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Trahan warns of debris in Sabine River

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record



Commissioner Trahan

Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan warned boaters to be on the lookout for logs and other debris washing down the Sabine River after flooding last week in Newton and Jasper counties, north of Orange.

The flooding has also led to the Sabine River Authority opening flood gates at Toledo Bend Reservoir as the level got above the legal maximum.

Trahan said he was called last week to Texas Highway 12 in Deweyville north of his precinct to look at the log jam at the Sabine River swing bridge

crossing from Texas to Louisiana.

The bridge had to be closed for several hours as crews from mostly the Louisiana Department of Transportation cleared out the log jam. Trahan said he learned Texas and Louisiana skip a bridge in

determining who oversees maintenance on the Sabine River bridges.

Trahan said the crews also made sure the log jam cleared the train trestle bridge. But, he warned, those logs are washing down the Sabine into Orange County. "You can run into a log anytime on that river," he said.

Orange County Commissioners Court met Tuesday with a full quorum.

Business included accepting a \$275,000 Rural Law Enforcement Grant for the Orange County District Attorney's Office. It is the same type of grant recently given through the Texas Comptroller's Office for the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

The grants are to help rural legal systems give higher salaries to deputies and prosecutors. Pay rates and raises in rural areas have not kept up with 21st

Century costs of living. Attorneys and law enforcement officers are not taking, or keeping jobs in rural areas because of higher pay in other places.

The \$275,000 will help go toward salaries in the DA's office.

Earlier, the court accepted \$500,000 to help with the pay for Orange County deputies. Tuesday, the court accepted a proposed pay scale for the extra money. The informa-

tion will be used for new payments to deputies.

The court approved a 20 percent homestead exemption for the 2024-25 budget year. The exemption allows the qualified homeowner to deduct 20 percent of the appraised value of the house that is used to calculate county property taxes. The county has kept the same homestead exemption for

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Orange County has ties to Texas Independence

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Events in Texas 188 years ago moved quickly toward Texas becoming an independent nation, and what is now Orange County had a prominent role. One resident signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and another fought at the battle of San Jacinto.

The Battle of San Jacinto anniversary is marked every April 21. The short, 18-minute battle led by General Sam Houston, led to the surrender of the Mexican president and leader Santa Anna. Soon, prisoner Santa Anna was led to the U.S. and New Orleans by way of the Opelousas Trail, which traveled through Orange County across the Sabine River.

In 1836, Texas was part of Mexico after that country had won independence from Mexico. Immigrants from America were moving into Texas and did not

like Mexican laws, including one requiring all immigrants to become members of the Catholic faith.

What is now Orange County was carved out of Jefferson County in 1852, after Texas became part of the United States.

A survey of Texas history websites shows the first house in what is now Orange was built in 1824 by Michel Peveto, who had fought for the U.S. in the War of 1812 and participated at the Battle of New Orleans in early 1814.

He and his first wife, Suzanne Hargrave Peveto, built the house for their young children along the banks of the Sabine. Those children included Michel Peveto II, who later fought at San Jacinto.

Anyone who has lived in Southeast Texas notices there are a lot of people with the name of "Peveto." However, records show numerous spellings of the

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The Orange County Disaster Rebuild has been honored with the OneStar Foundation Governor's Award for volunteers. Members of the county board are, left to right, Lacey Lemoine, Lori Ardoin, Ida Schossow, Director Michelle Tubbleville, Julie Reid, and Lanie Brown. In the back are Russell Bottley and Steve Jones.

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Sales tax holiday for emergency goods

Staff Report
For The Record

As we enter the severe weather season, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 29.

"Fires, tornadoes and other severe weather conditions can strike at any time, so it is important that families, homes and

businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said. "There is no sense in waiting for disaster to strike. I'm encouraging Texans to take advantage of this tax holiday to save money while stocking up for emergency situations."

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save about \$2.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying

items you can purchase. These include:

- household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75;
- hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and
- portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when determin-

ing whether an emergency preparation supply can be purchased tax free during the holiday. For example, if you purchase an emergency ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the emergency ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

Purchases that do not qualify include:

- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;
- camping stoves and camping supplies;
- chainsaws.

MAURICEVILLE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

43rd Annual Pageant and 2024 Crawfish Bash

Staff Report
For The Record

The Mauriceville Heritage Association proudly announces the successful hosting of the 43rd annual pageant, in conjunction with the highly anticipated 2024 Crawfish Bash, scheduled to take place from May 3rd to May 4th. For over four decades, our association has curated an unforgettable experience not just as a pageant, but as a cherished tradition that resonates in the hearts and minds of local young women, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.

The Miss Orange County Pageant, a highlight of our community's calendar, unfolded with grace and elegance on Saturday,

April 7th at the esteemed Julie Rogers Theatre. This year's event was made possible by the generous support of our esteemed sponsors: Top Deck Flooring Company, Mooney Boys Ju Jitsu, Merle Norman- Orange & Bridge City, InsureLife Insurance Agency, Catt Lawfirm, Petite n Pretty, and Crowned Pristique.

Under the exceptional guidance of Director Jamey MacFarlane, alongside Assistant Directors Mandy Simon and Theresa Hardin, the pageant showcased the exceptional talents and grace of our local young women. Director MacFarlane expressed excitement over the crowning of Evei as this year's Miss Orange County Queen, highlight-



PHOTO:

Evei Juneann Shipley was Crowned as Miss Orange County on April 7th at the Julie Rogers Theatre, where she won a \$2,500 scholarship. Evei is the daughter of Jolei and Terry Shipley. She is a senior at Nederland High school and plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University for a business degree, attend Law School and become a family law attorney helping children in the CPS system.

ing her potential to be a stellar representative of our program across the county. MacFarlane also extended gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers, emphasizing the remarkable support that enabled last year's successful fundraising efforts, resulting in a \$5,000 award for our Senior Miss Division.

The Mauriceville Heritage Association extends its heartfelt appreciation to all participants, sponsors, volunteers, and attendees who contributed

to the success of this year's pageant. As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming 2024 Crawfish Bash, we look forward to fostering community spirit and celebrating our cherished traditions together.

Winners By Category:

Miss Orange County Division (16-18 yrs old)

Miss Orange County - \$2,500 Scholarship
Evei Juneann Shipley

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Eclipse trip builds family bonds

MARGARET TOAL
COMMENTARY
For The Record

A mother-daughter road trip to follow the sun and the solar eclipse turned into a discovery of longtime family history in Orange County. We are descendants of the Pevoto, Bland, and Harmon families, original settlers.

My daughter, Kate Robards, a writer and performer in New York City, flew in to travel with me to see the total eclipse. We invited ourselves to stay with my paternal cousin Judith Garrett Segura and her husband, Avelino, at their home in Lantana, a community in Denton County.

Our road trip on some back ways gave us a glorious view of many different wildflowers growing along our Texas highways. We saw a whole artist's palette of colors, including sprawling patches of bluebonnets, pink evening primroses, and yellow asters.

When we reached Jacksonville, we began seeing Texas Department of Transportation signs warning not to stop on highways during the eclipse. The signs continued on every highway, including Interstate 20, that we took until reaching our destination.

The skies were sunny, but the predictions of clouds and rain stayed in the back of my mind. I have watched, with eye protection, many partial eclipses, but I had never seen a total eclipse. Kate and I had been planning this trip for seven years, after our friend and journalist Mike Smith told us a total one would go through Texas.

Karma worked out. Skies were clear and blue for the trip and the forecast for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton area now had the rainstorms not coming in until Monday evening. Orange County, however, was not as fortu-



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nate. Clouds were everywhere back home.

We stayed up way too late sharing family stories. One reason I love Orange County history is because when I was a child, I sat around listening to the grown-ups talk, sharing their remembrances and laughing. Some things, though, were never spoken about, like the time the minister of the First Baptist Church shot and killed the police chief in 1935.

My cousins had reserved bus transportation to an eclipse watching at the University of North Texas College of Science. The event was already booked when my daughter and I made arrangements to stay with them. We were happy to watch from their house with the backyard along a golf cart path between the 17th and 18th holes of a golf course.

The sunny morning had a spring chill, but we enjoyed sitting outside as we waited for the eclipses. My cousins have several bird feeders and lots of visitors for the seeds. I was surprised to look up and see a roadrunner

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Governor honors OC Disaster Rebuild

STAFF REPORT
FOR THE RECORD

The OneStar Foundation, the official non-profit for the state, has announced that the Orange County Disaster Rebuild is one of the recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Awards.

The group is one of 11 individuals and organizations receiving the award. It was cited under the category of the Rebuild Texas Disaster Impact Award. The awards were announced by Texas First Lady Cecelia Abbott.

Orange County Commissioners created the disaster rebuild group in May 2018, months after Hurricane Harvey flooded most of the county. It continued its work after disastrous tropical storms, Hurricanes Laura and Delta, plus tornadoes.

Michelle Tubbeville led the effort through her office by coordinating local, state, and federal aid, along with non-profit donations and volunteers. The volunteers and donations came from across the country, and included churches, businesses and individuals.

