizing this information, in combination with available pest control methods, is how to manage pest damage cost-effectively, reducing hazards posed to people, property, and the environment.

Gardeners, my takeaway from the USEPA's website is the IPM approach can be applied to both agricultural and non-agricultural settings, i.e., home gardens. IPM is an all-inclusive management strategy which takes advantage of appropriate pest management options including, though not limited to, the cautious use of pesticides. Readers a side note here as this contrasts with organic food production which applies numerous similar concepts as IPM yet limits the use of

Pest Management Defined

pesticides, to those which are produced from natural sources, versus synthetic chemicals. These techniques are implemented throughout the entire growth cycle and production period of flowers and vegetable crops. Integrated is the key word, focusing on a combined, cohesive approach which combines a variety of pest management techniques and practices.

IPM practices were developed to prevent and eradicate pests by reducing their populations cost effectively, in an environmentally friendly manner while maintaining plant quality. Most all IPM systems include preventative methods utilizing appropriate sanitation that includes weed control, removal of plant debris, and disinfecting garden tools. Additional practices include fertilization, irrigation, and pruning. Supplemental practices, such as the introduction of beneficial insects, are employed specifically to manage existing pest problems. The management portion of IPM centers around activities that affect pests and diseases encompassing a broad range of measures that can include the application of biological control agents to preserve beneficial organisms while reducing environmental impact through contamination.

How do IPM Programs Work?

It's important to note IPM is not an individual method of control but a series of pest management evaluations, decisions, and controls. Gardeners and growers practicing IPM are aware of the potential for pest infestation follow a hi-

erarchical or tiered approach, which include four steps:

- Predetermined Minimum Action Thresholds-a point at which pest populations or environmental conditions indicate that pest control is necessary. Initial detection of a single pest does not always mean control is needed.

- Identify Pests and Monitor-remember not all insects, weeds, and other pests require control, since many are harmless and often beneficial. IPM programs work by monitoring and accurately identifying pests before exercising control decisions, which are made in conjunction with predetermined action thresholds, so know your foe!

- Deterrence-for vegetable gardens, crop rotation will always be the first line of defense for your IPM strategy to prevent pests from becoming a threat. Rotating between different crops, choosing pest-resistant varieties, and planting pest-free rootstock are very effective control methods that are cost-efficient, posing no risk to people or the environment.

- Control-once the preceding approaches are exhausted, indicating pest control is warranted as preventive methods are not effective, evaluate the proper control method both for effectiveness and risk. Effective, yet less risky pest controls are initially selected, these include highly targeted chemicals, such as pheromones to disrupt pest mating, or mechanical control, such as trapping, weeding, or simply using your fingers to 'pluck' the critters from plants and de-

stroying them! If further monitoring, identification, and action thresholds indicate less invasive controls are not adequate, the use of more targeted pest control methods can be exercised, such as targeted spraying of pesticides, the absolute last resort would be broadcast spraying of non-specific pesticides, which kills all pests indiscriminately, even beneficial insects!

IPM is best described as a continuum and many gardeners identify their pests before determining the best course of action to reduce and manage pests. Every gardener's goal should be to move further along the IPM continuum by using all appropriate stepped IPM techniques. The principles stated above are used by commercial growers and large farms but can also be applied to your own garden by following the four-tiered approach outlined above. For more specific information on practicing IPM in your garden, you can contact your local state Extension Services for the services of a Master Gardener. So long for now fellow gardeners, let's go out and grow ourselves a greener, more 'pest-free' world, one plant at a time!

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Solving the tide mystery

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

Most any fisherman who spends time on our local waters has a theory about how the tides work and where they need to be to catch fish during those tides.

Surprisingly enough there are plenty of people who don't understand how important the tides really are, or for that matter what a tide is. According to Webster's dictionary, tide is the periodic variation in the surface level of the oceans, bays, gulfs, inlets, and estuaries caused by gravitational attraction of the moon and sun.

The influence the moon has over the tides is extreme to say the least. During the first and third quarters of the moon phase the tides are the weakest and have the smallest differences between the highs and the lows. These small tide changes are called "neap



Chuck Uzzle

tides". On the other end of the spectrum are the "spring tides", these occur when the moon is new or full.

During the spring tides the differences between the high and low tides are the greatest. By thinking about these patterns you can understand why so many people plan fishing trips around the moon phases. The full or new moon phases mean more moving water because the tides are more extreme, this translates into more active fish.

Now that we have established what the tides are and how they get there energy we need to know what effect they have on the fish. During certain periods of the year the tides mean different things. For example, in the spring most fishermen like strong incoming tides be-



The tides trigger most fish into becoming more active.

cause they tend to bring in good saltwater from the gulf. During the fall it is opposite, outgoing tides help bring the bait into the lake as they empty the marshes. Either tide will help you catch fish, the main thing is to at least have some tidal movement.

