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City, school election filings start Jan. 17

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For The Record

As campaigning is heating up in the March Republican primary election for county offices, filing will be starting for May elections to city councils and school boards.

This year, Bridge City, Orange, and Pinehurst will have elections for mayor, with incumbents in the three seats.

Besides the city council elections, four of the five public school districts in the county will have elections for boards of trustees. In addition, the Orange County Port and Navigation Board, along with the Orange County

Drainage District, will have elections for their governing boards.

Filing for the office vacancies will begin on Wednesday, January 17, and continue through Friday, February 16. The filings are conducted during the entity's regular business hours. City council filings are made in the city secretary's office, while school district filings are through the assistant in the superintendent's office. The election will be Saturday, May 4.

Candidates in the city, school, and special district elections do not run as

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Retired teachers getting raise, other new laws

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For The Record

Texas had 34 new laws go into effect, including a cost of living increase for teachers in the Retired Teachers Fund. The monthly raise will be between 2 to 6 percent and is the first cost of living awarded since 2013.

The teacher pension COLA was one of three measures approved by voters in November after the Texas Legislature passed bills making the proposals law upon voter approval.

Another change approved by voters will allow an estimated 67,000 small businesses to not have state franchise taxes. The new law raises the exemptions allowed for the franchise tax, leading to more businesses not having to pay anything. In addition, businesses that qualify to have no franchise taxes will now not have to file a yearly "no tax" form.

In 2018, the Texas Department of Health Services teen vaping had reached epidemic proportions. Beginning on January 1, it is now a Class B misdemeanor to create marketing items like T-shirts, or packaging that appeals to minors for e-cigarette supplies.

Youth arrested for a Class C misdemeanor like shoplifting will now have a chance for a city judge or justice of the peace to allow them to have diversion classes rather than convictions.

People who like specialty license plates for their vehicles will have another to choose from. The legislature allowed a "Texas, Our Tex-



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PHOTO: The Texas Tribune

as" plate to be designed in honor of the 100th anniversary of the composition that officially became the state song in 1929.

Another new bill approved by voters in November created the Texas University Fund that will expand national research funding to four more state colleges. The additional schools are Texas State University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston, and University of North Texas.

The addition funding for the

schools will allow them to become major national research universities and is supposed to help grow the state economy.

State universities will also now be under penalties for any programs known as "DEI," or "diversity, equity, and inclusion." According to the new law, public universities in Texas may no longer have "training programs or activities in reference to race, color, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation."



Chief court clerk retires

Shawntel Holcombe, center, was honored at a retirement reception after serving nearly 27 years in the Orange County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace court, where she became chief court clerk. Honoring her were current Judge Rodney Price, and retired Judge Sherri Smith, who hired Holcombe in 1997.

Emergency rooms not required to perform life-saving abortions

ELEANOR KLIBANOFF
The Texas Tribune

Federal regulations do not require emergency rooms to perform life-saving abortions if it would run afoul of state law, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

After the overturn of Roe v. Wade in June 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services sent hospitals guidance, reminding them of their obligation to offer stabilizing care, including medically necessary abortions, under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA).

"When a state law prohibits abortion and does not include an exception for the life of the pregnant person — or draws the exception more narrowly than EMTALA's emergency medical condition definition — that state law is preempted," the guidance said.

Texas sued, saying this



The Biden administration reminded hospitals of their obligation to perform life-saving abortions under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act after the overturn of Roe v. Wade. Texas sued, arguing it was an overstep that mandated abortions.

PHOTO: Kylie Cooper/The Texas Tribune

was tantamount to a "nationwide mandate that every hospital and emergency-room physician perform abortions." Several anti-abortion medical associations joined the lawsuit as well.

Since summer 2022, all

abortions have been banned in Texas, except to save the life of the pregnant patient. But doctors, and their patients with medically complex pregnancies, have struggled with implementing the medical exception, re-

portedly delaying or denying abortion care rather than risk up to life in prison and the loss of their license.

At a hearing in November, a lawyer for the U.S. Department of Justice said that while Texas law might not prohibit medically necessary abortions, the guidance was intended "to ensure that the care is offered when it is required under the statute."

"Individuals [are] presenting to emergency rooms, suffering from these emergency medical conditions," McKaye Neumeister said. "Right now, HHS can't ensure that the hospitals are following their obligations in offering the care that's required."

In August 2022, a federal district judge in Lubbock agreed with Texas, saying this guidance amounted to a new inter-

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Once a conspiracy theory, bird drones could soon be a reality

ANILOZA
NPR News

Millions of people in the U.S. are bird watchers. But, a couple of years ago a satirical conspiracy theory gained popularity because of an absurd claim: that those birds were also watching people.

Specifically, it suggested that “the U.S. government killed over 12 billion birds in the American skies and replaced them with surveillance drone replicas that watch you and me every day,” says Peter McIndoe, the founder of the satirical movement – which is called “Birds Aren’t Real.”

“I came up with that concept cause I thought that’s one of the most outlandish things,” McIndoe says. But, there was some level of possibility that there could be bird-shaped drones.

In the past couple of years, technology has evolved – simultaneously, trust in science has decreased and more misinformation has spread on the internet.

“The times have sort of grown around the idea, as the years passed, Birds Aren’t Real, fits in more and more with things that are actually happening,” McIndoe says. Rather than being the stuff of internet memes, some engineers are, in fact, trying to reverse engineer how birds fly to eventually take what they learn to create more efficient bird-like drones.

“Through millions of years of evolution, nature has developed processes, objects, materials and func-



A taxidermied bird is equipped with a drone to simulate actual bird flight.

PHOTO: Mostafa Hassanalian

tions to increase its efficiency. So whatever we see in current life, is a treasure of millions of years,” says Mostafa Hassanalian, a mechanical engineer at New Mexico Tech.

When engineering imitates life

Birds are often very efficient flyers. Some are able to fly hundreds of miles in a single day. But when Hassanalian tried to replicate some aspects of bird flight in the lab he says he found that “artificial material cannot replicate the actual flight of the birds.” The materials he and other engineers had at the time “don’t provide us the flexibility that we require to have more efficient aerodynamic forces generated by the wing.”

Part of what makes birds

such effective fliers is being able to fly upward and forward in the same flap of wing. Most drones, like octocopters and hexacopters, have different instruments to generate these two forces – called lift and thrust.

Engineers and biologists have had to get creative to find all the ways birds maximize their ability to soar through the air. Strapping sensors and other devices to birds directly could change the pattern of their flight, and making mechanical replicas has proven difficult. So eventually Hassanalian decided to stop trying to copy nature.

Instead, he now uses the real thing.

He outfits taxidermied birds with drone components, which allow him to reverse engineer bird flight. It could also serve as a surveillance tool – but for wild

animals, not humans. Some scientists have begun trying to use drone-mounted cameras to monitor wildlife. But traditional drones “create a lot of noise. Most of the time, animals will be scared and scattered and it puts them in distress,” Hassanalian says.

From quadcopters to bird-drones

The lessons researchers are learning from birds could translate into better drones. Along with the structure of bird wings, the coloration of some birds allows them to coast in the air more efficiently. Many seabirds, like albatrosses, have black feathers on the top of their wings and white on the bottom, which heats the air on top of the bird and generates lift.

Birds also save energy by

being more flexible than human devices. For instance, modern planes are chock full of devices to measure changes in the environment around them. “That means many motors, many sensors and a complicated control loop – so many moving parts and that’s just not possible,” says David Lentink, an engineer at the University of Groningen. “But that’s not how birds do it.” Birds have elastic ligaments between their feathers and pliable bones that can allow for a seamless shifting as the wind changes.

Still, researchers are working to close the gap between manmade drones and birds.

advantages of a bio-inspired robot, the flying ones especially, is the resilience of the vehicle,” says Xinyan Deng, an engineer at Purdue University who has designed a robot based on a hummingbird. Even after testing it in a compli-

cated obstacle course, where it is bouncing against different objects and subsequently cutting its wings off, the drone still worked. It was able to lean on its other wing more and continue flying.

Deng says the field of biomimetics has matured a lot in the past couple of years, and it makes a world where drones are not as easily distinguishable from birds. “Maybe in the future, not so distant future, you will not be able to distinguish the real and the artificial birds,” she says.

But she does not portend a future as dystopian as McIndoe’s viral conspiracy theory.

