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OC Health clinic closer to opening

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Orange County should be having its first Health Services office in more than 20 years after Commissioners Court Tuesday approved a building rent's first payment, water deposit, and internet service.

The new health office will be on Strickland Drive in Pinehurst where the Immunization Clinic was opened in 2021 during the Covid pandemic.

Many years ago, county commissioners transferred the local health services to Hardin County, though an Orange County health services director oversaw county business. When the pandemic hit in 2020, the current Commissioners Court wanted to get more control over public health.

The county obtained grants to start a county clinic and has been working toward getting Orange County health services back under local control. No date was given for the new clinic to open. Jennifer Blankenship is Orange County Health Services Di-



Gothia

rector. At the beginning of the meeting, Precinct 2 Commissioner Chris Sowell thanked the Orange

County Sheriff's Office and Chief Deputy Mark Dubois for collecting \$615,000 in back property taxes this past week. Dubois said it was the most back taxes collected in one day. Sowell said the taxes will really help the Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD.

Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher reported her office collected \$3 million in taxes last month with the county's share being \$455,200.

Commissioners gave the okay for a regional organization of disc golfers to improve the disc course at Claiborne West Park. A representative of the group said they are hoping to make the course up to standards to host a future state disc golf championship. He

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Bridge City and Orangefield schools name new administrators



Kim Smalley



Julie Fuller

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For The Record

The Bridge City and Orangefield school districts this past week announced new administrators for the 2023-24 school year that will have classes beginning next month.

In Bridge City, Kim Smalley will be the district's new director of curriculum and instruction. She is going to Bridge City after a 25-year education career in the Orangefield ISD, where she served 10 years as district director of curriculum.

The Orangefield district has promoted elementary school assistant principal Julie Fuller to be the new

principal at the school. Fuller has 23 years of education experience with 18 years in the Orangefield district. She first became an elementary classroom teacher and then served the past seven years as assistant principal at Orangefield Elementary.

Smalley is a 1990 graduate of Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School and earned an associate's degree at Lamar State College-Orange. She then went to Lamar University to complete a bachelor's degree. She later graduated from Lamar's master's of education program specializing in school administration.

NEW SCHOOL Page 3A

Orange to demolish units of World War II apartments

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Soon, demolition crews will be tearing down nine buildings at a World War II-era apartment complex that became so dilapidated a judge condemned them as uninhabitable and unhealthy.

The Orange City Council Tuesday awarded a demolition contract that will cost \$145,000 to remove the buildings at what was originally known as Gilmer Homes. City Planning Director Kelvin Knauf said the bill for the demolition will be sent to a company foreclosing on the owner. If the bill is not paid, the city will attach a lien to the property, meaning it cannot be sold without the back payment to the city.

The complex between Simmons Drive and First Street in the Old Orange Historic District has been known as Sabine Park Apartments in recent years. It was previously known as The Oaks Apartments.

The major problem at the apartments began after the Christmas freeze of 2022. Water pipes and sewer pipes broke in some of the units that still had tenants, Knauf said. Their calls to management to fix the problems were never answered.

Leaking water and raw sewage were running and pooling in the streets outside the unit. Tenants went weeks without running water or sewer service. The city stepped in to declare the units uninhabitable according to health laws. Knauf said city employees worked to help some tenants find new places to live.

The low-cost rental apartments also have some Section 8 housing tenants with rents subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Knauf said HUD was notified of the problems, but has not responded.



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RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal



the vacant condemned units are surrounded by overgrown grass and weeds. Doors are open and vandals or thieves have gotten inside to strip out anything that might be of value. Yellow "demolition" tape blocks fence openings to some units.
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The city brought papers to have Municipal Judge Jim Bearden to condemn nine of the buildings in the complex. Knauf said the owners in Brooklyn, New York, and Aspen, Colorado, were notified of the hearing but did not attend. Judge Bearden condemned the buildings, which is allowing the city to have them demolished.

The contract went to the Lark Group based in Warren, Texas. Knauf said an Orange company had the low bid, but withdrew it early Tuesday morning before the city council meeting.

The Gilmer Homes cover a couple of city blocks and were built in the early days of the World War II shipbuilding boom which

started in 1940 as the United States stoked its production of war materials.

Orange's population grew from 7,000 to an estimated 60,000 in a couple of years and housing was at a premium. The federal government first built Gilmer Homes to house

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OC Republicans want Phelan censure

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

The Orange County Republican Party will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, to discuss and vote to censure State Representative Dade Phelan, who is currently the powerful speaker of the house and represents Orange County.

The U.S. Senate defines "censure" as a formal statement of disapproval.

Phelan, a Republican who lives in Beaumont and represents District 21 that includes all of Orange County



Phelan

and part of Jefferson County, was elected Texas Speaker of the House for the 2021 session and re-elected as speaker for the 2023 session.

In some circles, he has been praised for his efforts to make a non-partisan government by reaching out to Democrats as the state, and country become more divided.

However, the Orange

County Republicans are not pleased.

Already, David Covey of Mauriceville, a former chair of the Orange County Republican Party, has announced he will challenge Phelan in the March 2024 primary race. Covey formerly worked for U.S. Representative Steve Stockman, who was later convicted of federal fraud charges and pardoned by President Donald Trump.

At the end of the regular session of the legislature, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton released a video

claiming Phelan was intoxicated and slurring words while at the house podium. A short time after Paxton's Facebook post, news broke that a house committee was seeking impeachment charges against Paxton.

The house then voted to impeach Paxton on a number of accusations. The Texas Senate will vote on the impeachment in August.

However, Paxton is currently removed from office and Governor Greg Abbott has appointed a replacement.



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Gilmer Homes demolition From Page 1

workers and then developed the Riverside addition across Simmons that once had 5,000 units.

Gilmer Homes and Riverside were within walking distance of the major shipyards lining the Sabine River to allow workers to get to their jobs quickly and without using rationed gasoline to travel.

Both complexes were sold after the war to private owners. Through the years, Riverside became so dilapidated that it was eventually demolished in the mid-1980s. The city's Boat Ramp and Riverside Pavilion now use part of the old Riverside

addition land.

Gilmer Homes was saved about 1990 when a Port Arthur developer acquired them. The one-story and two-story units were gutted, many down to their studs. After total renovations, the apartments were rented out again by the mid-1990s.

New tenants from all walks of life moved in. The apartments have a swimming pool and community room. A community learning center to help tutor school-age students was opened.

However, the complex changed owners again as



far-away investors bought the property. In a few years, the apartments grew again into disrepair.

Hurricanes Ike and Harvey, along with the Sabine River flood of March 2016, also affected the complex, though renovations were made after Ike.

Today, the vacant condemned units are surrounded by overgrown grass and weeds. Doors are open and vandals or thieves have gotten inside to strip

out anything that might be of value. Yellow "demolition" tape blocks fence openings to some units.

Knauf said tenants still live in other units of the complex. Some of those areas are also overgrown, though others look maintained. At a central dumpster, trash is piled up. Still, old live oak trees, apparently planted in the 1940s, are along streets and in parts of the complex.

BC Library Widowers group to meet

The Bridge City Public Library is offering a Widows/Widowers group. 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 July 21. If you have any questions, call the library at 409-735-4242.

IMPROVING EDUCATION

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

There are many ways for our state Legislature to improve public education. Unfortunately, our state-wide politicians are focusing on the wrong things. Several states, including Texas, have passed several statutes prohibiting educators from mentioning certain words or subjects in their classes. Some misguided politicians have launched an effort to purify books that are available to schools by purging what they consider offensive words. In some instances they have made criminal conduct mentioning slavery, transgender as well as many other subjects. I fail to see refusing to mention these controversial subjects will make them go away. Nonetheless, our legislators are wasting a lot of quality time fretting over whether or not these subjects are even mentioned in our public schools. Our Texas Leg-



Former State Senator Carl Parker

Carl Parker is a 1958 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Elected to the Texas House of Representa-

tion, the Legislature has either missed or purposely ignored the thing that would most likely give Texas a high quality of public education. That is adequate funding for the schools, decent pay for teachers and funding at a level which will allow reasonable size classrooms.

