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## BC keeps mayor, WOC to get new school

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

Bridge City will still have David Rutledge as mayor and the West Orange-Cove school district will be getting a new early learning center school. Those are among the results of the May 4 municipal and school elections in Orange County.

Also, the two incumbents on the Orange County Drainage District board fended off challengers to retain their seats. Most of the cities and school districts in the county, along with the Orange County Port and Navigation District, were able to cancel their May 4 elections as incumbents ran for positions with no opposition.

Bridge City Mayor Rutledge won another term by receiving 402 votes against challenger Carl Harbert, a former city councilor, who had 254 votes.

In the Orange County Drainage District board race, incumbent Larry Ancelot got 348 votes for his Precinct 2 seat against Richard Capaldi with 167. Precinct 3 incumbent chalked to beat Seth Mize with 528.

The West Orange-Cove school district was able to cancel its board election, but had a \$72 million bond election for voters, promising the bond sale would not increase property taxes. The school district has received money from ChevronPhillips in recent years because the new chemical plant under con-



Mayor David Rutledge

struction is mostly on land within the district.

Most of the \$72 million will be used to build a new Early Learning Center for pre-kindergarten and Head Start classes. The new school will replace North Early Learning Center on Cordrey Avenue, which was built in 1965 as a high school. The bond election passed with 333 votes in favor and 244 votes against.

The district has bought acreage for the new school, which will be built behind West Orange-Stark Elementary School in Pinehurst off Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Deweyville in adjacent Newton County also had a bond election, but voters rejected the \$47 million proposition with a vote of 348 against and 130 in favor.

For the Vidor school board, three people ran or the vacant Position 2 seat. Carrie Vincent won with 244 votes. Paul Davis was second with 212 votes and then Matthew Dewitt with 33.



## Stark Reading Contest Winners

The Miriam Lutcher Stark Contest in Reading and Declamation is sponsored by the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation as part of its continuing mission to enrich the community and encourage education.

Pictured Are, Left to right: Winners of the 120th Stark Reading Contest: Catalina Lawley, Orangefield High School, Marianna Gonzales, West-Orange Stark High School, Elyse Walker, Vidor High School, Hannah Edwards, Bridge City High School

## Elderly miss meals program

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Ninety-three-year-old Mavis Worsham was expecting her regular hot meal on a Monday in late April. Instead, she got an envelope with a questionnaire from the Orange Meals on Wheels.

Worsham's daughter, Karen Wickham, was one of the people complaining, but she wasn't worried about her mother, who is still mobile and has food in the house. "The main problem was there was no coordination," she said about the program. "The service had been great until now."

Others, weren't as fortunate Mrs. Worsham. An estimated 300 senior citizens in Orange County use the local Meals on Wheels. For some of them, it is the only food they get that day and the program's drivers are the



Judge John Gothia

only people they talk to.

In addition, another 100 people go to the Essie Bellfield Community Center in downtown Orange to get a low-cost or free hot meal from the Meals on Wheels kitchen. The lunch has become a time for the patrons to socialize and play games.

Wickham said her mother, after two days of no food, received two frozen pizzas in what looked like a "Banquet" box, a reference to a well-known frozen food brand.

On Friday, May 3, the board of directors of the Orange Community Action Association, which oversees Meals on Wheels, called the program "in a time of crisis."

The board made an announcement that long-term operational plans are needed and frozen food is currently being delivered. The announcement was dated May 2.

"While we understand these changes do not meet the high standards we have for Meals on Wheels, Orange, Texas, it is temporary while the Board considers long-term operational changes that will ensure the program is sustainable," the emailed letter read. It was sent from an email belonging to State District Judge Courtney Arkeen, who is president of the association's board.

Orange County Judge

John Gothia said Judge Arkeen had talked to him about the program's problems and the county immediately released the \$45,000 Commissioners Court had budgeted for the current budget year.

He said most of the operating budget for Meals on Wheels comes from grants disbursed through the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission. Orange County contributes, as does the city of Orange and the Orange County United Way.

Meals on Wheels also holds different fundraisers and gets donations from civic groups, individuals, and businesses. The city of Orange houses the Meals on Wheels commercial kitchen in the Essie Bellfield Community Center at the corner of Fifth and Division in

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Students in Mrs. Kimberly Spears' Child Development classes would like to thank Mr. Ricky Land, EMS Program Director at LSC-O, for coming to speak to them about First Aid Basics, Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation skills, and the Heimlich Maneuver. These life saving skills are great for those that are around small children and specifically those that plan to babysit this summer.

## Vacant schools bring problems

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

Orange's city planning director was relieved after an announcement from the West Orange-Cove school district. The district will "repurpose" the old North school on Cordrey Avenue and not sell it.

"We don't need any more abandoned schools," said Planning Director Kelvin Knauf. He said the state should pass a law making school districts demolish any schools that are no longer in use.

West Orange Mayor Randy Branch agrees with Knauf on the issue of abandoned schools. He said he asked the school officials not to sell the old North if the May 4 bond election passed.

The \$72 million bond election passed with a vote of 333 to 244. Most of the

money will be used to build a new early learning center behind West Orange-Stark Elementary School in Pinehurst. Superintendent Dr. Rickie Harris made the Facebook announcement about not selling the old North.

Orange and West Orange have been dealing for years with old schools the WOC district closed and then sold. Eventually, the schools became abandoned, sometimes going through two or three different owners.

The cities have been left with large brick buildings that are decaying and often left overgrown weeds. Windows are broken by vagrants, who sometimes move in. Rats come in, snakes follow. Roofs cave in and trees grow out of the holes.

Mayor Branch is dealing with the old West Orange



The district will "repurpose" the old North school on Cordrey Avenue and not sell it. RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal

High School, later middle school, on Western Avenue, and Lorena Oates Elementary on Newton Street north of WOS High.

The school district sold both buildings about 10 years ago to a non-profit school based in Texas.

The ownership of both has changed hands through the years.

A 'For Sale' sign is posted on a wall on the Western Avenue school. "He keeps the grass mowed and keeps the windows

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# 2024 Atlantic hurricane names leads with Alberto

## Staff Report For The Record

A potentially strong hurricane season appears to be on the horizon. Forecasts suggest that this season, which officially begins on June 1, could see more than double the average number of named storms, led by Alberto, Beryl and Chris.

According to an earlier report from USA TODAY, historical weather data from 1991 to 2020 indicates that a typical Atlantic hurricane season features around 14 tropical storms, seven of which intensify into hurricanes.

But an early forecast from hurricane experts at

the University of Pennsylvania predicts the possibility of up to 33 named storms this season; Texas falls second only to Florida in terms of the number of hurricanes making landfall.

Let's hope that only a fraction of the named storms on the list are used this season.

### Here is the list of names for the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season

The names are given out in alphabetical order, and they alternate between names traditionally assigned to males and females. Each new storm gets the next name on the

list. There are no Q, U, X, Y or Z names because of the lack of usable names that begin with those letters.

Only six lists of names actually exist, meaning the list rotates every six years unless a hurricane resulted in significant damage, injuries or fatalities, in which the name is retired.

Two newly selected names joined the list for the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season in place of Florence and Michael.

The category 4 Hurricane Florence hit North Carolina in August 2018, killing 53 people, while Hurricane Michael was

the first category 5 on record to impact the Florida Panhandle, leaving 74 dead in October 2018. It was also the first category 5 hurricane to make landfall in the contiguous United States since Andrew in 1992.

### Here's the list:

- Alberto
- Beryl
- Chris
- Debby
- Ernesto
- Francine
- Gordon
- Helene
- Isaac
- Joyce
- Kirk
- Leslie
- Milton
- Nadine
- Oscar
- Patty
- Rafael
- Sara
- Tony
- Valerie
- William

If all 21 names are used this year, there is a supplemental list of 21 names that will be used after William. Here is that list from the World Meteorological Organization:

- Adria
- Braylen
- Caridad
- Deshawn

- Emery
- Foster
- Gemma
- Heath
- Isla
- Jacobus
- Kenzie
- Lucio
- Makayla
- Nolan
- Orlanda
- Pax
- Ronin
- Sophie
- Tayshaun
- Viviana
- Will

Which hurricanes in Texas now have retired names?

Tied for the costliest hurricane in U.S. history, Harvey is now retired from the list of Atlantic hurricane names and was replaced with Harold. The category 4 hurricane that hit Southeast Texas in October 2017 resulted in 107 fatalities and \$125 billion

in damages.

Ike, a category 4 hurricane that hit near Galveston and Louisiana, led to the deaths of 195 individuals in 2008. The new name in its place is Isaias.

In our neighboring state of Louisiana, Katrina — the category 5 storm that hit New Orleans in 2005 and killed more than 1,800 — was replaced by Katia.

### When is the Atlantic hurricane season?

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, although storms have formed as early as January and as late as December.

The National Hurricane Center starts issuing its daily tropical outlook reports on May 15. If a storm forms before then, a special report is issued for the life of that storm.

## “Shrek the Musical”



Friday and Saturday the Christian Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) presented “Shrek the Musical” at Grace Point at Eagle Heights Church in Orange.

Last month they offered their theatrical production of “Dorothy in Wonderland,” a mash-up of “The Wizard of Oz” and “Alice in Wonderland.”

CAFA offers fine arts education in a variety of subjects to homeschooled youngsters. Students made the costumes and props in theater production classes. Culinary arts students provided refreshments after the show.