“Technology is like a double edged sword, but I think I really like the idea of a companion birds and a toy for kids,” she says. “Nature is such a wonderful gift to humans. We should respect it and build manmade vehicles to do good things.”

Election filings

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Deaths & Memorials

Irene Marie Stevens, 96, B C

Irene Marie Stevens, 96, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on December 27, 2023, peacefully at home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 6, 2024, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Antony Paulose of St. Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Nederland.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, January 5, 2024, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City, with a Rosary service starting at 7:00 p.m. Officiated will be Deacon Melvin Payne of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Born in Weeks Island, Louisiana, on December 27, 1927, she was the daughter of Robert Rawlins Sr. and Lydia Rawlings. Irene was also a former resident of Groves, Texas. She later resided in Bridge City in 1959. She was a loving mother and grandmother to many children. Irene loved to read books and enjoyed eating out with family and friends. She was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church,



Irene Marie Stevens

Ladies of St. Henry, the Bereavement Committee and Social Committee for many years. Irene had a wonderful and caring soul, and she will be deeply missed.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, James B (Steve) Stevens; sons, James B Stevens, Jr. and Alan Stevens; and parents, Lydia and Robert Rawlins, Sr.

She is survived by her sons, Danny Stevens and wife, Toni of Deer Park, Kerry Stevens and wife, Leesa of Port Neches, Mark Stevens and wife, Mitzi of Orangefield, Robert Stevens and girlfriend, Helen Vo of Bridge City; daughters, Sherry Stevens of Bridge City, and Paulette Stevens and husband, Bo Berry of Bridge City; sister, Merlene Verrett of Jeanerette, Louisiana; eight grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; as well as other loving family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Danny Stevens, Kerry Stevens, Mark Jr. Stevens, Charlie Stevens, Hunter Stevens, and Donnie Foster.

Cecile Louise Berard, 93, BC

Cecile Louise Bourgeois Berard, 93, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on December 26, 2023, in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating will be Deacon Payne. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange, Texas.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a rosary to be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Cecile was born on October 2, 1930, in Port Arthur, Texas, to Edwin and Agnes Broussard Bourgeois. Early hobbies included sewing. Later in life she enjoyed researching the genealogy of her family history through church archives in Louisiana. She also made the best "Dam-B" dinner, fried chicken and roast that everyone declared the best ever. She loved her family immensely and was an incredible daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She loved being a mother and raising her children. She was always a living example of love, nurturing and patience; and will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her husband or 73 years, Ray Berard, infant daughter Judy Marie Berard, her son Don



Cecile Louise Berard

Berard, her parents, her sister Lois Judice and husband A.J., her brother Eddie Bourgeois and wife Gloria, her sister-in-law Connie Bourgeois, her father and mother-in-law Milton and Edith Comeaux Berard, and her brother-in law Walton Berard and wife Patsy.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children Gary Berard and wife Sylvia of Orangefield, Texas, Laura

Blacksher and husband David of Santa Fe, Texas, and Brian Berard and wife Kelly of Highland Village, Texas; her grandchildren, Jarred LaComb and wife Chrissy, Christina Greenway and husband Sam, Melissa Whitford and husband Guy, Derek Blacksher and wife Lindsay, Alyssa Berard and Matthew Berard, her brothers Kenneth Bourgeois and wife Frances, Gene Bourgeois and Richard Bourgeois and his wife Debbie; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; along with numerous other loving friends and family.

Serving as pallbearers are Jarred LaComb, Derek Blacksher, Matthew Berard, Sam Greenway, Branden Greenway, and David Blacksher.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Rosefield Court Assisted Living Center and Compassion Care Hospice, especially Diana, Gwen and Elaine.

Three from Top 10 Most Wanted back in custody

AUSTIN – Three of Texas' 10 Most Wanted offenders are back in custody following their recent arrests. Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive Chad King was arrested Nov. 29. Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders Brandon Luera was arrested Nov. 27 and Lonnie Brown was arrested Dec. 5. Crime Stoppers rewards will be paid in the captures of King and Luera.

Chad Everett King, 34, was taken into custody in St. Louis, Mo., after members of the U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, including Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Special Agents, coordinated with the U.S. Marshals Metropolitan Fugitive Task Force to locate him.

The El Paso Police Department Crimes Against Persons Division and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office assisted in the multi-agency fugitive investigation. In November 2018, King was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. He subsequently received two three-year sentences in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) prison to be served concurrently.

King had been wanted since December 2022, when warrants were issued out of El Paso County for his arrest for aggravated kidnapping with a deadly weapon, aggravated kidnapping - sexual abuse and six counts of aggravated sexual as-

sault. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

Brandon Neal Luera, 40, was arrested in Lubbock, after members of the U.S. Marshals North Texas Fugitive Task Force, including DPS Special Agents, located him. In 2002, Luera was convicted

of aggravated sexual assault following an incident involving an 11-year-old girl. He subsequently received a five-year sentence of confinement in a TDCJ prison.

Luera had been wanted since April 2023, when the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles issued a Parole Violation.

Abortion ruling in Texas

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From the Creaux's Nest
2024 ARRIVES

I pray the people will make the right choice in the **2024 presidential election**. I agree we have two old men running but one is very disturbed and dangerous to our democracy. I'm surprised by the polling of women in this country that **Nikki Haley** is not doing better in the polls because her major opponent has so many negative issues plus he appointed the majority judges on the **Supreme Court** that did away with **Rowe vs. Wade** after 50 years. I pray that this is not the second time in my lifetime that the **Supreme Court** doesn't help steal an election. **Gore vs. Bush** was the first. Please **God**, don't let this be the second. I have to move on. **Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

ROY BACK IN HOSPITAL

After spending Christmas in hospital **Roy** went home two days later in hopes of spending New Year's Eve celebrating with **Phyl** on their 69th wedding anniversary. Thursday night he took a turn for the worse. His oxygen conent dipped and by 3 a.m. it had gotten so low that **Roy**, who has never been afraid, told **Phyl**, "I'm scared." She went into action, called 911 and he was taken by ambulance to the emergency room at St. E's. He has been very, very sick and doesn't know how long he will remain in hospital. He'd be very appreciative for prayers for his recovery. By the way, **Phyl** spent their anniversary with him at St. E's. **2024** will began their 70th year.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Cecile Louise Bourgeois Berard

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Cecile Louise Bourgeois Berard** who passed away Dec. 26 at age 93. Cecile died only days after her sister Lois Judice. Condolences to Gary, Laura, Brian and the family.

Irene Marie Stevens

Irene Marie Stevens, age 96, of Bridge City, passed away Dec. 27. A Mass of Christian burial to be held Jan. 6, at St. Henry's Catholic Church. Our heartfelt sorrow to her family. She was a good lady. May she rest in peace.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME
10 Years Ago-2014

Well, here we are, the first day of another new year. What 2014 holds for us no one knows. We can speculate but that's all it is. One thing that is certain, when this time next year rolls around some of us won't be here. Losing friends is the hardest. Last year we lost way too many; Just to name a few, **Betty Lou Womack** died in Jan., then there was **Jerry Wimberly**, **Don Shockley**, **Doug Harrington** and several others in between.**** Congrats to **Judge Courtney Arkeen** and husband **Cody** on the birth of their new twins born on Dec. 15. **Channing**, a lovely little girl arrived first, followed by brother **Chaplin**. They both weighed in at exactly the same weight of 5 pounds, 8 ounces. Mom and the kids are home and doing great. I'm not so sure about dad.******Pretty Jana Ridgeway**, of Bridge City branch bank in Orange, is due to welcome a new baby on Jan. 3. We extend our best wishes.****About the time longtime friend **Nancy Vincent** celebrates her birthday on Jan. 26, she will be retiring from former **Orange Savings Bank**, recently acquired by **First Financial Bankshares**. I understand **Nancy** will be doing special work for the bank from time to time, however she wanted to spend more time with her mom, who is in an assisted living home. Many of her customers, as well as the bank, will miss her. **Nancy** has been at the banking business a long time.**** On Jan. 3, Our friend, married to the lovely **Nelda**, County Commissioner **Owen Burton** celebrates a birthday. He is retiring at the end of the year and not rerunning for office. As I recall, and it seems like yesterday, he defeated **Sue Bearden** in a runoff. He's been a good commissioner.***Also on this day **Roy Simar**, **Barbara Darden** and **Ann Burns** celebrate.****Jan. 4, finds lovely **Vergie Moreland** celebrating.. This would have been the birthday of the late **BBRC Richard Corder**.****On Jan. 5, **Tommy's** mom, **Marilou Gunn** celebrates as does our friend **Fain's** widow, the always sweet **Vivian Holbrooks**.****On Jan. 6, **Joan Trivino** marks 82 years and **Louise Dubose** and **Sherry Morgan** also

celebrate.****On Jan. 7, **Sue's** little boy, **Mike Collins** celebrates. Happy birthday to all.**** In Texas Children's is **Angel Sehon** battling pneumonia and thyroid cancer. **Angel** was **BCHS homecoming queen** in 2013. We wish her a speedy recovery.

