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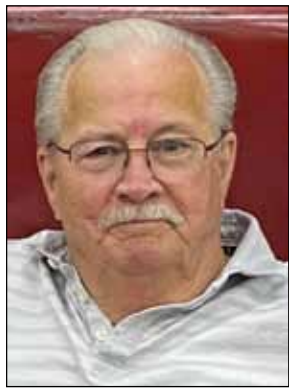
Local business legend Harry Stephens dies

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

The Elvis and Marilyn sculptures are still standing in the storefront window on Tenth Street in downtown Orange. Maybe if you look closely, they are shedding tears, too, like many real people across Orange County.

Local business icon Harry Stephens, who owned Harry's Appliances for 61 years died on Sunday at the age of 82. He was the epitome of a small-town business owner who offered old-fashioned personal service and advocated for supporting all local businesses.

Roy Dunn, owner of the Record Newspapers, remembered that when he started his first newspaper, the Opportunity Valley News back in the late 1960s, Harry bought an



Harry Stephens

ad in his first edition. Harry continued his support of local news media after Dunn bought the Record nearly 35 years ago and has continued.

Stephens also supported the locally-owned KOGT radio station with advertising.

Stephens offered the kind of service that has become almost extinct. If you bought it from him, he delivered, installed, and took away the old appliance. He also fixed

what he sold. And his goods were always only made in the U.S.A.

Through the years with the advent of chain big box stores offering cheaper appliance prices, Harry's customers learned that wasn't always the most thrifty way to buy. Big box stores charge for delivery and installation, plus it is sometimes hard to dispose of old appliances, especially refrigerators. Harry's service often

made the end price look good.

As the years went by, Harry and his employees became one of the few places that could, and would, repair appliances. But only if you bought from the store. He kept old file cabinets and file boxes of records showing his sales from 61 years. If you needed a repair, even if the appliance was in your house before you bought the house, he

would check his files to see if you qualified for his home service.

His family said the store would be closed this week. Harry Stephens was born in Orange County and finished only the eighth grade. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps at age 17 and married young. He was serving in the military when his first child was born.

When he got out of the Marines, he moved back

to Orange. Dunn recalls Stephens got a job with Verrett Appliances and learned the business. When Verrett retired Harry opened his own shop, which was at the same corner on Tenth Street where it still stands today.

"Harry was a big advocate for downtown Orange and supporting local businesses," Dunn said.

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Orange County sees big drop in monthly sales taxes

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Sales taxes for the largest entities were down for the month of February, but Bridge City, Vidor, and Pinehurst had increases.

Orange County, which has a 0.5 percent sales tax, collected \$482,265 for the month, a drop of nearly \$103,000, or a decrease of 17.56 percent from February 2023. The county is slightly down for sales tax collections for the year to date, collecting \$2.46 million for the first four months of the year, a drop of about \$30,000, or a decrease of 1.45 percent.

All the cities in the county have a 1.5 percent sales tax, along with the Orange County Emergency Services District 3, which is for the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department. It is the only special district with a sales tax, though OC Emergency Services District 1, which covers the city of Vidor and the surrounding areas, has a sales tax proposition on the

May 4 ballot.

Orange, the largest and oldest city in the county, was down a whopping 42.4 percent for February sales, and down 25.19 percent for the year to date. The city collected \$418,920 for February, down from \$727,300 in February 2023. For the first four months of the year, the city has collected \$2.09 million, down from \$2.8 million, nearly \$700,000, from last year.

Bridge City was up 6.87 percent for February with \$169,400 for the month, up from \$158,500 for February last year. The city is down slightly for the year to date with \$721,950, compared to \$738,900 last year, a decrease of 2.29 percent.

Pinehurst was up for the month and year with \$56,530 in February, up from \$55,790 last year. For the year to date, the city is up 8.25 percent with \$240,000, compared to \$221,630 for the same

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The Bridge City school board Monday honored members of the high school weightlifting team who made it to the state competition. The honorees are Avery Weidner, Hallie Bearden, Gaby Shaffer, Gabby Moore, Presley Lackey, and Nick LeJeune.