Actors pictured include: Bishop - Mia Plake; Fiona - Darian Sandlin; Shrek - Gracen Shawn; Donkey - Chloe Abshire; Lord Farquad - Hayden George; Dragon - Emery Carlock; Dragon Head - Camryn Gibson; and Gingy - Parker George.

The adult production team includes: Amy Harrison - Director; Alayna George - Asst Director and Choreographer; and Macy Inman - Music Director. RECORD PHOTOS: Penny LeLeux

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## Vacant school buildings From Page

boarded," the mayor said about the owner.

That wasn't always the case with Oates school, which has a new owner who has boarded up the broken windows and installed fencing around the complex. The grounds are also kept.

Branch said that before the new owner took over, windows had been broken and people had gotten inside. A fire was once started in the gym, though it caused little damage.

The city got an estimate cost of \$250,000 to tear down Oates, and more if asbestos is present. Because the school was built in the early 1960s, construction likely contained asbestos.

Knauf, the planning director in Orange under-

stands. He oversees code compliance within the city and has dealt with abandoned schools during his decade in Orange.

Currently, the city has ordered the old Jones Elementary School to be demolished by its current owner. Knauf said the city has gotten an estimate that demolition will cost \$225,000, including asbestos removal.

The school was built by the old Orange Independent School District in the early 1950s during the post-war Baby Boom years. Another wing was soon added to the neighborhood school that served kindergarten through sixth grades. It was named for George D. Jones, a school board president.

The school remained opened with varying grades of elementary ages until 1993. A couple of years later, the WO-C district then opened an alternative center at Jones. Then the school was closed.

Windows have been broken out and vines are spreading inside a building. A tree is growing through an outside concrete drinking fountain designed for multiple students.

Knauf has dealt with the problem before. He oversaw the demolition of the old Cove school on Dupont Drive.

That school had also been built in the post-war years, but by the old Cove rural school district, from the days where the histor-

ic neighborhood was unincorporated and had its own school district.

The school and rural district was added to the West Orange District in the early 1960s to make the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District.

Cove school was used as an elementary school until 1985, when the district closed it. About five years later, the district opened its first alternative center for students with behavior problems at Cove. Then it closed after another six years.

The school district sold the Cove complex through bidding in the early 2000s. It housed a church and then a business before becoming abandoned.

The Orange City Council decided to pay to demolish the school. Knauf said the costs were about \$225,000.

The city is in the process of developing the site of the old school into the Cove Recreation Center. A playground and picnic area have already been installed and the city has several other projects, including a walking trail, planned.

Mayor Branch said West Orange, which has a population of about 3,460, doesn't have the money to spend on such demolitions.

Orange has more than five times the population, a larger industrial and business tax base, plus a higher tax rate.

Branch said the new owner of Oates has several ideas to develop the buildings and adjacent property and he hopes the projects will be successful.

Knauf said the current owner of Jones has brought prospective buyers to visit

his office to talk about possibilities for the property, but no one has purchased the old school.

Branch said he worries about decay slowly making its way into the vacant schools in West Orange. "Holes develop in roofs, water gets inside and mold and mildew grow," he said.

Orange has also been dealing for decades with the 110-year-old Wallace High School on John Avenue, which was built for Black students in the days of Jim Crow Laws and segregation. It has been vacant for nearly 60 years and the three-story building has floors that have collapsed with decay. However, the site is an important part of local and state Black history. The owner who purchased the property from WOC in 1981 passed away a few months ago.

## Meals Program From Page 1

downtown.

Gothia said the county's budget for the current fiscal year is fixed, but he and Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan are seeing if the county can up its contribution for the 2024-25 budget.

Wickham said the frozen meals are okay, but her mother is missing the single-serving sizes of milk and juice, along with dessert. The previous meals also were served hot or warm, and were balanced nutritionally.

Mrs. Worsham broke her hip several months ago, but still wanted to live in her home after her recovery. Her daughter, Wickham, said Meals on Wheels was a good way to make sure her mother was getting a hot meal while being independent.

"I was thinking about people bedridden who can't go to the refrigerator and can't go to the microwave," she said about the recent problems with the service.

Gina Gonzales is on the board of directors for Meals and Wheels and also works as director for Optimist Village, a non-profit apartment and community living complex in Pinehurst for senior citizens and the handicapped.

She said Optimist Village is a "congregate site" for Meals on Wheels to drop off a number of meals. The complex has 96 units with 10 handicap accessible. When the meals stopped, the residents pitched into help, cooking gumbo one day plus and red beans and

rice another day. It's not the only time the residents pitch in. They've even held their own link and drink fundraiser to help with Meals on Wheels in the past.

Optimist Village is now getting another freezer to store the meals, plus another microwave to help warm the frozen dinners that are now being delivered.

Bridge City also has a congregate site.

Gonzales said the public can help with donations and by volunteering to be a Meals on Wheels driver. The service has also had a problem getting drivers, who take the meals house-to-house.

The letter from the Community Action Board on May 2 announced that Dawn Burleigh had been

named interim director of Meals on Wheels and a search for a new executive director has started. The board is working with other staff adjustments and food service providers.

The board apologizes for the frozen meals.

"This decision was not easy, and we know how critical food insecurity is in Orange County, especially for senior citizens. The County community has always rallied together in a time of crisis and this time will be no different. Your continued support is essential to the program's ongoing success," the letter reads.

People interested in helping Meals on Wheels financially or by volunteering may contact the program at the Essie Bellfield Community Center in Orange, 409-886-2186.



Orangefield High School had another member of the golf team excel at the UIL state golf tournament this year. Lincoln Parks finished as first runner in up the Class 3A competition during the two day event held in Austin.

Lincoln Parks of Orangefield stands with his coach Todd Trawhon after winning the second place medal at the Class 3A state golf tournament in Austin.

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## From the Creaux's Nest

### LOVE TO MOTHER'S EVERYWHERE

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### SERVICE FOR "ROCK" ROTHROCK HELD

**Robert 'Rock' Rothrock**, age 98, passed away May 1, funeral service was held Sunday, May 5, at First United Methodist Church Slade Chapel, in Orange. He was buried with military honors. "Rock" was from the greatest generation, a WWII Navy veteran. Each day the number of those heroes gets smaller. Rock and his wife, Alice, were regular members of the Wednesday Lunch Bunch. After she died his son, Charlie, brought him to lunch until his death. Rock continued to attend until COVID ran us all home. He was a good man who all of his life gave back to his country and community. Few people have done more for mankind. Our condolences to daughter Debra and Judge Hershel Stagner and their entire family. May he rest in peace. Please see obituary.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

The death of **Vickie Colburn**, 56, in a single car accident is proof that when you wake up in the morning, you never know what the day will bring. For **Vickie** it brought the end to a good, productive life. We are all guilty of taking every day for granted. **Vickie** passed away May 4. A native of Orange **Vickie Colburn** was a wife, mother and grandmother. Our sincere condolences to husband **Oscar** and the entire family. **Gene Brown**, of Mauriceville, born in 1934, is old enough to remember when a little money was hard to come by. **Gene** is a fan of **Roy's 'Life's Highway'** column. He says he never picked cotton all day but he picked blackberries. Not a dream job but the price got up to **\$1 a gallon.** Good money in those days. Five or six gallons a week bought a lot of necessities for the family. **Bob Simmons** were sorry to hear of the death of **Rev. Bob Simmons** who passed away last week. **Brother Simmons**, former pastor of **Maranatha Church** and established **North Orange Baptist Church** many years ago. He was an engineer for **Ed Lovelace** at KOGT and **Ed's** two Beeville stations. He also was an announcer and for many years had a religious Sunday morning show. He was truly a man of God. **We** were also saddened to hear of the death of **Edwin Johansson**, 91, who died April 29. He had been a longtime resident of Bridge City. Through his civic endeavors he helped a young city grow. **California Chrome**, a 5-2 favorite, raced to a victory in the **140th Kentucky Derby** Saturday. Trained by **Art Sherman**, 77, the oldest trainer to win the **Derby**, will now take his horse to the **Preakness** in Baltimore, the next step to the **Triple Crown.** Celebrating birthdays May 10 are lovely ladies **Sharon Woolley**, **Katie Hubbard**, **May 11**, an all important day, **Mother's Day** is also the birthday of **Pat Collins**, and **Penny's** little sister **Sherry Walles.** Celebrating on May 13 is longtime school teacher, a great lady **Ann Bryant.** Again we will have a new congressman in our district. The Primary will select a nominee. Both **Dr. Babin** and **Ben Strusand** are seasoned politicians. They will face Democrat **Michael Cole**, an Orange county school teacher and **Hal Ridley**, from Bridge City, running as a **Green Party** candidate.