Another matter that is eroding our public schools which runs a close second

to adequately funding education is teaching civic responsibility in our schools. My grandchildren were only given half a school year to study how we govern ourselves. The deemphasizing of the study of government, political science, or whatever you want to call it in our public schools, in my opinion, is one reason there has been such a drastic drop off in voter participation and even loss of confidence in our system of elections. Voter participation and confidence in the honesty and integrity of the election system is the firm underpinning of self-government. Unfortunately, it seems too many Americans and particularly Texans have forgotten this truth. Too many of our young people see civics courses as simply a course they must take as part of the curriculum to get a diploma. Too many of them fail to see that, in fact, it is a tool for living in a free society and a free democratic nation.

I reminisce over the great

teacher I was fortunate to have in high school who made politics, self-government, civics or political science a very real thing. She would divide us into groups, we would have parties, elect candidates for president, vice-president, etc. Then have mock elections and pass bills we thought would make the country better. We left school with a better, clearer understanding of what self-government really means.

If we keep short-changing our students with an inferior, underfunded education, and continue deemphasizing teaching civics in our schools, we will eventually pay the price in the form of uncaring, not so well-educated constituents in America. Thomas Jefferson and other leaders emphasized that it was critical that citizens of a free nation be well educated, concerned and participate in the function of making self-government work.

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County business From Page 1

said the group had raised \$7,500 to improve the course on Pleasure Island in Port Arthur, but the city received a grant. So now, the group will work on the Orange County course.

The representative said the group will work on 18 tee boxes on the course at first, and then finish the rest of the 32 holes when more money is raised. The

volunteers with the group will be overseen by county park personnel.

The court also approved letting surveyors on the Claiborne West acreage to scope a possible route for a possible pipeline for CO2. Permission to install the pipeline would be needed in the future.

Commissioners renewed a three-month contract with KMY Consul-

tants with the Local First program. Chevron Phillips donated money to the county for the Local First program to assure local individuals and businesses get a chance to get jobs or contracts for the construction of the new \$8.5 billion Golden Triangle Polymers petrochemical plant. The Local First program has an office and has been hosting job fairs.

New school administrators From Page 1

tion. In 1998, she began her professional career as a third grade teacher at Orangefield Elementary and eight years later, went to teach seventh grade at Orangefield Junior High. She was named curriculum coordinator for Orangefield ISD in 2012 and in 2015 became the district's director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

In a news release, the Bridge City District said Smalley's "dedication extends beyond the confines of the school district. She believes in community involvement and understands the vital role it plays in shaping the edu-

cational landscape. She has volunteered her time and expertise for various community projects, such as mentoring programs and local initiatives aimed at improving educational outcomes for students and teachers. Kim served as a Lamar University Adjunct MaST Instructor to mentor future teachers. She also served on the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Lutch Stark Art and History Venues Community Advisory Council, Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce Business Community Service Committee, Leadership Southeast Texas, Tex-

as Association for the Gifted and Talented Advisory Board, Motiva Harvey Flood Relief Advisory Council, and the Mehaffy Children's Advocacy Program Advisory Board.

"With a commitment to lifelong learning, Kim stays informed of education initiatives through her memberships in the Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Instructional Materials Coordinators' Association of Texas, Texas Computer Education Association, and Leadership Southeast Texas."



Roberts Ford hosts BC Chamber event

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Ginny Hebert with Bridge City Animal Hospital has been named July Employee of the Month. The monthly coffee was held at Robert's Ford in Orange.

Pictured are: Charlee Chelette, James Hebert, Ginny Hebert, Kyler Hebert and DeAnn Thompson.

Edward Jones branch school supply drive

Staff Report
For The Record

Local residents may help make a positive impact in the community by bringing items to our Edward Jones office in town during regular business hours from July 5, 2023 to August 4, 2023. Monetary gifts, including gift cards, cannot be accepted.

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From the Creaux's Nest

TEXAS HOUSE AND SENATE REACH A DEAL TO CUT PROPERTY TAXES

Texas' top Republicans, state GOP lawmakers finally struck a deal on how to cut Texans' property taxes. The \$18 billion compromise, which includes more than \$5 billion approved for relief in 2021, between the Texas House and Senate would give increased tax relief for the state's 5.7 million homeowners and create a tax-credit pilot program for non-homesteaded properties. It would also cut taxes to small businesses and send billions of dollars to school districts so they can cut their tax rates across the board, according to details made public by state leaders. The proposal must clear both chambers before it heads to Gov. Greg Abbott's desk. "Reducing property taxes, providing relief to small-business owners, and reforming our appraisal system will ensure economic growth and prosperity, and this agreement is a significant victory for all Texans," Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan said. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said the last week of negotiations among himself, Phelan and members of both chambers "made the difference." According to Phelan's office, the legislation, expected to be passed this week, includes more than \$12 billion to reduce the school property tax rate for homeowners and business properties; an increase to the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000; and savings on the franchise tax for small businesses. "Negotiations with the Lieutenant Governor have been extremely productive, and by coming together and finding common ground, the House and the Senate are one step closer to providing much-needed, much-deserved relief," Phelan said in a statement. Both lawmakers thanked state senators and representatives for being integral in the negotiation process and said the legislation would be passed later this week.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

Our buddy Jimmy Dillon went for his first lab/clinical Monday after having a kidney transplant. The results were good. Jimmy has been feeling great. It's hard to keep him down. He has had so little pain and he can deal with the soreness. Jimmy has to be careful about going in public, restaurants are out all together. He must wear his mask at all times except to eat. He was told that 80 percent of germs that will make him sick will come from his own hands, 20 percent are airborne from people. With no immune system right now, he's not taking any chances. The Wednesday Lunch Bunch met at Robert's last week. The group held a surprise birthday party for Judge Pete Rannels, Mayor of Pinehurst. Over 30 folks were in attendance. Among the Bunch were Judge Carl Thibodeaux, Marcelle Adams, former County Commissioner, County Treasurer Christy Khoury, Sheriff Keith and Marlene Merritt, Pinehurst City Administrator Joe Parkhurst, Constable David Cagle, former mayor T.W. Permenter, former JP Claude Wimberly, former Deweyville principle Joy Scarborough and one of her teachers, Ted Williams, former chief and longtime lawyer Wilson Roberts, Judge Janice Menard, Corky Harmon, Joel Steirman, Parks Director Donna Scales, who made a great cake and a load of large, chocolate covered strawberries that was the favorite of Brandy Slaughter. Shirley Zimmerman, Carl Goodman, Bobby Fillyaw, Roy Dunn and Veterans Officer Gene Smith all indulged in Donna's cake as did Kyle Bland. I know I'm missing over a half dozen others but I'm surprised I remembered so many. (Editor's note: It's still hard to believe Pete is gone.) Betty Harmon ventured off to Lafayette like she often does, and brought back some special cookies from a shop there. Miss Pearl's poems have been drawing great response and popularity. Last week, her poem got over 20,000 hits on our website from around the world and a lot of local compliments. It's hard to believe that little Stacy Savoy, daughter of Judy and Gary, turns 45 this week. Shortly after Stacy was born, Gary and Judy were involved in the pioneering of the Opportunity Valley News, a very popular weekly paper in the area. (Editor's note: Today Stacey is 10 years older and so are Judy and Gary.) Country music star Randy Travis, 54, who just released a tribute to the late George Jones, was in critical condition Tuesday in a Dallas hospital. Saturday he was fine but by Sunday he was critical with viral cardiomyopathy caused by a virus that attacks the heart. Randy has had personal problems but as a country artist his voice and real country music are my favorite. "USA Today" puts out an Elvis Presley special edition, celebrating the 60th anniversary of his first recording. "My Happiness" was cut by Elvis for \$4 as a gift to his mother. He went on to record 750 songs. The USA 48 page keepsake is on newsstands today. It depicts the King of Rock-n-Roll's influence on music and society. The last single released in 1976, was "Way Down" that featured J.D. Sumner, who sang the lowest note ever recorded,

three octaves below Middle C. My favorite Elvis music was gospel. Best song was "How Great Thou Art." The longest serving governor in Texas history can read numbers. A recent poll showed that 60 percent of Texas voters said it was time for Perry to go. With his exit, it opens the door for GOP hopefuls to throw their hats in the ring and start playing musical chairs. Att. General Greg Abbott is an early favorite to win the nomination for governor, leaving the AG's office open to a flood of candidates.