Longtime Orange County journalist Glenda Dyer passes

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Glenda Dyer, an educated chemist who developed an affinity for the ink of newspapers, including nearly every paper in Orange County, died at her family farm in Tennessee, where she had moved nearly 20 years ago with her husband, Paul.

Her newspaper career began in the 1970s when the now-deceased editor of the Orange Leader gave her a job. She went on to become the first woman editor of the Leader in 1998. In the 1980s, she owned, published and edited her own weekly paper, The Orange Coun-

tion.

Her news career also took her to the Beaumont Enterprise and KOGT radio, in the days for the now-closed station had an Internet website.

Her last jobs in Orange County were with Roy Dunn and the Record Newspapers weekly editions. She wrote and was editor of the papers.

Dyer grew up in a poor family and went to college with intentions of going to medical school. She eventually earned bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry. Her husband, Paul Dyer, was also a chemist and worked for DuPont, a job that led to his transfer to Orange.



Glenda Dyer

The buzz and adrenaline in a news room with Associated Press wire machines typing and the smell of ink and newsprint from the press room proved intoxicating for Glenda Dyer. She became what was known in the

old world of print media as a "news hound."

She thought a newspaper's duty was to keep an eye on government and inform people on how their tax dollars were being spent. She also advocated for a paper to keep people up-to-date with all kinds of events and happenings.

She dedicated thousands of extra hours to producing news and newspapers. Once, when she was editor of the Leader and someone told her she needed to take more time off, she replied, "Orange deserves a good newspaper."

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Early voting begins in city, school elections

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For The Record

Most cities and school districts in Orange County were able to cancel their May 4 elections because of no contested races, but the races and issues on ballots are drawing out voters.

The current election is not the same as the May 28 Republican primary run-off for state representative.

As of Tuesday evening, the second day of early voting, a total of 326 people in the county voted in person, with another 238 from mail-in ballots for a

total of 564.

The votes casts at the four early polling sites are 79 for the Orange Public Library, 126 for the OC Airport, 45 for the OC Expo Center, and 76 for the Raymond Gould Community Center in Vidor. Any registered county voter may cast a ballot at any site, though they will be allowed to vote only for the specific election that matches their home address.

Early voting will continue from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this week through Friday, April 26. It will continue

from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, April 29, and Tuesday, April 30. The election is Saturday, May 4.

Local ballots are for the mayor of Bridge City, with incumbent David Rutledge facing challenger Carl Harbert, a former city councilor.

Also, the West Orange-Cove CISD is having a bond election to issue \$72 million worth. The school district reports the new bonds will not cause property taxes to go up. The district in recent years has had a large increase in industrial and

commercial development.

The main project for the bonds will be to build a new early learning center to replace North ELC on Cordrey Avenue in Orange, built in 1964. The district has bought acreage behind the West Orange-Stark Elementary School on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Pinehurst as the place for the new school.

The Orange County Drainage District is having contested races for the board of directors. The incumbent for Precinct 2, Larry Ancelet, is facing

Richard Capaldi. Incumbent James Scales for Precinct 3 is being challenged by Seth Mize.

The Vidor school board has Position 2 open with three candidates, Paul Davis, Matthew DeWitt, and Carrie Vincent.

In addition, the Orange County Emergency Services District 1, which provides the city of Vidor and the Vidor area with fire and rescue service, is asking voters to approve a sales tax of up to 1.5 percent. The county has four emergency services special district and only Dis-

trict 3 has the sales tax, which is used for equipment, personnel, and general expenses.

The cities of West Orange, Pinehurst, Orange, and Vidor were able to cancel elections because of no contested council races. The WO-C school board election was also canceled with no challengers, as was the Little Cypress-Mauriceville school board election. The Orangefield school board has elections in November. The Orange County Port and Navigation District had no challengers.

The Lyrids meteor shower is peaking this weekend

Huo Jingnan
NPR News Staff

Stargazers can get ready to watch one of the oldest-known meteor showers soon — they'll just need to find some darkness from a nearly full moon.

The Lyrids meteor shower is active until April 29 and is predicted to peak overnight from Sunday into Monday, according to the American Meteor Society. It's best viewed in the Northern Hemisphere, the group says.