### 20 YEARS AGO-2004

A longtime provider of internet service in Orange County has been sold to a national company. **J. Glenn Hughes**, owner, sold **EXP Services of Bridge City** to Nationwide Internet of Hurst, Texas. **Two** seniors at Little Cypress-Mauriceville high school were recently honored as **Mr. and Ms. LC-M. Staci Lumpkin** and **Jonathan Davis** were named at the LC-M pageant. **Orange Savings Bank** will celebrate their 50th anniversary Wednesday, May 12, with an open house. **Jeremy Stolfa**, former Bridge City and SFA football star, has been named assistant athletic director at SFA. **Last** week, oil prices went up to **\$40 a barrel** before dipping a few pennies. (Editor's note: Can you believe how high oil shot up under the **George W. years.** Once up it ain't ever coming down.) **At** this same time **Nick Wingate** is selling

heavy beef **New York strips** for **\$3.29** and **10 pound packs of ground meat** for **\$9.90.** **Smarty Jones** captured hearts and the **130th Kentucky Derby.** **Smarty Jones** was only the **18th horse** to enter the derby undefeated in its 130 years and only the fifth horse to remain undefeated after the derby. The last was **Seattle Slew**, in 1977 that went on to win the **Triple Crown.**

### 45 Years Ago-1979

**FHA chapters** attend the state convention at Tarrant County Center in Fort Worth. Attending from LC-M were delegates **Cathy, Emily and Lisa Fore, Marlene Hodges, Cheryl Choates, Sherri Hardesty, Jodi Bryant, Lana Dowling, Janet Seago and Sandy Dolan.** The two advisors are **Jo Nell Barrett and Doris Bruce.** **Congrats** to **WO-S speedster Greg Hill** for his performance in the **330 meter intermediate hurdles** in last week's Region III, Class 4-A meet. **Hill** held the national record briefly with a **36:77** time in the preliminaries, but was outdone in the finals by **Dennis Brantley**, of Houston-Worthing, with a new national record of **36:58.** **The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches** selects **Billy Tubbs** college "Coach of the Year." In the third year at Lamar **Tubbs** turned the program around. In the 1978-79 seasons **Lamar's record** was **23.9** with a Southland championship and a berth in the **NCAA's Midwest** tournament. Lamar upset **Detroit 95- 87** in the opening round but lost to national champion Michigan State. **Tubbs** three year record at Lamar is **53-35** and **41-18** over the past two seasons. **Bruce Huckabay**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Huckabay**, was named Distributive Education **Student of the Year at Bridge City.** The DE banquet was held at the Ramada in Orange. **Bruce** was selected for job attendance, excellent attitude and job performance. **W.T. Oliver** was the guest speaker. **John Dubose** has been named general manager of the **Port Arthur News.** **John** and his family make their home in Bridge City. **Theresa Hughes** will be sweet 16 on May 15. A happy birthday to **Angie Behair**, who turned

17 on May 8. **Johnny Phillips and Melissa Mullins** will tie the knot on Mother's Day, May 13. **Karen Bacon, Ed's little girl**, is back washing, polishing and hand-waxing cars at her dad's filling station on Green Ave. **Don Clayton and H.D. Wright** are in a runoff for director of Bridge City water board trustees. **The BC Fire Department Auxiliary** elects officers. are **Grace Cole**, president; **Karen Cappell**, vice-president; **Connie Woodard**, secretary; **Janice Prevost**, treasurer, **Mary Callahan**, parliamentarian; **Johnnie Vercher**, reporter; **Brenda Baker**, historian and **Donna Riley and Linda Solomon** social chairmen. **Spectacular Bid,** lives up to expectations and wins the **Kentucky Derby.** **Sabine River CB'er Polar Bear** is back from Brazil. Others making the rounds are: **Lounge Lizard, Dr. Feel Good, Branco, Slick and Badger.**

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to our friend, 'Bear's' husband, **David Rutledge**, re-elected mayor of **Bridge City.** **The rains** brought mud and cut back on crowds at the weekend festivals across Orange County, but that didn't stop people from putting on their boots and having a fun time. The annual **Mauriceville Crawfish Bash** even took the **May Fourth Date** and played it into the mascot **'Beau Garcon Skywalker'** dressed in crawfish suit carrying a **Jedi sword.** **Brandi Griggs** later spotted him in a **Darth Vader** mask. And how about crawfish parade with the float featuring a man in a crawfish suit coming out of a paper mache crawfish mound. By the way, neither of them resembled **County Commissioner Chris Sowell.** Winners of the crawfish boil competition were **Tales and Ales** in First, plus winning 'fan favorite,' **Boil Crew** in second, and **H.B. Neild** with third. **Across** the county in downtown Orange, the **Train Depot Museum** celebrated its tenth anniversary and had the annual **Depot Day** family event. A big tent set up on the street in front of the century-old train station helped move along the events. **Carrie Woliver** of Houston, an Orange native who spearheaded saving the depot, was down with her husband, **Ron. Rose Simar, Diana Hill and Kacey Burnitt** were running around coordinating activities. **Orange City Councilor Paul Burch** was there with his 'winter' haircut. On Monday, he went to his summer-do. Word was a few days ago he experimented with a 1970s-style men's perm. **Also** at **Depot Day, Gisela Houseman, Orange City Councilor Caroline Hennigan** with husband **Mike**, along with **Mayor Larry Spears.** **Dayle Gunn Weatherford** had her **Orange Blossoms** women's dancing group performing. She's been leading the senior ladies in line dancing moves for years and on Saturday, they wore train engineer caps instead of their trademark black cowgirl hats. **Sarah Boehme, Janet Menchaca, Gemma Lingad, and Rhonda Siegel Kratzer** are some of the current members. Some of the **Orange Blossoms** stayed for the street dance at the depot. **Bob and Carol Sims** were among those making their steps to the music. **A group** from Orange got a special experience at the **Kentucky Derby**, thanks to world-traveling priest **Father Jim Sichko**, who grew up in Orange and lives near Lexington, Kentucky, home of the **Derby.** **Sichko** donated the special trip last year to the **St. Mary School gala** fundraiser. Taking the trip all dressed up were school principal **Stephanie Do**, along with **Cody Dishon and Phillip Tran.** **Father Jim's sister, Thereze Sichko**, who still lives in Orange, also made the trip. **Father Jim**, a Pope's missionary of mercy, a few days earlier had traveled to the Vatican for his regular trip to visit **Pope Francis.** This time, he gave the **Pope** a **University of Kentucky** basketball jersey with the name of the team's new head coach, **Pope**, on the back. **The Orange Rotary Club** hosted another **Sip 'n Stroll at Free State Winery** as a fundraiser to help give scholarships. People seen included **West Orange Mayor Randy Branch** and wife **Jane, Ida Schossow, Stephanie Roberts, Sherry Hommel, and Maureen McAllister.** **Retirees Marla and John Blanke** are vacationing in Greece with **Patty and David Mouton.** **This** week, 31 years ago, **The Wednesday Lunch Bunch** was started by **Judge Grover Halliburton, Judge Claude Wimberley and Roy Dunn.** **Judge Halliburton** passed away 20 years ago on May

7, 2004 at age 71, **Judge Wimberley** died Oct. 9, 1917 at age 82. **Roy** will be 90-years-old on June 5.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays celebrated in the next few days. **May 8: Tommy Mann, Jr. Patty Cook, Ginger Hogden, Julie Allensworth, Alan Bates.** **May 9: Lee Legate, Doug Havens, Kevin LaRose, Lynn Scales, Justin Dupuis, Kelly Brown, Ken Reeves, Anna Hughes, Dalton Gilliam.** **May 10: Jacqueline McGee, James Rogers, Katie Hubbard, Patricia Williamson, Preslea Thibodeaux, Chuck Williams, Sharon Woolley, Stacie Dryden, Stacie Teaff, Candace Miller.** **May 11: Sherry Walles, Gwen Snobes, Pat Collins, Sarah Moreland, Scott Andes, Tami Vanderheiden.** **May 12: Sierra Allison, Brian Sandifer, Jerry Hardee, Tammy Yawn, Justin Roberts, Bridgett Bonneaux, Hazel Heckendorf.** **May 13: Calvin Granger, Douglas Wilson, Mike McNair, Jamie Garcia, Kate Jackson, Kristie Hughes, Melanie Wilderson, Renee Price, Bob Wood.** **May 14: Madison Lyons, David Gauthier, Janis Gross, James Birdwell, Nikki Smith, L.K. Jarrell, Brad Johansson, Cortney Spring.** **Lots** of people celebrated birthdays this past week, and taking the honors were **World War II veteran J.D. Dixon**, who turned 100, and gathered with friends and family for a big to-do. **Sheila Faske** hit the double-nickel and **Annabelle Claybar** turned 16, old enough to drive. Her grandmother, **Peggy Claybar**, hosted a girl's slumber party for her. Others celebrating included **Judy Lucia, Coach Rebekah Ragsdale, Samantha Ziller, Clint Fregia, Loretta Brown, Suzy Permenter, Parrish Bird, Megan Cornwell, Don Sullivan, Brandon Johnson, Ramona Linscomb Walker, Vanessa Villadsen, Larry Schenider, Connie Nugent Moore, Lindsey Dardeau Brecheen, Cullin Smith, Janice Gooch, West Orange First Lady Jane Branch, Paula Almaguer Ibarra, Ranella Enmono, Justin Trahan, Kay King Malagarie, Janice Gooch, Bridget Toohey, Amy Bonneaux, Marie Sanders, and Bob O'Neal.** **And** we can't forget jack-of-all trades **James Scales**, who not only had a birthday, but got to celebrate winning re-election to the Drainage District board. **Our** friend of many years **Ray Cotton** will celebrate his **94th** birthday on May 9. It doesn't seem that long ago we celebrated his **80th** with a big party at his club. **Cotton** is one of a kind, a great life story. **Ray** has done good to ride the range with. Best wishes for many more. **Happy Birthday old friend.** **Happy Anniversary:** I can't believe 23 years have gone by since our buddy **Dwayne (The Clown) Marsh** and **Kathy** were married on May 6. I recall it like it was last year. I gave **'The Clown'** some advice and a schedule of what to expect with each passing year. Best wishes for many more. **Bobby and Annette Payne** are our longest-married anniversary couple this week as they reached **No. 45.** **Miles and Donna Hall** have been married 45 years, while **Donna and Curtis Sonnier** reached 35 years. **Nick and Christine Brown Zeto** marked 25 years, with **Constable Lannie and Melanie Claybar** at **No. 20.** **Kent and Dallie Miller** celebrated their sixth year of marriage. (Call 409-886-7183 or email news@therecordlive.com to place birthday or anniversary notices free of charge in this publication.)

