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EPA rule to slash toxic pollution

The new federal limits target six cancer-causing chemicals and aim to reduce the cancer risk in Texas communities.

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The Texas Tribune

More than 200 chemical manufacturing plants nationwide — including dozens in Texas along the Gulf Coast — will be required to reduce toxic emissions that could cause cancer for people who live nearby under a new Environmental Protection Agency rule announced Tuesday.

These facilities use hazardous chemicals to make plastics, paints, synthetic fabrics, pesticides and other petrochemical products. An EPA list shows that about 80, or 40% of them, are located in Texas, mostly in coastal cities like Baytown, Channelview, Corpus Christi, Deer Park, La Porte, Pasadena and Port Arthur.

The new rule focuses on limiting six chemicals: ethylene oxide, chloroprene, benzene, 1,3-butadiene, ethylene dichloride and vinyl chloride. All are known to increase cancer risk and cause damage to the nervous, cardiovascular and immune systems after long-term exposure.

According to the EPA, the new rule will slash more than 6,000 tons of toxic air pollutants annually and reduce the number of people with elevated cancer risk by 96% na-

tionwide.

The new rule will also require facilities to install fence line air monitoring devices that measure concentrations of a specific chemical at the property line of a manufacturing site.

The fence line monitors “will help protect nearby communities by giving them more accurate information about the quality of the air they are breathing,” Harold Wimmer, president and CEO of the American Lung Association, said in a statement.

Studies show that communities of color are more likely to be exposed to pollution from chemical manufacturing plants.

Cynthia Palmer, a senior analyst for petrochemicals with the environmental nonprofit Moms Clean Air Force, said in a written statement that the new rule is “deeply personal for me. My best friend grew up near nine of the chemical manufacturing facilities in Texas that will be covered in this new rulemaking. She died of cancer when her children were in preschool.”

Palmer said the new rule is an important step forward for environmental justice.

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Saturday the changing of the guard for Stilley Enterprises was celebrated at Tia Juanita's in Orange. Pictured: (front) Dan Stilley, (back left to right) Evander Holyfield and Craig Stilley. RECORD PHOTO: Penny LeLeux

Holy Moley, is that Holyfield?

PENNYLELUX
For The Record

The eclipse wasn't the only strange sighting in Orange County over the last few days. Saturday, pictures started showing up of local residents with four-time heavyweight boxing champ Evander Holyfield at K-Dan's in Orangefield. The champ was eating breakfast with his good friend Craig Stilley. He had flown in overnight to attend the retirement party later that night honoring Stilley's father, Dan Stilley.

Retirement party isn't really accurate, because the older Stilley isn't really retiring, he is just switching places with Craig.

The younger Stilley

took over as president and CEO of Stilley Enterprises about a month ago and his father assumed the vice president position Craig used to have.

“He demoted me and I gave him a raise,” said Dan Stilley of the new positions.

Stilley Enterprises is a commercial paint company started by Dan Stilley in 1982 with 15-20 employees.

“Back then we had to have drywall finishers, too,” said Dan. “Now we contract that out.”

“I've been working for the company for 33 years since I was 17,” said Craig.

“When my uncle retired, I became vice president of the company. I have kind of revamped the company so he (Dan) de-

cid it was time to pass the torch.”

“I'm still gonna stay active, but he's got all the say so,” said Dan. “Craig and I are close. He's always been my right-hand man.”

He plans to stay in the office in an advisory position, but if a nap is on the day's agenda, that's OK, too.

Currently they span a radius from Jasper to Mont Bellevue according to Craig. “I'm looking to expand it even further.” He sees it growing exponentially in the future, even as far as Houston.

The party at Tia Juanita's in Orange was originally planned for the following week, but when Holyfield decided to come Craig kicked everything into gear to accommodate

his schedule.

“It was a spur of the moment deal,” said Craig. Stilley stays with Holyfield all the time and when he asked Holyfield when he was coming here, Holyfield decided to come now. Dan has spoken with Holyfield on the phone several times over the years, but this was the first time they had met in person.

Craig said he was worried about how people in the area would react. He wasn't worried about people wanting to take pictures with him, “That happens wherever we go.” He was more worried about stalker type situations or paparazzi following them. None of that

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Krispen Walker becomes new DA

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Sometimes in life, a person ends up where they were meant to be. Krispen Walker is one of those people.

The West Orange-Stark High graduate on January 1 will become the new district attorney for Orange County, replacing John Kimbrough, who is retiring after 32 years. She will be the first woman district attorney in county history.

Being a criminal prosecutor had not been in her original plans. She took a job with a private law firm after graduating from law school, taking on civil lawsuits mostly concerning asbestos. By chance, she got a house next door to Kimbrough. A couple of years later, he called her asking if she wanted the position of handling juvenile cases for his office.

She's now been in the office for 23 years, working her way up to prosecuting felony criminal cases in the 163rd State District Court.

“I can't imagine doing anything else,” she said. “God puts you in places you need to be.”

Three years ago, she had announced



Kristen Walker, a West Orange-Stark High graduate, on January 1 will become the new district attorney for Orange County, replacing John Kimbrough. RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal

that she was running for judge of the 163rd District Court after Judge Dennis Powell was retiring.

“I was the prosecutor in 163rd court

16 years and that court became very important to me. I learned a lot from Judge Powell,” she said.

But she later withdrew her candidacy

because she she felt a calling to help crime victims and their families go through the journey of putting a law violator in prison. Rex Peveto successfully ran for the position.

However, she point out that putting someone behind bars is not always the solution. “As John (Kimbrough) always points out, the (Texas) Code of Criminal Procedures says our job is not to convict, but see justice is done,” she said.

Some of that justice came in her early years of working with juvenile offenders, both misdemeanors and felonies. Many of them worked out their problems of their youth and have gone on to be good citizens in their adult years. They still greet her and thank her for her help.

Other juvenile offenders, though, don't have such success. “I see some that are still in trouble out there,” she said.

During her years prosecuting in state district court, she has gained a reputation of getting stiff penalties against sex offenders and child abusers. She has developed relationships with the victims and their families as they go through the difficult steps of trying to recover

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New OC District Attorney

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from a traumatic experience and go through the legal system.

Her care goes out to even prostitutes, including one who was kidnapped in a van and managed to escape from the house of her kidnapper, who had chains and handcuffs on a wall. The young woman victim received Walker's sympathy and care like any other victim.

In another case, she sent an Orange County deputy to prison for assaulting a drunken prisoner, who had his head slammed against the jail wall hard enough to knock teeth out.

Walker has also prosecuted murder, including a shoot-out involving drug dealers in a residential neighborhood, along with armed robberies, burglaries, and assaults.

"Every case is different, whether murder, sexual assault, or theft," she said. "All suspects are different, too."

"I sometimes think about how I'd like to write a book about the cases that I find unusual or moving," she said.

Sometimes, it appears if prison sentences are not given fairly, she said. For instance, someone with drugs may end up with a longer sentence than someone convicted of murder. She points out the drugs could be a major amount involving someone with a history of violations. Usually, in trials, the jury decides the punishment, not the prosecutor.

And even if Walker doesn't always agree with a jury's decision, the outcome is part of the courts. "It's really a beautiful system, though sometimes it's frustrating," she said.

Orange County is one of the few counties in Texas where the district and county attorney are the same person, meaning the office also handles the legal matters of county government. For many years, one assistant attorney has been assigned to that job, which includes working with commissioners court on contracts and civil lawsuits.

Walker will become the supervisor of eight assistant attorneys, including three assigned to felonies in state

court, ones prosecuting juveniles and misdemeanors in county court-at-law, plus the one assigned to the county. The office also has an investigator, a victims assistance coordinator, and eight legal secretaries.

"I love the team aspects of what we do here," she said.

The team includes every law enforcement agency in the county, plus those in state agencies. For instance, she is looking forward to working with sheriff-elect Bobby Smith, a retired Texas Ranger, because she has worked with him in the past on cases.

The prosecutor's job doesn't always involve agreeing with law officers, who sometimes get frustrated with gathering the evidence needed for a successful prosecution.

"We get only one chance" for prosecution, she said. The U.S. policy of double jeopardy holds that if a person is found not guilty in a criminal case, they cannot be tried again, even if new evidence is found.

Walker said sometimes law officers get frustrated

by the demands of prosecutors to get more evidence and information for a case.

"Kimbrough sets a high bar for law enforcement to do a good job," she said.

And that's a philosophy she plans to continue. "John has always been a good teacher and counselor and mentor," she said.

During her years in the courts, she has seen a lot of changes in technical aspects. Today, courtrooms have large computer screens that display photographs and Power Point graphics from her laptop computer. Gone are the days of showing 8x10 glossy printed pictures to the jury. The photographs include those from autopsies and crime scenes.

She also finds it a lot easier to get maps for crime scene areas. Now, she can go to Google Earth and get close-up satellite images. In her early days as a prosecutor, the district attorney's office had Mark Ellis, an investigator who was also a pilot. He would get a small plane to fly over an area while Walker leaned out the window to take photo-

graphs.

Walker moved to Orange as an infant with her parents. Her father, Bob Walker, worked for Gulf Chemical, which became Chevron. The family was transferred to Joplin, Missouri, when she was in kindergarten and first grade. But when she was in second grade, her father was promoted to become the plant manager in Orange. The family returned her and stayed, even after her father retired.

After graduating from WO-S, she went to Texas A&M University for her bachelor's degree and then to Texas Tech law school. "It was very difficult to adapt," she said about the different climates and terrain of Orange County compared to Lubbock in West Texas.