20 Years Ago-2004

Last weekend, **Frances Harris** celebrated her going away to prison on Jan. 6. The group of family and friends also celebrated the birthday of her granddaughter **Nocona Burton**. **Frances** was charged and convicted of federal kidnapping charges after taking **Nocona** to Honduras where they remained for eight years. **Harris** disappeared with the 3-year-old in 1994. **Harris** will serve her time at Carswell Federal Prison in Forth Worth. She was sentenced to serve seven months and seven months home incarceration and year probation. **Harris** said she shouldn't be going to prison. She said, "I've gotten nothing but compliments." (Editor's note: **Frances** served her time and has since written a book about her experience. She does Christian work and enjoys every day. She's a nice lady and I'm sure has no regrets. In life you do what you have to do. ****Bridge City graduate **Theresa Hearn**, a 1981 grad, is taking a break from her work in Nashville to visit her family here. **Theresa** owns her own company '**Cornerstone Communications**' in Nashville. She is again working on the Academy of Country Music awards project to be shown in May. **Theresa** is involved in many other projects involving country music and is a friend to many of the big stars. She's the daughter of **Ray and Elaine Hearn** and granddaughter of the late **Inez Hearn**. (Editor's note: We haven't heard if **Theresa** has been home lately. Last time we saw her she had two children, **Grace** was 6 or 7 and **Jake** was nearly 5. **Theresa**, like her grandmother is one of those rare people. **Theresa** has had a great career and makes her family and friends proud.******Texas Monthly** publishes **Bumsteer Awards**. Top of the list are **Tom DeLay**, **Rick Perry**, **David Dewhurst** and **Tom Cradick**. The magazine condemns the redistricting power grab. It will be the biggest injustice forced on rural Texas, disenfranchising them with no voice in congress. The new maps will create 22 **Republican** districts and ten **Democratic** districts. Most of the power will go to the cities, leaving out rural counties. (Editor's note: Twenty years later, that is exactly as it turned out. ******Walter Riedel** is chosen **Citizen of the Year** by the **Greater Orange Chamber**.******Pat Pate**, wife of **H.D.**, had back surgery in Houston.******Walter B. Hillard**, 71, died Dec. 28 ******Buddy Bourque**, 58, died Dec. 27.******Joyce "Granny" Jones**, mother of **Arlene Howland**, died Dec. 27.******Jimmy Tuppen**, 83, died Friday, Dec. 26. **Roy** wrote a **Down Life's Highway** column about his longtime friend **Jimmy**. In the column he wrote that with **Jimmy** you didn't need a handshake, his word was good enough. Fairness was his creed. Being a gentleman and being courteous his way of life.******Bridge City and Orangefield School Districts** will see some major changes in 2004. **Bridge City** approaches completion of a new high school and **Orangefield** began construction on its recently passed bond issue. **Bridge City superintendent Sam Lucia** said he anticipates the new state-of-the-art high school to be complete in September.

REMEMBERING A FEW NOTABLES
WHO DIED IN 2023

Ryan O'Neal, Norman Lear, Sandra Day O'Connor, Rosalynn Carter, Bobby Knight, Matthew Perry, Suzanne Somers, Tina Turner, Lisa Marie Presley, David Crosby, Harry Belafonte, Robert Blake, Raquel Welch, Jerry Springer, Jimmy Buffett, Dianne Feinstein, Jim Brown, Tony Bennett, Len Goodman, Vida Blue, Willie Reed, Burt Bacharach, Jeff Beck just a few who left us in the year 2023.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

We still have two months to go before the **Republican primaries** and already candidates and citizens are complaining their campaign signs are being torn down. Hope it's only mischievous kids, because the behavior is juvenile. But then, local county politics have drawn a lot of immature acts through the decades.******Non-party elections** for city council and school board races will be coming in May. Those positions are a good way to serve a community and learn how government runs through rules. Filing will be from January 17 through February 17. See the story in this edition of **The Record** to see what spots will be open.****The **Ragsdale** and **McClelland** families got together this weekend for the wedding of **Kennedie Sch-nexnayder** and **Ryan Ragsdale**. Son of **Randy and Paula McClelland Ragsdale**. The mother of the groom looked stunning in gold gown. **Paula's** sisters are **Myra Sanders** and **Analey Domas** were there along with brother, **Wes McClelland**. **Ryan** had a bunch of cousins there. Of course, his childhood, neighborhood, baseball-playing buddies came, **Jack and Chad Dallas**, plus the **Lee brothers**. **Dee Dee Windham** and **Pat Caillavet** were also there.****Former Pinehurst Mayor **T.W. Permenter** and his lovely wife **Lyndia** spent holiday time in Fredericksburg with daughter **Parrish Bird** and **Tim Talbert**.****Orange City Councilor **Caroline Hennigan** with husband, **Mike**, are back in town after Texas travels with a stop at the Fort Worth Historic Stockyards.****Some of our locals have been taking European trips in recent months opted to stay in the great U.S. of A. for the holidays. **Gail and Steve Maddox** went to California to see the annual **Tournament of Roses Parade** in person, not on TV.******Kelli Patin** headed up to Bro-

ken Bow, Oklahoma, to hike around **Mountain Fork River** and **Broken Bow Lake**, where fly fishing is popular. Haven't heard whether she took a pole with her.****Speaking of trout fishing, because when you hear of fly fishing, you think of rainbow trout, **Claiborne West Park** will have their annual **rainbow trout stock release** on January 18 and February 15. These are popular events because the newly-released fish are ready to bit. The county park recently got some improvements thanks to **Precinct 2 Commissioner Chris Sowell**. **Sabrina Gray** is the parks director.****The **Orange NAACP** will once again sponsor the annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day March** through downtown on Monday, January 15. Marchers may begin gathering at 9:30 a.m. at Salem United Methodist Church on John Avenue. From the church, the group will go to the Riverfront Pavilion on Division Avenue. **No vehicles will be allowed**. Marchers should wear comfortable shoes, plus bring singing voices and signs.**** Get ready for the **Orange Blues on Green**. Or almost on Green. A blues festival is planned for August 10th at the **Riverside Pavilion** on Simmons Drive off Green Avenue. More details will be coming.**** This **Bowl season** was the best ever. Usually there is one team with a runaway score. **Bowl games** played Monday came down to the wire. Two of our favorite teams **Texas** and **Alabama** lost but **LSU** came through to win **35-31**. Saturday **Dallas** skimmed by with one point. Good games.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Jan. 3: Jim Sharon Bearden, Owen Burton, Betty Johnson, Ann Burns, Alvin Wright, Barbara Dardeau**.******Jan. 4: Devin Force, Mary Williams, Angela Mazzola, Nancy Lapeyrolerie** ******Jan. 5: Lora Simpson, Catherine Young, Deborah Schlicher, Malinda Vail, Patsy Dowden**.******Jan. 6: DeeDee Viator, Clint Reves, Louise Dubose, Sherry Morgan, Marvin Ziller**.******Jan. 7: Michael Collins, Chance Chatagnier, Carley Barclay, Kim Haynes, Micah McFarlane, Betty Jagen, Carl Floyd, Libby Campbell, Ted Arnold, Teresa Collins**.**** **Jan. 8: Heather Mankopf (Montagne), Terri Gauthier, Lanston Fall, Mike Comeaux, Joey Halliburton, Nadine Whitsett, Philip Hunt, Sandra Cole, Sean Brinson**.******Jan. 9: Mattie Goza, Brenda Hearn, Caithlin Pastrana, Chad Meadows, Ken Steppe, Pat Gunstream, Ralph Buker, Susan Kelly**.****Others celebrating are **Darlene Thompson**, widow of beloved Constable **Jack Thompson**, celebrated her 91st birthday this past week ******Linn Cardner**, grand dame of the **Orange County Republican Party**, chalked up another year. She dates back to the days when the Republicans met at the country club.******Bianca and Charles Garrett** shared the birthday, but he's older. Also with birthdays include **Maggie Reynolds, Phillip Caillavet, Bridget Luna, Ronnie Perry, Cara Campbell, Bohn Dorman, Sage Marie Simonton, Stephanie Blanda, Debbie Peveto Taylor, Scott Eslinger, Karen Jo Vance, Kim Dickerson, Tony Theriot, Polly Gamblin**, and **Ashlyn Ellison**.****Those marking wedding anniversaries included **Eddie and Kathy Anders, James and Stacy Boyette**, and **Johnny and Trudy Wilson**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Joe Thibodeaux, him, has been raising his tree little boys by himself since his wife, **Clarise**, run off wit **Oris Mouton**, da policemen, wen da boys was small dem. Da boys couldn't get no one to play wit dem, probably because day stayed so dirty. Dey taught it was because dey weren't baptize, so dey walk to da nearest church. Only da custodian was dere. One of da chillens said, "Mr. we got to be baptized cause no one will play wit us. **Will you baptize us please.**" Da custodian him, took dem boys to da bash-room and dunked dem in da toilet bowl, one at a time. Den he say, "**Now you baptize so get out of here and go play.**" Wen dem boys got outside dripping wet da oldest one, **Joe Jr.**, ax, "Wat religion are us hanh?" He continued, "We not Catlic cause dey pour water dem, and we not Baptist cause dey dunk da people in da river." Da littest boy, **Tee-Ray** him, he say, "Me, I smelled dat water and I know wat we is us, we's **Pisscopalians**, dats wat we is."