### CAJUN STORY

Two 90-year-old Cajun mens, **Joe Comeaux and Clovis Meaux**, have been friends all dere lives, since dey were small chillums. **Joe** went to visit his old buddy **Clovis**, who was on his death bed him.

"You know **Clovis**, how we have bot loved baseball all our lives?"

**Clovis** you got to do me a favor when you go. Somehow you got to let me know if dere's baseball in heaven, dat would sure make going easier for me wen my time comes."

**Clovis** answer, "Okay, I do dat me."

A few days after **Clovis** passed him, **Joe** was awakened about midnight by someone calling his name. He sit straight up in bed, da hair on da back of his neck is straight up.

"Who is dat wat call me?" **Joe** axe.

"It's me **Clovis**, I'm in heaven me and I got some good news and some bad news for you **Joe.**"

"Give me da good news first," says **Joe.**

"Well says **Clovis**, da good news is dat dere is baseball here in heaven."

"Dats wonderful news yea, says **Joe.** Wats da bad news hanh?"

Dere's a silence and den **Clovis** say, "**Joe** you're pitching Tuesday."

### C'EST TOUT

### THIS WEEK THROUGH THE YEARS

In 1494, during his second voyage to the western hemisphere, **Christopher Columbus** landed in Jamaica. **In 1942**, this I remember, wartime sugar rationing began in the **United States.** Many other staples followed and were available only with the proper stamps. **In 1973** all racing fans will remember when **Secretariat** won the **Kentucky Derby**, the first of his **Triple Crown** victories. He won in at time of 1:59.4, a record that still stands. **In 2024**, on Saturday, May 4, **Mystic Dan** held on to win the **150th Kentucky Derby** by a nose (nostril) in a three horse photo finish. **With** odds at 18 to 1, jockey **Brian Hernandez, Sr.**, rode the rail to win the closest margin in horse racing. It took several minutes for the results. **Mystic Dan** ran the 1.1/4 miles in 2:03.34 and paid \$39.22, \$16.32 and \$10. **Last** week and next inside our newspaper you will find a circular from **Pizza Hut** offering coupons for a **full menu of your faves**, You can't find better **Pizza, Wings, etc.** anywhere at such good prices. Coupons run into June so be sure to save the coupon flyer for later use. **That's** all for me. **Happy Mother's Day to all Moms.** Take care and God bless.



## Deaths & Memorials

### Robert “Rock” Rothrock, 98

Robert “Rock” Rothrock, 98, of Orange, Texas, passed away on May 1, 2024, at Stonewood Senior Living.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 5, 2024, at First United Methodist Church Slade Chapel in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Lani Rousseau.

A private family burial will be held prior to the service with military honors provided by Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group.

Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m., prior to the service, Sunday, May 5, 2024, at First United Methodist Church Slade Chapel in Orange.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 13, 1925, he was the son of George Rothrock and Pearl (Vandeusen) Rothrock. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Navy during WWII and dedicated his life to his career and community. He retired from Mobil Oil Refinery as a Maintenance Supervisor after many loyal years.

Described as always offering a helping hand, Robert’s personality endeared him to many. His hobbies included going on drives through town, engaging in local politics, and attending community meetings. Beyond his professional life, Robert found joy in giving back to the community through mission work.

One of his proudest accomplishments was the mission work he did with his wife Alice in Dulac, Louisiana for over 10 years after Hurricanes Andrew, Katrina, and Rita with the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Robert was also a part of the Orange Christian Services, where he made a meaningful impact on those around him. Robert will be deeply



Robert “Rock” Rothrock

missed but his legacy of service and compassion will continue to inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Pearl Rothrock; his second wife of 30 years, Alice Rothrock; first wife of 41 years, Jean Rothrock; daughter, Barbara Vincent; son, Charlie Rothrock; granddaughter, Laura Allred; and siblings,

George Rothrock, Morris Rothrock, John Rothrock, Nate Rothrock, and Beatrice Evans.

He is survived by his daughters, Debra Stagner and husband, Hershel, Betty Bourgeois and husband, Lynn, and Linda Allred and husband, Bruce; son, Jerry Mathis and wife, Debbie; grandchildren, Sheila Davis and husband, Jerry, Kim Dugas, Laurie Faz and husband, Roger, Jason Bourgeois and wife, Leshell, Daniel Bourgeois and wife, Mandy, Joel Bourgeois, Clay Bourgeois and wife Aubrey, Jeremy Mathis and wife, Shelby, Jacob Mathis and wife, Shell, Ryan Allred and wife Crystal, Stephanie Allred, Marlon Rothrock and wife Lisa, and John Thomas Rothrock; eighteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other loving family members and friends.

Robert’s family would like to extend a special thank you to John Toney and the staff of Stonewood Senior Living as well as Hospice Care Team for their exceptional care and compassion during his last years.

They will forever be grateful to them for treating Robert as if he were their own.

### Myrna Jo Childs, 63, Orange

Myrna Jo Childs, 63, of Orange, died Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at her sister’s home, surrounded by her family, after a long illness. She was born on August 17, 1960, in Malvern, Arkansas, to Alene Nutt Jones and Bill Jones.

Her family relocated to Southeast Texas when she was 6 years old. She spent the majority of her life living in Orange County where she met and married her high school sweetheart, Bruce Childs. The two of them raised their two daughters in Vidor for fifteen years.

Anyone fortunate enough to know Myrna was blessed in knowing a true angel. Which, by definition, is a spiritual being believed to act as an attendant, agent, or messenger of God, a person of exemplary conduct and virtue.

Myrna had a deep love for flowers! She was such a glorious gardener and not just of flowers and plants, but also of people’s hearts. She had a natural talent for nurturing growth...in faith, spirit, love, and perseverance. In her earlier days, her professional career included running a daycare with her mother-in-law. Myrna found great joy in caring for children. She owned a floral shop called Roses-N-More, where she was able to share her brilliant floral designs and skills with the community. Myrna is perhaps most appreciated for the years she spent as a homemaker, nurturing her family was the greatest joy of her life.

Many hardships were endured during her lifetime due to numerous medical conditions. However, Myrna’s ability to overcome the odds inspired everyone. She is a fighter who always fought for her family and those she loved fiercely. Even in her weakened state she always showed resilience. Her beloved granddaughters, Bettye, Draven, and Emily are representations of Myrna’s legacy and spirit. Her many selfless good deeds on earth will



Myrna Jo Childs

not go unnoticed as she dances through the gardens of heaven.

Her girls, Dwan and Jessica, are both grateful to have received the very best parts of their mother and carry on her traditions. Myrna taught them the importance of being kind, helping others, remaining humble, and encouraged them to always do their best and believe in themselves.

While we know her time here with us was cut short, we should find comfort in knowing that she will finally be at ease. The struggles and the pains of this life will be washed away by our almighty Lord’s hands. And our beloved angel, Myrna, will be given a set of new eternal wings to fly freely through heaven and feel hurt no more.

Survivors include her daughters, Dwan Childs-Crochet and her husband, Jeremy and Jessica Childs-Mulhall and her husband, Joshua; granddaughters, Bettye Crochet and her husband, Seth; Draven Crochet and her husband, David; and Emily Sons and her husband, Trey; great-grandson, Waylon; siblings, Mike Howell and his wife, Stephanie; Marsha Shifflet; Roger Howell and his wife, Theresa; and Carol Gary and her husband, Wade; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bruce Childs; brother, David Jones; brother-in-law, Jimmy Shifflet; nephew, Caleb Harvey; and her longtime partner, Russel Roberts.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses of Three Oaks Hospice for all the love and care given to Myrna.

Myrna’s graveside service will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 5, 2024, at Old Hardin Cemetery, Kountze, under the direction of Broussard’s, 490 Cemetery Road, Silsbee.

## Orange Rec Center hosting Youth Summer Sports

The Orange Recreation Center is hosting the annual Youth Summer Sports Camp! Starting May 28th, camp will be held for five weeks from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Tuesdays through Fridays until June 28th. This staff-supervised, co-ed sports camp for ages 7-12 offers fundamentals and skills of a new sport each week, including basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and flag football

#### Weekly Schedule:

- Week 1 (May 28 – May 31): Basketball
- Week 2 (June 4 – 7): Pickleball
- Week 3 (June 11 – 14): Volleyball
- Week 4: (June 18 – 21): Flag Football
- Week 5: (June 25 – 28): All Sports

Participants can register for each week individually at \$40 per week or for all five weeks at the discounted price of \$180 to-

tal. Other discounts are available for families with multiple children in the same household attending the camp.