Her first job out of law school was in Lubbock with the Texas Attorney General's Office working on child support cases involving parents who have not paid their court-ordered child support. She then transferred to the Tyler office before taking a job with the

law firm of Martin Dies III here.

Then came the offer of a job in the district-county attorney's office. "I fell in love with it," she said.

That's not the only love in her life now. After being divorced for a number of years, she is now engaged and wearing a diamond ring. She is engaged to a descendant of a prominent Orange County pioneer family, but said he wouldn't want his name in the paper.

They love animals, especially dogs, and have a hobby of traveling through Texas taking photographs of county courthouses. When they began their travels, she was the only one taking the pictures. But she owned two cameras and gave him one to use. He turned out to be a good photographer and they compare the different shots they take of the same historic building.

Walker ran unopposed for county-district attorney in the Republican primary and will run unopposed again in the November general election. She will take the oath of office on January 1, 2025.

EPA rule to slash pollutants

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Tuesday's announcement comes a month after the EPA approved a rule to slash ethylene oxide emissions from commercial sterilization facilities. In Laredo, residents say such plants have contributed to the city's elevated rates of cancer.

Hector Rivero, president and CEO of the Texas Chemistry Council, said in an email that the new EPA rule will have a big impact on the manufacture of ethylene oxide, which he said is important for products like electric cars and computer chips, as well as sterilizing medical products.

Rivero said the council, which represents more than 200 facilities in the chemi-

cal manufacturing industry, will comply with new regulations, but he believes the way EPA assessed the health risks of ethylene oxide was scientifically flawed.

"EPA's reliance on outdated emissions data has led to a final rule based on inflated risks and speculative benefits," Rivero said.

The new rule goes into effect shortly after being published in the Federal Register. The biggest reductions in cancer risk will come from reducing emissions of ethylene oxide and chloroprene. Facilities must meet requirements for reducing ethylene oxide within two years after the rule becomes effective and must

meet requirements for chloroprene within 90 days after the effective date.

Victoria Cann, a spokesperson with the state's environmental agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, said in a statement that the agency will conduct investigations to evaluate compliance with the new rule's requirements as part of its compliance and enforcement program.

The rule targets equipment at chemical manufacturing facilities that release air pollution like heat exchange systems (devices that heat or cool liquids), and processes like venting and flaring that release gases into the air.

Flaring often happens during startups, shutdowns and malfunctions. In Texas, companies reported releasing 1 million pounds of excess pollution during a January cold snap. Environmental advocates have called those events loopholes in environmental enforcement that allow facilities to pollute without punishment or fines under certain conditions like during extreme weather or chemical disasters.

The rule requires facilities to do additional compliance reporting and performance evaluations after such events.

"It's essential that these protections are rigorously enforced."

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Local media essential to smarter marketing strategy

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In today's digital age, it may seem like local businesses can solely rely on social media advertising to attract new customers and keep old ones coming back.

However, advertising in local media is still an essential component of any successful marketing strategy.

So, let's not waste your time with hyperbole and small talk, here are some simple reasons why local businesses must advertise in local media.

Reach the Local Community

One of the most significant advantages of advertising in local media is that it reaches local people.

Local media caters to a specific geographic region, the people on your doorstep who are most likely to advertise with you.

This means your local businesses can tailor their advertising to reach the people most likely to be interested in your products or services.

Establish Brand Awareness

Advertising in local media helps establish local brand awareness.

When a business consistently advertises in local media like the County Record and Penny Record, it becomes familiar to people, and they start to associate the brand with the local community.

This can be particularly effective for small, local businesses that are trying to establish themselves in a competitive market.

Build Trust

Advertising in local media can also help build trust with potential customers.

When people see a business's name and message repeatedly, they start to recognize it and begin to trust the brand, especially if those adverts are in a trusted and popular publication like The Record Newspapers.

This is particularly true if the business is also actively involved in the local community and has a positive reputation.

By building trust with potential customers, local businesses can establish

long-term relationships that can lead to repeat business.

Cost Effective

Advertising in local media is cost-effective for local businesses.

Local media often offers affordable advertising options that are flexible for all budgets and if you use a digital publication, you will have access to the exact number of people who have seen your ads for better ROI reporting and campaign testing.

Additionally, local media outlets usually offer package deals or discounts for multiple ads, making it even more affordable for businesses to advertise to key customers consistently.

Support the Local Community

By advertising in local media, businesses are supporting their local community. Local media outlets rely on lo-

cal businesses to advertise to stay in business.

By supporting local media, businesses are helping to keep their community informed and connected with important news about what's happening on their doorstep.

This is alongside promotions about local businesses, events, and human interest stories which help promote the community around your business as a whole.

Advertising in local media is still a cost-effective yet essential component of any successful marketing strategy for local businesses.

By reaching the local community, establishing brand awareness, building trust, and supporting the local community, businesses can increase their visibility and attract new customers.

If you'd like to have a no-obligation chat about advertising designed to suit all budgets and targets, contact Janelle Sehon, Advertising Director for The Record Newspapers and www.TheRecordLive.com at 409-886-7183.



BC Mayor Rutledge recognized among state officials



Pictured below (l. to r.) Bert Miller, Past President TAMCC; Mayor David Rutledge, Bridge City; Beverly Gaines, President TAMCC; and Tito Rodriguez, President TML.

Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge was recently recognized as a "Certified Municipal Official" by the Texas Municipal League (TML) and the Texas Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners (TAMCC). This recognition is given annually to public officials who have completed at least 72 continuing education units (CEU's) in city governance, communications, federal and state legislation affecting cities, economic development, revenue and taxation issues, and other topics of interest to Texas municipalities.

TML is an association of 13,000-plus mayors, councilmembers, and city staff in 1,174 cities across Texas. At the Midyear Conference in San Marcos in

March, Mayor Rutledge was 1 of only 30 members from around the state who were recognized with this honor.

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happened to Stilley's relief.

Will Holyfield be coming back to Orange?

"I'm sure I'll be coming a lot of times," said the Champ. He confided he's looking for a place to move from Florida.

Wait. Don't get too excited. Orange is a little further out than he wants to go. He confided he will likely move to Houston, which is where he lived when he was training. He expects that move to be within about a year.

With Stilley living in Orange County, Holyfield sightings may become common in the future.

If you hear, "Holy Moley is that Holyfield?" you will be able to answer, "Why yes, I believe it is."

Brothers in Christ

How does one become friends with Evander Holyfield? That's a question on everyone's mind

after the recent sightings of Holyfield in Orange County over the weekend.

"He's like my brother, he's my best friend," said Craig Stilley of Orangefield. "He's like family."

It's a story that started about three decades ago.

"It's a spiritual thing it goes back to 96. I've turned my life to the Lord because him," Stilley said he saw Holyfield on television talking about Jesus Christ. "It's a transformational thing because he's very Christian guy," said Stilley.

Stilley told people Holyfield was responsible for his conversion and friends kept suggesting he should send a letter to Holyfield telling him the story, but Stilley resisted, feeling it would get lost in the shuffle of fan mail and just be discarded.

The late Kenny Weldon was training Holyfield in Houston and offered to introduce Stilley to the

champ. Weldon had also trained Stilley in the past.

"Once we met in Houston, we kept talking," said Holyfield.

They hadn't seen each other in 15 years when Stilley contacted him about four years ago. Stilley was working on a boxing proof-of-concept film

project, "Against the Ropes."

"I got frustrated one day and wanted to quit," said Stilley. "I said, 'God what do you want me to do? I don't know how to do this.' I had never asked. He said, 'Get a hold of Evander Holyfield.' I know that sounds crazy, but that's what he said."

The rest is history.

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Por la presente se da a conocer que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección para otras subdivisiones políticas que se llevará a cabo el 1 de mayo de 2024 se probará el 15 de abril de 2024 a las 9:00 am en 206 Bowler Street, Orange, TX 77630 para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

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TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE—BIG DEAL

The much anticipated **solar eclipse** shifted billions of dollars across the country. The 'first' reports came out of Mexico, headed to Texas Hill Country and beyond. The **eclipse** laid a 100 mile path from Texas to Maine. It was a big deal for small towns that usually lose out to big sporting events in large cities. Unlike other major events, the 2024 total eclipse was a family affair. Families drove or flew together to unknown places throughout the country to spots that offered better viewing of the **total eclipse**. The arrival of people who came spent an average of four days on the road and left millions of dollars in restaurants, motels, service stations and for items to bring home from places they would never had visited if not for the eclipse. It was a welcome boost to many neon and pop locations along the route of the **solar eclipse**. It will be 21 years before another total eclipse and those of us up in age,, who missed this spectacular event, will probably never have another chance. Here in the **Golden Triangle of Texas**, heavy overcast skies prevented even witnessing a partial eclipse. Those fortunate to have witnessed the total event, they will forever count it as a special blessing in their lives which occurred April 8, 2024. It was a special four minutes of magic.****Like the Eclipse I have to move on. Come along, **I promise it won't do you no harm.**