According to the governor's office, Orange County Disaster Rebuild programs helped raise \$3.2 million and worked to repair 300 homes. They also built 26 new houses and replaced 11 destroyed mobile homes and RVs. They also allocated \$420,000 for new furniture and appliances. In addition, the group coordinated the work of more than 2,500 volunteers from outside of the area and helped arrange housing for the volunteers who had long stays.

Miss Orange County winners From Page 1

- 1st Runner Up - \$1,500 Scholarship
Brynli Felps
- 2nd Runner Up - \$1,000 Scholarship
Kinley Faith Shillings
- Miss Photogenic
Alesandria Marie Cardenas
- Miss Personality
Evei Juneann Shipley

Junior Miss Queen Orange County Division (13-15 yrs old)

- Jr Miss Orange County
Brellyn Nicole Venable
- 1st Runner Up
Reese Renee Peltier
- 2nd Runner Up
Brylee Ann Walker
- Miss Photogenic
Brylee Ann Walker
- Miss Personality
Reese Renee Peltier

Pre-Teen Miss Queen Orange County Division (11-12 yrs old)

- Pre-Teen
Miss Orange County
Charlie Larue Cutchins
- 1st Runner Up
Kourtlyn Michelle Clark
- 2nd Runner Up
Chandler Sophia Scott
- Miss Photogenic
Victoria Nicole Carter
- Miss Personality
Kourtlyn Michelle Clark

Young Miss Queen Orange County Division (9-10 yrs old)

- Young Teen Miss Orange County
Bostyn Gray Pardue

- 1st Runner Up
Linley Kathleen Yarbrough
- 2nd Runner Up
Kerstin Layne Wright
- Miss Photogenic
Kerstin Layne Wright
- Miss Personality
Bostyn Gray Pardue

Little Miss Queen Orange County Division (7-8 yrs old)

- Little Miss Orange County
Kynzlee Elizabeth Bevil
- 1st Runner Up
Anslee Reina Guy
- 2nd Runner Up
Melanie Anne DeBlanc
- Miss Photogenic
Keira Ann Escareno

Petite Miss Queen Orange County Division (5-6 yrs old)

- Petite Miss Orange County
Millie Jean Melancon
- 1st Runner Up
Brynn Reese Blackshear
- 2nd Runner Up
Penelope Kate Netterville
- Miss Photogenic
Brynn Reese Blackshear

Mini Miss Queen Orange County Division (3-4 yrs old)

- Mini Miss Orange County
Aria Brielle Hancock
- 1st Runner Up
Braye Morgan Blackshear
- 2nd Runner Up
Oaklynn Nicole Powell
- Miss Photogenic
Aria Brielle Hancock

Tiny Miss Queen Orange County Division (2 yr old)

- Tiny Miss Orange County
Maelie Kayte Sutton
- 1st Runner Up
Elzie Raye Menard
- 2nd Runner Up
Tynslee Brooke Conner
- Miss Photogenic
Tynslee Brooke Conner

Baby Miss Queen Orange County Division (12-23 mo old)

- Baby Miss Orange County
Ava Arleen Young
- 1st Runner Up
Truett Kate Rogers
- 2nd Runner Up
Demi Marie Vandevender
- Miss Photogenic
Ava Arleen Young

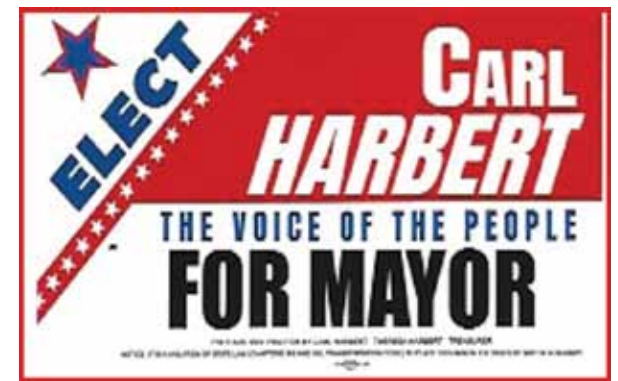
Infant Miss Queen Orange County Division (0-11 mo old)

- Infant Miss Orange County
Imberleigh Rae McGaha
- 1st Runner Up

- 2nd Runner Up
Willow Rayne Ludlow
- Miss Photogenic
Essie Sloane Dallas
- People's Choice
EllaMae Copeland

About Mauriceville Heritage Association
The Mauriceville Heritage Association works to promote the common good and general welfare of the Community of Mauriceville and neighbouring areas through locally raised revenue and the provision of property needed for cultural, academic, athletic and agricultural activities; and further positive outcomes for the youth, senior citizens, and families in the Community of Mauriceville and neighbouring areas by providing material support to smaller community organizations including our volunteer emergency services organization and family-centred associations, developing strong community connections through our annual Bash and other annual events.

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Harbert announces for BC Mayor

The following is a political statement issued by Carl Harbert, candidate for Bridge City Mayor.

My name is Carl Harbert and I would like to announce that I am running for Mayor of Bridge City. I have lived in Bridge City for the last 39 years. My wife Theresa and I raised our children here. We are members of First Baptist Church-Bridge City. I am a retired Plant Manager/Operations Manager of a fertilizer plant in Beaumont.

I recently served four years on the Bridge City City Council. While serving on City Council, I focused on getting drainage problems resolved and roads repaired. I currently

volunteer at the Bridge City Municipal Court where I am certified to assist our citizens through the Court process.

I love our small town and believe we all can see the need for improvements as our city continues to grow. Our City is growing by leaps and bounds and our infrastructure needs improvements to keep up with the growth, starting with our sewer system and sewer plant. Our City has made great strides with improving drainage, although digging ditches only solves part of the problem. We also need to clean out our plugged culverts as well as maintain ditches. Although many streets have been improved, there are



Carl Harbert

several more that need attention. I am fully prepared to work with and support the City employees as we continue to work toward improving the City, just as I did when I served you as City Councilman.

I would like to pursue more improvements to our water. Although we have a new well for our water supply, we should

strive to continue to look towards the future. I would also like to see fire hydrants flushed on a scheduled basis.

I truly desire to get the Peoples Voice back into our City government. I believe that citizens should be allowed to put their concerns on the agenda and then have a Council Member assigned to assist in that item.

If elected, I would like to keep open communication between City government and the citizens. I would invite input from all of our Citizens. Communication is the key to making the City a better place to live. I would appreciate your support and your vote. Thank you.

Bridge City's Pam Guidry runs Boston Marathon, finishes in Top 10



Pam Guidry, a local Bridge City resident, achieved her dream of competing in the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2024. She is an avid runner and qualified twice for the Boston Marathon.

She placed 9th in her age category out of 284 participants in her category, ages 60 to 65.

Pam is 65 years old and extremely happy to accomplish her goal of not only finishing the 26.2 mile race at an average 8:30 minutes/mile but placing 9th in her category.

Texas Independence ties From Page 1

family that immigrated from France to fight in the American Revolution against England.

Other spellings include French versions like Piveauteau, or Pivauteau, to Pevoto or Pevauteau. Michel is the French version of the English "Michael" and some references will list Michael as the name. Also, there may have been a previous Michel Peveto which would give the ones listed here an extra numeral after their name.

Michel Peveto who built the house in Orange was born in 1798 and would have been 15 or 16 when he fought for the U.S. His son, was just as young when he fought for Texas Independence.

Though the Michel Peveto family built a house in Orange, they later moved to a land grant acquired west of the Neches River near what is now LaBelle. Michel

likely would have been living in that area when he joined with General Sam Houston's Texas Militia.

Revolution among the U.S. immigrants had been steaming through 1835 and had heated over into 1836. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the president of Mexico and general of its army, set out for Texas to stamp out the rebellion.

On February 23, 1836, his army circled an old mission in San Antonio taken over by what historians call "Texians," those fighting for independence. During the siege of the Alamo, representatives of settlements met at Washington-on-the-Brazos (River). They wrote and signed a Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico on March 2.

Claiborne West represented Jefferson County in preparing and signing the

declaration. At the time, he lived in what would later become Orange County. He lived in what is known as the Cow Bayou Settlement, though according to the late historian Dr. Howard Williams, the exact location has been forgotten.

Orange County's Claiborne West Park is named in his honor and a Texas Historical Marker about him is at the park.

Four days after the declaration was signed, Santa Anna ordered a full-on attack on the Alamo at dawn on March 6. All the fighting men were killed, or soon put before a firing squad if captured.

Three weeks later, Texian rebels at Goliad surrendered to Mexican troops. Instead of being treated as prisoners, they were taken and shot in a massacre.

News of the violence of the rebellion spread through

American settlements and many families packed up all the belongings they could to trek eastward to the Louisiana, part of the U.S. The event is called the Runaway Scape. Many of those walking, riding horses or mules, or with wagons being pulled by animals, were women and children. The men had gone to fight.

The cold, rainy winter-spring season made the roads muddy. Contagious sicknesses spread and many died as they tried to escape. Some historical accounts have Claiborne West helping to get food to the people running from Santa Anna and Houston's army.

A lot of them were following the Opelousas Trail, an old cattle trail going from La Bahia, later Goliad, Texas, to New Orleans. The trail crossed through Orange County, where it went across the Sabine River into Louisiana.