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- \$40 per week, or \$180 for all 5 weeks
- Pricing per additional child for all 5 weeks:
  - o 2nd child: \$126
  - o 3rd child: \$108
  - o 4th child: \$90

Once registered, you will receive an invoice that must be paid in person at the Recreation Center, located at 1405 W. Orange Avenue, Orange, TX 77630.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily. Fees for late pick-up will be applied. Spots are limited so contact the Orange Recreation Center at [reccenter@orange-texas.gov](mailto:reccenter@orange-texas.gov) or 409-883-1072 to sign up now!

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# Cardinals, Bobcats advance in playoffs

## Orange County baseball action this week

**DAN PERRINE**  
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For The Record

Four Orange County high school baseball teams entered the post season. A week into the playoffs only two remain and both were first place finishers in their respective districts.

The Bridge City Cardinals the champions of District 19-4A swept their bi-district series with the Liberty Panthers. Despite rain showers Thursday and Friday the Cardinals got both of their games completed resulting in victories.

Bridge City took the first game 7-2 against Liberty on Thursday, May 2, at Lamar University. The Cardinals scored in each of the first four innings to open a six run lead in the game.

CJ Riojas got things started for Bridge City with two outs in the first grounding a single deep in the hole which the Liberty shortstop fielded but could not throw out Riojas at first base. Hutch Bearden walked to put two Cardinals on with two outs.

Austin Frederick blooped a double to right

that scored courtesy runner Trey Goodwin. A wild pitch later brought Bearden home to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead after one inning.

Again after two were out in the second inning John Van Huis singled to left. Three consecutive walks to Hunter Ford, Riojas, and Bearden brought Van Huis home with the third Cardinal run.

Two more runs scored for Bridge City in the third with two outs. Jace Ramirez singled before Aidyn Mulhollan and Van Huis reached base on a walk and being hit by a pitch to load the bases. Ford grounded to short but a wild throw allowed Ramirez and Mulhollan to



Kane Smith reached base multiple times in all three games for Orangefield during the series with Woodville.  
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BASEBALL Page 4B

# OC softball girls move up in post season

## Orange County softball action this week

**DAN PERRINE**  
Orange County Sports  
For The Record

This week marks the start of Round 3 of the state UIL softball playoffs. Three teams from Orange County remain in contention.

Bridge City and Little Cypress Mauriceville in Class 4A have won their first two series during the post season. Orangefield in the Class 3A bracket has captured a pair of wins.

The Bridge City Cardinals the champions of District 19-4A played a one game playoff with the Lufkin Hudson Lady Hornets last week. The prediction of inclement weather for later in the week had the game moved to Wednesday in Jasper.

The Cardinals received another stellar start from pitcher Carson Fall who threw a no hitter as Bridge City beat Lufkin Hudson 5-1 to advance to the third round of the playoffs. Fall struck out 17 Lady Hornets in the game. Carson had already thrown six no hitters in district and one in the bi-district round against Huffman.

Bridge City showed better bats in this game than it did against Huffman when the Cardinals were limited to a total of three runs in two games. Anna Autrey drove in the first Bridge City run and Brooklyn Droddy singled in two more to give Bridge City some cushion in this winner take all game against Lufkin Hudson.

This week Bridge City has a rematch from two years ago when the Cardinals played a dramatic three games series with the perennial softball power house Liberty Lady Panthers. Liberty scored two runs in the last inning for a walk off win over Bridge City.

Once again the Cardinals and Carson Fall will have to be at their best against Liberty. The Lady Panthers with one loss on their whole season have outscored the opponents 50-6 in winning the four games during the post season.

This will be another one game playoff. Bridge City will play Liberty on Thursday at 6:00 PM on the Goose Creek High School softball field in Baytown.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears battled the Gilmer Lady

Buckeyes to win the area round series in three games at Jasper. Rain caused the games to start on Friday followed by a double header on Saturday.

The Lady Bears won 7-0 in Game 1 of the series. Tessa Erickson got the win in the circle for LCM giving up four hits and striking out eight during the shutout.

Jacelyn Cook started the offense for the Lady Bears with a solo homerun in the fifth. Lexis Moss had a big game with the bat banging out three hits bringing home two Lady Bears. Erickson and Ava White added key hits.



Anna Autrey drove in the go ahead run to support the outstanding no hit pitching of Carson Fall in the Cardinals win over Lufkin Hudson.

The Lady Buckeyes bounced back on Saturday to win the second game of the series 6-5 over Little Cypress Mauriceville to

force a third game. The decisive final game was 1-0 in favor of the Lady Bears after five innings.

The nail biter became a



Lexis Moss had three hits and Jacelyn Cook homered in the 7-0 win for the Lady Bears in the first game of their playoff with Gilmer.  
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blowout as the Lady Bears scored eleven runs in the sixth inning for a ten run mercy rule 12-0 win. The highlight of the eleven run

avalanche were back to back homers by Lexis Moss and Keylie Wash-

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# Cove Marina quickly becoming top local spot on the water

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**For The Record**



**Chuck Uzzle**

There have always been places in the community that were considered “constants”, places that just seemed like they would always be there. One such place has been brought back to life and the new version has proven to be a huge hit with both local and out of town folks who enjoy our local waterways. The new “Cove Marina” on Adam’s Bayou has rapidly turned into a top local destination and it just keeps getting better. New owners, Quinton and Jacqueline Singleton, have revived what was once “Burkart’s Marina” and made it into a top-notch facility. Jacqueline’s grandfather, Allen Burkart established the marina in the late 50’s and it gained popularity among the locals for it’s amazing hamburgers and ice cold beer. Burkart’s was one of the few places in the area where boaters could launch, get fuel, and grab some food at the same place. Burkart’s finally closed after Allen passed away in 2016 and it sat dormant until the Singleton’s reopened in October of 2023. The fresh new look of the marina has gained plenty of attention during that time.

When the decision was made to reopen the marina there was a ton of work that had to be done before anything new could happen, but it has all paid off. Cove Marina sports some very nice boat storages with more to come. A brand-new dock surrounds one of the most user-friendly boat launches you could ever ask for as the water level never prohibits launching, even during extreme low water conditions in the fall. The new dock and freshly cleaned grounds offer plenty of space for public fishing and that’s one thing our area desperately needs. Kayaks are also available for rental for those anglers or sightseers who don’t want to be tied down to the shore. Adam’s bayou offers up some very nice water to paddle for activities like fishing or bird watching so the kayak option has turned out to be a very popular attraction. I spoke to one kayaker recently while I was launching my boat and they said, “this place is beautiful and so peaceful, no highway noise and minimal boat traffic, it’s really very nice”. I would certainly agree with their assessment.

Like any good spot on the water, Cove Marina has all the stuff you need for a day on the water or just lunch with a view. BBQ and Pizza served daily along with breakfast sandwiches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are crowd favorites. All the other

**CAPT. CHUCK Page 5B**

## Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• **East Galveston Bay**

**GOOD.** 76 degrees. Trout should be found around Hanna’s Reef, Elm Grove Reef, and Pepper Reefs if, and that is a big if, you can stay ahead of the freshwater. South shoreline is fair for the waders with catches of trout, redfish, and black drum. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Surface water temperature 76 degrees. Water clarity is normal for East Galveston Bay, with the further East you travel the more stirred up the water is. With the high tides and strong south and southeast winds we battled this week we were limited to fishing close to the shoreline over scattered shells and back in the back lakes to hide from the wind the best we could. As in previous weeks, if you see active bait the fish are close by. Anchor or Power pole down and fan cast the entire area, as this week we were able to catch multiple limits of trout from just a couple of small areas. 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

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Searching out overlooked areas can provide some outstanding fish as The Record’s Capt. Chuck Uzzle displays here.

• **Sabine Lake**

**GOOD.** High winds in the forecast, so fish in areas protected from the winds. Sabine channel to the jetties for redfish, drum, sheepshead on the rock piles and shell banks live shrimp with popping corks. Some catches of trout with red shad on ½ ounce jig heads on drop-offs in 12-14 feet. Jetties are good for redfish, sheepshead, bull redfish and drum on Carolina rigs with a light weight near the rocks and off the bottom. The Intracoastal Canal is good for redfish, sheepshead and drum off flats in 2-6 feet of water. North levee wall still produces some catches of speckled trout in the morning off the bottom with live shrimp on a popping cork or plastics.

Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy’s Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• **Bolivar**

**GOOD.** 72 degrees. Water levels are high from the strong south winds. The best bite conditions this week will be on the tide changes for the jetty and surf. Plenty of redfish of varying sizes everywhere. More stingrays, sheepshead, black drum, small speckled trout, and crabs caught along the jetty with a couple jack crevalle and sharks. The surf is producing black drum, gafftop, stingrays, and bigger sharks mostly off Boyt and Rettillon roads. People are using live shrimp under a popping cork, dead shrimp, and squid. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp.