REMEMBERING COY MORGAN

Albertice Coy Morgan, age 93, previously of Bridge City, passed away on Thursday, April 4, at his granddaughter's home in College Station. Coy was born February 1, 1931, in Orange. He graduated from Lutch Stark High in 1950, joined the U.S. Navy and fought in the Korean War. Coy liked to rodeo and was a true cowboy. He enjoyed working cattle at area ranches. He enjoyed entertaining family and friends and his home was always welcome to everyone. Services will be at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange, Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Claybar on the same day. Burial will follow services at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. We had known Coy since 1963. As an Optimist Club member he helped build the first three Little League diamonds off of Sunset in Bridge City. He coached and helped build the present Little League park. He and his wife Cupal were very active in the community. See complete obituary on our website, therecordlive.com.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Funeral service was held Saturday April 6 for **John Harvey Hughes**. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

The **UConn Huskies** tops **Kentucky Wildcats** 60-54 to claim their third title in Texas over the last 11 years. The Lone Star state is good to the **Huskies** despite **Kentucky** having three players from Texas. The **Huskies** speed was just too much for every team they faced in the NCAA tournament. **Kentucky's** future looks bright however, with five freshmen starters. The **Wildcat twins, Andrew and Aaron Harrison**, from **Travis High School**, were held in check for the first time all season.****Every short guys hero, **Mickey Rooney**, 93, died April 6. Throughout my entire life **Mickey** was always around. In the pre-war years 1939-40-41, he was the country's biggest box office attraction. He was born **Joe Yule, Jr.** and began his film career as a toddler in his first film, in 1926, at age 6. Of all of his many movies still around today the most well known is "**National Velvet**," filmed in 1944, with 11-year-old **Elizabeth Taylor**. He had many hit movies and the five-foot three-inch **Rooney** was married eight times to some of Hollywood's most beautiful women including **Ava Gardner**. **Mickey** was a survivor through many ups and downs.******Lennis Hubbard**, 79, passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Many lawmen considered **Lennis** to be one of the best investigators to ever work in Orange County. Not only did he work for the **Sherriff's Department**, he was a special investigator under **District Attorney Sharon Bearden**. **Lennis** worked on some of the most brutal murders in the county's history. **Hubbard** wasn't your typical 'by the book' investigator, he was a hound that stayed on the trail of a crime until he solved it. He was tough but also very personable.**** My buddy **Margie Stephens** is again fighting kidney stones. I thought I had problems until I heard hers. Her medication now is **apple cider, mixed with a fair portion of beer**. I don't know if it helps pass the stones but she can get high while waiting. ******Gerald Morris** and pretty wife **Julia** were out grocery shopping. I wonder what is the trick to getting your wife to accompany you on a shopping trip. I do the shopping, while she mows the lawn.

******George Strait** was once again the fan favorite. He won the ACM '**Entertainer of the Year**' award Sunday, 25 years after his first win.

20 Years Ago-2004

Jay Trahan is keeping the Cajun music tradition and culture going. He has written some new material and has put out a new CD titled "**Cade's Waltz**." His father-in-law **Doug Childress** produced the CD. "**Cade's Waltz**" was originally written Jan. 21, 2001, while he and wife **Carla** were awaiting the birth of their son **Cade** who was born June 5, a month before he was due. A dozen other songs are on the CD. **Jay** got his first accordion from his dad when he was 17. His influence was neighbor **Jackie Callier**, an award winning **Cajun artist**.******Judge Grover Halliburton** and **Franklin Scales** are both out of hospital after suffering a heart attack three weeks ago. On his way home from hospital his wife **Sarah** had to take him to early vote. The election judge came to the car to allow him to vote. (Editor's note: **Grover** and **Franklin** are now gone. I miss them both.)****NOT FORGOTTEN: **Jerold "Jerry" Horton**, 71, died April 12. **Jerry** was a native of Italy, Texas. He was retired from **Crown Zellerbach**. This writer knew **Jerry** really well and visited with him at his home place in Italy, where his mother lived. His sister **Doris** was **Mrs. Clarence Kyte**. **Jerry** had been a U.S. Air Force staff sergeant. He was one the special people we crossed paths with and called friend.

45 Years Ago-1979

First Savings Association of Orange now offering a six-month **Money Market Certificate** paying 9.49 percent.**** Orange attorney **Marlin Thompson** has taken to flying all over the country in a private plane, practicing his trade. He's an expert in asbestosis related cases. (Editor's note: **Thompson, his wife and Dewey Cox** were later killed in an Arkansas plane accident.)****The **Bridge City Funeral Home** is located at 800 Highland. **Lawrence Helton** is funeral director.******Frenchie's Discount Furniture** is located at 411Donnell, Orange. ******Orange Texas** is featured in a new 100-page, digest size, **East Texas Vacation Guide**, just released for national distribution. The guide distributes 140,000 copies at travel shows. The Orange section features the **Presbyterian Church, Stark Museum, Brown Center, Farmer's Mercantile and Delta Downs**.

50 Year Ago-1974

Sen. D. Roy Harrington presents Homestead Exemption Bill. **Harrington** was also able to get the open beach bill adopted in the General Provision Committee. ****The **Bridge City Cardinales** volleyball 10-AAA District champs lost to Channelview in the final of the **Regional Tournament**. Bridge City won district for the second year in a row. All district players on the team are: **Donna Calvert, Joyce Mann, Phyllis Shaw, Jana Russell and Rhonda Schexnider, Debra Wagner, Candy Etheridge and Vickie Martinez. Barbara Landry** is the coach. ******Larry Guntner**, longtime sheriff's office dispatcher, is running for Justice of the Peace of Precinct 2. ******Claude J. Broussard** is running for County Commissioner, Precinct 2. ****Also running in the same race is **Glen Peveto**. ******County Judge Grover Halliburton** runs for re-election. ******Donald Gunn** is running for Constable of Precinct 2. **Marlin Shelton** is the Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2.******Houston Baker** is denied entrance to Court of Two Sister's restaurant in New Orleansbecause he was wearing jeans.****Former Little Cypress- Mauriceville football coach **Jim Crossland** is now coaching with the Chicago Fire of the World Football League.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

The **Mauriceville Crawfish Festival** will be held May 3 and May 4. It is always a great time, with a parade, booths, music, lots of food and all the trimmings. I remember when **Owen Burton, Wesley Arabie and Amos Roy** launched the first festival. **Amos** was the first Texas crawfish farmer. He was the **granddaddy of Texas crawfish** farming. **Amos** enlisted the help of **Burton and Arabie** and in 1981 the first **Texas Crawfish Festival** was held. **Burton, Joe Heinen, Frenchie** and others started producing crawfish. One of the first meetings was held at the **Crawfish Bucket Restaurant** in Nederland, owned by **Roy Dunn and Heinen**. **Amos** is gone, died several years ago, **Burton** gave up crawfish farming, **Heinen** moved away and is now deceased but because of their efforts in the early 1980s, the Texas legislature officially proclaimed **Mauriceville the "Crawfish Capital of Texas."** Since that early day, the money raised stayed in the community. It paid for 15 acres of land that is now home to the **Orange County Livestock Show**, a community center has been built and playing fields for youth football, etc. has been added.**** Spring has sprung and community activities are in full bloom across Orange County. **Orange's annual Art in the Park** had perfect weather for visiting, strolling, buying, and having family fun. **Betty Harmon** made the rounds with daughter **Deborah Lanciaux, Dayle Ezell Foreman** was selling her books, **Nolan LeBlanc** was making the rounds, **Gina and Skipper Yeaman** were also there along with **Jenn Pool and Anna Drinkard Mobley**. The **Stark House** held a special open house to go with the event and the historic Victorian Age mansion was full of fresh flower arrangements courtesy of the Bridge City High floral design class. **Charlotte Chiasson** was busy as she not only went to **Art in the Park**, she hosted her friend from BC High, **Lonnie Broussard**, in a tour of the **BC Chamber and Museum** building. The two were high school king and queen of TWIRP back in 1970. **Charlotte** was instrumental in saving the old **Bridge City teacherage** to turn it into the chamber-museum, plus she recently did the research to acquire a state historical marker for the site.******The Lutch Theater** had the classic musical '**Annie**' to introduce to a new generation of children. Looks like the touring

company's sales boomed with little girls getting plush-stuffed **Sandy the dog toys**. **Angie Williams** accompanied daughter **Sydney Carr** and granddaughter **Collins Ruth**. **Chris Axelson** took his wife. Back in 1976, he took his parents, the late **Bob and Evalyn Axelson**, to see the original on **Broadway in New York City**.****Former Orange resident **Nancy Denmark**, an expert in gardening and butterflies, made a trip home to speak in Beaumont and then at **Cottage Cuttings** in Orange. She also visited with friends, including **Deborah Bednar**, who bought the **Denmark** family's classic mid-century modern home in Orange. **Deborah and Sandra Hoke** assisted **Nancy** in her presentation. **Maggie Benckenstein** saw **Nancy** in Beaumont.******Barbara Jane Hanneman** is celebrating new grandson **Mateo Alexander Plascencia**. Parents are **Jacqueline and Vitaly Plascencia**.****Congratulations to the girls with the **Orangefield High Sophisticats** for the next school year. Social officers will be **Mina Webb**, president **Lexi Baggett**, vice president; **Kortney Cross**, secretary; and **Makayla Merendino**, Historian. **Junior Sophisticats** will be **Captain Rayleigh Smith, Whitney Aylor, Kristina Boyd, Kinsley Brantley, Julia Cassidy, McKynlee Hilton, Harper Homme, Kirsten Howes, Lily Kole, Summer Kovatch, Korbyn Lucas, Nona Miller, Kinley Morgan, Payton Piet, Jaquelynn Velazquez, Ruby Wilson**.****Also kudos go to **Jacob Longlois**, who is the first **Little Cypress-Mauriceville** student to get a college scholarship for fishing team. He is one of **Bassmaster's 12 High School All-American anglers** and will be attending **Drury University** in Missouri.****Greetings go to **Fred and Darlene Thompson** on their **72nd wedding anniversary**. The Orange natives are now living in the Austin area near their daughter.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