C'EST TOUT

I'm very optimist about **Orange County's** future. I see good things here, plus the boom is on with **Chevron/Phillips**. Our county is fiscally sound thanks to the leadership of **County Judge John Gothia** and a good, productive **Commissioners Court**. ****Thanks to our family of advertisers who help make it possible to continue this publication. We have great plans for the coming year. **Take care and God bless.**



TEXAS STATE NEWS

More than a third of state agencies are using AI

KEATON PETERS
The Texas Tribune

When the Texas Workforce Commission became inundated with jobless claims in March 2020, it turned to artificial intelligence.

Affectionately named for the agency's former head Larry Temple, who had died a year earlier, "Larry" the chatbot was designed to help Texans sign up for unemployment benefits.

Like a next generation FAQ page, Larry would field user-generated questions about unemployment cases. Using AI language processing, the bot would determine which answer prewritten by human staff would best fit the user's unique phrasing of the question. The chatbot answered more than 21 million questions before being replaced by Larry 2.0 last March.

Larry is one example of the ways artificial intelligence has been used by state agencies. Adaptation of the technology in state government has grown in recent years. But that acceleration has also sparked fears of unintended consequences like bias, loss of privacy or losing control of the technology. This year, the Legislature committed to taking a more active role in monitoring how the state is using AI.

"This is going to totally revolutionize the way we do government," said state Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, who wrote a bill aimed at helping the state make better use of AI technology.

In June, Gov. Greg Abbott signed that bill, House Bill 2060, into law, creating an AI advisory council to study and take inventory of the ways state agencies currently utilize AI and assess whether the state needs a code of ethics for AI. The council's role in monitoring what the state is doing with AI does not involve writing final policy.

Artificial intelligence describes a class of technology that emulates and builds upon human reasoning through computer systems. The chatbot uses language processing to understand users' questions and match it to predetermined answers. New tools such as ChatGPT are categorized as generative AI because the technology generates a unique answer based on a user prompt. AI is also capable of analyzing large data sets and using that information to automate tasks previously performed by humans. Automated decision making is at the center of HB 2060.

More than one third of Texas state agencies are already utilizing some form of artificial intelligence, according to a 2022 report from the Texas Department of Information Resources. The workforce commission also has an AI tool for job seekers that provides customized recommendations of job openings. Various agencies are using AI for translating languages into English and call center tools such as speech-to-text. AI is also used to enhance cybersecurity and fraud detection.

Automation is also used for time-consuming work in order to "increase work output and efficiency," according to a statement from the Department of Information Resources. One example of this could be tracking budget expenses and invoices. In 2020, DIR launched an AI Center for Excellence aimed at helping state agencies implement more AI technology. Participation in DIR's center is voluntary, and each agency typically has its own technology team, so the extent of automation and AI deployment at state agencies is not closely tracked.

Right now, Texas state agencies have to verify that the technology they use meets safety requirements set by state law, but there are no specific disclosure requirements on the types of technology or how they are used. HB 2060 will require each agency to provide that information to the



Texas State Capitol

AI advisory council by July 2024.

"We want agencies to be creative," Capriglione said. He favors finding more use cases for AI that go well beyond chat bots, but recognizes there are concerns around poor data quality stopping the system from working as intended: "We're gonna have to set some rules."

As adoption of AI has grown, so have worries around the ethics and functionality of the technology. The AI advisory council is the first step toward oversight of how the technology is being deployed. The seven-member council will include a member of the state House and the Senate, an executive director and four individuals appointed by the governor with expertise in AI, ethics, law enforcement and constitutional law.

Samantha Shorey is an assistant professor at the University of Texas at Austin who has studied the social implications of artificial intelligence, particularly the kind designed for increased automation. She is concerned that if technology is empowered to make more decisions, it will replicate and exacerbate social inequality: "It might move us towards the end goal more quickly. But is it moving us towards an end goal that we want?"

Proponents of using more AI view automation as a way to make government work more efficiently. Harnessing the latest technology could help speed up case management for social services, provide immediate summaries of lengthy policy analysis or streamline the hiring and training process for new government employees.

However, Shorey is cautious about the possibility of artificial intelligence being brought into decision-making processes such as determining who qualifies for social service benefits, or how long someone should be on parole. Earlier this year, the U.S. Justice Department began investigating allegations that a Pennsylvania county's AI model intended to help improve child welfare was discriminating against parents with disabilities and resulting in their children being taken away.

AI systems "tend to absorb whatever biases there are in the past data," said Suresh Venkatasubramanian, director of the Center for Technology Responsibility at Brown University. Artificial intelligence that is trained on data that includes any kind of gender, religious, race or other bias is at risk of learning to discriminate.

In addition to the problem of flawed data reproducing social inequality, there are also privacy concerns around the technology's dependence on collecting large amounts of data. What the AI could be doing with that data over time is also driving fears that humans will lose some control over the technology.

"As AI gets more and more complicated, it's very hard to understand how these systems are working, and why they're making decisions the way they do," Venkatasubramanian said.

That fear is shared by Jason Green-Lowe,

executive director at the Center for AI Policy, a group that has lobbied for stricter AI safety in Washington DC. With the accelerating pace of technology and a lack of regulatory oversight, Green-Lowe said, "soon we might find ourselves in a world where AI is mostly steering. ... And the world starts to reorient itself to serve the

AI's interests rather than human interest."

The AI advisory council will submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 2024. In the meantime, interest is growing in deploying AI at all levels of government. DIR operates an artificial intelligence user group made up of representatives from state agencies.



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12. Da or oui
15. Jenny McCarthy

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Post-war project brought ships to Orange

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Probably no one in Orange County today will remember the Ready Reserve Fleet, but many still know of the “mothball fleet.”40

The U.S. Navy’s “mothball fleet” along the Sabine River was a familiar landmark to those who lived here in the 1950s through 1970s.

It was part of the federal government’s post-World War II plan for the national defense to store navy vessels that were no longer needed. The nickname came from the common household chore of putting woolen clothes in storage with mothballs to fend away insects that ate the material.

Though the chemical “mothballs” were not used, the ships prepared to prevent decay so they could quickly be reactivated in case the military needed them.

The Navy called the project “Operation Zipper.”

During the war years, the shipyards in Orange were turning out vessels quickly as the city’s population grew to an estimated 60,000 people as workers and their families came for the work.

Some of those local-



HISTORICAL PHOTO ON LEFT: Brown and Root Construction won the government contract in 1945 to build docks and facilities to house 150 war vessels in reserve for the U.S. Navy in Orange.