17 Years Ago-2006

The Bridge City Rotary Club installs new officers and presents awards at banquet. Elected officers are, Barry Murchison, president; Darrell Myers, vice-president; Marialeice Saucier, secretary/treasurer; Mark Magnuson, president-elect. A new board member is Dr. Michael Olson. Rotarian of the Year award was presented to Marialeice Saucier. Jerry McInnis received the Community Service award from outgoing president Ronnie Hutchison. The Bridge City Rotary was chartered in 1974. Judge Roy Derry Dunn, J.P. Pct. 2, had knee surgery and will be out of the office and Judge Joe Parkhurst, J.P. Pct. 1, is on vacation, driving to Vegas. Meanwhile, the two lady J.P.'s, Judge Janice, Pct. 3 and Judge Sherrie, are holding down the fort. Mayor Brown Claybar and Linda are new grandparents of Lucy Margaret, daughter of Sarah and Robert Latours. Robert Frederick, 74, passed away July 6. Ken Lay's ashes were buried in the Colorado mountains. He died from a heart attack July 5. He was facing 25 years in prison after conviction in the Enron case. Charlie Vidrine celebrates 26th birthday. He became a new dad June 12 with the birth of a son, Cade Anthony, who weighed in at 2 pounds, 4 ounces and was 14 inches long. It's been 10 months since Hurricane Rita and clean up is still going on. Bridge City 11 year old All Stars march through Little League District play undefeated. The young stars stable of pitchers are Hayden Guidry, Preston Pittman, and lefty Colin Gros. Other team members are Reagan Picken, Aubrey Harrington, Revel Diabo, Eric Trunciale, Bryce Sanpere, Adrian Schubarth, Colin Smith, Clint Delahoussaye and Aston Hunter. "Big Red Machine" heads to USSA World Series. They are ranked sixth in the nation among 559 teams. The select team, coached by Ronnie Shugart, consists of Matthew Kress, Blaine Slaughter, Tryce Howard, Logan New, Dillion Taylor, Ryne Shugart, Tanner Doiron, Drew Delarosa, Blaine Pruett, Chase Shugart, Corbin Voegeli and Bryce Carey. The team will fly to the World Series in St. Louis Missouri.

46 Years Ago-1976

Orange County judges attend statewide seminar. Judges attending were Justice of the Peace Marlin Shelton, Pct. 2; Martin Ardoin, Pct. 3 and Claude Wimberly, Pct. 1. The Bridge City Youth Baseball season is over. The Dodgers, coached by David Riddling, Bert Clark and John Brown, won the Pony League championship. Players are John Garriga, Grey Guillotte, Dean Pepper, Chuck Guilhas, Kenny Hass, Judy LaBouve, Trey Broussard, Clint Menard, Eric Ridley, Bucky Thompson, Brent Hockey, Donnie LeTulle and Tony Harrenger. Three cities proclaim "Roy and Crystal Wingate Day," signed by Mayor A.R. Morgan, Pinehurst, Mayor Glenn Seale, West Orange and Paul Hale, City of Orange. Gordon and Diane Baxter have just returned from a trip to Israel. Roy Dunn is sporting a blue, Evil Eye, around his neck, a gift from Diane from Israel. Roy is not rightly sure what the significance of the Evil Eye. Louis Gay will get to celebrate his birthday in Hollywood on July 25, thanks to a gift of airplane tickets for him and wife Nancy from daughter Linda. She has a big party planned with important folks in attendance. Don Jacobs' column, in the Opportunity Valley News, concerns Huey Meaux, Gordon Baxter and Freddie Fender. Bax was presented two gold records of Fenders' big hits, "Before the Next Tear Drop Falls" and "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights," by Huey. Bax was the very first disc jockey to play the records when they were released. Meaux, an ex-barber and Fender, promoter, are longtime friends of Baxter. Fred, John and the crew at Bridge City Bank are offering bi-centennial savings bonds, issued July Fourth. The Gunn's take annual vacation to Florida. Twelve folks, plus one great big dog, traveled in a motor home but will rent sleeping quarters along the way.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

The heat continues in the weather forecast, but the hottest thing in Orange County this past week may have been Judy Smith in the Orange Community Players Broadway for Funds show. The great-grandmother did a show tune wearing a blue sequined gown split up the side and showing a bit of cleavage. She dramatically came on stage wearing a cape around her shoulders and tossed it off. It was a family affair for her. Daughter Cody Smith Vasquez, grandson Rico Vasquez, and great-granddaughter Zoe Vasquez all sang for the show, which ran for two nights in the Orange Train Depot. Diana Hill, who has been active in OCP for some 50 years, was helping serve wine and nibbles as Orange City Councilor Caroline Hennigan, also an OCP supporter, checked tickets and reservations, as her husband, Deputy Constable Mike Hennigan, provided security. LaToya Overstreet was serving food and, of course, cooked. Orange City Councilor Paul Burch showed his vocal abilities in the production while wearing sequined jackets. His spouse, Raul Burch, was helping behind the scenes. Lots of talent was showcased, though Tanya Guillotte had a medical emergency and a substitute drove in from Austin. People seen in the audiences included Debbie Hughes, Pat Caillavett, Jane Dyer, Jack and Karen McKinney, Lois and Dennis Ferrell, Denise and Don Sanders, Ruby and Kenneth Steppe, and Rosie Hurst. Besides the entry fees, OCP got a few generous contributions during the run. OCP is raising money to continue restoration of the old Twin Cinema movie theater into a playhouse because the downtown theater had flooded

so many times the non-profit group could not afford insurance. The new theater could see performances scheduled in early 2024. Charlotte Chaisson seems to never stay in Bridge City as she travels far and wide in her retirement. Her road trips this past week included a visit to Texas A&M University and the George H.W. Bush Museum. Kennedie Beadle got the chance of a lifetime to see killer whales in the wild during a boat trip in the Puget Sound. She grew up loving the whales because her cousin, John Hargrove, also an LC-M grad, was a whale trainer at Seaworld who later became featured in the documentary "Blackfish" about Seaworld's cruelty with the whales. Spencer Day and Reese Rhodes went to New Orleans for the sights and fun. Pam Cheek traveled to Lubbock for a Cheek family reunion that included former Orange residents Nick Cheek and Dr. Kayla Hughes Cheek. They also got to celebrate Nick's birthday. Barbara Dardeau with daughters Kacie, Lindsey, and Kelsey, along with Barbara's grandchildren, enjoyed time in the Gulf of Mexico at Crystal Beach. Brothers Ron and Tom Sigler met up at Surfside Beach in Freeport. Captain Cornmeal, aka Eric Ellison, the fishing guide was pleased to see little grandson Keegan catch the first perch out of Captain's new pond at his new barndominium in the Cove. We sure hope little Kiley can find her lost beloved turquoise and green stuffed Leppy pet. Bridge City legend Steve Worster was remembered this past week on what would have been his 75th birthday. The outstanding Cardinal athlete and Texas Longhorn star passed away last August. Others celebrating this past week included Kaylard LeBouef, Suzzy Wimberley, Grover Lee Roberts III, Delisa Bates Harris, Shon Garrison, Claudia Hardin, Taylor Peveto, and Hallie Newton. Wedding anniversaries included Donald and Chantell Frazier, Clint and Kimberly Ray, and Tommy and Sandy Reynolds.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in the next few days. July 12: Lana Giffith, Dayle Gunn Weatherford, Christy Koury Roccaforte, Donna Peterson, Craig Simmons, Dera Breaux. July 13: Julie Kahla, Kristen McCurry, Steve Sarver, Billy Bryant. July 14: Calvin Rutledge, Brenda Ellender, Richard Potter, Ronald Rubin, Ella Stuebing, Lance George. July 15: Mayor Larry Spears, Mark Grizzaffi, Melissa Eshbach, Peggy Claybar, Tommy Harmon. July 16: Carlis Roy, Phil Dickman, Lorie Dubose. July 17: David Eaves, Theresa Krout, Deborah Ashcraft, Don Hightower. July 18: Cheryl Richard, Cynthia Chataignier, Don Fields, Harry Barclay. (Note: To place birthdays or anniversaries in this publication free of charge email to therecordlive.com or call 409-886-7183.)