A few friends we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **April 10: Janet Montagne, Katie Olson, Barbara Goins, Elliot Purcell, Johnnie Nicks, K'Lynn Ess, Matt Day, Nancy Hood, Alivia Duhon, Austin Brent**.******April 11: David Thacker, Jackie Schell, Chelsea McLemore, Becky Myers, Bob Arnold, Dustin Kemp, Roy Gill, Travis Miller, Amanda Ginn, Cortland Savage**.******April 12:** This is the date the **Civil War** starter in 1861. It ended in 1865. Celebratmg on thjos day are **Don Breaux, Amanda Toups, Jaclyn Phillips, Jill Lemoine, Kathy Vesel, Leslie Staudenmier, Jaclyn James, Shellie Holmes, Zackary Busby, Abby Noah, Ann Glover**.******April 12: Connie Angelle, Jo Ann Collins, Roy Farias, Dawn Mason, Gene Ballard, Kaylin Abshire, Virginia Fox**.******April 14: Sam Carpenter, Jr. Stephen Gault, Kasie Moerbe, Phillip Elmore, Reatha Bradberry, T-Lew Van Metre, Kevin Huckebaby, Randy Renfrow, Robbie Bethes, Tiffani Thompson, April Stone, Christy Swanson**.******April 15: Judge Pat Cook, Linda Claybar, John Langlinais, Shani Lawson, Patrick Cooks, Debbie Aarons, Jaclyn Eickenhorst**.******April 16: Chuck Sterling, Judy Pittman, Kirby Cruse, Lillian Mercer, Marie Duett, Quentin Billeaud, Betty Foreman**.**** Former state representative **Wayne Peveto** turned 85. Bet he would have choice comments about our current local run-off race for the position. **Geraldine Richard** turned 82. At the other end of the age spectrum, **Bodie Bearden** turned 5. He's the son of **City Judge Jim Sharon and Cassie Bearden** and grandson of **Sharon Bearden**.**** Others with birthdays included **Tom Henry** and his son **Chris Henry, Scott Hasty, Tori Arceneaux, Robb Maddo, Janet Bland, Marcella Knox, Lynn Theriot and Chuck Prewitt. Ian Cheek**, grandson of **Debbie Hughes**, turned 3 and his mom, **Dr. Kayla Cheek** had a birthday a couple of days later.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Wen Oris Comeaux walked into **Tee Boy's Bar and Grill** he noticed his friend **Mayo Boudreaux** was sitting by hisself at da end of da bar. Wen he walked up to **Boudreaux**, he could tell dat he was really tying one on. Oris say to his friend, "**Mayo, why you getting so drunk you?**"

Boudreaux answer, "Well **Cuzz**, I had it all me, I had money, a beautiful home, a nice car, a big Harley bike, two pirogues and a beautiful woman, den jus like dat, it was all gone."

Comeaux say, "Really, what happen hanh?"

Boudreaux took another drink, tears run down his cheeks and he say, "My wife, **Stella Mae**, she found out her."

C'EST TOUT Will Debate Between Phelan and Covey Take Place

A debate between **Texas Speaker of the House Dade Phelan** and his **District 21** challenger **David Covey** is finally set but whether both runoff candidates will actually show up is unclear. **Phelan** has announced that he accepted an invitation from **KFDM/Fox 4** to debate now-runoff opponent **David Covey** in a live, televised event May 7. "I am deeply committed to telling the truth about my record and vision for **House District 21** and believe that **Southeast Texas** voters are owed the opportunity to make an informed choice, especially in such a pivotal, high-stakes runoff election," **Phelan** said in a release announcing the move. "I look forward to participating in this debate and thank our sponsors for their commitment to a fair and productive discussion." **Covey**, however, as of Tuesday, has yet to respond to debate organizers. **National PAC** to spend nearly \$1M against **Speaker Phelan** in **GOP** runoff election set for May 28. **Covey** and his positions are not very well known. A debate would be most useful for the voters.****Read us cover to cover and when you shop our family of advertisers thank them for bringing you this paper free each week. **We thank you for your time and loyalty**. Stay in touch, check us out on our website at therecordlive.com. My time is up and I made it through another week and beat the deadline. **Take care and God bless.**



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club announced Caleb Fergia as their April Orangefield Student of the Month. Caleb ranks #66 in his class with a GPA of 3.49. He plans to play baseball after graduation and attend college for Process Operating and Instrumentation. Pictured are: Jerry Jones -Rotary President, Paul and Rita Fergia -Grandparents, Caleb -Student, Wayne and Summer Fergia -Parents, Britni Briggs -Counselor, Shaun McAlpin-OFISD Superintendent and Rea Wrinkle-OFHS Principal.



Six students, as part of Mrs. Bellard's BIM 2 class, earned their Microsoft Office Word EXPERT Certification. Congratulations to these students for earning this Industry Based Certification. Pictured are Back row: Ethan Brown, Sean Caswell, Jacob Vogt and Front row: Daniel Valentinis, Katelyn Copeland and Brianna Moore.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the April Student of the Month for Bridge City is Nicholas LeJeune. Nicholas is ranked 102 of 204 with a GPA of 3.75. Pictured are: Shannon King, Lea LeJeune, Nicholas LeJeune, Steven LeJeune and Brandy Slaughter.

Deaths & Memorials

John H. Hughes, 78, Orange

John Harvey Hughes was born on February 23, 1946, in Hillsboro, Illinois. He was the fourth child of George and Ena Marie (Abernathy) Hughes. He went to be with Jesus on April 1, 2024, at Cornerstone Specialty Hospital in Lake Charles, Louisiana, surrounded by his family. He was 78 years old.

John grew up in Witt, Illinois. He graduated from Witt High School and was drafted to the US Army. He served as a cook for 2 years at Fort Polk in Louisiana. Along that journey, he met and married Sybil Burch. Their love was evident to all as they just celebrated 56 years of marriage on February 9th.

John worked and retired from Bayer in Orange. He was a member of McDonald Memorial Baptist Church. For 19 years he was a member of the West Orange Volunteer Fire Department.

He always enjoyed his annual trips to Illinois to visit family. After retirement, he and Sybil would go twice a year. While there, his sister's lake house would become a gathering place for friends and family to visit. During every visit, he and Sybil always spent a day in the Amish country with his long-time best friends.

During retirement life, John could be found operating his lawn service and mowing many lawns around West Orange and tinkering with his lawnmowers. But what he spent most of that time doing was being his grandchildren's biggest fan. He could be found at football, basketball, and baseball games as well as dance recitals. He didn't want to miss a thing they were involved in. Anyone that spoke to John knew without a shadow of a doubt those grandchildren were his pride and joy. To them, he was their Bippy, and many of their friends called him the same.

In addition to being the grandchild-



John H. Hughes

dren's Bippy, he was the best dad. There was never a doubt of the love he had for his girls. He was always there to answer questions about everything and always a strong foundation in their lives.

John was easygoing, ever the optimist, and could always be found with a smile! To know him was to truly love him.

He was preceded in death by his mother Ena

Marie Hughes, father George Hughes, grandparents Alta King, James and Rosie Hughes, in-laws Ben and Lillie Burch, granddaughters Makenzie, Makaela, and Makenna Clark, and other close relatives.

He is survived by his wife Sybil, daughters Laura Clark and husband Trey, Emily Geldard and husband Steven, grandchildren Quade Clark, Max Geldard, John Hayden Clark, and Addison Geldard. His siblings are Bob Hughes, Marge Lakin and husband Herb, Nancy Shipman, Janice Crabtree and husband Jim, Barbara Whitlow, Alta Lovsey and husband John, and Helen Saxby and husband Brad, as well as sister-in-law Ann Wimberly. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

This visitation will be held Friday, April 5, 2024, from 5:00-8:00pm at Claybar Funeral Home with the funeral service at McDonald Memorial Baptist Church on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 2:00pm with Trey Clark officiating. Pallbearers will be Quade Clark, Max Geldard, John Hayden Clark, Addison Geldard, Rickey Woodard, Raymond Gilbeaux, and Lawrence McShan. Honorary Pallbearers will be Emeric Ponthieu and John Compton, his childhood friend.

He will be buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Orange.

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GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale on Saturday, April 13th from 7 am to 3 pm at 190 Louise St. in Bridge City. Lots of stuff.

ESTATE SALE

Estate Sale on April 12th and 13th from 8 am to 5 pm at 16 East Harding Circle in Pinehurst, 77630. Everything must go. China Hutch, Dresser set, Rocking chairs, pictures, recliner, dishes, pots and pans, books, records, lams, bedding, Holiday decor, end tables, tools, toys and a new washer and dryer.

Estate Sale - Lets make a deal! April 13 - 14th, Saturday from 10:00am - 5:00pm and Sunday from Noon-5:00pm at 175 LaFitte in Bridge City. Price Reductions. Multi-Generations antiques and collectibles. Artwork, Depression Glass, Kitchenware, Quality Furniture for every room, Vintage Mens & Womens accessories and jewelry, Electronics, Linens, Craft materials, Christmas items, Tools, Yard work, Sports equipment, & camping gear. Milk Glass, Noritake "Savanna" China, Corelle "Crazy Daisy", Penn Fishing Reels, Animal Traps, Electricity Generators, Journeyman Truck Bed Tool Box, Maytag Refrigerator Diagonal Freezer, Yamaha P-95B Digital Piano and so much more. Cash Only!