They were wooden ships built here on sites still used in the shipping industry. The wooden ships were taken into the Sabine not far away and then burned. The hulls didn’t burn and remnants of those ships from the early 20th Century have been notorious hazards for boaters for a century.

Eventually, about 150 vessels ended up being berthed in special storage on 12 piers built of wood with concrete piers. Remnants of the piers, along with a couple of renovated piers still in use, can be seen today.

The area where the ships were stored is currently part of the city of

Orange’s Boat Ramp area or it belongs to the Port of Orange.

The local population and industrial booms of the 1940s war years were destined to end sometime. Orange officials expected to lose some population, but were encouraged by the construction plans for the new DuPont petrochemical plant.

More good economic news came in October 1945, two months after the end of the war. The U.S. Navy announced plans to make Orange one of its eight sites to berth war vessels for access to the Atlantic Ocean. An-

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ly-produced ships came back for storage when the fighting ended. According to an Associated Press story in March 1947, the navy decided to store unused war vessels instead of sinking those vessels like the government did after World War I.

The AP reporter, when writing about the new facility in Orange, probably didn’t know that a few of those World War I ships were sunk in Orange.

5 ways to get healthier in 2024 without trying very hard



The good news is, it doesn't actually take great feats of fitness or a heroic commitment to good habits to stay well.

Andrea Muraskin
NPR News Staff
National Public Radio

Walking, biking or even riding a scooter to get from place to place ups your non-exercise activity thermogenesis, or NEAT. Small movements can make a positive difference to your overall health.

Sometimes trying to be healthy feels like just another item on your endless, exhausting to-do list. The good news is, it doesn’t actually take great feats of fitness or a heroic commitment to good habits to stay well. Often small changes can make a significant difference.

In 2023, NPR reporters turned up the latest research on how to stay well without stressing out about it. Below are some of our best wellness tips from 2023.

1. Get healthier without even going to a gym

Hate the gym? That’s cool. Scientists now say you can get a lot of the health benefits associated with exercise just by increasing how active you are in your daily life. Think of low-effort movements like sweeping the

floor, strolling through the grocery aisle, climbing the stairs, bobbing your leg up and down at your desk, or stirring the pot while you cook. Researchers have studied this kind of movement and given it the moniker NEAT, which stands for this mouthful: non-exercise activity thermogenesis. Learn how NEAT can keep you healthier and how to get more of it.

2. Flip hunger into satisfaction with this cheap super food

Weight-loss drugs like Ozempic mimic a hormone that our bodies make naturally to curb food cravings. What if we could increase levels of this hormone (called GLP-1) through our diet? Whether or not we’re trying to lose weight, many of us would like to feel sated longer after we eat and be a little less beholden to our sweet (or salt) tooth.

It turns out that yes, you can increase satiety hormones by eating more foods with fiber. Especially what’s known as fermentable fiber, found in foods like oats, rye, whole

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For The Record

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In the past couple of years we have seen some amazing things come our way to change the way we as anglers looked at fishing. Some or most of these ideas are not for everybody, they involve more than your fair share of empty grueling hours in less than ideal conditions so beware and be prepared.

I am not by any means trying to persuade anyone not to try this type of fishing; I am only being honest about what kind of effort it takes to reap rewards that were long thought impossible for our lake. I will promise you this though, if you try these tactics and experience even minor success you will understand how addictive this whole process can be.

Fishing in the winter months, after the gulls seem to have left for vacation and the shrimp have all but disappeared, means you must do a couple of important things in order to be successful. Finding the warmest water in your area and finding baitfish such as mullet in that area is a great sign. According to Parks and Wildlife



Chuck Uzzle

studies water temperatures in the 60 to 80 degree range are the best for catching speckled trout.

During the winter months as the surface temps dip into the low 50's it is a must to slow your presentations and possibly offer up a little bigger bait. Tried and true late winter and early spring producers like Corkies, Catch V's, and Mirrodine's should be in every fisherman's tackle box as well as a few others that don't get quite as much recognition.

Winter fishing always invites the heated debate between waders and drifters, which method is better and who catches more fish. Wading is one of those techniques where you either "love it or hate it", some fishermen cannot stand the work involved or the cold water temps while others thrive under these conditions. All I can tell you is to try it out and see for yourself, the results are often worth effort. Now don't get me wrong wading is not the "end all be all" technique that will guarantee you success, it will at certain times appear that way. There is nothing cooler than watching anglers in a boat continue to try to get into an area where you are catching fish and their boat won't go, you can just see the frustration every time you land a fish.

If wadefishing proves not to be something you are willing to pursue don't worry, you can drift over the scattered shell reefs on

the lake and still have a good shot at catching that big fish. The same baits that work for waders will also catch big fish from a boat provided you take a few things into consideration.

Noise and boat control are tops on the list of factors that will determine success or failure. Careful anglers know that slamming hatches and dropping gear on the floor of a boat can spook fish and quickly turn a prime area into a virtual ghost town. Also setting up on one of these areas takes careful planning and the right gear, a Power Pole or Stake Out Stick is a great way to position your boat in order to fish an area more thoroughly.

Those people who think you can't catch big fish from a boat need to re-

think that statement because with a little effort you can certainly score that fish of lifetime without having to get wet or wade.

As the mercury dips down outside as well as on the water, don't let that stop you from fishing just be prepared. Winter on the Texas gulf coast can be down right brutal with all the rank weather we receive at this time of the year. Bone chilling winds coupled with humid overcast days can make even the toughest fisherman wish for a warm spot in the truck and hot cup of coffee.

As the temperatures outside sag down near freezing most anglers take precautions and wear the best foul weather gear they can get their hands on. Nobody forgets to grab

that windproof jacket or the thermal underwear because those are no brainers.

The one piece of outerwear that nearly every fisherman does without is the most important, a life jacket. Yes I am just as guilty as the next guy when it comes to not wearing a PFD (Personal Floation Device) from time to time but after an accident that involved one of my best friends I made a per-

sonal choice to change that mindset.

Rarely if ever do I start my motor without having a PFD on and you should do the same. Cold water and bad conditions can sneak up on you before you know it and an accident in those conditions is a recipe for disaster.

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Lady Cards, Lady Bears start 2024 winners

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Girls basketball action locally was very limited leading up to the New Year. Only the Bridge City Lady Cardinals and the Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears played in tournaments the week after Christmas.

Bridge City went to Wimberley for the three day tournament there. The Lady Cardinals started great winning their first four games.

The Lady Cardinals defeated Austin Navarro 49-45 on Thursday in their first game. Whitney Cunningham led Bridge City with 13 points followed by Nicole Sasser who had 10 points. Rylynn Thornton had a strong game for the Lady Cardinals with 7 rebounds.

Later on Thursday Bridge City blasted Lehman 62-45. Leading the Lady Cardinals in scoring



Whitney Cunningham was the leading scorer for the Lady Cardinals as they grabbed fourth place in the Wimberley Tournament.

was Kennedy Campbell with 20 points, and she had 8 rebounds. Kaylee Britten scored 12 points and made 5 steals as did Nicole Sasser.

The first game on Friday, December 29, for the Lady Cardinals was a 35-29 victory over Austin LASA (Liberal Arts & Science Academy). Whitney Cunningham scored 12 points, Nicole Sasser had 10 points with 6 steals, and Rylynn Thornton



The LCM Lady Bears took second in the Gold Bracket of the East Chambers Tournament
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

tacked on 8 points while grabbing 9 rebounds.

Bridge City won again later on Friday 42-29 over

a team from Australia. Kaylee Britten tied Whitney Cunningham as the leading scoring Lady Car-

dinals with 10 points apiece. Britten also made 9 steals and Cunningham handed out 5 assists. Ken-



Kaylee Britten led the Lady Cardinals in points and steals in their win over a team from Australia during the Wimberley Tournament.

nedy Campbell collected 9 points, and Nicole Sasser scored 8 points and made 6 rebounds.

The opponents got tougher on Saturday for Bridge City. The host team Wimberley jumped to a 20-3 lead after the first quarter, and the Lady Cardinals lost 41-31 in their first game on Saturday. Whitney Cunningham and Nicole Sasser

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Orange County boys return to district action

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Tournaments leading up to the New Year gave the local boys basketball teams some games to fine tune their skills for the meat of the district action which starts in January. Little Cypress Mauriceville and Bridge City took part in the tourney which was held at LCM. Orangefield participated at a tournament in Houston County and West Orange-Stark played at the Lee Tournament.