MUCH APPRECIATED

We received a beautiful card from the family of Audrey Lapeyrolerie expressing their gratitude for our tribute to their mother Ms. Audrey. It read as follows; "Thank you for your tribute to Mom in the Creaux's Nest. Your kind words meant so much to us. It is things like this that you do that makes your paper so much a part of our community."

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Maude Darteze was sitting on a bench in Breaux Bridge when Sid Marceaux walked up and sat on the end of the bench. After a few moments, Maude axed, "Are you a stranger here, hanh?" Sid replied, "Well, I lived here many years ago me." Maude said, "Where were you all dem years?" Sid answered sheepishly, "In prison." "Mais, why dey put you in prison?" Maude axed. Sid look at her and said very quietly, "Me, I killed my wife." "Oh," said Maude, "So you single hanh?"

C'EST TOUT LANDRY TAKES TEAM TO TOURNAMENT

Clint Landry, a West Orange native, has spent a lifetime studying and teaching baseball in the area. Over 40-years he has produced championship amateur teams. This week Coach Landry left the area in a van with 16 boys ranging in ages 16 to 18. The van headed to Ponchatoula, Louisiana for a baseball tournament starting Thursday. Clint is bringing his boys from Bridge City, Orange, Orangefield and Mid-County. Coach Landry believes his team has the talent to win it all and go to the World Series. He is the father of Bridge City Coach Chad Landry.

COACH THOMPSON WRITING MUSTANG BOOK

Last week Dan Perrine's story on coach Cornel Thompson drew a lot of response. I for one couldn't put it down, even though it jumped several times. Cornel is in the process of writing a book on West Orange-Stark Mustang football going back to 1977. From last week's story it is easy to see that the book will be filled with many details. It will be a great Christmas gift for any Mustang fan or anyone who cares about Texas high school football. I would like to see a "Super Team" made up of 16 offensive players and 16 defensive players but the Mustangs have had many great players over the years. In the story Thompson only highlights one youngster. It is his opinion that Jack Dallas is the Mustang's "best, all-time quarterback." People I've spoken with agree with that, even though there have been some great ones. (Side Note: The two West Orange boys I've written about this week, Landry and Thompson, were boyhood friends who ran an egg selling partnership in the city on their motor scooters.) Well, my time is up and I thank you for yours. Please read us cover to cover and support our family of advertisers. Take care and God bless.

Texas property tax cuts hit fast track for approval

KAREN BROOKS HARPER
The Texas Tribune

An \$18 billion legislative package to cut land-owning Texans' property taxes cleared a key House panel on Tuesday and is headed to the chamber floor for a vote later this week — setting the long-awaited compromise deal on a fast track to the governor's desk after months of agonizing negotiations between the state's top Republicans.

The agreement announced Monday would lower taxes for the state's 5.7 million homeowners and add a temporary cap on appraisal increases for some non-homesteaded properties.

It would also cut franchise taxes for small businesses and send billions of dollars to school districts so they can cut their taxes for all property owners and shift a portion of their operations costs to the state. However, the package would give no new funding to schools.

The House Ways and Means Committee voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve the three bills in the package. They are House Bill 2, the property tax cuts bill; House Bill 3, a franchise tax relief bill; and House Joint Resolution 2, the constitutional amendment required to enact the cuts.

"This is historic, this is big, and we all worked together to make this happen," state Rep. Morgan

Meyer, R-University Park, who chairs the committee.

The Senate Finance Committee is expected to approve similar legislation Wednesday. Both the House and the Senate are expected to schedule floor votes on the package on Thursday.

The package could land on Gov. Greg Abbott's desk by the end of the week. Abbott has said he plans to approve it. Voters must pass the plan in a constitutional election in November for it to take effect in the 2023 tax year.

Democrats in both chambers have raised concerns about the package's lack of targeted relief for renters or more money for schools, but those on the panel Tuesday ultimately voted for the bill.

"This is one of the biggest bills we'll ever pass and this is something that all of us here have wanted to do for a long time," said Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo. "It is a big deal. There is no bill that is perfect, but this one is pretty damn good."

The deal marks the end of a stalemate among the state's top Republicans that lasted nearly seven months as they butted heads over how to dole out more than \$12 billion in new tax breaks budgeted by lawmakers earlier this year.

Including \$5.3 billion approved four years ago, the legislation allocates a total of \$12.6 billion to reduce the school property tax rate by 10.7 cents per



House Speaker Dade Phelan, left, Gov. Greg Abbott, center, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.
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\$100 valuation for homeowners and business properties.

It also includes an increase to the state's homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000 at an estimated cost of \$5.3 billion, and some extra relief for seniors and property owners with disabilities, averaging about \$170 more per year.

The Senate bill's author, state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, said the deal would save the average homeowner about 41.5% on property taxes each year, or an average of about \$1,300 per year.

Another part of the plan would institute a three-year, 20% cap on appraisal increases for commercial and non-homesteaded properties valued at \$5 million or below — a num-

ber that could be adjusted by the comptroller with inflation each year.

"This will provide stability for small- and medium-sized businesses that struggled with double and triple digit increases the last few years," Meyer said in Tuesday's hearing.

Leaders referred to that part of the bill on Monday as a "circuit breaker" program, but it's somewhat of a misnomer. Unlike programs in other parts of the country with the same name, the Texas proposal does not calculate property taxes based on a person's income or ability to pay, nor does it specifically seek to benefit lower-income taxpayers.

The plan shifts the school-tax burden by about three percentage points toward businesses,

raising the share of the school property taxes paid by businesses from 52% to 55%, while homeowners' shares drop from 48% to 44.8%, said Jennifer Raab, president of the business-backed Texas Taxpayers and Research Association.

"At the same time, everybody's getting a tax cut so I'm not here to look a gift horse in the mouth," Raab said.

"But I do think it's important for you to understand that this shift is occurring. Texas businesses already pay a high property tax or rather tax burden overall relative to other states."

Targeted tax relief for the state's 3.7 million renter households has been left out of proposals that have passed either cham-

ber, and it is not in the final compromise. House Democrats last week unveiled their own tax-cut package that would give tenants a cash refund equaling up to 10% of the rent they paid the previous year.

Republicans and some tax policy experts argue that renters will benefit from the compression portion of the tax-cut package because landlords won't pass as much in property taxes onto their tenants — thus resulting in smaller rent increases. But others say demand for the state's red-hot rental market and a dearth of supply to meet that demand, not property taxes, have driven rent increases in recent years.

State Rep. Angie Chen Button, a Richardson Republican and committee member, said she'd been getting a lot of phone calls from constituents asking whether renters would benefit from this package at all. The answer to that, she said, is the competitive market: If a landlord doesn't want to pass along the savings to the renters, she said, "you can go and rent another house."

"They're not getting [the benefit] directly but because the person who rents out the house is getting this benefit, it should flow through this entire system," Button said. "In the real business market, everything is competitive."

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Dated the 5th day of July, 2023.