Abraham Winfree settled in what is now Orange County in 1830 near the

Opelousas Trail. His house became a stop over for people traveling the trail. A historical marker for him says Claiborne West stayed with him before heading to the first Congressional session of the Republic of Texas held in late 1836.

Local stories also have Santa Anna stopping at the Winfree land as he was being escorted to New Orleans

to be turned over to U.S. authorities as a prisoner of war. Michel Pevoto II turned 17 on March 1, 1836. He fought at San Jacinto on April 21. He died a few weeks later. Some stories have him still suffering from battle wounds, while other family accounts have him getting a sickness. No records exist that show he married or had children.

Start breathing. Stay present.

Small steps can make a big difference when it comes to your mental health. Try this simple breathing exercise if you're feeling anxious, overwhelmed or stressed.

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- 4** Exhale through your mouth for 4 seconds.

Repeat steps 2-4 until you feel more relaxed.

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HISTORIC TRIAL OF TRUMP BEGINS

Not until mid-afternoon Tuesday did **Donald Trump's** lawyers and prosecutors select the first seven jurors for the case, which centers on allegations that the **former president** falsified documents to cover up a sex scandal involving a porn star. Dozens were dismissed after saying **they could not be fair**, underscoring the towering task of trying a former president in a city where he is deeply unpopular. The lawyers reached the heart of the selection process early in the afternoon. An Upper East Side **investment banker**, a **high school teacher** who likes to sew, a **Mexico-born man** who listens to podcasts about gay issues, a **Harlem woman** from a family of police officers and a **bookseller** who believes "no one is above the law." These were just some of the hundreds of **New Yorkers** who on Tuesday reported to a **Lower Manhattan courtroom** for jury duty in the first criminal prosecution of a **former American president**. But that process was quickly interrupted when the judge, **Juan M. Merchan**, scolded **Mr. Trump** for muttering and gesturing while one of the potential jurors was being interviewed. **Donald Trump**, who faces 34 felony counts may take the witness stand in his own defense. **Trump** directed his fixer, **Michael D. Cohen**, to pay hush money to the porn star, **Stormy Daniels**. And while serving as president, he had his company **falsify records** to hide his reimbursement of **Mr. Cohen**.

CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to hear of the death of **James "Sandy" Kirkland**, age 75, who died April 8. **Funeral services** were held Monday, April 15, at **Memorial Funeral Home of Vidor**. Officiating was **Clay Herford**. **Sandy** was a longtime member of **Boilermaker Local 587**. He was one of the great guys we have known. Our condolences to his family. May he rest in peace. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

I was sorry to hear that our friend of many years **Kenneth Smith**, of K-Dan's, suffered a heart attack recently. However, I'm glad to report that he is doing well now after getting a stint that has cleaned the 95 percent blockage.**** Last week on April 9, "**Buster**" **Lapeyrolerie**, a longtime resident of Bridge City, passed away. Buster was a salt-of-the-earth guy who I never heard a bad thing said about him. He and wife Audrey raised a large family of great kids. Ann, Amy, Janice, Jean, Arlie, Brad, **Bill** and **Paul**.**** Congrats to Orangefield ex-baseball star **Chase Angelle**. He completed a great game for Lamar in the mound in the 6-1 win over New Orleans. Chase allowed only one earned run. Lamar is on a roll.******Coach Chad Landry's** Bridge City Cards baseball team keeps rolling on undefeated in district with three games to go. **Pitcher Chase Shugart** keeps getting stronger with each outing. He struck out 16 and allowed only one hit in a 2-1 win over Silsbee.****On April 17, a nice lady, **Cheryl Puentes** celebrates as does **Matthew Franklin**, **Ronnie Haymon** and **Shelby Bickham**.****On April 19, **Shirley Bonnin**, the pride of West Orange, celebrates******Cheryl Patterson**, **Barbara Sarver** and **Mandi Chesson** also celebrate. Celebrating also, last but not least, is our longtime friend **Bill Nickum**.****Celebrating April 20, Easter Sunday, is pretty ex-teacher, **Jody's wife**, **Pearl's baby**, **Beverly Raymer**,****April 21, in 2010, A great guy **Mickey McNamara**, 74, was murdered.

20 Years Ago-2004

Marine Lance Corporal Shane Lee Goldman was honored as a hero on April 16. Over a mile of vehicles trailed the hearse that carried his body from North Orange Baptist Church to Hillcrest Cemetery. Automobiles, police cars and fire trucks formed the long line. Hundreds at residents lined the street with hands over their hearts as the procession went by. April 13 would have been his 20th birthday. It also was the day his family took possession of the casket that held the body of their son, who was killed a week earlier on April 5 in Iraq. **Tony Houseman Company** placed five large signs around the county honoring the young Marine. Other businesses also displayed signs. I recall my friend **Louis Dugas**, a former Marine, wrote a beautiful tribute telling how he had met the young Marine before he left for Iraq. (Editor's note: How time flies, 20 years have passed. Today, our friend Louis is also gone.)******Troy Johnson** elected County Court at Law judge. He out scored **Sharon Bearden**.****Bridge City tract star, state champion sprinter **Michael Gautier**, has committed to run track for Lamar.****The Bridge City Cardinal baseball team remains undefeated in the district. This week, the Cards defeated Hardin Jefferson. After being tied 3-3, **Hunter Hays**, with runners on second and third and first base open, came to the plate. H.J,

instead of walking him chose to pitch to him. He parked the pitch in left center. Game over.****Former Bridge City pitcher **Luther Sanders**, one of the best pitchers to come out of Cardinal land, has a 7-2 record at Blinn, against U.T. Brownsville, he gave up only one hit in a 9-1 win. He struck out seven in seven innings.

50 Years Ago-1974

Texas Ave. Grocery weekly specials are: Pabst Blue Ribbon beer, 12-12oz. Cans, \$1.99; lean ground round, 69 cents a lb.; Gold Medal flour, 5 lb. bag, 89 cents; whole fryers, 49 cents a lb.; Chuck roast, 79 cents a lb.; sliced bacon, 69 cents a lb.; 5 pounds of potatoes, 79 cents; baby beef hind quarters, cut your way, 89 cents a lb. Owner, **Dick Bivens**, **Speck Farris** meat manager.****Rev. W.W. Kennedy will mark his 31st anniversary as pastor of Cove Baptist Church on April 28.****Lee Brown has a painting by Gordon Baxter of a train. The painting hangs in his Beaumont hearing aid office. He has turned down 300 percent profit. Lee just won't part with it. (Editor's note: Lee and Bax have since passed away. I wonder where that painting is today.)****HAPPENINGS: **Glen Earl** is doing the news on Channel 4.****Willie Waldrop, the bearded reporter with the Leader, leaves for a job with the Dallas Times Herald as an investigative reporter.****Bill Townes was elected Bridge City School Board president, Bill and wife Elaine and two sons reside at 2025 Texas Ave. He is manager of Kroger's in Orange; C.W. Lormand was elected vice-president, Billy Christian, secretary; Gus Garza, assistant secretary.****Inez Hearn is the manager of Montgomery Wards on 16th Street.****Terry Hildalgo is now working at Charlie's Furniture on Dupont Dr.****Bridge City High D.E. banquet held. **Debbie McCardle** is the D.E. student working for the Opportunity Valley News, **Rusty Wilson** is the D.E. teacher.****Bridge City High students **Marjorie Bernhardt** and **Angelia Hock** are finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition.****Alan D. Gary is running for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. S.A. "Bill" Dickerson is candidate for constable of Precinct 2.