The periods between the tides are referred to as "slack", during these times the fishing tends to be much slower. The tides trigger most fish into becoming more active, it is almost like ringing the dinner bell so to

hold the water up from leaving. The exact opposite happens in the winter months when you have an out going tide and a strong north wind, the water levels fall dramatically. There are different factors to take into account, just be aware of the conditions.

One other important piece of the tide puzzle deals with correction factors for the tides. Your evening news may call for tides at Sabine Pass to take place at 1 a.m., that time will be different if you fish in another part of the Sabine area. What you need to know is what is the correction factor for your area. The time difference between Sabine Pass and Sydney Island is just over an hour depending on the conditions. So if the tide is supposed to change at 1 a.m. at Mesquite Point it should start to change at Sydney Island around 2:00 a.m. under normal conditions.

Now the visible movement may not be evident but the influence is there. The marshes on the other hand are tougher to gauge when it comes to tides, things like wind and runoff can make it

almost impossible to calculate the tides correctly. All you can do is keep good records and watch the conditions in order to get a better feel for how the water will react to certain conditions.

The tides are not difficult to understand as long as you find some reliable information. My own personal choice for tide information comes from Texas Saltwater Fishing Magazine. The tides, moon phases, feeding times, and other information is in there in great supply. The correction factors and tide schedules are listed for the entire Texas coast.

Along with the tide chart there are also some great forecasts for feeding times all on one graph, very helpful when planning trips for both fishermen and hunters. There are others out there as well, all you can do is look at some of them and see if they match what you see on the water. Having confidence in one over another takes time, but it is time well spent. Hopefully some of this information will help you make your next trip more successful.



A photo op area will feature a new wooden train car constructed by the Little Cypress High School woodworking shop.

Orange Depot Day festival set for May 6

Staff Report

Lots of new attractions will fill the grounds at the family festival, DEPOT DAY 2023, presented by the Friends of the Orange Depot at the Orange Train Depot, 1210 Green Avenue, Saturday, May 6, 10AM to 2PM. Entry is free.

Special featured attraction will be the exhibition of art cars from the Houston area. Owners will be on hand to answer questions about the cars, which all have unusual names, such as Paisley Chaos and Whimzee. In addition to the car show, new offerings

will include a kiddie airplane ride, mechanical bull, dunking booth, a corn hole game, and an arts and crafts table. A photo op area will feature a new wooden train car constructed by the Little Cypress High School woodworking shop.

Returning this year are

always popular attractions such as balloon sculpting, pony rides, bouncy house, and, of course, the trackless train. Inside the depot will be model trains, cotton candy and other vendors.

Plenty of food will be available from vendors Model Train BBQ, The Pink Lady, and the Ice Cream Shack.

Entertainment on the stage during the event will be music by the Orange

Community Players singers and dancing on the street by the Orange Blossom Dancers.

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What Grief Taught Me About Love

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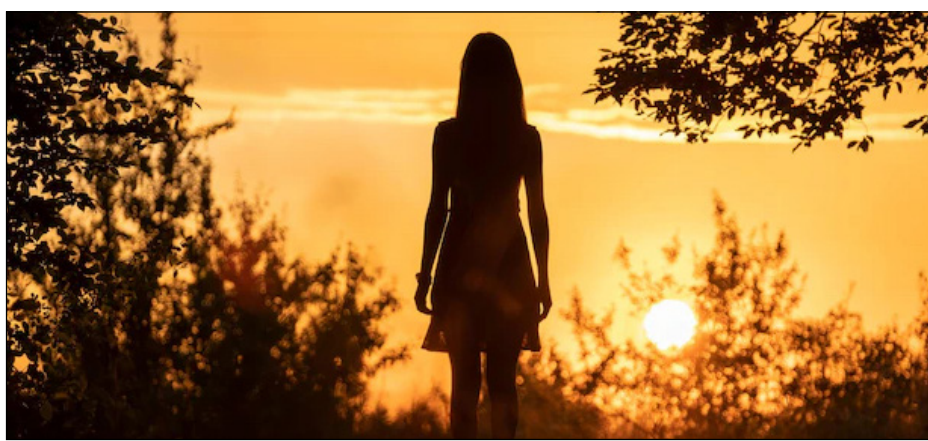
Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (John 11:21, 32)

To me, this passage from John 11 is one of the most poignant in all the Gospels. It reflects the heartbreak of sisters who had been sure Jesus would save their brother — women who loved Jesus and sacrificed for him, a family that needed his help and called to him in their distress. Yet Jesus did not respond to his friends' urgent request. He sent no answer, but simply showed up after their brother was dead.

On the surface, this story is shocking. It doesn't fit with our definition of love. To us, love rescues and runs. Love doesn't wait. Love does everything possible to keep the beloved from pain. Yet in understanding how Jesus loved this family, I have seen the depth of his love for me in my own suffering.