Views throughout the night will change as Lyra, the constellation from which the shower radiates and gets its name, moves



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through the sky. Lyra hangs a better time to view, the high at dawn so that will be AMS says.

The nearly full moon over the weekend will make it more difficult to see the meteor shower, but viewers can still see some, and it always helps to make the sky you're looking at as dark as possible. Astronomy website EarthSky advises avoiding city lights as you would in most stargazes, but it also suggests finding a place where the moon can be blocked from view, like in the shadows of a mountain or under trees.

A rare fireball flew over Maine. Now there's a \$25K reward for pieces of space rock

Meteor watchers should prepare to stay warm and lie back. NASA recom-

mends lying with your feet facing east, and allow 30 minutes for your eyes to adjust to the darkness. Photography fans will need slower shutter speed, higher ISO and the stability of a tripod to capture the shooting stars.

While we are unlikely to see bright trains from the Lyrids' travel through the Earth's atmosphere, we can watch out for bright flashes called fireballs, according to NASA.

Fireballs are brighter than the planet Venus. NASA has set up over a dozen cameras across the country to record them.

The agency says the data helps them better understand objects floating in space near the Earth and is important for spacecraft designers.

The first recorded sighting of the Lyrids came from Chinese people over 2,700 years ago. Meteor showers happen when the Earth passes through the trail of dust and debris that comets and asteroids leave behind when they come around the sun. The Lyrids come from the trail of comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher, which was discovered by amateur as-

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Harry Stephens gone at 82

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The shop once moved to a new storefront on Green Avenue nearby and that's where Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe joined his family. Twenty-three years ago, Stephens purchased a life-size color sculpture of Elvis to put in his front window. Elvis was soon joined by a similar Marilyn, posing in the classic scene with the breeze lifting her white skirt.

When Stephens decided to move back to his old site, the two pop icons came with him.

As a teenager in the 1950s, Stephens took in all the popular culture and remained a fan of the era. Elvis and Marilyn weren't the only items from the era he collected.

Dunn recalls Stephens liking the James Dean look and even in the old days, wearing his sleeves rolled up with a pack of cigarettes in the sleeves.

And you can bet you can find some James Dean memorabilia in the store.

Stephens divorced his first wife, who later introduced him to young Margie Redding. Harry and Margie married in 1992, when Harry was 50, and had a daugh-



Harry and Margie Stephens posed in their nostalgia-filled office at Harry's Appliances in downtown Orange in 2013 for the 50th anniversary of the business. Harry died this weekend at the age of 82 after owning and operating his store for 61 years.

ter. Margie worked side-by-side with him in the store and was with him on adventures. The two complimented each other and shared their love of collecting nostalgia.

A step into Harry's Appliances not only showed you the latest in appliances, but could take you back in time. They had all kinds of items from Coca Cola collectibles to movie and music stars.

Stephens also through

the years liked to restore old cars and ride motorcycles.

He was dedicated to American appliances. He would drop a brand if a foreign manufacturer bought name of a company that had started in the U.S. His philosophy was the best appliances are made in this country.

Years ago, he sold television sets, but he quit when the old U.S. brands like Zenith and RCA sold out. Plus,

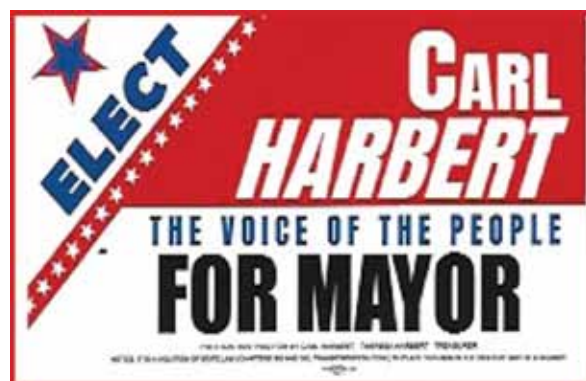
he would say, televisions became disposable, not fixable.

Hurricane Ike in 2008 wiped out Harry and Margie. Their home in Bridge City and the store in Orange flooded during the storm's surge. Even with their home damaged, they set a priority on opening the store back up. People needed to replace all the appliances they lost and the couple was ready to serve.