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Bradley to lead Bridge City softball

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

A familiar hand will be guiding the Bridge City softball program in the coming school year. Kylie Bradley has been chosen as the new head coach for the Lady Cardinals after serving as an assistant coach last season.

The head softball coach at Bridge City is a goal Bradley has had on her mind. "It may be a little sooner than I thought might come, but that's been the goal to be in Bridge City and to help build a program whether I was assisting or I was the head coach, Bradley responded.

Kylie was thrilled with being chosen the head coach at Bridge City High School. She expressed, "I was overjoyed because I've made a lot of moves in my career that were centered around knowing I wanted to be here in Bridge City, so it feels good for that to work out."

Bridge City was Kylie's first coaching job out of college and she coached middle school sports before leaving Bridge City to take an assistant coaching position for softball in Kountze. Despite the move to Kountze Bradley has maintained a love for the school district where she got her first coaching job.

Bradley replaces Raven Harris whom she served as an assistant softball coach. Harris led the Lady Cardinals softball program for the last four years and has moved to Buna to be the softball coach there.

During her one year as an assistant coach for softball Bradley worked with the other softball assistant coach Chris Moore to run the junior varsity. Kylie worked primarily with the Lady Cardinal catchers on



Kylie Bradley is the new head softball coach at Bridge City having served as an assistant coach for the Lady Cardinals last season.

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the varsity level. She also helped run drills for the infield when Coach Harris was pulled away to concentrate her attention on the pitchers.

Scouting and statistics are actually two tasks that Bradley loves to cover. She would help the players in the dugout with how to correct mistakes they made in a previous inning to allow Coach Harris to concentrate on execution on the field during the game.

There are some very good Lady Cardinals returning to the nest that should help Bridge City be a contender for a district title in softball in 2024. The pitching circle should be very adequately filled with senior Carson Fall and Cambree LaComb who will be a sophomore.

Bradley reminded, "We have Carson and Cambree pitching and that's huge. Cambree carried a lot especially when Carson was struggling with her arm injury, and we had to rest Carson some."

The status for Fall to pitch in a regular rotation may not be known for a few weeks. "Injury wise I'm not sure where she's at exactly, but I'm very comfortable saying that the thing about Carson is if she can throw for us she's

going to throw. I know it's very hard on her not to be throwing for us every game. If she's still battling that injury we might have to save her for some of the bigger games. Carson has become such a leader even with her quiet demeanor, but when I tell you the girls look up to her and follow her it's just a hundred percent true," Bradley stated.

There will also be starters returning at every position in the infield and a couple spots in the outfield. "We've got a good group coming back. My little JV team last year was pretty impressive, so I'm

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Orangefield's Nash named Assistant Coach of the Year

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

This has been a great year for softball at Orangefield with the Lady Bobcats winning the district championship and advancing in the state playoffs their furthest in the school's history. Another accolade was achieved this month with assistant softball coach Sarah Nash being selected the Assistant Coach of the Year in Class 3A for Region 5.

The selection as the assistant coach of the year surprised Coach Nash. "I was honestly so shocked. My sister actually nominated me. It



Sarah Nash of the Orangefield Lady Bobcats was selected the Assistant Coach of the Year in Class 3A Region 5.

just feels really good that she even thought to do that for me and then also to receive it because that means she believes in what I do and what I

bring to our program," Nash replied.

Nash's sister Rebekah Ragsdale is the head coach of the Orangefield softball program. The two sisters and their brother Ryan Ragsdale have all followed in the footsteps of their father Randy Ragsdale to be high school coaches.

Rebekah shared some of the high praise she submitted for Sarah in the nomination of her sister for the assistant coach's award. "Coach Nash provides our program with an incredible amount of knowledge and competitiveness.

NASH Page 4B

Gulf Shrimp Season Opens Sat.



The Gulf of Mexico commercial shrimp season for state and federal waters will reopen 30 minutes after sunset on Saturday, July 15.

Staff Report
For The Record

AUSTIN — The Gulf of Mexico commercial shrimp season for state and federal waters will reopen 30 minutes after sunset on Saturday, July 15, 2023. Biologists evaluate the biological, social and economic impacts when determining the opening date to maximize the benefits to the industry and the public.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Coastal Fisheries Division used the best available data from samples collected during rou-

tine trawls and bag seines in June.

"The annual mid-May closure protects brown shrimp until they can reach larger, more valuable sizes during their major period of emigration from the bays to the Gulf of Mexico," said Robin Riechers, TPWD Coastal Fisheries Division director.

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Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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The Lakes

• Toledo Bend Fishing Report

GOOD. Water stained; 80-84 degrees; 0.82 feet below pool. The water level is 170.95 with both generators running 6 hours a day. Water temperature at the Dam is 83 degrees. North of the three-mile Pendleton bridge, temperatures have been running 87-89 degrees. Air temperature will be up around 99 degrees this week. Crappie are still being caught in 12-20 feet of water depending on cloud cover and generating schedule.

Some days it is minnows and sometimes it's a jig. Best times for your topwater Bass frog bite over vegetation is very early and at dark. Another Bass pattern has been, a floating trick worm in white with a EWG hook no weight. Cadence is twitch, twitch, and let it die. During the heat of the day bass are 20-25 feet over brush piles and ledges. Texas and Carolina rigs have been producing in the outer swings of the creek bends. Best colors in 6-10 inch worms are watermelon candy red, June bug red and Red Shad. Bass are a little selective right now over brush piles and you might catch one or two and the school will shut down. Just move on, find another spot, and catch one or two again.

Keep moving, do not stay in one spot for too long. White bass are showing up in big schools in the main lake over humps and river channels, sometimes schooling on the surface south of the Pendleton bridge. White Bass use a Black/Blue back 1/2-ounce rattletrap, a jig-nspoon in 1/2 and 3/4 ounce, and medium diving crankbaits. Kayakers are catching Blue and Channel Catfish shallow with the spawn going on in 1-6 foot of water with a floating cork and split shot from 3-12 pounds in the shallow flats close to deep water. Best baits this week have been punch baits, squid, finger mullet, and shrimp. Remember to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated in this extreme heat.

Captains watch, watch your party closely, if you observe someone experiencing these symptoms, feeling lightheaded, nauseated, having muscle cramps, motor skills are slow, they are in trouble, get off the water, and

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sand pockets waiting for baitfish to present itself for a quick and easy snack. Lures with reflective bases, such as mirrolures, spoons, swim baits and top waters have been working well. Redfish and trout can be caught in waist deep water where

there are grass beds and sand pockets. Traffic has drastically increased on Baffin with it being the week before 4th of July, therefore continue to stay safe and courteous of others while out fishing, stay hydrated and as always Tight lines!

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 87 degrees. Jetties are good for speckled trout, redfish, sheephead and drum on the rock piles with live shrimp under a popping cork. Trout and redfish are biting in the ICW and Sabine Channel bullheads, rock piles glo chartreuse plastics. Redfish are good on lake points and bayous. Look for the bird action on outgoing tides in the morning. Neches River holding speckled trout in 14-25 feet of water using 3/4 ounce jighead glo chartreuse tail, jiggling silver or gold spoons. Redfish are in the river in 12-15 feet of water with live shrimp under a popping cork, or live mullet on a Carolina rig. North Levy is on fire for trout with topwaters early, switching to live shrimp under a popping cork and crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 80 degrees. The surf is holding lots of black drum, pompano, sharks and redfish biting live or fresh dead shrimp. The North Jetty Gulf side holding limits of sheephead and trout against Rocks look near the end on popping cork with shrimp. The wreck has good numbers of trout on free-line shrimp or croaker close to rocks. Channel side holding some nice trout close and big redfish on the bottom. Shark on the end of the jetty towards the gulf side. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Trinity Bay