60 Years Ago - 1964

Sixth years ago a talented group of 13 year olds from Orange County really made their mark in bowling statistics. They won second place in the state TABY tournament at Longview. The members of this prestigious Brown Lane's Junior Boys team were **Jack Greenwell**, **Kevin Curran**, **Chuck Conroy**, **David Sparks**, **Harvey Reimer** and **Mickey Hall**. The young keglars broke the state record in a semi finals match with a team score of 3274 and posted a 3038 in the finals.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Dr. Tom Johnson always has something going on at Lamar State College Orange. On May 1, at 2:00 p.m., an unveiling and ribbon cutting of Technology H.O.T. Unit will be held. Orange County where the sun rises on Texas and higher education begins at LSCO.**** The spices are being gathered to boil up crawfish, shrimp, potatoes, corn and all the other stuff that is good simmering in a big pot as the **Mauriceville Heritage Association** prepares for the annual **Crawfish Bash** on May 3 and 4. The county's longest-running festival includes an all-you-can-eat deal for \$50. Live entertainment this year includes **Ryan Foret** and **Foret Tradition**. And don't forget the Saturday morning parade. It's always a good time in Mauriceville.******Stephen and Jami Lee** will be leaving the Golden Triangle as he has been named the new president and CEO of **First National Bank in Bastrop**. **Stephen** helped lead **Orange Savings Bank** to become part of the **First Financial Bank** system.******Judge Courtney Burch-Arkeen** celebrated her 13th year on the bench in the **128th State District Court**. She is now the senior judge of the county's three state courts.****The **Lions Club Veterans Memorial Park** in Vidor has temporarily removed the historic tank on display. The tank is now off for refurbishing and will return to the memorial.****Lots of grandparents take their grandkids to **Disney World**. **Janie Burns Melton** had the tables turned. Her granddaughter, **Joey Dale Dronett**, took her for a birthday trip to the **Magic Kingdom**, where they stayed at the **Grand Floridian**.******Christine Brown-Zeto** and her sister went on a cruise that included a stop in Roatan.******Charlotte Chiasson** with friends and family went to the **Burnet Bluebonnet Festival** and traveled through Brenham with a stop at **Blue Bell Creamery**. Should we ask how many scoops she ate?******Earnest Mickey** marked his 38th year anniversary working for the **Lutcher Theater**.******County Judge John Gothia** and buddies trekked to **South Texas** to see the eclipse and got two minutes of total darkness.******Denisha** and **Matthew LaFleur** hosted a get-together for the **Krewe C'est Bon**. **Juanita Smith** provided the crawfish. Those attending included **Leslie Williams**, **Sherry Hommel**, **Gina and Skipper Yeaman**, **Cody and Ashley Tarver**, **Lori Ardoin**, and **Dyan Morris**.******Pat and Phillip Caillavet** have a new grandson, **Bryce Weston Caillavet**. His parents are **Phillip and Katie Caillavet** and his big brother is **Pax**.**** April is apparently a popular month for weddings and lots of people were marking anniversaries. We have a tie for this week's longest marriage. **Dan and Lue Harris** had **No. 56**, as did **Jack and Theresa McClelland**.******Russ and Theresa Cronin** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a cruise to Barcelona with some side trips to a couple of other European destinations.******Timmy and Cara Campbell** marked **No. 35**.****Others with anniversaries included **Terry and Susan Childers**, **David C. and Sabrina Claybar**, and **John and Tammra Frederick**.

NEWS ABOUT THE NATIVES

Monday morning Judge Derry Dunn, the other **Roy Dunn**, ventured to **Houston hospital** for **insertion of a pacemaker**. The operation was put off for a week. **Jane will let us know what happens**

there. **Derry** is still **Municipal Judge in Pinehurst** and **serves on the LCM school board**. **Hopefully he will get over being puny in time to plant a few tomatoes**.****I heard from **Phillip Welch** and learned he was home feeding the dog and paying the bills while **Sterling** and his mom had taken a driving-vacation to Kentucky, etc. **Sunday** they were in Arkansas hunting for diamonds. **Phillip** still has that great job with the **Kountze school district**.****I've been so much out of pocket that I didn't realize city and school elections were **May 1**. In fact, early voting starts next Monday. I wouldn't have know that if **Bridge City mayor David Rutledge** hadn't been out here knocking on doors asking folks to keep him as mayor. **Did you know**, besides being a great mayor, **David** plays the bagpipes. He played at his father-in-law, **W.T. Oliver's** funeral several years ago. My friend **W.T.** would have liked that. He was one of the finest people I've ever known and deserved that special tribute.****I spoke to **Martha**, **Glenda Dyer's** daughter, who is in Tennessee looking after her mom and helping Paul. She and her husband plan to move there in May. **Glenda**, who was so intelligent, is now an Alzheimer patient and is far advanced. I was very sorry to hear that. She and **Paul**, who is retired from Dupont, are such great folks. Our prayers go out to **Martha** and her family.****Sorry to hear that **Sue** and **Tommy Simar** are now grounded. **Tommy** doesn't drive any more. They say they are very grateful to **Sue's** son **Bud**, who gets them where they need to go and cares for them.**** This week, in 1865, **President Abraham Lincoln** was shot and mortally wounded by **John Wilkes Booth** during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at **Ford Theater in Washington**. Believe it or not, **Roy's** grandfather **Allen** was eight-years-old when word reached them that **Lincoln** was dead. His father had recently been killed in the Civil War.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating in the next few days. April 17: **Whitney Anderson**, **Katelyn Haynes**, **Joseph Taylor** **Jessica Christiansen**, **Kaylie Byrd**, **Ronnie Haymon**, **Shelby Bickham**, **Steve Evans**, **Cheryl Puentes**, **Matthew Franklin**.****April 18: **Eric Haynes**, **Megan Wagnespak**, **Grant Mott**, **Emily Gilson**.******Bill Nickum**, **David Bailey**, **Maurelle McDonald**, **Jamie Moore**, **Barbara Sarver**, **Dustin Gibbs**, **Shirley Bonnin**, **Mandi Nugent**, **Cheryl Patterson**.****The Branch Davidian compound was under siege on this date resulting in 51 adults and 23 children killed.****April 20: **Dr. Wilbur Hah**, **Beverly Raymer**, **Kenneth Brown**, **Becky Atkins**, **Belinda Norman**.****April 21: **Theresa Lieby**, **Dana Hill**, **Christian Dubose**, **James Corley**, **Bonnie Short**.****April 22: **Frances Shoemaker**, **Scott Fisher**, **Allison Rendall**, **Amelia Hollier**.****April 23: **Jason Smalley**, **Paul Zoch**, **Samantha Briggs**, **Jeremie Breaux**, **Nancy Rendall**, **Brandon Fisher**.**** Special birthday greetings to **Shirley Goss**, who celebrated **No. 88**. She wanted crawfish and her wish was granted.***Former WO-S football star **Kevin Smith**, who went on to be a star player for the **Texas Aggies and Dallas Cowboys**, turned 54.*****Willie Perry** had his 77th birthday party hosted by daughter **Victoria Perry** with lots of family and friends attending.***Others marking birthdays this past week included **Kolton Marple**, **Devin Jack**, **Janie Burns Melton**, **Julie Simar Patronella**, **Myra Ratcliff Swiney**, **Patsy Herrington**, **Kenneth Wheeler**, **Ayden Theriot**, **Kenzie Caillavet**, **Frances Lewis**, **Leslie Williams**, **Kate Roberts**, **Karen Wickham**, **Carolyn Mello**, **Pat Cook**, **Adam Cloessner**, **Haylinn Crowell**, **Will Tubbeville**, **Trisha Spears**, **Tyler Roberts**, **Kahil Gibran Akram**, **Bubba Moore**, **Lindsey George**, and **Henry Brown**. (To publish birthdays or anniversaries email us at therecordlive.com or call 409-886-7183. Publications are free of charge.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Oris Broussard took his uncle, **Calvin Tee Nonk** Primeaux, to New Orleans for a couple of days of sight seeing and spending time together before **Oris** him, had to return to his military base.

After a long day of walking down every street in the French Quarters and from one end of Canal Street to the other, **Oris** took "Tee-Nonk" to Hooters for a drink and some hot wings.

After being there for awhile, **Oris** axe "Tee-Nonk" which one of dem waitress would he like to be stuck in an elevator wit?

"**Tee Nonk**" him, say, "Well **Oris**, it's like dis, me I want da one who knows how to fix elevators. I'm old, tired and I pee a lot."

C'EST TOUT 2024 HURRICANE SEASON

This year's hurricane season is expected to be a busy one for two main reasons, the emergence of **La Nina** in the equatorial Pacific and record warmth in the tropical Atlantic. The 2024 Atlantic hurricane season starts June 1, and already some are suggesting it'll be one for the record books but is it still too soon to declare how active the season will be. Along the **Gulf of Mexico**, we are particularly prone to tropical cyclone landfalls. Almost every year we get at least one landfall along the **Gulf coastline**, there's almost nowhere for cyclones in the **Gulf** to go besides hitting a coastline. While it may be too early to tell whether **Texas** will face direct hits from a hurricane this year, the implications of a major hurricane landfall are stark. **Texas** and specifically our area, are often cited as the most prone in the country to natural disasters driven or exacerbated by climate change. When a storm approaches, follow local authorities evacuation orders promptly and stay informed with battery-powered radios for updates. After the storm passes, assess damage cautiously, avoiding flooded areas, and be patient during recovery efforts. **Preparation is key to staying safe** and resilient during hurricane season.****I've got to go my time is up. Thanks for yours. Please read us cover to cover and shop our family of advertisers. Tell them we sent you. Take care and God bless.

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the April Student of the Month for Orangefield is Georgia Jones. Georgia is ranked 10 of 124 with a GPA: 4.5. Pictured are: Christy Jones, Shon Jones, Georgia Jones, Rea Wrinkle, Britni Briggs, Shaun McAlpin, and Lucy Fields.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Heidi Welch with Orangefield ISD has been named April Employee of the Month. Pictured are: Susan Kale, Gene Kale, Heidi Welch, Rea Wrinkle, Chelsea Skinner and Shaun McAlpin

County business From Page 2

nearly 50 years.

Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher reported her office collected \$2.5 million in property taxes in March. The deadline for the current tax payments was January 1. The office also collects property taxes for cities and school boards and special districts. Of the total March collected, \$819,452 went to the county.

The court also approved a federal Community Development Block Grant special project for \$1 million for Tulane Street on-site sewer project issued as part of recovery money for Tropical Storm Imelda.

Donna Alford, county elections administrator, asked to move \$10,500 from her office's contingency funds to cover costs of the May 4 city and school elections, plus the May 28 party primary run-off elections that will include Republican challenger David Covey running against District 21 state representative Dade Phelan, who also serves as speaker of the Texas house.