They lived in a trailer on their house property during the time of storm repairs. During the first cold front that year, Stephens complained that he didn't have any long pants. When they evacuated before Ike, he packed only shorts.

He could joke about it with his sense of humor that he shared with friends and family.

Funeral services for Stephens will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Visitation will begin at the funeral home at noon and burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. See his obituary in this paper for more information about survivors.



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Orangefield FFA Land Judging

The Orangefield FFA Land Judging Team traveled to Sam Houston State University to compete in the Area IX CDEs. After a successful day of competition, Ethan Welch placed 1st place individual with a score of 231 out of a possible 300 points. Blaine Lenard was 5th place individual with a 198. Colt Longron (146) and Emily Walters (140) rounded out the team that helped get 2nd place in Area IX and 1st place in District. It will also be the THIRD straight State Contest appearance for the Land Judging team.

The State Land Judging Contest will be held in Stephenville on April 24th-25th.

Pictured are: Colt Longron, Blaine Lenard, Ethan Welch, and Emily Walters.



Congratulations to Katie Guyote, who represented Orangefield High School at the HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Conference in Galveston last week. She walked away with first place in her event, Personal Care, which includes patient care skills such as handwashing, vital signs, bed making, and transferring patients.

Glenda Dyer

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She was doing the work for her community.

Paul managed to pull Glenda away from her busy world through the years to his family homestead in the rolling hills of Tennessee. Their vacations were sometimes spent working to restore the 1800s family farmhouse.

Finally, Paul and Glenda retired to the farm, though Glenda couldn't get newspapers out of her system. Roy Dunn recalls she started working for the small-town Tennessee paper and was upsetting the city council. That's what good reporting can do.

Glenda was 80 years old when she died after Alzheimer's. Survivors include her husband, Paul, and her daughter, Martha Howells of Orange County, plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sales tax revenue

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time last year.

Vidor is also up, with \$292,340 for February, an increase of 8.79 from \$268,700 last February. The city is up 8.25 percent for the year to date with \$1.22 million compared to \$1.14 million last year.

West Orange was stagnant for February with \$111,900, compared to \$112,325 last year, only \$425 less. The city is at \$500,575 for the year to date, an increase of 2.8 percent from \$486,900 last year.

Emergency Services District 3 collected \$20,600 for the month and is now at \$104,000 for the year to date, a decrease from \$111,140 from the first few months of 2023.

Meteor shower

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tronomer A.E. Thatcher in 1861.

While the Earth passes through the comet's trail every year, it takes over 400 years for Comet Thatcher to orbit the sun. The last time it reached its closest point to the sun was in the year it was discovered.

The next meteor shower for the Earth is the Eta Aquariids that is better viewed from the southern tropics in early May, according to the AMS. The next one people in North America can see well is the Alpha Capricornids at the end of July. The moon will be darker then.

First Saturday giveaways set for May 3 at First Baptist Church

May 3rd will be First Saturday at First Baptist Church in Bridge City. Starting at 10 a.m. cookies and bottled water will be offered for those who drive by. The 2 flags at the drive-way for the church parking lot will be the location for cars to drive through. As usual prayer will be offered for anyone who wants to participate and needs comfort or spiritual guidance. The cookies will be homemade and the water will be cold and its all free. The location is 200 West Roundbunch Road and the hours are 10 – 12 noon.

BC Mayor Rutledge seeks re-election

The following is a statement by Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge:

My name is David Rutledge, and for the past 8 years it has been my privilege to serve as your Bridge City Mayor. My family moved to Bridge City in 1960, I attended school here and graduated from BCHS in 1971. In 1973 I married my high school sweetheart, Rebecca ("Bear" Hall), and we raised our family here. Our three daughters all graduated from BCHS and have blessed us with five grandchildren. You could say we all bleed Cardinal red. I graduated from Lamar University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and began my career with Dupont's Sabine River Works in Orange, retiring in 2013. I then worked for Neches Engineers in Beaumont for seven years, retiring "for good" in 2020.