The LCM Bears and the Bridge City Cardinals were two of the sixteen teams in the LCM/International Paper Tournament which included some junior varsity and freshmen squads as well as three teams of players from Bendigo, Victoria in southeastern Australia. Each team played four games with two on Thursday and two on Friday at either the Dr. Pauline Colburn Hargrove Gymnasium nicknamed the Grove or in the previous high school gym known as the Bear Cave.

The Bears played their opening game on Thursday morning against the Cleveland Indians. LCM won 55-45 at the Grove.

Alantheon Winn lead the way for the Bears with 17 points including a three point play after he made a slam dunk on his final basket in the third quarter. Eight Bears got on the



Aiden Gutierrez scored in double figures in three of the four Bridge City games and his 12 points led the Cardinals in their win over Cleveland during the LCM/IP Tournament.

score sheet with Jayden Benton putting in 12 points and Dane Hawk coming off the bench to score 10 points thanks to two shots that went in beyond the arc.

LCM Coach Brad Jeffcoat commented after the game on the lethargic start by the Bears. "I thought we looked like a team that just came out of a vacation break. We were kind of sluggish early, luckily for us I think Cleveland suffered from that as well. I think we left a bunch of points off the scoreboard on missed free throws and layups, but we're really happy to get a win it's been a while since we got one," Jeffcoat added.

Bridge City faced the Australia 1 team in its first game on Thursday afternoon. The select group of Australians known as the Bendigo Braves beat



Dane Hawk and Jayden Benton both scored in double figures in the Bears win over Cleveland in their first game of the tournament.
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

the Cardinals 70-62 in the Cave.

Lincoln Breaux got the scoring started for the Cardinals before the

Braves went on a nine point run. Breaux added a second field goal and two free throws before a three pointer for Australia gave

them an 18-9 lead. The second quarter started with Australia up 18-12 but Aiden Gutierrez made a basket, Breaux

nailed a three pointer, and Aaden Bush matched it with a three of his own to give the Cardinals the lead 20-18 for the first time since the opening bucket. Australia rallied before Bridge City's Stephen Stone hit a pair of threes late in the quarter to make the score 35-30 in favor of the Braves at the half.

The contest remained



Zane Wrinkle of Orangefield had a rare triple double for the Bobcats in their win over Onalaska in the tournament last week held in Houston County.

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Australians participate in local basketball tourney

DANPERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Sixteen basketball teams which included teams from Australia competed Thursday and Friday, December 28-29 in an exciting local tournament. The 4th Annual LCM/International Paper Classic was conducted at the Little Cypress Mauriceville High School.

A total of 32 games were played over the two days with each team taking part in four games during the tournament which served as a final preparation for the heart of the district action for the teams. The contests were equally divided between the newer Dr. Pauline Colburn Hargrove Gymnasium and the older Bear Cave Gym at the high school.

Orange county teams involved in the tournament included the host school Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears, the LCM junior varsity, the LCM freshmen team, and the Bridge City Cardinals.

The schools from southeast Texas that played in the tournament were Hardin-Jefferson, Jasper, Port Neches-Groves, Woodville, and the Nederland junior varsity.

Other teams came from further away like Center, Cleveland, Splendora, and the Barbers Hill junior varsity. There were three teams of select players from Australia that came during what amounts to their summer break from school to participant in the tournament.

The 29 players chosen to play on the traveling teams from Australia met with the coaches twelve months ago. Talent on the part of each player is a key component, but so is the financial aspect for those that can afford to make the long trip and the various expenses involved. The composition of the teams come from the city of Bendigo in the Victoria region on the south-eastern coast of Australia about 93 miles northwest of Melbourne the state capital of that area.

The players on the Australian teams range from 15 to 18 years



Coach Ben McCauley on the left and Director Joe Hurst on the right pose with the members of the Bendigo Braves from Australia during the basketball tournament held at Little Cypress Mauriceville High School. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

of age with the younger ones composing the junior varsity team and the older boys making up the two teams designated as Australia 1 and Australia 2. "They're all great kids and they all play hard," Ben McCauley the coach for the Australia 1 Team

exclaimed.

Traveling with the teams is Joe Hurst the Director of Coaches and Athlete Development from Bendigo. The other coaches were Cathy Manderson and Brett Campbell.

The tournament here in south-

east Texas is just the first stop for the whole group which includes some parents and fans bringing the total traveling party to 45 people. McCauley elaborated, "We're here for the two days and four games, then we go down to New Orleans to watch young Dyson Daniels with the Pelicans who got drafted two years ago and he's a Bendigo youngster, and then we go to Dallas to play tournaments there."

The trip will help the players learn some new aspects for their game and much more.

"It's an opportunity for these young men to get out of their comfort zone, experience a different culture, and everything that goes with it. That's what is great about the game of basketball you can travel the world and do various things.

"The kids are going to learn so much off the court as they are going to learn on the court coming into this trip," McCauley concluded.

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close with Stone hitting three more threes in the second half for the Cardinals. Australia prevailed though 70-62 in the end.

Stone with 21 points was the high scorer of three Cardinals in double figures. Gutierrez finished with 12 points and Breaux made 11 points.

The afternoon opponent for Little Cypress Mauriceville was Splendora also at the Grove. The Bears had a much easier time with the Wildcats 66-36 and never trailed in the game.



Alantheon Winn averaged over 18 points a game in LCM's four games during the LCM/IP Tournament.

much better."

Bridge City played a very good team in the Center Roughriders on Thursday evening. The Roughriders got it rolling and won 71-44 over the Cardinals.

The first quarter was a contrast to the rest of the game. The Cardinals came out getting hot shooting from Rayburn Hebert and Aiden Gutierrez who both hit threes in the opening eight minutes to give Bridge City an 18-10 lead.

The advantage held for the Cardinals until 2:36 was left in the second quarter when a three pointer by Center gave it the lead 26-24 for the first time. The Roughriders successfully built on it the rest of the way.

Hebert finished as the high scorer for Bridge City with 15 points. The Roughrider guarding Hebert actually told him to put up a long shot before the buzzer adding there would be no effort to block it, and Rayburn nailed it.

On Friday it was LCM's turn to play the boys from down under. The Bears beat the Bendigo Braves 37-24 at the Grove.

Scoring was scarce in the first quarter. Alantheon Winn hit a three and later a second field goal while Tyler Newell made a rebound

and put the ball back in the hole for all the Bears points in the opening period which was still enough to give LCM a 7-2 lead.

Winn hit a second three pointer and made his third slam dunk of the tournament in the second quarter. Braylon Lewis made a marvelous drive for a basket to close the first half scoring to put the Bears up 19-11 as the teams went to the locker room.

Australia outscored the Bears 8-7 in the third quarter, but Little Cypress Mauriceville enjoyed its best stretch in the final eight minutes with an 11-5 point margin to extend the final margin to thirteen points. Jayden Benton scored five of his seven points in the fourth after injuring his ankle earlier in the game.

The only Bear to score in double figures was Winn with 15 points. "Lance is very talented, he works hard. He created for others, he made jump shots, he made shots at the rim, he made some free throws, and he made a pretty nasty dunk," Coach Jeffcoat recapped.

Bridge City won its Friday afternoon game in the Cave with Cleveland. The Cardinals came away with a solid 57-45 triumph over the Indians.

Aiden Gutierrez led the Cardinals with 12 points. Bryce Linder had his best game of the tournament scoring 10 points from the post position. Lincoln Breaux and Jagger Carlin both contributed 9 points to help Bridge City get the win.

The Cardinals had a very tough draw in the tournament playing top teams in three of their four games. Bridge City's final game was against the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks on Friday night at the Grove. The Hawks

won 67-48 using a big fourth quarter to break the game open.

The leading scorer for the Cardinals was Aaden Bush with 16 points. Aiden Gutierrez finished with 10 points giving him double figure scoring in three of the four games played by Bridge City.

Coach Randall Robertson of the Cardinals evaluated his team's performance in the tournament. "We had a really bad first day coming off the Christmas break and we were as flat as can be. Today was a lot better. We got the win we were supposed to get against Cleveland as the kids played with more energy. Overall, we feel a lot better about it after that win," Robertson indicated.