Alford told commissioners that the cities and schools will reimburse the office for their individual expenses. The political parties will also reimburse costs for all but early voting for the primaries.

The court postponed a vote on getting a computerized program to keep track of county road conditions and work orders for repairing. County Engineer Corey Oldbury he found a suitable program and the company offering it will provide help in acquiring a grant to help the county pay for the

program.

When Assistant County Attorney Denise Gremilion asked about bids, County Judge John Gothia said the program would be proprietary with the county receiving proposals.

Also, Commissioner Trahan said he can ride the roads in his precinct and tell the condition and what needs repairing. He questioned whether the county needs the program. Gothia said if the county tries the program, it will still be able to end the contract at any time, including if the county does not get a grant to pay for it.

The court agreed to wait on a legal decision by Gremilion to assure the purchase meets state procurement laws.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Robert Viator asked for a committee to be appointed to review fees charged to rent county buildings. He said Sabrina Gray, who oversees the Expo Center and Claiborne West Park, had request the county look into changing the fees.

District Clerk Anne Reed reported that the state district court judges in the county agreed to a new pay rate for people called to jury duty. If someone appears in the morning of the first day and is then released, they will be paid \$20 for the morning. If they are called back after 1:30 p.m. that day, the will be paid \$58. Then every other full day serving on a jury will be \$58.

Eclipse road trip From Page 2

standing in front of me. He walked away, turned around and looked at me as he raised the feathers on his head. Apparently, he's a regular visitor.

I later learned that indigenous American culture holds the roadrunner as a protector and bearer of good luck.

Watching an eclipse can be tedious. I moved a yard chair to a clearing, put my eclipse glasses on, and turned my head upward. Nothing. Nothing. Nothing. So I Google eclipse times again. I'm an hour early.

I look at more family photo albums and documents with my daughter. It was a good way to take my mind off waiting.

The real time comes. My daughter has a blanket cover for the ground, but I remain in my chair, bending my neck upwards as we watch with our extra dark glasses. A tiny sliver disappears from the sun.

Watching a total eclipse move into place can be boring. Years of waiting, and it's going way too slowly. But there's nothing humans can do to make the heavens move.

The eclipse coverage moves so slowly that my daughter and I visit more. Every few minutes we put our glasses back on to check the progress. After a while, I lie down on the blanket because my neck is getting a crick.

Like a child going to bed on Christmas Eve, it seems like the big moment will never arrive.

Kids in the area have been let out of school to watch the eclipse. Down the street, a group that sounds like they are in their early teens are laughing and talking. They begin to sing "Total Eclipse of the Heart." I think none of them were in the choir.

The golfers had been out playing since early morning. They quit as the eclipse gets closer. I look in back of the house and see the back clubhouse porch and patio are full of people watching.

The skies grow darker, not from clouds, but from the diminishing amount of sunlight. I comment to my daughter about how nice it is to be in a place with few mosqui-

toes. "But then, mosquitoes come out at dawn and dusk," I added. It was between 1 and 2 in the afternoon.

Yes, I spoke too soon. Mosquitoes came out as the moon became close to full coverage. My cousin was surprised when I told her. She said they don't have mosquitoes. Perhaps they rode up there in my SUV, which seems to gather them.

Through the eclipse glasses, the sun grows smaller and the round shape of the moon shadow takes over. The last little sliver of the sun becomes red. The sliver decreases like a match burning up a string.

At the end, all that is left to see of the sun is a red dot. It looks like a big red star, three or four times bigger and brighter than Mars. Then it suddenly disappeared.

I couldn't see anything with the dark glasses. My impulse was to throw the eclipse glasses off. It took a split second without thinking.

The moon covered the sun and a bright, white halo popped out around the darkened sun. Sparks pop out around the edges of the sun.

The birds have disappeared and their chirping has stopped. It grows darker and a bit chillier. However, the original path of the eclipse apparently moved slightly. We got 99.99 percent totality. It never turned totally dark as it did in some locations.

But that doesn't stop my daughter and I from taking in every glorious moment of our experience. I did not attempt photographs with my phone because I wanted to watch. And I've discovered phone cameras can take some good shots, but they do not capture the true colors of the sky. My daughter, however, got a couple of phone shots.

We left for home on Tuesday with boxes of family heirlooms to be donated to Heritage House Museum and lots of memories. Road trips are adventures and this one mixed nature, history, and family love into one.

I plan to share some of the photographs and information about items in future stories.

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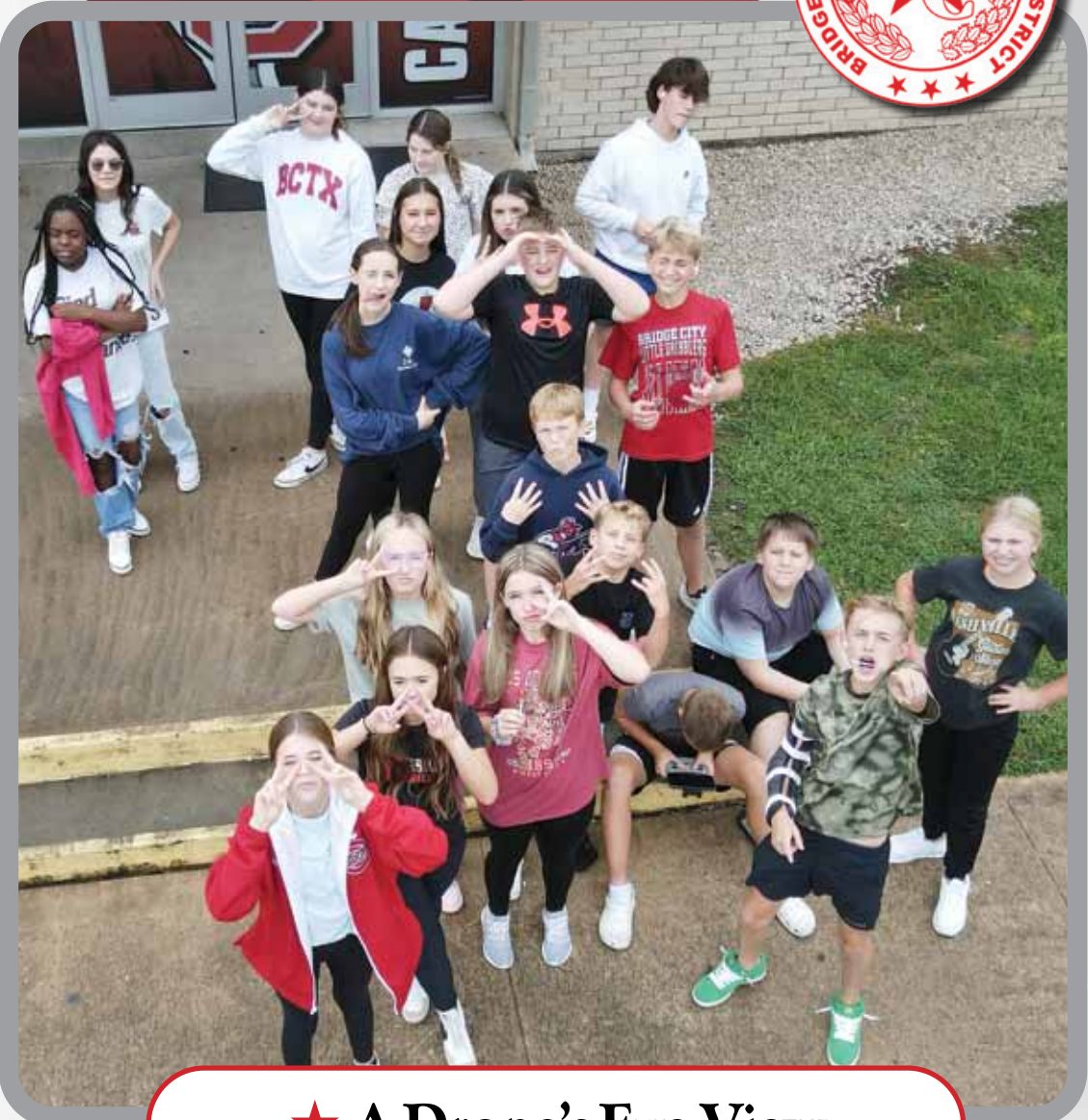
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Baseball races still tight for local teams

Orange County baseball action this week

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The high school baseball teams are entering the final stretch of the district schedule. Four games over the next two weeks will determine if the teams will be eligible for the post season.

Little Cypress Mauriceville is riding a four game winning streak which has put the Bears in great shape to make the playoffs, and they still have a good shot at the district championship. Last week LCM shutout

the Jasper Bulldogs in both games the two teams played.

Rain postponed Tuesday's game to Thursday, and Junior Landon Richards was brilliant tossing a no hitter against the Bulldogs striking out 16 and walking two in seven innings. The Bears won 7-0 for their third straight victory at that time.

Richards was potent with his bat as well getting two hits and driving in two runs. Jacob Scheiderer provided a two run triple while Marco Bandiero and Jackson Struwe both had two hits in the victory.



Kane Smith and Carson Worthy both had three hits in Orangefield's 5-0 win over Buna to keep the Bobcats in sole possession of first place in District 21-3A.