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The State of Texas To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

RUSSELL ALLEN ROBERTS, Deceased
Cause No. P19972
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on 4th day of April, 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **RUSSELL ALLEN ROBERTS, Deceased**, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on the 2nd day of April, 2024 .

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: Samantha McInnis, Deputy

Samantha McInnis

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The State of Texas To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

HENRY JONES, Deceased
Cause No. P19967
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on 18th day of March, 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **HENRY JONES, Deceased**, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on the 2nd day of April, 2024 .

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: Danielle Kendrick, Deputy

Danielle Kendrick

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The State of Texas To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

KELLY JOE CORDOVA, Deceased
Cause No. P19973
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on 3rd day of April, 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **KELLY JOE CORDOVA, Deceased**, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

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BRANDY ROBERTSON,
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **LEONIDES MEDRANO HABABAG, a/k/a LEONIDES P. HABABAG, Deceased**, were issued on **APRIL 5, 2024**, in Cause No. **P19945**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **MANUEL HABABAG**. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Manuel Hababag
Ind. Executor c/o:
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Dated the 5th day of April, 2024.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **DOROTHY ANN GUILHAS, Deceased**, were issued on **APRIL 3, 2024**, in Cause No. **P19899**, pending in the County Court at Law of ORANGE County, Texas, to: **ELIZABETH ARLENE GRANGER**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o:
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Dated the 4th day of April, 2024.

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Cardinals and Bobcats remain in lead

Orange County baseball action this week

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The District 19-4A standings got a little tighter last week with the results from games involving local teams. The Bridge City Cardinals split their two games and the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears swept their opponent in a pair of games.

The Cardinals are still atop the district standings, but suffered their first district loss on Friday, April 5, at Chuck Young Field. The Vidor Pirates came to Bridge City and

left after winning 7-2 over the first place Cardinals.

The loss has to be a disappointment for the Cardinals as they handed the Pirates four unearned runs in the first inning because of two throwing errors to second base on routine ground balls. A fifth Vidor run scored in the second inning when Westin Baker came home from second base on a single by Daigan Venable as the ball bounced past the Bridge City left fielder resulting in no opportunity to attempt to throw out Baker at the plate.

There were multiple



Cameron Dearing of Orangefield had two hits in the 11-1 win over Kirbyville.
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

chances that the Cardinals failed to capitalize on themselves. Bridge City out hit Vidor eight to four and twice had base hits when two were out with a runner in scoring position that failed to produce a run.

The first instance occurred in the third as Landon Reeves singled for the Cardinals with two on and two out. Pirate left fielder Tanner Hanks made a perfect throw to nail Austin Frederick at the plate to end the inning.

The second time happened in the sixth inning as Gavin Bodin, who drove in the second Bridge City run in the second inning, got his second hit of the

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Lady Cardinals roost at top of district

Orange County softball action this week

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Just two weeks remain in the regular season for local high school softball teams. The Bridge City Cardinals are undefeated in District 19-4A and in sole possession of first place.

Bridge City took a big step towards claiming the district championship on Tuesday, April 2, with a 2-0 win over the third place Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears at The Pete. The win stretched the Cardinals' lead over LCM to three games with four games remaining and maintained a one game advantage over second place Lumberton.

Cardinal pitcher Carson Fall was phenomenal once again striking out 18 Lady Bears in the shutout. Fall has surpassed three hundred strikeouts for the season and will reach an astonishing one thousand strikeouts during her four year career at Bridge City with her next "K".

The Lady Bears came into the game averaging almost twelve runs a game in their six previous district contests which included being no-hit and shutout by Fall when they played earlier on March 8. LCM leadoff hitter Eden Frenzel hit a slow roller to short and just beat the throw to first base spoiling the possibility of another no-hitter in the first inning. It would be the only hit of the night and the lone base runner for Little Cypress Mauriceville.

Nearly matching the marvelous pitching by Fall was Tessa Erickson of the Lady Bears. Erickson surrendered three hits, walked one, and hit one Cardinal with a pitch while striking out six during her seven innings in the circle.

Four hits were all there were between the two teams. Anna Autrey of Bridge City had two of them blooping a single in the first and then ripping a hard liner for a hit in the fourth inning.

The base hit in the top of the fourth by Autrey set the stage for the only runs of the contest. Makenna Knight sacrificed Autrey to second. Fall batted next and homered just to the right of straight away centerfield to give the Cardinals a 2-0 lead.

Bridge City threatened in the fifth when Kyleigh Hamilton and Haley Munoz reached base with no outs. Erickson induced pop ups from the next two Cardinals before registering a strikeout to end the inning.

Tessa retired the last nine Bridge City batters she faced with four strikeouts. Fall was almost untouchable after the hit to open the first inning by Frenzel as only three Lady Bears even put a ball in play with Lexis Moss flying out to centerfield in the fourth inning the only ball Carson allowed to be hit out of the infield in seven innings.



Charlee Sanches of Orangefield swung a big bat last week hammering six hits including a homerun and three doubles in the Lady Bobcats' two wins.



Bridge City's Carson Fall surrendered an infield single and then retired the next 21 LCM batters in the Cardinal victory last Tuesday.
RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine

"Carson met her three hundred strikeouts for the season and she's one strikeout away from one thousand for her career.

It's outstanding when you think about she's coming back from being injured and not having the season she really wanted to have

last year. I've praised her before numerous times, but she just works hard and I'm glad I get to watch her meet those goals be-

cause she really does deserve it. Carson puts in the time and she loves her

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OUTDOORS
Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

It's a given during certain months that there will be tons of ink dedicated to the pursuit of certain fish. There are "big trout" months, "flounder run" fiestas, and "spotted fever" epidemics during the summer when the redfish steal the show.

I get it, believe me I truly get it. All the while most folks believe that the sun rises and sets with the "big 3", specks, reds, and flounder when that may not be totally true. I cannot count how many times I have told folks who attend my seminars or I just have a random conversation with at a show how far from the truth that line of thinking about the "big 3" is because it's a lot.

I recently had this theory proved to me first hand and I will admit it was beyond eye opening. My wife and I were down in Corpus Christi for the weekend and one afternoon we decided to kill some time and take in a few sights. After checking out the beach for a while we made our way to Doc's under the Causeway bridge for a cold adult beverage. As we sat at the bar looking out over the water a group of guys, obviously fishermen, came in and sat down next to us. After ordering their drinks they began to enthusiastically recount their day on the water and re-live all the fun they had. My wife, being the sociable one, asked them if they had any luck to which the reply came back "it was awesome, we caught over 200 pounds!". Immediately I was baffled by this reply and tried to figure out just exactly what it meant.

The first thing that ran through my mind was that they had gone offshore because you never hear anyone associate catching the "big 3" with pounds, it's always a limit of fish or a number of fish. While still trying to figure out just exactly what the guy meant he handed me his cell phone so I could see the pictures of the days catch. There, lined up next to cleaning table, was a dock full of black drum. I nearly shot beer out of my nose. Here it was, in glorious digital color, proof that there are other species to not only target but to enjoy and eat as well. I must admit this was somewhat foreign to me in the aspect of chasing black drum on a guided fishing trip but I quickly gathered myself and congratulated the anglers on their successful day.

I wasn't exactly sure what I had witnessed as we left Doc's but I knew I was both intrigued and happy at the same time. I needed to know more about this subject so long time guide and Corpus resident Jim Leavelle was just the guy to help me out.

Later that same evening at supper, which coincidentally was fried black drum and shrimp, I recounted my story of the anglers to Jim and he sat back and smiled before answering my questions. "You have no idea how big catching black drum and other species are down here. You can go to a tackle shop and there will be double the amount of gear on the wall to catch drum or sheepshead compared to trout or redfish" said Leavelle. For years I had been telling anglers that thought the whole world revolved around wading, artificial lures, and other expensive techniques that they were indeed in the minority and here it was in living color and on display for all to see. Now don't get me wrong, there are still plenty of folks who

CAPT. CHUCK Page 5B

'The Lakes' Fishing

• Toledo Bend Fishing Report

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 65 degrees; 2.07 feet below pool. The bite will be slow for the next week after a cold front dropped the nightly temperature into the low 40s. Bass fishing is fair while fish are between stages. Lots of bass have spawned, and more are coming in to spawn. Bass are shallow and the best baits have been slowly fishing a Wacky worm or Texas rigged lizards. A few fish coming on swim jigs with matching swimsuits for trailer. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water stained; 68 degrees; 6.36 feet below pool. The water is muddy mid lake. Navigate with caution to avoid sandbars and stumps. Bass are spawning in the grass lines in 4-15 feet of water biting crankbaits. Crappie are slow with fish scattered from shallow water to brush piles. Some crappie are spawning near cypress trees, wade anglers can target these. White bass are schooling on main lake points with jigs, minnows, crankbaits and jigging spoons. Catfish are in the creeks spawning in 4-8 feet of water. Fish should spawn slightly deeper while the water is being released. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Sam Rayburn is 6 feet low and the fish are starting to push off shore following the bait. Bass can still be found shallow but the majority of the numbers and size are 10-22 feet deep staging on secondary and main lake points and ledges. Baits would be a Carolina rig, jig, 5XD- 8XD crankbait. In shallow water use a chatterbait, shad trap, light weight Carolina rig or Texas rig. Report by Captain Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 62 degrees. Slot redfish, smaller sized trout, and drum can be caught in the Intracoastal canal on live shrimp under popping cork. North Levee wall is good for nice catches of speckled trout in the morning using live shrimp under a popping cork or 5 inch plastics with 1/16 ounce jig heads. North end of Sabine Lake near Pleasure Island Point is producing nice speckled trout.