Little Cypress Mauriceville finished the tourna-

ment on Friday night against the Woodville Eagles. The Bears lost for the only time during their tournament 54-46 in the Grove.

The Bears scored the first four points, but Woodville took the lead 8-6 about four minutes into the game and never trailed again. The Eagles scored fifteen or more points in each quarter except the third which LCM won 10-7.

As he did in every game of the tournament Alantheon Winn was the Bears' leading scorer with 17 points. Bryson Price matched his own highest point total of the two days with 9 points, and KD Reed who started the game for the injured Jayden Benton had 7 points.


The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears and the Bridge City Cardinals did


not play each other during the tournament in the last week of last year. The Bears travelled to Bridge City on Tuesday to play the Cardinals in a big district game. It was the first district game of the season for LCM and the second for the Cardinals who lost their district opener the week before Christmas to the Silsbee Tigers.

In other tournament action involving local Orange County boys teams the Orangefield Bobcats participated in the Houston County Tournament played in Crockett and Grapeland. The Bobcats won two of their three games during the two days of play.

Orangefield needed overtime to capture the first game 55-49 over Venus.

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Girls basketball

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scored 7 points each while Kaylee Britten and Kennedy Campbell both had 6 points.

The game for third place pitted the Lady Cardinals against Anderson Shiro and this game really was the pits for Bridge City. Thirty-five turnovers by the Lady Cardinals prevented them from making much of a challenge to Anderson Shiro which captured third place with a 59-29 triumph.

The LCM Lady Bears fared better at the East

Chambers Tournament played on Wednesday through Friday, December 27-29 in Winnie. The Lady Bears finished second in the Gold Bracket.

The first game for Little Cypress Mauriceville on Wednesday was a preview of the championship game played on Friday. The Lady Bears edged a very good team from Hallettsville 38-33. Keylie Washburn scored 16 points and Maya Meadows got 10 points to help secure the victory.

Later that day LCM had a little easier time with Kirbyville winning 43-30. Washburn notched 19 points with Mallory Russell tallying 11 points for the Lady Bears.

On the second day of the tournament Little Cypress Mauriceville spanked Splendora 49-38. Keylie had her highest scoring game of the tournament with 24 points. Meadows was the second Lady Bear in double figures with 14 points.

Later on Thursday LCM earned a spot in the Gold Bracket championship game with a resounding 48-17 triumph over Goose Creek Memorial. The Lady Bears had a balanced scoring attack with everyone getting in the scorebook topped by Washburn's 20 points.

The Lady Bears' rematch with Hallettsville on Friday was another defensive battle which Hallettsville won 39-25 resulting in a second place finish for LCM. Keylie was held to 9 points her lowest total of the tournament and about half of what she averaged scoring in the

other four games.

Coache Eddie Michalko analyzed the Lady Bears performance in the final game. "We struggled scoring and were fortunate to beat them on the first day. The championship was a very physical game, but Hallettsville just took it to us," Michalko concluded.

District games resumed for local Orange County girls teams on Tuesday. Bridge City (2-1) travelled to Little Cypress Mauriceville (1-1). West Orange-Stark (0-3) played at home against Lumberton. Orangefield (2-1) took on Hardin in Orangefield.

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals have a bye this Friday and play their next game on Tuesday, January 9, at home against the Vidor Lady Pirates. The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears play at Vidor on Friday and are at home next Tuesday, January 9, against Lumberton. The West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs play at Jasper on Friday before having their bye on January 9. The Orangefield Lady Bobcats have two more district home games coming up against Warren on Friday and with East Chambers next Tuesday, January 9.

Mothball Fleet

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other eight sites were announced for ships to get access to the Pacific Ocean.

The Orange base was to have 5,500 workers and store from 100 to 150 ships. The announcement didn't say whether the estimated number of workers included construction crews, civilian workers, or navy personnel who would be moved in an out.

Records show up to 850 military personnel were assigned to the "mothball fleet," but that information does not include the num-

ber of civilians who worked there or the number of construction jobs.

The Brown and Root company got the government contract to built the piers and do dredging to help accommodate the vessels to the berthing site.

The piers were by the Riverside housing project, which was quickly developed during the war years from pre-fabricated houses so that defense workers and their families had a place to live. An estimated 5,000 people lived in the River-

side area, which once had three elementary schools and its own shopping area.

The Associated Press story in 1947 said Orange was chosen as a site because of it had shipyards available. The giant Consolidated Steel shipyard, with metal buildings still being used for ship repairs today, was built before the war under the direction of the Navy.

Also, the story reported Orange's Sabine River was fresh water which helped keep barnacles away. In the 21st century, salt water in-

trusion up the Sabine may mean that area is not immune to the little metal destroying crustaceans.

Another reason for making Orange the home of a "mothball fleet" was the county had a mild climate and plenty of available housing. That housing included the Riverside development plus Navy Park, which had been built for Navy officers and their families assigned here as the country prepared for war.

The story had one reason that may leave current residents perplexed. The pier site was "protected from hurricanes."

The first ship to be put in "mothballs" arrived in December 1945, according to a 1945 newspaper account. When the story was written a mere three months after the first, 120 ships were docked. They included destroyer tenders, mine-

sweepers, seaplane tenders, ammunition ships, landing craft and a giant floating dry dock.

Some of the ships were "battle scarred" but were being put in "first class condition."

The first step to making a reserve ship ready and in "mothballs" was to make it fully equipped with supplies stored below deck. Then the area was dehumidified and sealed. Once a ship was sealed, no one was allowed below deck. The reporter said no rust could form and nothing would deteriorate in the sealed condition.

The guns and defense mechanisms were covered with plates of steel. The beehive-shaped coverings became a familiar sight in Orange. After the ships left years later, some people acquired the coverings and used them for backyard storage.

The AP story reported it took three months to "inactivate" a ship.

The official name of the berthing complex was the U.S. Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility," according to the Texas State Historical Association Online. The first commander, Captain T.R. Cowie, was assigned in 1945. The yard covered 168 acres with about 150 vessels at the 12 docks.

Historical accounts record that 30 of the vessels stored in Orange, the only time a large number were called into duty.

By the late 1960s, the Navy began selling the stored ships to other countries. Seeing sailors from foreign lands in town were an interesting sight to local residents in the early 1970s. By 1980, all the "mothball" ships were gone.

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Wellness in 2024

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3. Outsmart dopamine and screens

In the past few years, neuroscientists have started to better understand what's going on in our brains when we can't stop scrolling social media or shopping online, eating junk food or playing video games. These types of activities trigger surges of the neurotransmitter, dopamine. And it's now becoming clear that rather than giving us pleasure, dopamine drives craving, the urge for more. It has a strong, though short-term, hold on our will power. Understanding how this works can help shift how you manage your own or

your kids' behavior.

4. Combat loneliness through creativity

Loneliness is linked to all kinds of health problems, including increased risk of heart attacks and dementia. And forging new social connections — even with casual acquaintances — can counter that. But how do you break out of an isolated rut?

Dr. Jeremy Nobel, a primary care physician and author of the new book Project UnLonely, has an idea: get artsy. Research shows making art, or even viewing it, reduces levels of the stress hormone cortisol and increases levels of the feel-good hormones, like endorphins and oxytocin. In other words it can put you in a relaxed mood, which can help create an inviting vibe to connect.

And you don't have to be Picasso; almost any creative act will do, including cooking, gardening, even doodling. Here are five tips from Noble's new book for how to connect, via creativity.

5. Cut back on the ultra-processed foods in

your diet

Read the ingredient list of your favorite packaged snack and you'll find some things you've surely never stocked in your kitchen pantry, like additives that thicken, emulsify, stabilize or preserve. Not to mention, high levels of sugar, fat and sodium. Eating a lot of ultra-processed foods like sodas, TV dinners, and packaged sweets is linked to health problems like Type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

And most of us are likely eating more of these foods than we realize: ultra-processed foods make up nearly 60% of what the typical U.S. adult eats, and nearly 70% of what kids eat.

So do you need to completely overhaul your family's diet? Researchers say, start by cutting back. After all, there's a reason why busy families like packaged foods: They're convenient, tasty and affordable.