• **Trinity Bay**

**FAIR.** 75 degrees. Just as conditions were improving the massive influx of freshwater will shut down the bite again. There should be some good speckled trout action, if you can stay ahead of the push. Fish in the areas around Dow’s Reef. The upper bays may hold some black drum and redfish, regardless of the off-colored freshwater. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Redfish are being caught on live shrimp and an assortment of plastics in the shallows at the mouths of marshes in low tides and in the backwaters on high tides. The WACKY shad XL in the showtime color has been producing very well. Trout have been in 2-6 feet of water on scattered oysters on the flats with live shrimp under a popping

cork and the WAC Assassin in the purple passion color. Drum and sheepshead are scattered in the flats and right to the rocks being caught in live shrimp under a popping cork. A lot of water is flowing through the lake, so be careful and be prepared. Always wear your kill switch. Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• **Galveston Bay**

**SLOW.** 75 degrees. Depending upon the wind direction, the west shoreline will be good for speckled trout, redfish, and black drum. Open bay wells could be affected by the freshwater entering the bay. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

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## ‘The Lakes’ Fishing

• **Toledo Bend Fishing Report**

**GOOD.** Water slightly stained; 75 degrees; 0.19 feet above pool. More rain in the forecast so water levels are high and rising. Main lake is clear, but some of the big creeks with the flow are muddy and will take some time to clear up. There is a shad spawn going on in the morning and some afternoons attracting the bass. Bass are good on spinnerbaits, chatterbaits and small swimbaits. Once the rises work Texas rigs and wacky worms along edge of the flooded brush. On an overcast day, bass can be caught on topwaters and frogs all day long. Lots of fish, just not many over 4 pounds. Crappie are fair on brush piles and deeper docks using 1/16 ounce jigs with a white or smoke color grub and live bait. Best area has been away from the big flow in the creeks, as crappie do not like the rushing water. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• **Sam Rayburn**

**GOOD.** Water stained; 72 degrees; 3.29 feet below pool. Bass are in 8 feet or less with some in the lily pads on topwater frogs, or with Carolina rigs and jigs on harder bottoms and structures off points and humps. Crappie are transitioning to brush piles using minnows and jigs. Catfish are in deeper water flats and creek channels on cut bait. White bass are transitioning to points and down the river with some schooling activity hitting jiggling spoons and crankbaits. Fishing patterns are still behind what is typical for this time of year. Navigate with caution to avoid sandbars and stumps. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Shad spawn is in full swing. Bass are good keying on hard clay points, grass edges and flooded timber with swim jigs, chatterbaits, topwater spooks or pop-r’s. Offshore bite is 10-20 feet on hard spots and flats, points and creek channel swings using crankbaits, Carolina rigs, shaky heads and dropshots. Crappie have finished spawning in 12-20 feet of water on brush piles and standing timber. Report by Captain Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

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# Softball playoffs From Page 1B

burn.  
 Little Cypress Mauriceville faces the Bullard Lady Panthers this week. Bullard advanced to this round with an easy two game sweep of Center in bi-district and a 7-2 win against Hamshire-Fannett in a one game playoff during the second round.

This playoff between LCM and Bullard will be a best of three with all the games to be played in Lufkin. The first game will be Wednesday at 6:00 PM, the second game is scheduled for Friday at 5:00 PM, with a third game if necessary to follow 30 minutes later.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats won a thrilling three game series over the Anderson-Shiro Lady Owls to make it to the third round of the playoffs. Heavy rain in the Cleveland area had the series moved to Crosby.

Anderson-Shiro took the first game 6-0 on Friday. Bobcat pitcher Abigail Curphey pitched will giving up just one earned run on seven hits with four strikeouts. Abby Broussard and Aubree Beck had hits for the Lady Bobcats.

A sweep of the double header on Saturday was now necessary for Orangefield to advance. The



Lexis Moss and Keylie Washburn hit back to back homeruns as part of an 11 run sixth inning that clinched the win in the third game for the Lady Bears. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

first step was achieved with a 7-2 victory by the Lady Bobcats.

Charlee Sanches pitched a complete game for Or-

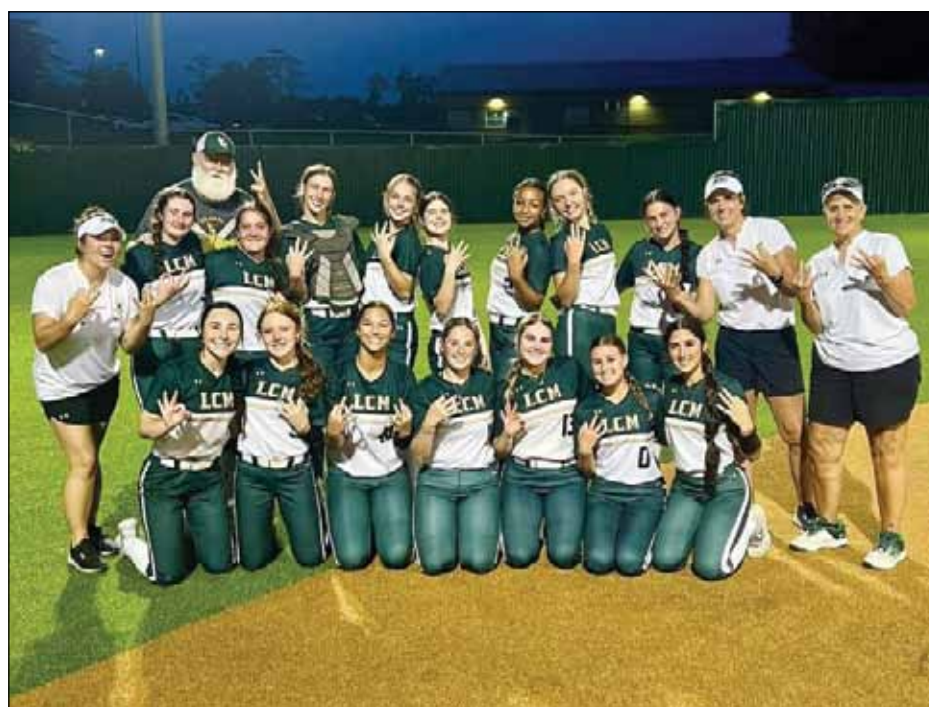
angefield yielding four hits with six strikeouts and not giving up an earned run.

The Lady Bobcats pounded thirteen hits in the game. Abigail Curphey, Alysén Vincent, Haylee Spears, Paris Becker, and Hallee Becker each had two hits. Spears may have had her biggest game of the season with a single and a double to drive in two runs.

There was some defense too for Orangefield. Hallee Becker went above the centerfield fence to rob a



The Orangefield Lady Bobcats won a double header on Saturday to defeat Anderson-Shiro and advance to the third round of the Class 3A softball playoffs.



The LCM Lady Bears won two out of three games with Gilmer to move into the third round of the Class 4A softball post season.

Lady Owl of a homerun that would have tied the game in the sixth inning.

Later on Saturday the Lady Bobcats won 3-2 over Anderson-Shiro to capture the series in three games. Abigail Curphey threw her best in a complete game allowing just four hits to earn the vital win for Orangefield.

Aubree Beck had the big


bat for the Lady Bobcats with two runs batted in and a run scored. Hallee Becker doubled and drove in the other Orangefield run while Paisley Reeves singled and scored a run.

The two victories on Saturday helped set a new Orangefield school record for wins in a softball season. Lady Bobcats have won 28 games this year

surpassing last year's mark of 27 triumphs.


Orangefield plays East Bernard in the third round of the playoffs. The best of three series will be played in Crosby starting on Thursday at 6:00 PM, followed by the second game on Friday at 6:00 PM, and a third game if required will follow 30 after the second contest.

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# Baseball playoffs

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runs came in the fourth as Bearden and Frederick singled to start the inning. Ramirez grounded his second hit of the game to left to drive in both Bearden and Frederick who had both moved up a base on a ground out by Slade Landry.

The Cardinals got good pitching from Landon Reeves and Owen Tucker. Reeves had allowed only an unearned run in the third before the first four Panthers reached base off of him in the top of the fifth to score their second run and load the bases.

Tucker came on in relief and immediately got a fantastic defensive play from Ford at shortstop who made an amazing diving catch of a line drive which Hunter turned into a double play on the Panther runner who strayed too far from second base. A fielder's choice ended the biggest threat of the night for Liberty keeping the score 7-2 in favor of Bridge City. Tucker finished the game tossing three scoreless innings to earn a save and the win for Reeves.

"Landon set the tone for us early, he did a good job. His pitch count was down before he ran into some trouble there in the fifth, so I went to the sophomore Tucker. We were trying to get one inning out of Owen to see if he could get us three outs, he ended up giving us nine. Owen did a really good job for us. I'm proud of him," Cardinal Coach Chad Landry responded.

The next night on Friday at Barbers Hill, Cardinal pitcher Max Pachar picked up where Reeves and Tucker left off tossing a two hit shutout in a 5-0 Bridge City win. Pachar threw a seven inning complete game and struck out eight Panthers.

First baseman Slade Landry was the hitting star for the Cardinals. Landry went three for three with a homerun, two runs scored, and a run driven in.

Up next for the Bridge City Cardinals are the Bullard Panthers. A best of



Landon Reeves was the winning pitcher, catcher CJ Riojas started the first Cardinal rally with a hit, and Owen Tucker pitched three scoreless innings for a save in Bridge City's win over Liberty in Game 1.

three games series will start Friday, May 10, at 7:00 PM in Jasper with Bridge City as the home team. The second game will be played Saturday at 5:00 PM in Lufkin with a third game if necessary to follow thirty minutes later.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears and the Vidor Pirates were two other Orange County teams also in District 19-4A that made the post season, but were eliminated in the first round. The Bears were swept in two games by the Livingston Lions 10-3 and 7-3. The Pirates lost a one game playoff 4-1 to the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks.