As a proud citizen of Bridge City, I wanted to give back to the community. In the mid-1990's, I became a member of the Park Committee and helped start our City Park. While serving on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, we drafted and adopted the Unified Code of Ordinances for our city. In 2005 I was appointed to fill a vacancy on City Council and served in Place 4 until term-limiting in 2010. In 2015, my desire to serve compelled me to run for City Council Place 1 and was successful. In 2016, Mayor Roccaforte reached his term limit, I threw my hat in the ring for that job and was elected.

Over the last 8 years, our city has faced numerous challenges. When I

came into office, we were challenged by water quality issues. These were successfully resolved with the installation of new filtration and other equipment. In 2017, Tropical Storm Harvey came to town. Although not as catastrophic as Hurricane Ike, it still brought significant damage to our homes and our city. One of the greatest challenges during this time was the fact that Bridge City was isolated and essentially "on our own" for a number of days. Through my leadership and with the work of a great team, we were successful in not only our response during the event, but importantly during our subsequent recovery efforts.

Over the past few years, we've made progress and continue to work on improving our drainage, both inside the city and at our outfalls. We have been working with the Drainage District and others to complete projects that will enhance outflow. Like all other cities and counties in this region, we continually work on drainage as it is not a "one and done" issue. The same can be applied to our city streets. In the last several years we have engaged an engineering firm to assess the condition and prioritize the repairs/repaving of our streets. With this process in place, we're improving our streets in a planned and cost-effective way.

Fiscal responsibility is also high on our list of important considerations as we move forward. We work in partnership with a professional firm to seek out and apply for as many grants as feasible in order to maintain the lowest



David Rutledge

cost to our citizens for capital improvements. Numerous state and federal agencies offer these grants, and we're poised to qualify and apply for them. Our new water well is just one recent project where we saved our citizens considerable funds using grants. Speaking of fiscal matters, since I became mayor in 2016, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the overall price you pay for goods and services, has increased over 27% nationwide. However, the ad valorem tax rate on our homes has actually decreased over 7% during this same time period. We are extremely proud of holding the line on taxes and spending and still meeting the needs of our citizens.

Last year I had the privilege of being elected President of the Texas Municipal League, an association of Texas cities, elected officials and city staff. The League serves 1200 cities and over 13,000 members

statewide, with programs on governance, economic development, revenue and taxation issues and other topics of interest to municipalities. The League also advocates for legislation at the State level that preserves the citizens' right and ability to govern themselves locally.

I recently started a Community Leaders Forum, consisting of a cross-section of people across the city that are interested in promoting economic development, recreational opportunities, and quality of life possibilities. We have identified about a dozen projects to pursue and are focusing in on four of them to start.

We've accomplished a lot since 2016, and even greater things are on the horizon. Watch the Penny Record and other media for upcoming events and activities this year. I would say it's a great year to be a Cardinal!

Please remember early voting is April 22-26 from 8:00-5:00, April 29-30 from 7:00-7:00 at the Orange County Airport or on Election Day May 4 from 7:00-7:00 at the BC Knights of Columbus Hall or the Airport.

Thank you for your time, thank you for being part of what I'd call the best city in Texas, and thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you.

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JUST SAY IT AIN'T SO

I'm just having a real hard time accepting that my longtime friend **Harry Stephens** is gone. Early Sunday morning I glanced down at the ringing phone and seeing **Margie Stephens'** name I knew it wouldn't be good news. I had checked on **Harry** a few days earlier and had gotten **Margie's** cell number to use if I couldn't reach **Harry**. She told me he was wearing an oxygen machine full time but was still working at the store five days a week and a half-day on Saturday. A person would never guess he was having health problems. He always carried on like everything was fine, "Just getting older he would say." So I'm thinking when I answered the phone that maybe he was back in the hospital. That was just wishful thinking. I didn't want to believe **Harry** had passed away. **Margie** said he told her he felt like he was getting sick. Those were the last words he spoke. Before she could suggest a breathing treatment he was gone. That was Saturday night. I felt so bad for **Margie**. They were so close and she sounded so lost. **Harry** and I had been friends for a long time, going back to after he got out of the service and had gone to work for **Verrett Appliance** at the stores' present location. After he purchased the store he started advertising in our newspaper, The Opportunity Valley News and later The Record newspapers. For over 50 years we have been **Harry's Appliance** number one source of advertising. **Harry** and **Margie** have worked hard to make their store one of the most successful small business in Orange County. Over the years, like so many other families, we have purchased all of our appliances from them because no other store offered the service and fair prices on quality merchandise, plus a large parts department. Visitation will be Thursday, April 25, at 12:00 p.m. at Claybar Funeral Home, in Orange, funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Please see obituary.