SLOW. 88 degrees. Better numbers of speckled trout showing up in the mid bay gas wells. Soft plastics, shrimp, and croakers have been effective. Good numbers of black drum over hard shells or against rock piles. Some big sheephead and redfish from the same area. Best bite on live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 88 degrees. Scattered catches of speckled trout being caught on open bay reefs with live shrimp, croakers, and soft plastic lures. Waders fishing early and late in the day picking up a few solid trout and some redfish. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter. Surface water temps 87 degrees, water clarity varies, west of Stingaree cove being the cleanest looking water. Winds have been out of the Southwest most of the week, switching more to the South on Saturday, in the 6-12 mph range. This week fishing over oyster reefs in 6-8 feet of water produced some excellent catching for our valued fishing clients, including speckled sea trout, sand trout, redfish and black drum. Shrimp imitation lures under popping corks have still been the ticket for us, and white ice has worked well with 3/4 ounce jig heads, with most of the fish being caught in the upper portion of the water column. Birds are still working in the bay, as fish are feeding on shrimp, so if you can find them the



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

action is fast, but short lived in most cases. This week our artificial trips have produced better fish and more numbers as well vs throwing live shrimp. Please remember to drink plenty of water and bring plenty of sunscreen, as we have ventured into the time of year when it gets extremely hot on the water and it is critical you stay hydrated and do not get overheated or sunburned. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

• Galveston Bay

FAIR. 88 degrees. Scattered catches of speckled trout throughout the middle of the bay. Fishing structure is key, either gas wells, rocks, or shell reefs. Best bite on live croakers or shrimp. Excellent numbers of black drum, along with a few redfish, along any type of structure, pilings or rocks. Best bite on live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 89 degrees. Better numbers of trout showing on the deeper reefs. Waders are catching good numbers of trout, along with the occasional redfish. Best bite has been on live croakers, followed by live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• Texas City

FAIR. 86 degrees. Off-shore fishing has been good for red snapper, a few large mangroves, but little to report on the kingfish. Galveston jetties producing good numbers of speckled trout, slot redfish, black drum and sheephead on live shrimp. Plenty of big sharks and a few bull reds being caught off freshly dead shad. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• Freeport

FAIR. 85 degrees. The fishing has been staying steady in the bays with trout a redfish along the south shorelines using live shrimp under popping corks. Wade fishing the south shorelines throwing down south lures and topwaters early in the day has been good for trout, and throwing croakers with chatter weights for redfish. Harbor has been good with trout, redfish,

flounder, mangrove snapper, and sheephead with live shrimp. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flat-tie Daddy Fishing Adventures.

• Port O'Conner

GOOD. 80 degrees. Trout are good outside of jetties on croaker early in the morning. Oversized redfish are good at the ends of the jetties on Spanish sardines. Slot redfish are spotty in the middle of the jetties on Spanish sardines. Black drum dead and live shrimp in the middle of the jetties. Report by Captain Marty Medford, Captain Marty's Fish of a Lifetime Guide Service.

• Rockport

GREAT. 85 degrees. Redfish are great in 2-4 feet of water on grass flats and wind blown shorelines on cut bait and soft plastics. Trout are great in 4-6 feet of water on natural colored soft plastics and live shrimp under a popping cork. Drum are good in 4 feet of water on dead shrimp and gulp. Report provided by Captain Damian Hubbs, Top Gun Outfitters.

• Port Aransas

GOOD. 85 degrees. Bull redfish are good at the ends of the jetties in 35 feet of water using cut mullet. Jack crevalle and

kingfish are in the same area on cut mullet and silver spoons. Report by Captain Doug Stanford, Pirates of the Bay Fishing Charters.

• Corpus Christi

GOOD. 85 degrees. Trout are good on the wells with free lined shrimp and live croaker. Ingleside rocks near the power plant holding mangrove snapper on freelined shrimp. The San Jose Island and Mustang Island surf is still good for redfish and trout for wade angles. Report by Captain Doug Stanford, Pirates of the Bay Fishing Charters.

• Baffin Bay

SLOW. 90 degrees. Fishing has been great, with conditions still remaining hot and windy. Wind can be tough when it comes to navigating Baffin and make it appear like chocolate milk but don't let it fool you, it creates oxygen in the water and helps promote activity amongst the fish. Deep grass beds, sand pockets and guts that run parallel to the shoreline where there is a temperature drop in the water are the best producing areas for this time of year. The water temperature in Baffin Bay right now is at 90.5 degrees, making the fish are seeking shelter from the scorching sun, off colored water with scattered grass is their preferred structure, as they tend to nestle in the grass around

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Wade fishermen escape the heat challenging summer

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

The big center console finally drifts to a stop in the early morning darkness as the anchor rope comes tight. Solitary figures equipped with the latest gear that would make a NAVY Seal jealous slide over the gunnels into the warm still water and begin casting in all directions, probing the shallow flat for the fish of their dreams.

These anglers have achieved their goal of being at that special place when the fish begin to feed, the scene is picture perfect and the plan has no flaws. One hefty fish after another crushes the offerings of these anglers, topwater plugs disappear in a foamy wash and that is followed by the sound of line stripping off a reel. A successful wade is a thing of beauty, especially when it's shared with other anglers who understand what it takes to make it all happen. You don't just get to a spot and hop out expecting to catch fish, there's a little more to it than that.

Summer wade fishing is an excellent way to not only catch fish but to catch big fish. Pre dawn excursions are the norm when the temperatures climb high



Chuck Uzzle

and thunderstorms pop up during the day at a moments notice.

The lack of traffic on the water combined

with the cooler temperatures makes wading early and late mighty productive. The well equipped wade fisherman can make this time on the water more enjoyable as long as they are prepared. Besides the obvious stuff like rod and reel, tackle, and pliers there are some other essentials that the wader should never be without.

Proper footwear is a must, sting ray guards or ray proof boots should always be worn when wading during this time of the year. Having a barb from a ray get lodged in your leg is a very dangerous and painful experience so be sure to wear the guards or boots. Another couple of items you don't want to be without is some sort of light and a whistle. Both of these items will help keep safe from other boat traffic in the dark as well as make it easier to signal for help if needed.

Now probably the last thing any fisherman wants to find in the water swimming around with them is a



Wade fishermen taking advantage of the bite both early and late are catching solid fish and beating the heat.
RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

shark, wade fishermen deal with this much more often than they realize because there are plenty of sharks. If you are going to wade you need to be aware of a couple of things when dealing with sharks. When keeping fish that you have caught be sure to put them on a longer stringer to get them farther away from your body. Dragging dead or bleeding fish around behind you is just an advertisement for sharks and believe me they will find your fish. Talk

with anyone who wades and more than likely they have a story about shark stealing fish off of a stringer

or taking the whole thing completely.

There are alternatives to stringers; the Do-Net is a

Styrofoam float with a net in the middle designed for carrying fish while wading. Other anglers like those on the middle coast have resorted to making floating 5 gallon buckets using foam pool toys to keep the sharks away. Whatever approach you choose be sure to pay close attention and use common sense. Letting a shark take you stringer or a fish off a lure is much cheaper than trying to fight it.

Well now that you are equipped to do battle you can head out on the water with a better understanding of what it takes to make a safe and successful wade. Use your time in the water to not only fish but to study the bottom in the areas you fish because that will pay dividends in the future. By walking these areas you can learn a great deal about the structure and what actually makes an area hold fish. Get in the water and get with the program.

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get them cooled down immediately. They may be experiencing heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Just a reminder, the summer pattern brings quick developing showers, high winds, hail, and lightning. Watch your weather radar and if you hear lighting, get off the water. Remember, it is always better to play it safe by telling a loved one or friend the

area you will be fishing, Report from Master Captain Steve "Scooby" Stubbe, Mudfish Adventures LLC, Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide, and Mudfish Custom Rod Shop.

Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 85-87 degrees; 0.64 feet below pool. The thermocline is at 27 feet. Bass are good with topwaters in

the pencil grass and hydrilla.