When the winds persist, focus on the protected water of ICW out of the wind. Sheepshead and drum are biting off points and shell banks in Sabine Lake when the winds are out of the south. Fish live shrimp on a Carolina rig off the bottom during incoming tides. When the winds allow the jetties are producing nice catches of drum and bull redfish. The Neches River is fresh.

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

• Bolivar

GREAT. 70 degrees. Sheepshead, sand trout, small speckled trout, redfish, and occasional flounder are biting in the jetties using various baits, such as live shrimp under popping cork and mullet. The surf from Rollover Pass to Bolivar Flats is producing catches of redfish, black drum, stingrays and small sharks. East Bay near Goat Island and Hannah's Reef has been producing speckled trout, black drum and redfish. The Texas City Dike has been fair to good for sheepshead, red and black drum. Report by Captain Shane Rilal, North Jetty Bait Camp.

Fishing patterns are holding steady. The surf continues to hold some black drum, pompano, small shark and the occasional redfish. The North Jetty surfside is holding sheepshead and trout against rocks. Look for baitfish. Redfish in the channel hitting Carolina rigged mullet, shad, or crab. The end holds nice schools of trout and sheepshead. Report by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

• Trinity Bay

FAIR. 72 degrees. Wade anglers are finding pockets of speckled trout along the east shoreline near hard structure using soft and hard plastic baits. Scattered catches of trout in Tabbs Bay, and good numbers of black drum, with the occasional redfish. Live shrimp under corks producing the most strikes. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Redfish are along the shorelines. Moving water is the key and redfish are eating live shrimp under a popping cork and WACKy shad xl Showtime color. Trout are staging on reefs later in the day and showing up on the flats early being caught on rollover moon WAC Assassins. Drum and sheepshead are mixed in with the redfish. Flounder are making a comeback in points and the mouths of creeks. White twitch baits and white gulp shrimp are hitting well on a 1/4 ounce jig head. Pay attention to wind and weather and stay on a protected shoreline when necessary. Report by



Slot redfish, smaller sized trout, and drum can be caught in the Intracoastal canal on live shrimp under popping cork. RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 70 degrees. Open reef fishing is still slow. Catches of black drum, redfish, and speckled trout coming along the shorelines, near drains and bayous. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Surface water temperature 69.5 degrees. Water clarity is good for the majority of East Galveston Bay. Good numbers of trout and redfish, with a few flounder and drum along the shoreline shell in close vicinity to drains in 3 feet of water. If you catch a fish, powerpole down

and fan cast the entire area, as we have been picking up 3-5 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 1/4 ounce jig heads with Wac Attack straight tails in charrtreuse, as well as marker 54 Glide Shrimp, under a 2 foot leader and a Fish Smack Popping Cork. Spring is finally here, and fishing will continue to heat up as the water warms into the 70s and the fronts blowing through become less prevalent. 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.

Fishing patterns are holding steady. Yates Bayou drain is holding redfish against grass line on popping cork and shrimp. Hanna's Reef is great early in the day with twitching artificials or a popping cork with shrimp. Look for birds and slicks. small slicks could be just getting started. Watermelon smell in the air don't pass on them. Look for bait moving. Pepper Grove Cove to Moody's Pass holding fish. Smith Point to Moody National Wildlife. Redfish look for schools and birds. Report by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

• Galveston Bay

SLOW. 72 degrees. Speckled trout showing up along the west shoreline from Eagle Point to the Spillway Park. Rock groins along the channel holding speckled trout and black drum, when the wind is favorable. Live shrimp under popping corks working best. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Fishing patterns are holding steady. The South Jetty is holding trout, sheepshead and redfish near the rocks on free-lined shrimp, or Carolina rigged float with live shrimp or soft plastic. SWP Holding Redfish from Pier and from Rocks. Sheepsheads are in front of the concrete Seawall. The drains out of Swan Lake Campbell Slough holding sheepshead with an occasional Redfish. Report by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

• West Galveston Bay

FAIR. 70 degrees. Numbers of trout and drum are

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Softball recap From Page 1B

teammates for doing what they do behind her, and that's a big deal," Cardinal Coach Kylie Bradley praised.

Bridge City had a bye on Friday before playing on Tuesday, April 9, against the Lady Pirates at Vidor which was a change of location caused by rain earlier in the district schedule. The Cardinals next game will be Friday, April 12, in Lumberton against the second place Lady Raiders who Bridge City beat 3-0 back in March.

Little Cypress Mauriceville bounced back on Friday with a good 6-2 win on the road against the fourth place Vidor Lady Pirates. Tessa Erickson pitched a complete game to get the victory for the Lady Bears striking out eight and only walking one Lady Pirate.

LCM scored the first two runs of the game in the third and added three more in the top of the sixth inning to take a 5-1 lead. Eden Frenzel, Ava White, and Erickson each went two for four with their bats. Jacelyn Cook and Ava Wright both had a hit and a run batted in for the Lady Bears.

Tuesday of this week was another big game for Little Cypress Mauriceville



Anna Autrey had two hits and scored in front of Carson Fall who homered in the Cardinals' 2-0 win over Little Cypress Mauriceville.



Tessa Erickson pitched excellently in both of the Lady Bears' games and got the win against the Vidor Lady Pirates. RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine



Abigail Curphey of the Lady Bobcats pitched and batted to help Orangefield win both of its softball games last week. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

score two runs. Paris Becker produced five runs with her two hits. Haylee Spears, Alysén Vincent, Hallee Becker, Abby Broussard, Abigail Curphey, and Audrey Sonnier all accounted for at least one Orangefield run.

The Lady Bobcats blasted East Chambers 12-2 in six innings on Friday, April 5. Abigail Curphey was the winning pitcher throwing four innings allowing one earned run with five strikeouts. Charlee Sanches threw two shutout innings to close out the game.

Paris Becker had the biggest bat for the Lady Bobcats with three hits to drive in three runs. Aubree Beck had two hits, two runs, and two runs batted in. Sanches rapped two doubles that led to two runs.

Alysén Vincent, Abby Broussard, Hallee Becker, and Paisley Reeves each reached base multiple times to help the Lady Bobcat offense. Also contributing were Greenlea Oldham, Audrey Sonnier, and Curphey to the dozen Orangefield runs.

Staff Appreciation night was Tuesday at Orangefield's Paul Cormier Softball Field against Warren. The Lady Bobcats play at home against Buna on April 12 before closing out the regular season on Tuesday, April 16, Hardin.

Baseball action From Page 1

game with Reeves at second and Jace Ramirez at first. Reeves was given the stop sign at third base to avoid being cut down by another accurate throw from Hanks. The Cardinals left the bases loaded.

Venable was the hitting star of the night for Vidor reaching base all four times he came to bat. His last time up in the seventh Venable lined a drive over the left field fence for a two run homer that pretty much sealed the deal for the Pirates.

Aiden Sims was the pitching star for the Pirates working five and two third innings to get the win. Bryce Bushelle threw the last inning and a third yielding only a walk and striking out one Cardinal.

Bridge City starting pitcher Landon Reeves deserved better luck as he only gave up two hits in five innings and struck out six. Five runs scored

against him, but all were unearned according to the official scorer.

The Cardinals fared better on Tuesday, April 2, edging the Pirates 14-13 at Vidor. The Pirates scored three runs in the sixth to close the gap to one run and left the tying runner at third. In the seventh Bridge City pitcher Austin Frederick picked a Pirate off at first base to preserve the one run triumph.

Several Cardinals had good nights with bats. Hutch Bearden was two for two including a homerun, scored three runs, and drove in three runs. CJ Riojas and John Van Huis both had two hits while Frederick reached base three times, scored two runs, and had three runs batted in.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears had a great week taking two from the Lumberton Raiders. The Bear batters banged the

normally strong Raider pitching for eight runs in both games.

The Bears won at Lumberton 8-5 on Tuesday. Landon Richards got the start on the mound for LCM going four innings, allowing one earned run, and struck out eight Raiders to earn the win.

Richards also hit a homerun to help his own cause. Justin McCarver and Parker Freeman both had two hits for the Bears with McCarver driving in three runs while Freeman knocked in two.

The second game on Friday was at Don Gibbens Field. LCM defeated Lumberton 8-2 behind the complete game pitching of Jacob Scheiderer who struck out eight and walked only one Lumberton batter.



John Van Huis of the Cardinals had two hits in their win over Vidor.

The Bears used a six run second inning to take the early lead. Parker Freeman drove in three more runs in this game, and Parker

Seago had two rbis. Scheiderer and Justin McCarver had a pair of hits apiece.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs had their bye

last week. The Mustangs resumed action on Tuesday at Silsbee and play the Tigers at Ronnie Anderson Park on Friday night, April 12.

Bridge City, Little Cypress Mauriceville, and West Orange-Stark each have three two game series or six games remaining in District 19-4A. The Cardinals at 5-1 are in first place ahead of the Vidor Pirates who are 5-3 and have just four games left to play. The Bears evened their record at 3-3 with their two wins. The Mustangs are 1-5 in district.