The District 22-3A champion Orangefield Bobcats are still alive although it did take three games to move into the second round. The Bobcats eliminated the Woodville Eagles in their bi-district playoff.

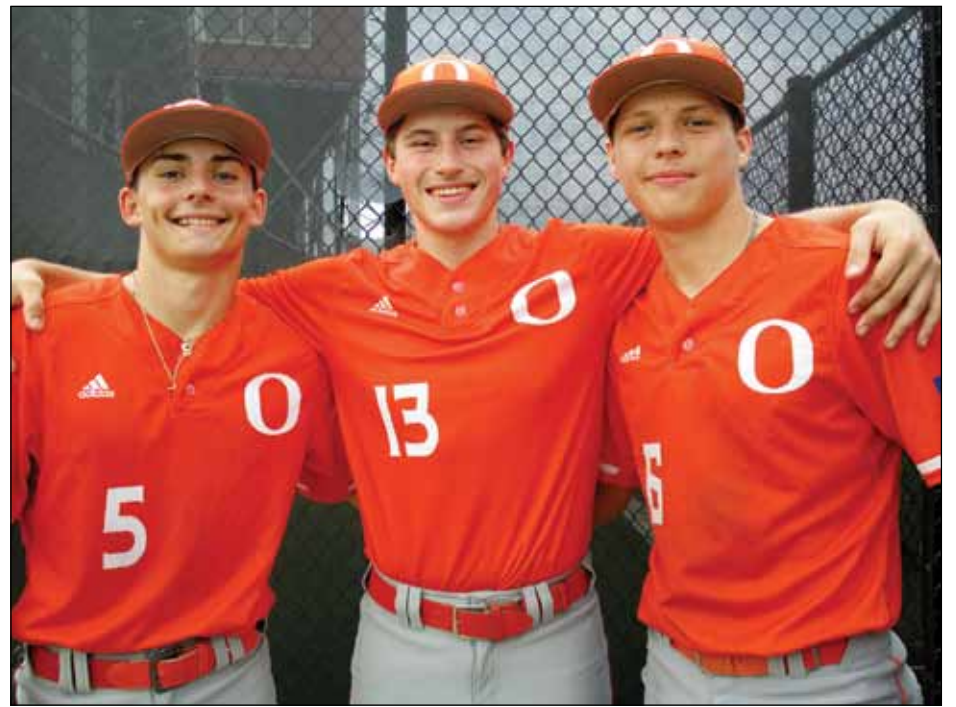
Orangefield captured the first game of the series 9-2 on Friday, May 3, at Winnie. Bobcat ace Brycen Tait was stellar again to be the winning pitcher.

The Orangefield offense had multiple contributors. Kane Smith opened the first inning with solid a hit that set the tone for the Bobcats during the remainder of the game, and he had two stolen bases. Logan Cheek smashed two hits, and Cameron Dearing drove in three runs.

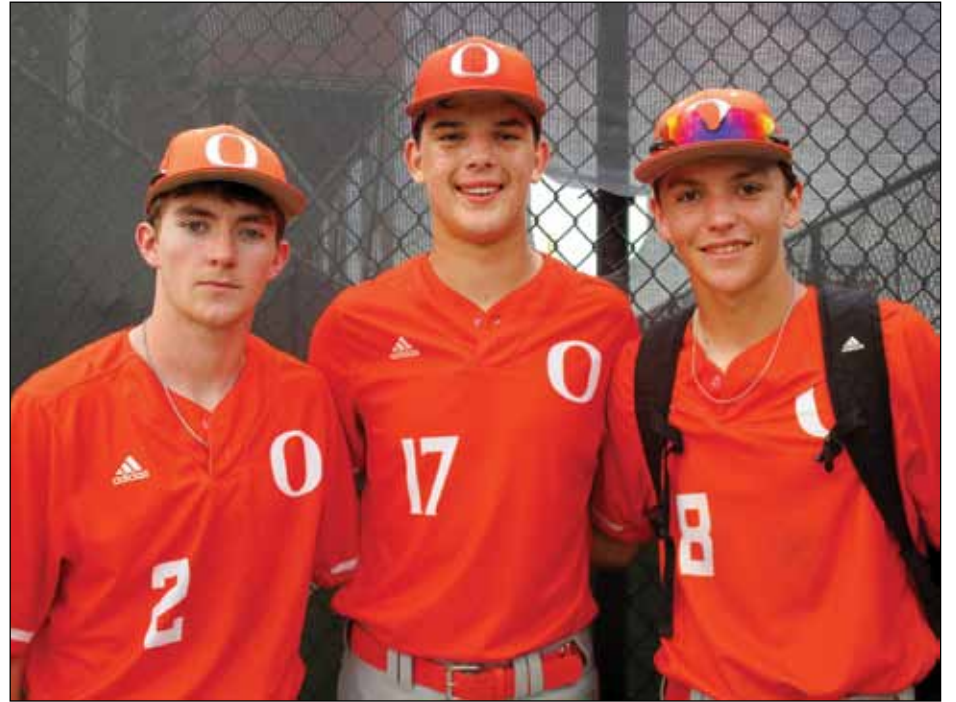
The scene for this playoff shifted to Bridge City on Saturday. Game 2 began like it would be a repeat of the opening game as Orangefield jumped to a 6-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

Woodville took advantage of eight base on balls issued by Bobcat pitchers and three hit batters to rally making the score 11-7 in the Eagles favor going into the top of the seventh inning. The Bobcats tallied three runs in their last at bat but came up a run short forcing a deciding third game shortly after the 11-10 loss.

Much as they did at the



Logan Cheek, Brycen Tait, and Cameron Dearing were the heroes in the 9-2 win for the Bobcats in Game 1 against Woodville. RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine



Kane Smith, Carson Gonzales, and Caleb Fregia led the Orangefield Bobcats during their 11-0 rout of Woodville in Game 3 of their series. RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine

start of the previous game the Bobcats jumped out to a comfortable lead. Kane Smith singled to center to open the first inning and was the first of four Bobcats to score in the inning to put Orangefield up by four runs before Woodville had come to bat.

Smith led off the second with a single followed by Cameron Dearing's bunt single. The two Bobcats pulled off a double steal before Caleb Fregia laid down another beautiful bunt on which both Smith and Dearing scored making the score 6-0 for Orangefield.

Freshman Carson Gonzales pitched a rough inning during the game played earlier on Saturday walking three of the five Eagles he faced. In the later game Gonzales got the job done giving up only two

hits, hitting one batter, and striking out six while shutting out Woodville for five innings to get the important win.

After leaving the bases loaded in the third Orangefield got two runs in the fourth thanks to a double to the fence in right center by Kyle Michael and a sacrifice fly by Matthew Johnson. Three runs in the fifth gave the Bobcats an 11-0 advantage which invoked the ten run mercy rule when Gonzales struck out the side in the bottom half of the inning.

After winning the series in three games Orangefield Coach Tim Erickson commented, "It was good to see the Bobcats respond after the second game. We just fell apart for one inning in Game 2 and gave up seven runs and just couldn't find

the strike zone and one bad thing led to another. The positive side of it is we haven't played a three game series since 2018, so it's either been a two game sweep or the series we've lost have been two games. These guys got a little taste of what it takes to compete through and win that game three when it matters. It was good to see the Bobcats respond for that third game."

The area round playoff between Orangefield and Tarkington will be played at Lamar University in Beaumont over three days if necessary. The first game will be Thursday at 7:00 PM, the second game is scheduled for Friday at 7:00 PM, and a third game would be Saturday at 1:00 PM if the series is tied after two games.

## Largest Wild Hog Ever Caught in Texas

Kellianne Mathews  
A-Z Animals

Although not native to the United States, populations of wild hogs are exploding across southern regions, including Texas. Thanks to abundant land and a lack of natural predators, wild hogs thrive and reproduce quickly in these areas. Although similar in shape to their domestic cousins, wild hogs (also called wild boars or razorbacks) are more hairy and fierce. Wild hogs are smart and elusive, making them a challenge to catch. In addition, these giant pigs can reach enormous sizes. But just how big is the largest wild hog ever caught in Texas?

While a 300-pound hog is considered "large" in Texas, true monsters can tip the scales at 500 pounds. But "Boarzilla", the largest wild hog ever caught in Texas, nearly broke the scale weighing in at an astonishing 790 pounds. For reference, that's close to the size of an average grizzly bear!

Blaine Garcia and Wyatt Walton captured the behemoth boar in De Leon, TX on January 16, 2015. The two had started a business called "Boar Collector Feral Hog Removal" because of the large population of feral hogs running around Texas.

Although Garcia and Walton had hunted their fair share of wild hogs before, they'd never seen anything quite like the legendary Boarzilla. Garcia spotted the great animal and set off with two bulldogs, calling in his buddy Walton for backup. One of the dogs got a hold of the hog's jaw, but according to Walton, it looked like a piece of hanging jewelry due to the pig's enormous size.

Despite securing three of the hog's legs it continued to fight, momentarily overpowering the two men. Finally, however, they managed to subdue the hog and move it to a temporary home.

### How Many Wild Hogs Live in Texas?

Wild hogs aren't native to Texas but they thrive nearly everywhere in the state. These incredibly adaptable animals have very few natural predators in the state. They also have lots of space to roam, plenty of food sources, and a high reproduction rate. In fact, with an estimated 2.6 million wild hogs, Texas is home to the largest population in the United States! Unfortunately, however, these invasive animals wreak havoc on Texas' ecosystems and challenge native wildlife for food and shelter.