The teams played at Jasper on Friday, April 12, and Little Cypress Mauriceville got a one hitter from freshman Jacob Scheiderer and reliever Brice Frenzel beating the Bulldogs 11-0 in five innings. Scheiderer struck out five Bulldogs in his four innings on the mound and Frenzel struck out the side in his lone inning.

Bandiero and Richards were the hitting heroes again for LCM. Bandiero banged out two hits including a double, drove in two runs, and scored twice. Richards ripped two hits and had two rbis.

First place Bridge City split its two games with the Lumberton Raiders last week. Both games

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Lady Cards, Lady Bears capture wins

Orange County softball action this week

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

As the regular season for softball approaches its conclusion three local teams are in strong positions to make the post season. Final district games will be played the week of April 16-19 for Bridge City, Little Cypress Mauriceville, Orangefield, and West Orange-Stark.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears won two key games last week. LCM has moved into a tie for second place in District 19-4A with the pair of victories.

The Lady Bears played a game on Tuesday, April 9, which had an earlier start time because of the forecast calling for inclement weather and was stretched to almost four hours by multiple rain delays. The Lady Bears beat the Lady Raiders 11-7 at Lumberton.

LCM grabbed the initial lead with a run in the top of the first inning. Lumberton tied the game in the second before the Lady Bears scored twice in the third and once in the fourth for a 4-1 lead.

The big inning was the fifth for Little Cypress Mauriceville when six Lady Bears crossed the plate to give them a 10-3 advantage. The Lady Raiders tallied three times in the bottom of the fifth and both teams tacked on an additional run in the sixth inning.

Senior Jacelyn Cook was the hero with her bat going two for four with a walk, scoring two runs, and driving in three. Cook hit a bases loaded triple during LCM's explosive six run fifth inning.

Other Lady Bears with good nights offensively were Eden Frenzel who scored three runs and Ava White with two runs and a run batted in. Keylie Washburn also tripled to drive in a run and scored once herself.

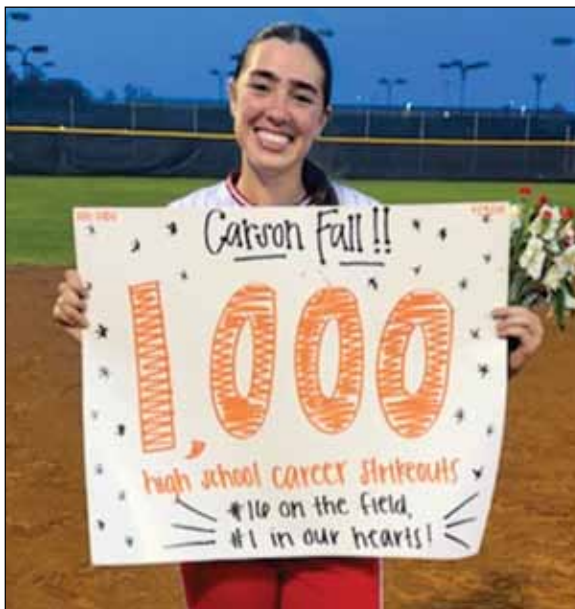
Pitcher Ella Stephenson threw a complete game in the circle for Little Cypress Mauriceville to get the important win. Stephenson gave up five hits to the Lady Raiders, struck out eight, and only two of the seven runs she allowed were earned.

Little Cypress Mauriceville followed up that win by blasting Jasper 11-4 on Friday night. Keylie Washburn walloped a

double to drive in two runs, ripped a run scoring single, and hammered a two run homer to total five rbis in the victory.

Tessa Erickson joined Washburn in hitting a homerun in the final inning for the Lady Bears. Ava White had four hits while Jillian Brown and Lexis Moss both collected multiple hits.

Erickson got the win in the circle pitching the first four innings for LCM. Tessa struck out seven and walked three and allowed two runs. Ella Stephenson appeared in relief to close out the win. The Lady Bear defense was stellar behind the two pitchers



Lady Cardinal pitcher Carson Fall threw a no hitter against Vidor and surpassed the 1,000 strikeout mark for her four year career at Bridge City.

playing error free and turning two double plays.

The wins by the Lady Bears (7-3) pulled them into a virtual tie for sec-

ond place with Lumberton (8-3) which also lost to Bridge City on Friday. The Lady Raiders played their district finale at Vidor on



Keylie Washburn and Tessa Erickson homered in the Lady Bears 11-4 win at Jasper on Friday.

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Tuesday. The Lady Bears played West Orange-Stark on Tuesday, and close the regular season at Silsbee on Friday.

The Bridge City Cardinals got two more no hitters from pitcher Carson

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One of the biggest and most intriguing factors that keep fishermen coming back day after day is the process of discovery, figuring out the puzzle so to speak. The task of sifting through all the variables and making sense out of all the factors in order to establish a pattern is what drives many anglers. Unknowingly we all go through the same process every time we fish but without the fanfare. Most of us don't realize we are even doing it, establishing a pattern, but just as sure as water is wet we are doing exactly that.

Now there are way more folks who fall into the category of "routine" fishermen than those who actually take the time to go about establishing a solid pattern. The guy who hooks his boat up, launches at the same launch, fishes the same spots, and throws the same bait trip after trip is a "routine" fisherman. The law of averages eventually rewards this guy with a good trip or two, just enough hope and success to keep him coming back day after day. Now I can't tell you what the "routine" fisherman does is wrong because different folks have different goals and expectations. If "routine" fisherman has a good time on the water and enjoys his trip then more power to him, but there is much more out there see and a whole lot more fish to be caught.

Perhaps the best way to illustrate the technique of establishing a pattern I ever heard of was demonstrated by a very accomplished guide on Sam Rayburn by the name of Will Kirkpatrick. Will actually taught classes on fishing and showed anglers how to apply the techniques he taught. One of the best ones was "how to establish a pattern". Anglers in the class were given a stack of 3 x 5 note cards before they went out to fish. On the cards the anglers were to write down a variety of information every time they got a bite or caught a fish. Water depth, surrounding structure, water temp, lure, retrieve speed, and so on were all noted by each angler. At lunch or dinner that evening the anglers were to bring their stack of cards and start sorting through them. Little by little each card was put into a stack until they were all done. It was amazing at the end of the sorting process how each angler could now physically put their hand on one stack, that was usually the largest, and see exactly what the common denominators were in their pattern. This process is what we as anglers need to be able to do mentally in order to narrow down the options and realize just exactly what the pattern is for that specific day.

Okay so now you understand the method of how to decipher the pattern, the only question is "how do I get started?" A few basic questions first come to mind that should shed some light on the subject. First one has to be about things you cannot control, meaning weather conditions. Weather obviously plays a huge factor in determining your strategy for that days trip on the water. For arguments sake we are going to make weather a non-factor, it's drop dead perfect conditions and no water is off limits due to bad winds or other limiting factors. The next uncontrollable factor has to be tides, either you have them or you don't, no in between. Tidal movement will certainly influence your approach and should determine where and how you start your day.

Now we have determined that we have tidal movement and good weather so the next piece of the puzzle to fill in is "what type of lure do I start off with?" In a situation like this I personally like to find a lure that enables me to cover a lot of water and possibly take advantage of an aggressive bite. For years this was the standard game plan for some of the best big trout hunters in the business. Show up at a picture perfect flat and start the session throwing a Jumpin Minnow. The first big top water eruption let them know there were fish in the area and then it was time to get down to business. The switch was made from top water plugs to a Corky or possibly a broken back minnow and that was all she wrote. No there weren't any sexy "blow ups" or anything like that but the strike to hook up ratio was often off the chart and that's what really mattered. The top water plug helped find the fish and the more subtle approach from the sub surface offerings caught the fish.

Now speaking of sub surface offerings it's always a good idea to start off your fishing trip with each angler throwing a different bait in order to cover the most area and different depths of water. The folks starting off throwing soft plastics can also take advantage of different bait profiles to help them cover the water more efficiently and that's important.

A truly dialed in pattern is a thing of beauty and helps to promote confidence in any angler. When you step on a boat to go fish with your buddy or a guide and they tell you something is going to happen and as soon as you stop at the right spot it starts then it seems as if everything in the world is right. The more skilled you become at putting these pieces together and being able to decipher the puzzle the more enjoyable your trips on the water will become. It's always been said "knowledge is power", the more you know the better off you are.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• **Sabine Lake**

GOOD. 68 degrees. Redfish are holding in the pot-holes, rock and shell in the ICW biting live shrimp under a popping cork. Slot redfish and trout can be caught in the ICW in 12-15 feet of water with red shad quarter ounce jigs during incoming tides. Sabine Channel is good for slot redfish and slot trout with live shrimp under a popping cork. Sheepshead and drum are in the shallows off shell banks and rock piles. North Levee speckled trout are excellent live shrimp popping cork, glo chartreuse 1/16 ounce plastics. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• **Bolivar**

GOOD. 70 degrees. The water clarity and color are murky due to the weather changes and high winds. The best bite conditions this week will be on the incoming tides for the jetty and surf. Plenty of redfish of varying sizes, stingrays, sheepshead, black drum, small slot speckled trout, and crabs caught along the jetty with an occasional pompano. The surf is producing black drum, gafftop, stingrays, and small bonnet head and spinner sharks with reports of some big fish breaking off lines. East Bay and the Texas City Dike have been steady producing drum, gafftop, small trout, and redfish. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp.