This week Bridge City plays Lumberton twice first at home on Tuesday and then on the road Friday. LCM battled the Jasper Bulldogs on Tuesday before going to Jasper for the second game on Fri-

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Orangefield golfers win district, girls and boys

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Orangefield girls and boys golf teams both captured district championships the first week of April at the Chambers County Golf Course. It was the second year in a row for the Orangefield girls to be champs and was a three peat for the boys of Orangefield in District 21-3A.

The Lady Bobcats turned in a two day score of 864 to claim the district title. Rylie Kethan finished third overall in the girls individual competition. The team of Kethan, Jordyn Rucker, Abby Slaughter, Lela Francis, and Emma Pierrotte qualified for the regionals to be held in Brenham on April 17-18.

The third consecutive district title for Orangefield was achieved with a two day score of 734 by the five Bobcats. Lincoln Parks fired an



Lincoln Parks of Orangefield used a 71 on the second day to take first place in the boys individual district competition.

82 on the first day and shaved off eleven strokes on the second day for a 71 to finish with a total of 153 to capture the top spot in the district individual standings. Other members of the

winning team were Cole Sanches (184), Zane Wrinkle (199), Peyton Revia (206), and Santiago Baca (214). The boys regional will be in Brenham on April 15-16.



The Orangefield girls golf team of Rylie Kethan, Jordyn Rucker, Abby Slaughter, Lela Francis, and Emma Pierrotte won their second straight district championship.

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For The Record

Six student athletes signed scholarships on Wednesday, April 3, to play their sports at the college level. Five of the seniors are graduating from Little Cypress Mauriceville High School and one will graduate from Orangefield High School.

The five students signing at Little Cypress Mauriceville participant in four different extracurricular activities including softball, basketball, football, and fishing. The student from Orangefield has been in the school's softball program all four of her years at the high school.

Abby Broussard has played on the varsity Orangefield Lady Bobcats in softball the last three seasons and will be playing at



Alantheon Winn was credited by his coach Brad Jeffcoat for the successes of the basketball program at LCM the last four years as Winn prepares to go to Lee College in Baytown.

RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine

Clarendon College located in the Texas Panhandle. "It's always exciting for kids to have the opportunity to play at the next level, so I'm

really glad Abby's taking advantage of that opportunity and giving herself a chance. She's done great things the past four years



Abby Broussard has been on the Lady Bobcat varsity team the last three seasons and will play softball at Clarendon College next season.

for us, being really consistent, and doing everything we ask her to do," her Coach Rebekah Ragsdale responded.

Softball has also allowed Jacelyn Cook at LCM to earn a scholarship to attend Northeast Texas College near Mount Pleasant. Softball Coach Dena Adkins commented, "Jacelyn has been a great ball player the last four years starting on the varsity as a freshman. She found her niche at second base. She's always put her all in to it and that's why she started as a freshman on varsity. Jacelyn does not hold back, and if she takes that attitude to college she'll have a successful two years, and I hope she still loves the game and will keep on playing."

A dominant player for Little Cypress Mauriceville in basketball the last four years has been Alantheon Winn who is exhibiting his skills on the hard court at Lee College in Baytown beginning next season. "Alatheon has been the guy for us. He has been a four year starter for the Bears. He has led this program for a long time and helped put a couple banners on this wall back here with the success the Bears had with 'Lan performing like he did. I can't tell you how proud of you I am," Bear basketball Coach Brad Jeffcoat expressed.

Fishing is a competitive sport and skill in that endeavor has earned Jacob Longlais a scholarship to Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. Jacob's

coach Nellie Miller pointed out, "We've had several of our anglers in the past go on to be part of the fishing teams at Lamar State College Orange, but this is our first time for a big university that is out of state. Jacob Longlais has been beyond and above. This young man this last year was All American for the whole nation, Jacob was one of only ten chosen from the some four hundred that were nominated."

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Eric Peevey of Little Cypress Mauriceville had the honor of recognizing two of his players Daunte Greer and Luke McDow. "Daunte and Luke were part of my first freshman class when I was hired by the school district. I was told that class was not a very solid group, but they bought in one hundred percent of what we believed in, and they worked their absolute tails off. A lot of those kids quit, but these two never even had quitting cross their minds. Daunte and Luke went from being part of a class that most said was not very good to be a part of a senior class that was the first football team ever to have three winning seasons in a row in LCM history," Peevey reminded.

Greer will be attending Friends University a NAIA division two school in Kansas. McDow as a senior was a finalist for the Willie Ray Smith Award and will be attending McPherson College in Kansas.

Baseball highlights

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The Orangefield Bobcats extended their district winning streak to eight games improving to 8-1 in District 21-3A and maintaining their hold on first place. Both games were shortened by the mercy rule as the Bobcats had a better than fifteen run lead in one and were ten runs ahead in the other.

Orangefield clobbered Kirbyville 11-1 on Tuesday. Kane Smith, Cameron Dearing, and Caleb Fregia each collected two hits

while Fregia and Carson Worthy both had two runs batted in.

Kaleb Menard pitched a complete game going five innings. Menard yielded two hits, allowed one run, and struck out six Wildcats.

Friday's game was even more one sided for the Bobcats as they bombed the East Chambers Buccaneers 16-0 in three innings. Garrett Rawls got the win on the mound surrendering a lone hit and striking out four in his three innings of pitching.

The Bobcat bats were all busy banging the ball by the Buccaneers. Kane Smith, Logan Cheek, Caleb Fregia, and Adam Tran each had a pair of hits with Smith, Fregia, and Carson Gonzales driving in multiple runs for Orangefield.

Both games for Orangefield this week will be at Paul Cormier Field. Tuesday's game was against the Warren Warriors, and the Bobcats play the Buna Cougars on Friday night.

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ENTERTAINMENT: Melissa Etheridge, ZZ Top shows near

TOMMY MANN JR.
Entertainment Writer
For The Record

Several concerts have been announced for late summer and fall, such as Five Finger Death Punch and Marilyn Manson, Breaking Benjamin and Staind, as well as Clint Black.

Glance through the list below to find something that appeals to you and visit the full list of concerts online at www.therecordonline.com.

• **April 12**

Parker McCollum, Corey Kent, Catie Offerman, Lake Charles Civic Center, Lake Charles, La.

• **April 13**

Bernadette Peters, Grand Opera House, Galveston, Primus, A Perfect Circle, Puscifer, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands, Last Starfighter, Facetime, White Oak Music Hall, Houston, Asking Alexandria, Memphis May Fire, The Word Alive, House of Blues, Houston

• **April 19**

Melissa Etheridge, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Black Stone Cherry, Cajun-Dome, Lafayette, La.

• **April 20**

Goo Goo Dolls, Christus Gala, Beaumont Civic Center, Beaumont, Scott Mulvahill, Lutch Theater, Orange, Adam Ant, The English Beat, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• **April 22**

Tyr, Trollfest, Another Realm, White Oak Music Hall, Houston, Social Distortion, Bad Religion, Julian James, White



Melissa Etheridge will be performing at the Golden Nugget Casino on April 19. Meanwhile, ZZ Top, Lynard Skynyrd and Black Stone Cherry will be appearing at the Cajun Dome in Lafayette, La.

Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **April 26**

Great White, Slaughter, Quiet Riot, Liliac, Rise Rooftop, Houston, Trout Fishing in America, Old Quarter Café, Galveston

• **April 27**

Set It Off, Crown the Empire, Caskets, House of Blues, Houston, Kane Brown, Tyler Hubbard, Parmalee, Toyota Center, Houston

• **April 28**

Say Anything, House of Blues, Houston, Grupo Bronco, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land

• **April 30**

Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston

• **May 1**

Bad Bunny, Toyota Center, Houston

• **May 2**

Ashley McBryde, Bella White, House of Blues, Houston

• **May 4**

Flatland Cavalry, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **May 5**

Motionless in White, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **May 5**

Joe Satriani, Steve Vai, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• **May 6**

The Teskey Brothers, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• **May 7**

Canaan Cox, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **May 9**

Blackberry Smoke, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• **May 15**

Armored Saint, Scout Bar, Houston

• **June 13**

Noah Khan, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **June 16**

Alanis Morissette, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **June 22**

Styx, Foreigner, John Waite, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **July 13**

New Kids on the Block, Paula Abdul, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **July 27**

Zach Bryan, Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, Levi Turner, NRG Stadium, Houston

• **Aug. 9**

Luke Combs, NRG Stadium, Houston

• **Aug. 10**

Luke Combs, NRG Stadium, Houston

• **Aug. 11**

Limp Bizkit, Bones, N8NOFACE, Corey Feldman, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **Aug. 14**

Def Leppard, Journey, Steve Miller Band, Minute Maid Park, Houston

• **Aug. 23**

Sammy Hagar, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **Aug. 24**

Earth, Wind and Fire, Chicago, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **Aug. 29**

30 Seconds to Mars, AFI, Poppy, Kenny-Hoopla, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Capt. Chuck From Page 2B

target the “big 3” but the amount of anglers who just want to catch a fish is exponentially greater and still growing. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, “go to your favorite tackle dealer and watch how many lead weights and live bait hooks go out the door compared to 10 dollar topwater plugs and 300 dollar waders”, you will be surprised.