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essentials such as snacks, cold drinks, beer, ice, tackle, and live bait along with a very nice fish cleaning facility are also readily available as well. The family atmosphere that surrounds this great spot gets bumped up



Jacqueline and Quinton Singleton, owners of the Cove Marina.



Boatside view of the newly remodeled Cove Marina, a top spot on Adams Bayou.

another notch as live music has become a more regular occurrence and will continue as we head toward the summer months.

It's great to see local folks doing well and offering up more and more options around our waterways and that's exactly what the Singleton's have done with Cove Marina. If you haven't been down there you owe it to yourself to check it out because it's worth a look re-

gardless if you're headed out on the boat or just looking for a lunch with a very cool view. For more information on Cove Marina you can find them on FaceBook at "Cove Marina and Boat Storage" or on Instagram at "covemarinatx".

Locally the fishing continues to be slow as the runoff from both Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn wreaks havoc on Sabine Lake. The volume of fresh water com-

ing down the Neches and the Sabine rivers continues to keep our area at or above flood stage and there appears to be no end in sight right now. There are a few folks down around the jetty that are catching some redfish and scattered trout, but it's been a struggle to say the least. Until we catch a break in the runoff it's going to be difficult to find a consistent pattern. If you just have to go catch a fish

you may consider heading east across the state line to Calcasieu, the conditions are better than what we are dealing with on Sabine but still slow for this time of year. If you do get out, please be aware of floating debris because there is some bad stuff out there right now. Keep that PFD handy and slow down, it may save you some heartache.

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straight tails in Monkey Milk, topwaters, as well as marker 54 Glide Shrimp, under a 1-2 foot leader and a Fish Smack Popping Cork. The popping cork with shrimp setup was the top performer for our fishing clients this week resulting in some of the most aggressive bites of the year. We also managed to catch several over the slot Redfish this week in the same areas, as well as some nice flounder. Spring is finally here, and fishing is continuing to heat up as the water warms and the fronts blowing thru become less disruptive. If you are looking to get out on the water and beat the crowds, now is the perfect time to make it happen. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

### • West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 78 degrees. This bay will gather momentum, as the freshwater pushes the fish. Wade anglers are doing well with artificials and live croakers for speckled trout. Boat anglers finding good numbers of trout and drum along the Cause-

way Bridge. San Luis Pass seeing a push of trout coming in from the gulf. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

### • Freeport

SLOW. 72 degrees. Heavy winds and high tides so fishing has been moderate to fair. Target trout, redfish and drum in the cuts and back lakes with shrimp under a popping cork. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adventures.

### • East and West Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 70 degrees. Rain and high winds are in the forecast. A few redfish and drum being caught in the back lakes in protected water. Wade fishing is a good approach while the winds are high. Wade anglers are starting to have success for trout, some redfish and the occasional flounder with croaker. Few catches of trout drifting with the winds allow. Report by Captain Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

### • Port O'Conner

GOOD. 72 degrees. Fishing patterns are holding steady. Drum are good inside of the jetties halfway down with dead shrimp. Redfish washout and the back on Spanish sardines or live shrimp. Oversized trout are biting live shrimp in the washouts. Bull redfish are fair on piggy perch and Spanish sardines between the jetties and Bird Island on incoming tides. Report by Captain Marty Medford, Captain Marty's Fish of a Lifetime Guide Service.

### • Rockport

GOOD. 68 degrees. Trout are good on croaker along grass and drop-offs, or with a popping cork and shrimp on flats. Redfish have been great on shrimp and cut menhaden or mullet in flats and along channel edges. Black drum are great on dead shrimp along channel edges drains and in flats. Report by Captain Kenny Kramer, Kramer Fishing Charters.

### • Port Aransas

GOOD. 68 degrees. Redfish are great on shrimp, blue crab and cut bait.

Trout are good with croaker or shrimp free lined along rocks. Report by Captain Kenny Kramer, Kramer Fishing Charters.

### • Redfish Bay

GOOD. 70 degrees. Redfish continue to be good against the shorelines and islands with cut perch, sea lice and menhaden.

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# Wrap Your Soul in Truth

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When I was a Bible-college student in Southern California, some friends and I stayed up way too late talking one night, and our conversation eventually turned to heaven. While I can't remember what precise words we said, I vividly recall the feeling. As we pondered the glories of the eschaton together, we whipped ourselves up into a flurry of joy, wonder, and longing.

## Happier Visions of Heaven

At the time, I recall being captivated by the profound earthiness of the new creation. Like many, while growing up I had somehow absorbed the idea that the final promise of the afterlife was to depart from the real, physical world — the world of food and games and laughter and adventure — to ascend to an ethereal, floaty cloud-place, populated by chubby cherubs with harps. (And yes, I secretly dreaded going to heaven because of how boring such a place promised to be.)

By the time of that late-night conversation, I had thankfully been disabused of that conception. The promise of the afterlife, I had come to learn, was not the obliteration of all things God had previously declared good, but rather their restoration. Their transfiguration. Their glorification. It was not that the material would be swallowed up by the immaterial



— as if we were ridding our souls of our flesh and bones — but rather that the mortal would be swallowed by immortal life (2 Corinthians 5:4).

I had come to see that everything good in this life would see its heightened and imperishable fulfillment in the next.

What I have since come to discover, however, is that even these aspects of the new creation are not final. Those heavenly joys my friends and I fantasized about were, like their present earthly corollaries, the joyous means to the greatest end: the vision of God himself.

## Beckoned Through Beauty

The childhood conception of heaven I gladly shed in my early twenties was one of reality diminished. But the beatific vision promises something infinitely more enriched than

anything we experience here. It is the ultimate end of our every joyous encounter with goodness, truth, and beauty.

The desire that earthly beauty awakens, for example, is not intended to terminate in the object that awakened the desire. This is why every delight that comes with the experience of beauty is accompanied by a stab of longing for more. When I am struck by the beauty and magnitude of the Grand Canyon at sunset, the longing that such a sight elicits is not satisfied by the visual encounter itself. The greater the enjoyment, the greater the longing. All this is by design: the earthly beauty that arouses our desire beckons us through and beyond to something greater. Earthly beauty constantly calls us not to itself, but through itself to its final source: the God of all Beauty.

This truth is often missed

as the context for C.S. Lewis's memorable line: "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world" (Mere Christianity, 136–37). In saying this, Lewis does not merely affirm that every human has a longing for God that can only finally be satisfied in the age to come. He is saying at least that much, but the immediate context shows that he goes a step further to say that all our longings in this life serve to arouse a deeper longing for enjoyment of God. He writes,

If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. or echo, or mirage.

The beatific vision — or the happy vision — is beatific because it is the vision of the all-blessed God. The one who is infinitely happy in himself begrades us with a participation in his own blessedness. Since the trine God is the plentitude of life and light and love — he ever burns in the white-hot fire of infinite pleasure as Father, Son, and Spirit — the blessing of eternal life is our coming to experience by grace what God is by nature: blessed. And this infinite blessedness is signaled to and previewed through all our earthly joys. God is, through all of them, beckoning us to come "further up and further in."

## Our Unnamed Ache

You are beginning to see now, I trust, that even while the doctrine of "the beatific vision" may sound exotic and alien to your ears, you have already been primed to receive it. It is true that the doctrine has fallen into obscurity in evangelical circles (though it enjoyed near-universal centrality for the majority of Christian history). Even still, the desire for the beatific vision is awakened by all manner of well-known evangelical convictions.

The desire to experience the beatific vision is the deepest longing of the Christian Hedonist, who has been taught by John Piper that "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him." It is the longing provoked by every immersed reader of the Narnia books who yearns — along with the Pevensies and their comrades in The Last Battle — to go "further up and further in" to Aslan's country. We all have been aching for the beatific vision, whether we had language to articulate this desire as such or not.

## Where Every Desire Leads

The promise of the beatific vision is that none of our desires aroused in this life is ultimately for naught. None of them is wasted! Even our sinful desires are perversions of God's good creation. He made us with certain faculties in our souls for longing, and this soulish thirst — even where it has been desecrated by the muddy cisterns of sin (Jeremiah 2:12–13) — is never intended to be utterly

extinguished; it is designed to be satiated by God himself. This is why we can never be finally satisfied by anything in this life.

The soul's cravings are infinitely insatiable because their object is itself infinite. God will never cease to be infinite, and we will never cease to be finite. Therefore, our enjoyment of God will, in the beatific vision, expand perpetually. We will never grow tired of delighting in God, any more than we will grow tired of delighting in anything, for earthly delights are summed up, purified, and perfected in our delight of God.

Every creaturely desire finds its final satiation in this happy vision of God. All the joys we experience in this life, which are ever tinged with the sting of disappointment, are designed to awaken a hunger that will be ultimately satisfied in God. But this state of rest in the happy vision of God — this state of eschatological Sabbath repose — will not be static thanks to God's infinity and our finitude.

All roads of desire lead here, to the blessed hope of seeing God. When we become truly convinced of this fact, we pray sincerely with David, "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple" (Psalm 27:4). There are, of course, many questions left unanswered about the beatific vision. But worshipful longing rushes in where intellectual certainty fears to tread. Amen, may it be.

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