• **Trinity Bay**

FAIR. 72 degrees. Wade anglers are finding good numbers of speckled trout in water 2-4 feet deep, over shell reefs. Further north, up the ship channel, scattered catches of speckled trout and black drum on live shrimp. A few redfish are also being caught. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The trout bite is firing up in 3 feet of water on live shrimp under a popping cork and WAC Assassins in the chartreuse color. Redfish are pushing shallow and the need for a vessel that accommodates this will prevail. You can find schilling redfish that can be enticed with live shrimp. Sheepshead are abundant on docks and rocks with drums mixed in. Pay attention to wind and weather prior to your trip and be prepared. Your life is not worth saving a boat so be smart about life jackets and kill switches. Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• **East Galveston Bay**

GOOD. 72 degrees. East Bay Protected shorelines producing scattered speckled trout. Other catches consist of black drums, flounder and the occasional redfish. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Water clarity is very good for the majority of East Galveston Bay. This week we once again fished shoreline shells in close vicinity to drains in the 3 foot depth range and found good numbers of trout and redfish, and a few flounder. If you catch a fish, powerpole down and fan cast the entire area, as we have been pick-



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

ing up three to five fish in close proximity. If you get into an area and do not see bait activity, make a few casts, and move on, as our experience has been, if you find good amounts of bait the fish are close by. This week we have thrown ¼ ounce jig heads with Wac Attack straight tails in chartreuse, as well as marker 54 Glide Shrimp, under a 1-2 foot leader and a Fish Smack Popping Cork. The popping cork and shrimp setup was the top performer for us this week resulting in some of the most aggressive bites of the year. Spring is finally here, and fishing will continue to heat up as the water warms and the

fronts blowing thru become less prevalent. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

• **Galveston Bay**

SLOW. 74 degrees. Speckled trout bite is fair along protected areas of the bay, shorelines and rock groins. Black drum bite a little better, along with a few sheepshead. A few redfish working off the west shoreline of Galveston Bay. Live shrimp under popping corks working best. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• **West Galveston Bay**

GOOD. 73 degrees. Good number of black drum being caught on live shrimp. Speckled trout fair, but having to work for them. Best on shell reefs. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• **Texas City**

FAIR. 73 degrees. Catches of oversized drums have slowed from the Galveston jetties. Anglers fishing live shrimp catching slot redfish, black drum, sheepshead, and a few speckled trout. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• **Freeport**

SLOW. 72 degrees. Sheepshead and drum are biting in full force at the jetties and pass on live and dead shrimp. Reds have been good in the back lakes and bays with shrimp under popping cork. Trout have been good with soft plastics and shrimp under a popping cork in the bays. Flounder are showing up at the pass and bays using mullet and live shrimp with a split shot and dragging them on the bottom. Jack crevalles, bull redfish, and sharks showing up in the surf at surfside and Bryan beach and San Luis Pass. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adventures.

• **Redfish Bay**

GOOD. 68 degrees. Redfish are good on the middle of the flats and along the shorelines with dead shrimp.

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Softball recap From Page 1B

Fall as they remain undefeated in district and have clinched the district championship. The Cardinals had a three game lead over both Little Cypress Mauriceville and Lumberton with two games left on the district schedule.

Bridge City shutout the Vidor Lady Pirates 12-0 in five innings on Tuesday, April 9. Fall reached a great milestone surpassing one thousand strikeouts in her four years at Bridge City with her nine strikeouts of the Lady Pirates.

Leading the Cardinal offense was Lexi Nugier scoring two runs and driving in a pair. Makenna Knight had a two run double, Anna Autrey and Kylie Hamilton had two hits each.

The normally heavy hitting Lumberton Lady Raiders were no match for Carson who no hit them on the following Friday. The Cardinals won 6-0 over Lumberton to improve to 10-0 in district.

The no hitters were Fall's fourth and fifth in district games this year. Opponents have scored one run in the ten district wins by Bridge City. The Cardinals played at home on Tuesday against Jasper, and will finish the regular season on Friday at West Orange-Stark.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats celebrated their four senior members on the softball team prior to Friday's game. Abigail Curphey, Paris Becker, Greenlea Oldham, and Abby Broussard were part of two district championships in 2021 and last season. The 2023 Lady Bobcats had the winningest season in program history with 27 wins in making the team's first trip in school history to the regional semi-finals. The four seniors have contributed to 86 program wins over the last four seasons.

After recognizing the four seniors the Lady Bobcats bopped the Buna Lady Cougars 14-4 in five innings which solidified Orangefield's hold on second place in District 21-3A. Pitcher Abigail Curphey got the complete game win with all four Buna runs attributed to errors.

The Lady Cougars took the lead 3-0 in the third inning. Three runs scored after a dropped foul pop up by the Lady Bobcats with two outs gave Buna new life.

Orangefield exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the fourth. Charlee Sanches started the inning with a single and was sacrificed to second by Curphey. Aysen Vincent was hit by a pitch and Abby Broussard singled to load the bases with Lady Bobcats.

Paisley Reeves hit a grounder to third that forced a quick throw to the plate that was errant allowing two Lady Bobcats to score. A pitch hit Greenlea Oldham to reload the bases for Orangefield.

Aubree Beck and Halle Becker followed with singles to give the Lady Bobcats the lead 4-3 with the bases still loaded. With two outs Sanches batted for the second time in the inning and singled to drive in two runs before Curphey brought home two more runs with a single. Aubrey Sonnier courtesy ran for Curphey and scored on Broussard's second hit of the inning to put Orangefield up 9-3 after four.

Buna got one run back in the top of the fifth, but the Lady Bobcats picked up in the bottom half of



Abigail Curphey pitched Orangefield to the win over Buna and had two hits in the game.

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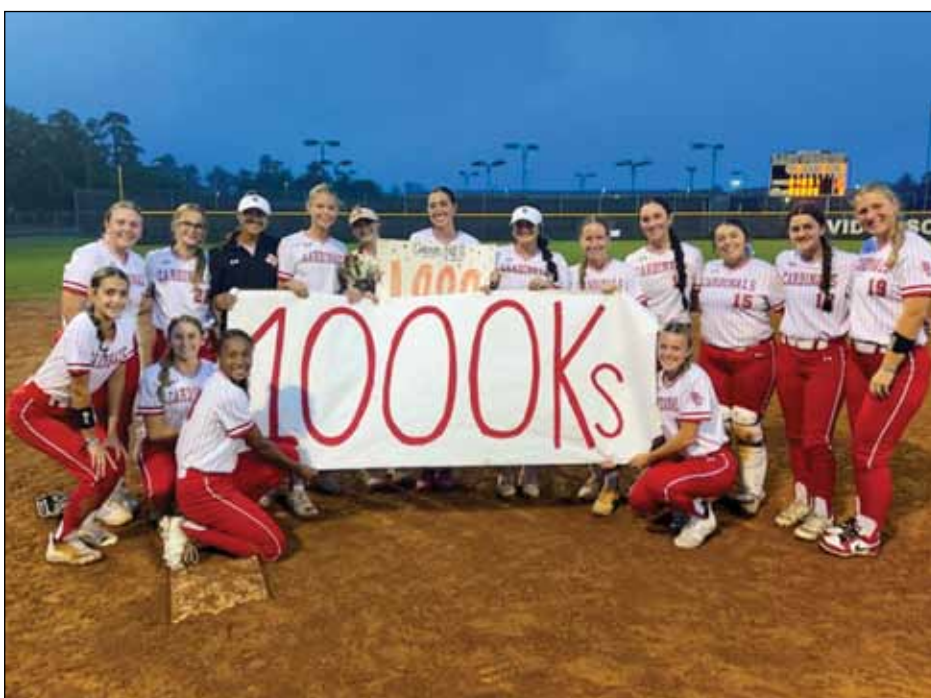
the inning where they left off in the fourth. Beck doubled off the leftfield fence and the Becker sisters both reached base with two runs scoring when Paris' grounder to shortstop was thrown into the dugout. Sanches doubled off the top of the centerfield fence to drive in the third run of the inning for Orangefield.

Curphey singled and

Sonnier courtesy ran again. Sanches and Sonnier both eventually scored on grounders by Vincent and Broussard to give the Lady Bobcats a 14-4 lead to invoke the ten run mercy rule.

"We had a close one with Buna in the first round of district, so I fully expected this to be a tough

SOFTBALL Page 4B



Carson Fall and her Cardinal teammates celebrate her reaching 1,000 strikeouts during her career at Bridge City.



Orangefield seniors Abigail Curphey, Paris Becker, Greenlea Oldham, and Abby Broussard pose with coaches Rebekah Ragsdale, Sarah Nash, and Tiffany McFatter prior to the Lady Bobcats game with Buna.