Lazarus's Last Breath

Days before the words above were spoken, Mary and Martha had sent a message to Jesus that their brother, Lazarus, was ill (John 11:3). They likely expected that Jesus would leave immediately to see his dear friend, or perhaps even heal him right there with a word. They knew he was the coming Christ, the Son of God, and that God would give him whatever he asked (John 11:22, 27). They had



witnessed Jesus heal countless strangers, responding without delay to their requests for help. Surely he would show up for his friends.

Yet Jesus didn't respond to their urgent need, choosing to stay where he was for two whole days (John 11:6). He told the disciples that Lazarus's illness was for the glory of God, that he himself would be glorified through it, and that others would believe because of it (John 11:4, 14–15). At the same time, Jesus knew his intentional delay would bewilder his friends.

I imagine the sisters waiting by the window where Lazarus lay dying, straining to see if Jesus was coming. I picture them reassuring each other that Jesus would surely arrive in time to heal Lazarus. I wonder what each was thinking as Lazarus took his last breath. Were they disappointed and disillusioned with Jesus, even questioning their relationship with him? Did they wonder if Jesus even cared? Did they doubt whether Jesus was the Savior they hoped him to be?

Whatever inner turmoil

they were feeling, the sisters had to go on. They needed to bury Lazarus and prepare their home, which would be flooded with people who would come to console them.

Jesus with the Sisters

In the middle of their grieving, Jesus arrived. The sisters independently met him and uttered the same plaintive words: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21, 32). Though they had lost hope of ever seeing their brother again, neither ran from Jesus in their despair, or stayed aloof to protect themselves, or pretended his inaction hadn't hurt them. Instead, they went to Jesus, directly telling him how they felt.

Jesus responded differently to each sister, knowing what each needed. Martha needed truth; she needed to understand and reaffirm her belief in Jesus as God's Son. Jesus told her that he was the resurrection and the life, and that whoever believed in him would never die (John 11:25–26).

And later, he assured her that if she believed, she would see the glory of God (John 11:40). Mary, on the other hand, needed tears and comfort, and she wept at Jesus's feet as soon as she saw him (John 11:32). Jesus wept with her (John 11:35).

Then, of course, Jesus told them to remove the stone, and he commanded Lazarus to come out. And Lazarus walked out of the grave (John 11:38–44)!

Following Mary and Martha

I remember reading the Bible one night when my world was splintering. I had been crying in the dark, wondering how I could go on. The unthinkable had happened, and I couldn't understand why God hadn't stopped it. I had been faithful. I loved Jesus and knew he loved me. So why hadn't he rescued me from my nightmares?

I got up, pulled on my robe, and opened my Bible to John 11. As I reread this familiar story, I identified with Mary and Martha's words to Jesus. If Jesus had shown up for me, this never

would have happened. Since he didn't respond to my pleading, my begging him to fix it, it seemed like he had abandoned me when I needed him most.

Yet I saw that even in their despair, the sisters went directly to Jesus, their words intimating their unspoken question: Why didn't you come? I realized that I needed to go to him too. I told him my frustrations and fears, my utter disappointment that he hadn't shown up for me. I asked him to help me, to meet me as he met these sisters, that I might see the glory of God as well.

Glory in My Grief

I approached Jesus feeling desperate, full of raw emotion, terrified of the free fall I was experiencing. Nothing felt stable or familiar. And yet, in that moment, God came near. I felt the unmistakable sense of his presence and love, coupled with the absolute assurance that everything was under control. There was purpose to my pain, even when I couldn't understand it, even when all I could see was loss.

I realized that God was giving me a sight of his glory. I sat in the stillness of the night, bent over my Bible, tears streaming down my face. This glimpse of God's glory was far better than a pain-free life. Being with God, having his guidance, knowing he will one day receive me into glory was all I needed. I finally saw why letting Lazarus die was the most loving thing Jesus could do for this family. He knew that helping them see the glory of God firsthand was the greatest

gift imaginable. It would cement their belief in him, their certainty that he was indeed the Son of God, and their assurance that Jesus had power over death.

God's Greatest Act of Love

The most loving thing God can do is to show us his glory. All physical healing is temporary since we will eventually die (unless he returns first). But anything that helps us see and experience God's glory will last throughout eternity. It will change us. It will help us treasure Christ and will give us lasting joy. Believing in Christ, seeing the glory of God, is a gift. Not everyone sees it. Those who have experienced it will view their life and their suffering with new eyes, in light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6).

From this story, we see that God's love does not shield us from suffering. The pain of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, people whom Jesus dearly loved, was real and intense. They had to wait in the dark, wondering why Jesus hadn't shown up. He cared about their pain, weeping with them as he saw their grief, all the while certain that their grief would turn to joy.

Our grief will also turn to joy — on earth, as we see and are satisfied in God, and ultimately in heaven, when we see him face to face.

The most loving thing that God can do is to increase our faith in him, to show us his glory, to help us find our satisfaction in him. Truly, if we believe, we will see the glory of God.

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