Bigger bass are on points and humps biting crankbaits and Carolina rigs. Crappie are stacking up on brush with bluegill mixed in biting on minnows or jigs. Catfish are good on brush and around creeks. White bass are schooling on points biting jigs and crankbaits.

Bridge City softball From Page 1B

excited to see how they can fit in and help us with things like especially base running or outfield," Bradley evaluated.

As a senior this year Lexi Nugier at shortstop is expected to have an even bigger impact than she did last season. Bradley explained, "Lexi took a huge role. As an assistant coach I talked to the girls and said I need somebody to be a leader in the infield. Lexi stepped up and really led in the infield. Not only is her glove outstanding she makes a huge difference as a leader on the field."

Other returning infielders for the Lady Cardinals are Brooklyn Drodody and Anna Autrey. Both swing very good bats and can play either corner infield position.

Kyleigh Hamilton and

Makenna Knight are middle infielders who Coach Bradley can also use in the outfield when needed. A star in the outfield is Nicole Sasser with her bat, her glove, and her quick feet on the bases.

Catching is a special interest for Kylie since she played as catcher most of her four years at Orangefield High School and her last three years in college. The Bridge City catcher is returning starter Haley Munoz who is an outstanding leader and a consistent hitter with a high on base percentage. "Having her behind the plate with her leadership skills is huge," Bradley expressed.

Coach Bradley believes the Bridge City Lady Cardinals will be a contender in the district. "The whole entire team coming back

is super solid, and I have faith that if I ask them to move to another position almost every girl on the team is a double threat and they can be moved around and they're going to do what I need them to do," Bradley concluded.

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JS Bearden III and Brice Swanton signed scholarships to play college baseball next season with congratulations from coaches Chad Landry and Shea Landry. RECORD FOTO: Dan Perrine

Two Bridge City baseball players sign scholarships

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Two Bridge City Cardinal baseball players signed scholarships on Monday, July 10, to play at the college level. JS Bearden III and Brice Swanton signed their scholarships in the competition gymnasium at Bridge City High School.

Bearden played outfield and was a middle relief pitcher for the Cardinals. JS will still be wearing Cardinal red next season when he joins the Lamar University baseball team.

Swanton was the shortstop for the Bridge City Cardinals his four years on the varsity becoming only the second player at

Bridge City to play in ninety-three varsity baseball games. Brice will play in the north Dallas area with the Brookhaven College Bears.

Head baseball coach Chad Landry expressed his appreciation of the work done and the great play provided by Bearden and Swanton in their years with the Bridge City baseball program.

"Just understand from here on out who represent. That's your family and Bridge City Cardinal baseball going forward. We're extremely proud of you, and you've earned this opportunity to play at the next level," Landry responded.

Nash From Page 1B

The success of our program over the past six seasons doesn't happen without Coach Nash. I trust her with every aspect of the game and our program," Ragsdale acknowledged.

Coach Ragsdale added, "I have learned so much personally from her, and I would not be the same coach I am today without her. Sarah helps me keep the game fun and definitely provides for a lot of laughs."

There is no sibling rivalry between Sarah and Rebekah. Sarah explained, "Most people joke with us that they could never get along with their sister like working beside them, but not us. It's really cool because I feel like my weaknesses are her strengths and my strengths are her weaknesses, so we work really hard for our girls and we have a lot of fun while doing it too."

Hitting and outfield defense are the primary responsibilities for Nash as an assistant coach for the Lady Bobcats. "Coach Ragsdale honestly gives me a lot of free range with coaching the hitting and outfield. Those are my top two favorite things in the sport," Nash said.

There is another important aspect to her job as an assistant. Sarah explained, "My other job is to keep Rebekah calm in big moments. I would say that is the hardest part of my job. We joked because in the Kountze game this past year I actually got nervous, and Rebekah said she could feel me being nervous, and asked me why I was freaking out because normally it's the opposite."

Orangefield loses two seniors from the excellent squad of this past season Harley Rawls and Rylee

Dougay. All the other Lady Bobcats return and should make them contenders for another district title in the coming years.

"It's really cool that we'll have many of these girls for the next three years. It'll be awesome that by the time they're juniors and seniors to see just how productive they are," Nash predicted.

This past season was the sixth year Sarah has worked with the Lady Bobcats as an assistant for her sister. Prior to coming to Orangefield she served as an assistant softball coach in Bridge City for one year.

Nash does work with the outfielders for the Lady Bobcats because that was her primary position in college at San Jacinto Junior College and later at Lamar University. In high school at West Orange-Stark she was a rare left-handed throwing shortstop under her dad Randy Ragsdale.

A curious circumstance is two years ago Orangefield had a left-handed shortstop in Joli Ponfick. Nash remembered, "We just took a page out of Randy Ragsdale's book. Jolie was one of our better fielders, so we said let's just try her at shortstop. Joli did the best she could do there and it worked for us."

It is hard to predict what the future holds for Sarah Nash as a coach, but currently it looks like her future will be in Orangefield. "My future plans are to be a Bobcat. I absolutely love my job, I love who I work with, I love the Orangefield kids, and the community. Now if you ask me in ten years who knows, but at the moment I think this is really special what me and my sister have, and I also just really love Orangefield," Nash concluded.

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Entertainment: Everclear at Golden Nugget

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The summer concert season is underway and, just like the temperatures, it is already red hot. More big shows are on tap in the coming weeks, so be sure to check out the schedule below for upcoming shows and see the full listing of events online at www.therecordlive.com



Everclear, a leading alternative band that emerged from Portland, Ore., in the 1990s – and has never stopped – will be in Lake Charles on July 14.


- **July 14**
Everclear, Saliva, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.] Ace Frehley, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 16**
Tears for Fears, Cold War Kids, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 20**
Overkill, Exhorder, Heathen, Scout Bar, Houston
- **July 21**
Sublime with Rome, Slightly Stoopid, Atmosphere, The Movement, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Kenny Wayne Shepherd, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 22**
Shania Twain, Mickey Guyton, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Between the Buried and Me, Warehouse Live, Houston
- July 23**
Nickelback, Brantley Gilbert, John Ross, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- July 26**
Lil Baby, The Kid Laroi, Glorilla, Gloss Up, Rylo Rodriguez, Hunxho, Toyota Center, Houston
- **July 27**
Disturbed, Breaking Benjamin, Bush, Jinjer, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Young the Giant, 713 Music Hall, Houston
- **July 28**
Tom Keifer Band, John Corabi, Rise Rooftop, Houston; Greta Van Fleet, Kaleo, Toyota Center, Houston; Rema, Revention Music

- Center, Houston
- **July 29**
Steve Miller Band, Cheap Trick, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 30**
ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Uncle Kracker, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- Aug. 3
Big Time Rush, Max, Jax, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Kenny Loggins, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land
- **Aug. 4**
Thomas Rhett, Toyota Center, Houston, Black Flag, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 5**
Great White, Slaughter, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Aug. 6**
George Clinton, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 8**
Post Malone, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 10**
Underoath, Revention Music Center, Houston
- **Aug. 11**
Boy George and Culture Club, Howard Jones, Berlin, Cynthia Woods Mitchell

- Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 12**
Foreigner, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Stevie Nicks, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Aug. 13**
Mudvayne, Coal Chamber, GWAR, Nonpoint, Butcher Babies, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 14**
REO Speedwagon, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- **Aug. 17**
Pantera, Lamb of God, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Trapt, Scout Bar, Houston
- **Aug. 18**
Ted Nugent, Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, Sam Hunt, Lily Rose, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 19**
Rick Springfield, The Hooters, Paul Young, Tommy Tutone, LAuberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La., Snoop Dogg, Wiz Khalifa, Too Short, Warren G., DJ Drama, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 20**
Beck, Phoenix, Weyes