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Baseball highlights

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Grayson Gregory of West Orange-Stark had three hits in the two games last week with Silsbee. RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine



Landon Richards of LCM pitched a no hitter against Jasper with 16 strikeouts and had two hits himself in the game. RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine

went down to the wire with the visiting team pulling out the game in the last inning.

The Cardinals lost 7-4 on Tuesday in eight innings at Bridge City. Lumberton scored three runs in the eighth greatly aided by three walks and two errors committed by the Cardinals.

Bridge City turned the tables on Friday by scoring four runs in the seventh to beat the Raiders 7-3 at Lumberton to snap its two game losing streak. Cardinal pitcher Landon Reeves threw a complete game with eight strikeouts and allowed just one earned run

to get the win.

The Cardinals rapped eight hits including two each from CJ Riojas, Hutch Bearden, and Gavin Bodin. Slade Landry's two run double was the big hit during Bridge City's four run rally in the seventh.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs lost a pair of games last week to the Silsbee Tigers. The first game was postponed at Ronnie Anderson Park from Tuesday to Thursday and was a tough 5-4 loss for the Mustangs.

Pitching ace Diego Ibarra of the Mustangs had a rough first inning with the Tigers scoring four of their

five runs only two of which were earned. West Orange-Stark outhit Silsbee six to three but left seven runners on base compared to just three Tigers left stranded in the game.

Will Lee and Grayson Gregory both had two hits for West Orange-Stark. Mustangs Lee and Gregory were joined by Christian Anderson and Ibarra with a run batted in apiece.

Friday's game at Silsbee went the Tigers' way from the first inning when they scored four runs. With the score 6-2 the Tigers added five more runs in the sixth to wrap up the scoring. Blade Williams, Gregory,

and Ja'Veon Rubin had the only hits for the Mustangs.

The District 19-4A standings have gotten very

tight at the top. Bridge City (6-2) is in first place just a game ahead of Vidor (5-3) and Little Cypress Mauriceville (5-3). Lumberton (7-3) plays its final district series this week with Vidor. Bridge City plays two games with Jasper (1-7), and LCM plays West Orange-Stark (1-7) twice. Silsbee (6-4) has the bye this week and plays Little Cypress Mauriceville next week to finish their district schedule.

Rain on Tuesday postponed Orangefield's game with Warren until this week. The first place Bobcats won their only game of last week 5-0 at Paul Cormier Field over the Buna Cougars on Friday.

Star pitcher Brycen Tait was excellent again throwing seven shutout innings for the Bobcats. Tait walked no batters, allowed only three hits, and struck out three Cougars.

The Orangefield offense was led by Carson Worthly and Kane Smith with three hits apiece. Two of Worthly's hits were doubles.

Bobcats Logan Cheek, Matthew Johnson, and Caleb Fregia played stellar on defense.

"We knew Buna was going to be good coming in because the Cougars have been playing well the last couple of games. We had to have the mind set of not getting caught up like we did the last time and knowing the Cougars were coming to play. Brycen (Tait) located his fast ball really well tonight, worked out of two really big jams which was good to see because when we get in a playoff run that's what's going to happen. He'll have to work out of some jams and he did that tonight," Bobcat Coach Tim Erickson commented.

This will be a busy week for Orangefield with the makeup of the rain out against Warren on Monday followed by road games at Hardin on Tuesday and Kountze on Friday. The Bobcats' final District 21-3A game will be Tuesday, April 23, at Anahuac.

Softball highlights

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Jacelyn Cook of the Lady Bears hit a bases loaded triple to help LCM beat the Lady Raiders at Lumberton.

game. I never expected to be able to come out and roll the Lady Cougars. In that nine run inning the Lady Bobcats started timing pitches up and hit the ball hard which I was proud of them," Orangefield Coach

Rebekah Ragsdale said after the game.

The final two games of the regular season for the Orangefield Lady Bobcats (10-2) were scheduled for earlier this week. A makeup game because of a rainout

was to be played on Monday, April 15, in Orangefield against Warren before the Lady Bobcats traveled to Hardin on Tuesday with the playoffs to follow next week.

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The comment caught my wife off guard. She was carting our two young boys toward the grocery-store checkout when an older woman ventured the prophecy. The woman spoke from experience, as a mother whose own cart had once held little ones. Perhaps she saw in my wife a past version of herself. Perhaps our boys brought back dear memories. Either way, she felt stirred to speak from hindsight: "You are living the best days of your life."

My wife and I feel the truth of her words. Even amid the chaos of these little years, we often catch glimpses of what life will be like when our home no longer hears the patter of little feet or the laughter of little voices. We won't be surprised if we look back on these years — these wild, exhausting, wonderful years — as the sweetest of our lives.

Moments like this one in the grocery store have left me wondering how to live through precious days you know will pass away. How, as Christians, should we watch children grow, tables empty, friendships fade, faces wrinkle?

Every Good Season Will End

In a world of change and decay, good gifts are fleeting by nature. Kids get big and hair turns gray. Honey-moons pass and anniversa-



ries add up. Good ministries end and new beginnings quickly become old. These facts are so obvious, so unavoidable, that you'd think we'd be more ready for them.

But something in us — something in me — tries to deny the obvious and outrun the unavoidable. We, of course, have developed a dozen ways and more we try to dam the River Time. Some take pictures: many pictures, beautiful pictures, pictures to freeze and frame our happiness. Some try to choreograph moments meant to be enjoyed, not arranged. Some become relationally clingy. Some treat their children as if they were several years younger than they are. I sometimes find myself attempting to extend moments longer than they should go, like a man who keeps shouting "Encore!" after the band has gone home.

Such impulses often come from a kind of anticipated nostalgia, an awareness of present gifts we can't bear to imagine as past, as gone. So we hold a net over our brightest days,

trying to catch the butterfly of lasting joy in the fields of time. But the holes are always too big.

The Hand That Holds Our Seasons

The brevity of beautiful seasons can seem like a kind of cruelty. And in some ways, of course, our losses do remind us of our fallen lot, that we dwell in a land where good things die. Our seasons, like our selves, go from dust to dust, the casualties of a sin-cursed world, subjected to futility (Romans 8:20). But for God's people, Scripture would have us see our passing seasons differently. Ultimately, time does not take our best days from us; God does (Job 1:21). And therefore, wisdom comes from seeing the hand that holds our seasons.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven," the Preacher tells us (Ecclesiastes 3:1). And God is the one who has made it so. "He has made everything beautiful in its time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). He gives seasons of

joy and gladness, seasons for holding and laughing. But on this side of heaven, he gives none of these seasons forever. In his tender and merciful timing, the giver of "every good gift" takes back the treasures he lent, reminding us that they never truly belonged to us (James 1:17). Like beams from the sun, our seasons were not ours to own.

Those who receive their seasons from God's hand, and remain ready to relinquish them at his bidding, find a counterintuitive kind of freedom. The more ready we are to part with good gifts, the less worried we are about losing them, and the more able we are to enjoy them. After imagining his best seasons long gone, the Preacher tells us, "There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God" (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

Or as David Gibson writes, "Instead of using these gifts as a means to a greater end of securing ultimate gain in the world, we take the time to live inside

the gifts themselves and see the hand of God in them."

gold on the streets of the New Jerusalem.

Stamping Time with Eternity

But we can say more. And indeed, on this side of the cross and empty tomb, after Jesus has "brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:10), we can't help but say more. We may live in an Ecclesiastes world, but we are headed for a world without vanity, futility, or loss. And though we cannot keep our seasons from slipping away from us here, Scripture gives us hope that we can stamp them with eternity. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last" — but what's done for Christ will last.

The apostle Paul whispers of the wonder. "In the Lord," he tells the Corinthians, "your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58) — not destined for vanity, not swept away by the wind. Or as he writes to the Ephesians, "Whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord" (Ephesians 6:8). Good works done for Christ, good seasons lived wholly to Christ, do not stay gone. Our hands cannot catch the passing moments, but Jesus's can. Therefore, every moment given to him will become something more than passing.

Present gifts must die. But if they die in Christ, they will have a resurrection of sorts. The seasons will not return to us the same (as if we could parent toddlers again in glory), but "whatever good" we've done in these seasons will be remembered, rewarded, memorialized like a brick of

Aching for Heaven

Perhaps you find yourself in precious days you know will pass. You feel the sand slipping through your fingers. You see the moss beginning to grow over your happiest moments. A few days more, and you will sit beneath a leafless tree, the season past and gone. But then a few days after that, those in Christ will find themselves in a season that will never end.

Now, heaven's eternal season will not be static. However much we discover of God, the shoreline of his perfections will ever bend over the horizon, always as "immeasurable" as before (Ephesians 2:7). But somehow, the stream of eternity will roll on without carrying away anything good, without ever reintroducing mourning, crying, or pain (Revelation 21:4). We will enjoy change without parting, growth without loss, a season without sadness.

I have been wondering, then, if I might live more heavenly minded if I learned to read my aches rightly. For when I feel time running faster than I can follow, what I'm really yearning for is life with Jesus. And the question I should really ask is this: If even this fallen world holds moments as precious as these, what will eternity with him be like?

Every good season will come to an end, but only for now. So when the thought creeps in, "You are living some of the best days of your life," we can respond, "Maybe of this life. But far better days will begin when this life ends."

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