Boys basketball

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Zane Wrinkle led the Bobcats with a double double scoring 19 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Jaden Scales was the high scorer for Orangefield with 20 points and Griffin Thomas contributed 9 points and 11 rebounds.

Later on Thursday the Bobcats faced a good DaVinci team. Orangefield won the game 51-43 to go 18-1 on the season.

Jaden Scales led the Bobcats in scoring with 18 points adding 3 assists. Zane Wrinkle put up 17 points to go with his 9 rebounds and 7 assists. Griffin Thomas scored 7 points and Kayden Rucker pulled down 5 rebounds while blocking 6 shots in the victory.

The Bobcats suffered only their second loss of the season on Friday losing 49-35 to Westwood. Jaden Scales was high scorer with 15 points and Zane Wrinkle made 11 points with 6 rebounds.

Games continued on Saturday for Orangefield as the Bobcats beat Onalaska 76-53. Zane Wrinkle had a rare triple double scoring 22 points, nabbing 12 rebounds, and dishing out 10 assists. Jaden Scales scored 18 points, to go with 3 assists and 2 steals. Griffin Thomas tacked on 15 points, and Kane Smith had 8 points with 3 assists in the win.

The final game for Orangefield before the New Year was a loss to Chapel Hill from Tyler 66-42. Zane Wrinkle was the high scorer for the Bobcats with 10 points and Griffin Thomas had 9 points. Kady Rucker played well with 8 points, 8 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots.

The Orangefield Bobcats are 19-3 on their season. District action resumed on Tuesday for Orangefield (1-0) at home against the Hardin Hornets. The Bobcats play again on Friday, January 5, also at home against the Warren Warriors.

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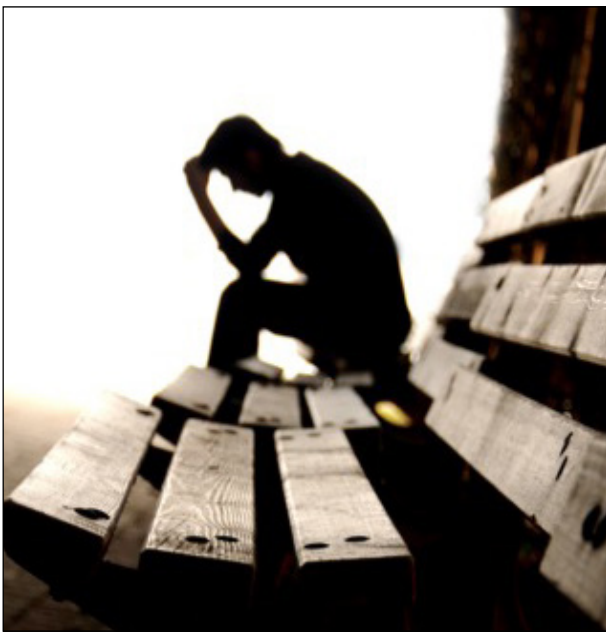
I feel helpless as I watch and wait with my friends.

Friends with debilitating chronic pain who have no contact with the outside world. Others with all-consuming family situations that leave them exhausted and desperate, with no end in sight. Still more whose lives have been marked by disappointment, by shattered dreams and unfulfilled longings that keep escalating.

As I watch and wait, pray and grieve, I also wonder whether heaven will bring added reward for those who persevere in suffering. Will there be any compensation for those who respond to the loss and the emptiness by leaning into God for fulfillment? Will there be any prize for the sufferer who looks to God for the grace to endure the physical or emotional pain that screams through the night?

Rewards in Heaven?
When I first heard the idea of “rewards in heaven,” I wondered whether it was inconsistent with the doctrine of grace. But then I saw that Scripture is full of references to different rewards in heaven — all of them in response to the working of God’s grace within us.

Among the various rewards Scripture mentions, some will come from the foundation we build on and the work we’ve done (1 Cor-



inthians 3:11–15), and others will be related to our perseverance in afflictions, which are producing unrivaled glory for our future selves. As 2 Corinthians 4:16–17 reminds us, “We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.”

Paul didn’t grow weary in his suffering or lose heart, as God was renewing him daily and assuring him of the coming glory. And Paul understood pain: he was brutally beaten, scourged, and stoned; at points he was near starvation; he was continually burdened for the churches (2 Corinthians 11:23–29). Yet he knew that his pain had a purpose.

Everyday Surrenders
This hope applies not just

to extraordinary suffering like Paul’s, but to all suffering that we surrender to God. When we turn to God and not to the world in our pain, when we bless God rather than curse him, when we trust his goodness rather than doubt his love, we store up heavenly reward. It will draw us closer to Christ today and will result in greater glory later. As John Piper says,

All our troubles — all of them — are on a continuum from easy to horrible . . . whether it is a pimple on prom night to the loss of a child. . . . Any trouble, from the smallest hiccup to the greatest horror . . . [has] the potential for working for us an eternal weight of glory, because the issue is this: Does it throw us on God as our help and our treasure and our joy?

The first time I realized the importance of acknowledging and offering every

loss to the Lord was in a conversation with Joni Eareckson Tada. We were having dinner, and I noticed how she couldn’t have each bite of food quite as she wanted, couldn’t get her coffee at exactly the right temperature. When I mentioned it, Joni responded, “With quadriplegia, nothing is exactly the way I want it. But it’s all these little decisions, these everyday things I surrender, the choices I make daily, that will one day shine in glory. These will all count.”

While Joni has been through monumental suffering, our conversation reminded me that she faces the everyday choice, just as we do, to turn to God and depend on him in loss and disappointment. From the unexpected layoff before the holidays, to the relentless sickness that confines us to bed for days, to living for years with a cold and disengaged spouse — in all these trials, as we lay them before the Lord and ask for grace to endure, not only will we grow in our faith, but we’ll also store up a reward.

Broken Ankles to Final Cries
God sees all our suffering. He tenderly cares for us in it. He knows every sleepless night, every unspoken hurt, every agony we endure. We are seen, known, and loved by the God who brings purpose to all our pain. Even seemingly unseen suffering at the end of our

lives has a purpose. While this pain may not change our character or be an earthly example to anyone, God is witness. And as he watches what we endure, our faith will glorify him and receive a reward.

This is great news for all of us. All our suffering matters. All our losses and longings, as we turn to Christ in them, will produce a reward for us. From a sprained ankle to a life-changing diagnosis, from the daily sacrifices of quadriplegia to the painful last hours of life, none of it will be wasted.

Sorrow Turned to Joy
One of the greatest joys we can experience is the joy of restoration after loss. Both Psalm 126 and John 16 — the two chapters in the Bible that use the word joy most frequently (in the ESV’s translation) — are about restoration. Psalm 126 says, “When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. . . . Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!” (Psalm 126:1, 5). And John 16 says, “You will weep and lament . . . but your sorrow will turn into joy. . . . Your joy [will] be full” (John 16:20, 24).

Jesus tells us that the joy of finding the lost coin is greater than the joy of never losing it. The joy of finding the lost sheep is greater than the joy of simply staying with the sheep in the pen. And the joy of a repentant sinner leads to more joy in heaven among the angels (Luke 15:7). While no one seeks loss, restoration brings us more joy. For everything we’ve suffered, every loss we’ve endured, ev-

ery unfulfilled desire for which we’ve longed, our joy will be that much deeper when it is restored and fulfilled in heaven.

And as Jonathan Edwards says,

“It will be no damp to the happiness of those who have lower degrees of happiness and glory, that there are others advanced in glory above them. For all shall be perfectly happy, everyone shall be perfectly satisfied. Every vessel that is cast into this ocean of happiness is full, though there are some vessels far larger than others. And there shall be no such thing as envy in heaven, but perfect love shall reign through the whole society. (Works of Jonathan Edwards, 50:53)

In heaven, no one will begrudge the faithful sufferer’s rewards, because everyone will be overflowing with joy. We all will be fully satisfied, fully happy, completely fulfilled. But some may be larger vessels of happiness, containing more of heaven’s joys, than others. And perhaps the added reward for persevering through affliction will bring this capacity for more joy.”

If you are suffering today, whether through a minor setback or a massive tragedy, don’t lose heart. Turn to the Lord Jesus in it, as you ask for grace to endure it. Trust that your struggle is producing an eternal weight of glory that will far surpass your pain. Let God be your treasure even in your affliction. And as you trust him to the end, your reward will be great.

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