- Blood, Sir Chloe, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 21**
Lil Durk, Kodak Black, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Aug. 22**
Ice Nine Kills, Set It Off, The Plot, Revention Music Center, Houston
- **Aug. 24**
50 Cent, Busta Rhymes, Jeremih!, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Aug. 25**
LL Cool J, The Roots, Big Boi, Juvenile, Goodie Mob, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Toyota Center, Houston
- Aug. 26**
Jodeci, SWV, Dru Hill, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- Sept. 1**
Yngwie Malmsteen, House of Blues, Houston
- Sept. 2**
Lainey Wilson, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Lionel Richie, Earth, Wind and Fire, Toyota Center, Houston, Ghost, Amon Amarth, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 3**
SuicideBoys, Ghostmane, City Morgue, Sematary, Ramirez, Toyota Center, Houston, Danzig, Behemoth, Twin Temple, Mid-


- night
- **Sept. 5**
Kamelot, Battle Beast, Xandria, House of Blues, Houston
- **Sept. 7**
Pentatonix, Lauren Alaina, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 8**
Dance Gavin Dance, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Sept. 9**
Parker McCollum, Jackson Dean, Tyler Halverson, Ford Park Arena, Beaumont, 5 Seconds of Summer, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Flogging Molly, The Bronx, House of Blues, Houston
- **Sept. 13**
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- **Sept. 14**
Madonna, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 14**
The Mission UK, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Sept. 17**
Drake, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 18**
Drake, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 20**
Chicago, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land, Max and Iggor Cavalera, Exhumer, Incite, House of Blues, Houston
- **Sept. 21**
Christian Nodal, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 22**
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- **Sept. 24**
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- **Sept. 27**
Boys Like Girls, Revention Music Center, Houston
- **Sept. 28**
Guns N' Roses, Minute Maid Park, Houston
- **Sept. 30:**
The Mavericks, House of Blues, Houston
- **Oct. 4**
Depeche Mode, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Oct. 6**
Chevelle, Three Days Grace, Loathe, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 7**
Jonas Brothers, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Oct. 8**
Shinedown, Papa Roach, Spiritbox, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 11**
Motionless in White, Knocked Loose, After the Burial, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Oct. 12**
Avenge Sevenfold, Falling in Reverse, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 13**
Chris Stapleton, Nikki Lane, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Oct. 14**
SZA, Toyota Center, Houston, Larry Fleet, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
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The kind of man you hate reveals what kind of man you are. “But I hate him,” Ahab declared of Micaiah, God’s prophet.

Jehoshaphat, the righteous king of Judah, sat with Ahab, the wicked king of Israel, to deliberate one question: Should they go to war together against Syria? Peace had lasted three years with the pagan nation, but Ahab desired the strategic city of Ramoth-gilead for Israel. He questioned aloud to Jehoshaphat, “Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, and we keep quiet and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?” (1 Kings 22:3).

Jehoshaphat consents to fight with Ahab, but desires to hear first from the God of Israel. Ahab calls his four hundred prophets, who, with one voice, give their hearty Amen! “Go up,” they say, “for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king” (1 Kings 22:6).

The kind of men from whom you solicit counsel tells us what kind of man you are.

These men were no messengers of Yahweh, and King Jehoshaphat knew so. Diplomatically, he asks, “Is there not here another prophet of the Lord of whom we may inquire?” (1 Kings 22:7). To Jehoshaphat, four hundred counselors of any other god could not substitute for one man of Yahweh. There is one, Ahab reluctantly responds, Micaiah. “But I hate him,” Ahab gasps before dis-

cretion tutors the statement.

Why did Ahab hate the true prophet? “I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but evil” (1 Kings 22:8).

Ahab loved the four hundred yes-men around him. He loved prophets feasting with him, prophesying pleasantries. He loved to hear his own positive thoughts returned to himself unaltered. He loved only affirming words, positive words — not the untamed and unpredictable words of God’s true prophet. The kind of man Ahab hated revealed the kind of man he was.

What Kind of Man Are You?

Now, to turn and see the story from Micaiah’s perspective (the point of this article): The kind of person who despises you also may tell you what kind of man you are. Ahab hated Micaiah because Ahab hated Micaiah’s God.

Wasn’t this because Ahab couldn’t comfortably untether the servant from his Master? Micaiah’s allegiance to the living God was

not superficial — wasn’t a religious hobby to be picked up and put down. Ahab knew Micaiah didn’t serve the Lord just during office hours. His devotion went to the heart. Ahab would kill the prophet before he killed the prophet’s faith. Can the like be said of us?

This son of Imla was God’s man through and through. Whether talking to the false prophets or to the king himself, he was his Master’s man. Whether struck in the face and questioned by the Zedekiah or thrown into jail by Ahab, he was his Master’s man. Whether Ahab invited him to feast at Jezebel’s table, or invited him for a wine-tasting from Naboth’s vineyard, or asked him about going to war with Syria — Ahab knew what he could expect from this lone prophet of the Lord: to deal with the Lord’s man. Ahab could expect God’s truth spoken through God’s messenger. And he hated him for it.

Confrontational Christlikeness?

So, we might then ask, do the right people dislike us? What? you might think. If

we are mature believers — truly humble and gentle and patient and loving and compassionate — will we really ever be disliked? Hatred and disgust may be reserved for those argumentative and obnoxious professors — but not us.

Many Western Christians, it appears to me, are tempted with and indulgent in an agreeableness unknown to Micaiah. We stand ready to give the compassionate word, the soft encouragement, the positive uplift — but do not go on to ever risk anything that might displease. We are not disliked more because we do not say many things that are disliked to the spirit of the age. Unbelievers at work or online or in our families feel free to parade their profanities and perversities before our ears and eyes without restraint, but it is ours, apparently, to keep quiet and let them perish out of politeness.

Nobody mistakes us for Jude, or Elijah, or Paul, or John the Baptist, or the Sons of Thunder. Or Jesus, for that matter. Zeal for our God and his house does not consume us. We avoid hav-

ing to report, “the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me” (Psalm 69:9). Jesus, in such whip-making, temple-clearing aggression, is not our choice brand of Christlikeness. Indeed, confrontational Christlikeness seems to them no Christlikeness at all — despite the New Testament’s consistent testimony to it.

Hated for the Master

Now, we need our gentle and beloved Johns. But we need to also acknowledge that our gentle and beloved John was also persecuted and exiled for being uncompromising with his Master’s truth. He wrote his last letter as a brother and partner in the tribulation, banished to “the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus” (Revelation 1:9). Polish as we may, we cannot smooth over the offense of the cross.

So what am I saying? If no one dislikes you on account of Christ, it’s probably not because you have become greater, more endearing, more friendly to the lost than Jesus, the apostles, or the lineage of persecuted Christians and martyrs throughout church history. If no one dislikes you on account of Christ, it is likely because you have been too quiet about Jesus, too lukewarm for him, or too much like the world for them to notice the difference.

Love in a Hypersensitive Age

After a soft rebuke from Jehoshaphat, Ahab sends for the prophet of his disgust. When found, Ahab’s delegate preps Micaiah for the

meeting: “Behold, the words of the prophets with one accord are favorable to the king. Let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably” (1 Kings 22:13). Speak favorably, Micaiah. Mind your tongue. Don’t worry — everyone else is doing it. Micaiah responds,

As the Lord lives, what the Lord says to me, that I will speak. (1 Kings 22:14)

Sacred Fools

David Wells, in his classic No Place for Truth, gives us the picture of the pastor in the modern world as “the Sacred Fool.” Refusing to “lead by holding aloft moist fingers to sense the changes in the wind,” this man stands beholden to his Master. Wells explains,

So long as they cloaked their advice in humor, jesters were able to say things to kings and princes that might have been fatal for anyone else to say. Happy was the king who had a good fool. And happy are those churches whose ministers are likewise emancipated from the bonds of class interest and social expectation, freed to expose the follies of modernity in light of God’s truth. (250)

What kind of men are we? Are we sacred fools for Jesus who have been liberated from class interest and social expectation? Are we the King’s men? Curses can be compliments — and more than compliments, blessings. “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!” (Luke 6:22).

The kind of men who hate us will reveal what kind of men we are.

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