Now with all that being said let’s look at what it’s going to take to go catch some of these fish. For this part of the world on Sabine and Calcasieu the majority of the black drum are taken in deeper water along the rivers and channels. The most popular and productive bait by far is crab, especially the claws. Commercial drum fishermen love using the claws because they are so durable and hard for other smaller species to steal from the hook. When using crab, either the claw or cracked bodies, most anglers rig up with a “fish finder or Carolina rig” for presentation. This rig consists of an egg sinker rigged above a barrel swivel, 18-24 inches of leader and a 2/0 or 3/0 live bait style hook attached to the opposite end of the swivel. Black drum are opportunistic feeders and will scavenge the bottom following the scent put off from the crab. Some anglers even take a few crabs and crush them up in a burlap sack and anchor them to the bottom in order to put a submerged chum line if you will. This technique works great for red and black drum as well as sheepshead.

Speaking of sheepshead they have also jumped in popularity as a game fish in recent years, mostly thanks to fly fishermen. Jetty anglers for years have long been fans of these toothy hard pulling fish as they are plentiful around the rocks. Many a savvy angler has probed the granite with a free lined shrimp and caught their fair share of sheepshead. Fly anglers have gotten into the act and even renamed the “convict fish” to a more regal “Texas permit” so as to add credibility and stature to the once frowned upon barnacle eaters. To make matters even more interesting the fly anglers have begun targeting these fish in shallow water alongside the more popular redfish. I know in the marshes I frequent there are numerous opportunities to take some

real stud sheepshead, I’m talking about double digit fish that will get even the most “snooty” fly fisherman’s blood pumping. The largest fish I have seen caught was over 12 pounds and it somehow got a topwater plug in its mouth. My theory was that the fish was following the plug like they always seem to do and opened its mouth at the same time the angler stopped his retrieve, the perfect storm so to speak.

Most fly fishermen who target the sheepshead in the shallows like small crab or shrimp patterns that they can scoot along the bottom to entice these finicky fish. The sheepshead are very curious and will follow a lure or fly for long distances without committing to a strike, an attribute that causes them to be compared to permit by many anglers. Even though it’s somewhat blasphemous and looked down upon the practice of spraying an attractant on a fly obviously increases your odds when targeting sheepshead.

Well known Florida guide Mike Holliday actually used to tie scented attractants into the body of some of his flies so his clients wouldn’t even know it was there. The hook up ratio magically increased and the clients were happy so everyone wins in that regard.

The opportunities that are presented by some of these lesser targeted species are being discovered daily by many anglers who normally wouldn’t think twice about them. Just the fact that these fish are gaining more and more credibility is a bonus for all concerned. With different species being targeted the pressure on other species like the “big 3” will be lessened and that’s a win win situation all the way around. I would like to encourage you to take a look at targeting some of these fish and checking out what you may have been missing. After all, anything that makes our sport more accessible and enjoyable for others is a bonus we can all live with.

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biting over shell reefs with live shrimp, followed by soft plastics. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Fishing patterns are holding steady. Greens Lake holding redfish against grass lines and by sandy shores early. ICW holding fish through greens cut and Carancahua cut holding trout and redfish with the amount of wind wind we are getting. Mecom Reef will have fish on it early up by rocks with artificial or live bait free-line or under cork. You’ll need to find protected waters with bait moving around as the winds pick up. Report by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

• **Texas City**

FAIR. 71 degrees. Oversized black drum are biting at the Dike. Trout and redfish are showing up around Swan Lake. Bull redfish, oversized drum, keeper drum, speckled trout and redfish are being caught in the Galveston jetties. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Fishing patterns are holding steady. The Dike is holding bull redfish along the rocks with scattered catches of drum and flounder. Dickinson Bayou holding some redfish and drum on popping cork and shrimp or soft plastics. The rock shoals south of the dike holding fish on popping cork with live shrimp. Miller Point is holding a few trout and the occasional redfish. Look for slicks and birds this time of year. The smaller the slick, the fresher it could be. Report by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

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The Loveliness of Reverence

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Older women . . . are to be reverent in behavior. (Titus 2:3)

Though I wasn't aware of it at the time, as a young girl I was always watching the older women in our small local church. I remember them — their faces, their names, their lives.

Without being overly serious, they were serious about their walk with God. They weren't public speakers, but when they spoke, others listened. Though they didn't draw attention to themselves, my attention was drawn to their grace and beauty, a beauty that transcended current fashion and hair trends. In many ways, they were just ordinary women, but there was something about them, a sense of depth and solidity that I remember to this day. In Titus 2:3, Paul calls this something reverence.

What is reverence? Would you be able to define it for a third grader — or for your neighbor or coworker? I'm guessing that you (like me) might falter, because reverence seems to have gone the way of the wall-mounted telephone. Reverence demands a fitting response to the true nature of things — whether persons, circumstances, or natural wonders. Someone who is reverent respects the respectful, laughs at the laughable, mourns over the mournful, and glorifies the glorious.

In Titus 2, Paul expects



of the older women conduct that fits a holy person — conduct that corresponds to reality, to their redemption and sanctification in Christ. In a word, reverence.

Such reverence may seem obsolete in our day, in part due to our society's strong resistance to any sense of givenness — of reality — to which we must conform. Humans claim the right to determine their purpose, their gender, their identity, their authority, their morality. At the heart level, this is the creature's rebellion against the Creator God, who alone determines reality.

Since the fall, humankind has bent toward irreverence: demanding self-rule and autonomy, "seeking to transcend creatureliness and become one's own origin and one's own end," as John Webster puts it (Holiness, 84). Such rebellion is as unfitting to reality as a gold ring in a pig's snout or a king drunk in the morning (Proverbs 11:22; Ecclesiastes 10:16-17). Restoration to reverent living as a crea-

ture in renewed fellowship with the Creator requires nothing less than a work of redemption.

And that is exactly the reason Paul gives for the reverent behavior of older women in Titus 2. Reverence is in accord with sound doctrine (2:1) — in other words, with the gospel. "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people" (2:11), and the right response is that we "renounce ungodliness" and "live . . . godly lives in the present age" (2:12). Reverence fits redemption like laughter fits a good joke, or lemonade fits a humid summer afternoon, or books fit a library. It is as beautiful as expensive ointment poured out on Jesus's feet (Matthew 26:10).

What sets godly women apart, then, is that their lives correspond to the reality that Jesus reigns and that he is their saving Lord. They trust the Trustworthy One. They serve the Sovereign One. Their lives are increasingly a testimony to the way life was meant to be. No longer curved in on

themselves, they are oriented toward Jesus in all things.

Reverent behavior is the overflow of a heart that lives in the presence of God. A godly woman doesn't "temporarily disable" his holy presence, even for five minutes. Her speech is not slanderous (Titus 2:3) because she speaks the truth about others, even in the privacy of her own thoughts. Because Christ is her sovereign Master, she isn't enslaved to anything (2:3), whether wine or working out, appearance or attention, envy or anxiety, fears or fantasies.

She loves her husband (2:4), because God has given her this one man to bless, serve, care for, and help in every way possible, so that he might be the man God has called him to be. She gives of herself to bless her children (2:4), even when she least feels like it, because Christ gave himself for her when she least deserved it. She is not controlled by her emotions (2:5), because her emotions are properly ordered under

Christ. She is, as John Calvin writes, "consecrated and dedicated to God in order that [she] may thereafter think, speak, meditate, and do, nothing except to his glory" (Institutes, 3.6.1).

Maybe we should read that again. "Think, speak, meditate, and do nothing except to God's glory"? Nothing? The sobering (and inspiring) answer is "Yes — nothing." The call is inspiring because it gives us a glimpse of the beauty of gospel obedience. It is sobering because it leaves no part of our heart or life outside of the loving reign of Jesus.

Growing up, one of my cousins often refused to let me play with a handful of her toys on the grounds that they were "special to her." (That was a long time ago. Today she is one of the most reverent women I know!) In our flesh, sometimes we hope for a similar loophole. We want just a little tucked-away corner, a junk drawer where we can stash our most "special" idols that we would prefer Jesus not touch, a small realm where we can keep our self-rule. But that little junk drawer is a place of irreverence, of absurdity, where we still try to live in unreality, sitting on an imaginary throne in a personal insurrection against God.

A life of reverence is a life of increasing surrender to God's will. Even our reverence comes to us on God's terms, not ours. We do not instantaneously become creatures who "do nothing except to God's glory." He made us creatures who grow — slowly, with intentionality, over time.

The pursuit of reverence is less like a clean house be-

fore guests arrive, and more like a perpetual cleaning day. It is like housekeeping our heart: turning on every light, opening every cupboard, and chasing away every remnant of rebellious self-rule, every stronghold of the world, the flesh, and the devil (1 John 2:15-17). This is the work of every day, not a one-and-done affair. To be reverent is to regularly repent of irreverence and always trust in the gospel reality of our forgiveness and reconciliation in Christ.

What other means has God given us to cultivate godly reverence today? He has given us his word as his revelation of reality and of his will. We cannot merely consult it. We need to read and read and read it again, until we find God's word "reading" us. He has also given us his ear. We go to God in prayer, asking of him the growth that he has already promised to give. God delights to answer such prayers.

He has given us his Spirit, who convicts us of our own false living, prompts us to specific surrender and obedience, and guides us into all truth (John 16:13). Finally, he has given us examples to follow. Besides the reverent women in our own lives, we have biographies of seasoned saints that both encourage and challenge us on the road to reverence.

As we grow increasingly reverent, we become more of who we truly are: children of light (Ephesians 5:8-10). With our gaze fixed on our Savior, we may wake up to find that a younger generation is watching us, learning to treasure the beauty of godly reverence.

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