REMEMBERING GLENDA DYER

For a long time **Glenda** and **Paul Dyer** had made their home in Orange. **Paul** worked for DuPont until his retirement. **Glenda**, who was well educated and had a Master's Degree, planned to become a medical doctor. Even though she got close her plans were diverted. She turned her attention to journalism. While living in Orange she was a reporter for the **Beaumont Enterprise**, later becoming the first woman editor of the **Orange Leader**. **Glenda** also started and published her own paper in Bridge City, with the help of her "**Girl Friday**" **Charlotte Chiasson**. After going out of business, she went to work for the **Dunn Families Record Newspapers**. After moving to **Paul's** family farm near Nashville, where **Trace Atkins** was their neighbor, she continued writing and publishing her on-line newspaper where she uncovered corruption in city government. She was a reporter's reporter. She was one of my dear friends. **Glenda** passed away April 20. Funeral service to be held Thursday April 25 in Chapel Hill, TN. She was 80 and called Eagleville, TN. home. Daughter **Martha** and her husband **Huw Howells**, Orange residents, plan to move next month to help **Paul** run the large family farm. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

Reagan Taylor Alton Dugas, 50, passed away in Austin after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He outlived the odds. Pancreatic cancer is usually a fast killer. We had known **Reagan**, the son of **Beth and Louis**, for most of his life. Throughout all those years I never met anyone who didn't like him. **Reagan**, as a youngster, was a bundle of energy, as an adult he never met a stranger. He was very personable and could sell anything by first selling himself. For a while he sold advertising for **The Record**. There are many great stories about **Reagan's** short life that could be told by lifelong friends. **Ron Sigler** was one of the people raised with the **Dugas** youngsters. He says they were either at the **Sigler** home or the **Dugas** home. **** We were saddened to learn of the death of **Harold Force**, 94, who died Monday, April 21 of an apparent heart attack. We had known this good man many years. Despite being a Baptist, **Harold** always accompanied his lovely, late wife **Marguerite**, who was a Catholic and in turn she attended Baptist functions with him. Funeral services were held Friday, April 25, at **Claybar Funeral Home** in Orange. He and **Marguerite**, his wife of 64 years, have four children, **Gayle, Hal, Anita and Paul**. **** Last week, in the **Bridge City/Orangefield "Students of the Month"** pictures run our paper, I was surprised to see the picture of B.C. student **Jayden Trahan**, son of **Terri and Rick Trahan**. He's a big old boy now but as a baby he was trapped in his crib in a house fire. The **Bridge City firemen** did a great job going through flames and smoke to get to him. They worked to save his life and after an extended time in the hospital **Jayden** was declared to be in perfect health. I was pleased to see that little baby is now an outstanding student. **Bridge City firemen** say they will never for-

get that child rescue. What a great, happy ending. Another of the "**Outstanding Students**" is **Brittany Dowdle** from **Orangefield**, our longtime friend **Joyce Dowdle's** granddaughter, by way of son **Chad and wife Tracey**. We've known **Chad** since he was in diapers.

20 Years Ago-2004

The Orange Chamber has named **Ross Smith**, president and CEO of Akrotos Inc., "**Small Business Person of the Year**." **Smith**, a 1966 graduate of Little Cypress-Mauriceville, attended Lamar and the University of Houston. He was a 25-year employee of A. Schulman, Inc. A former **Orange Chamber chairman**, he is involved in many service organizations. He is a member of the **Lamar State Foundation board**, a former recipient of the "**Community Building**" award, a **Mason** and an active member of **St. Henry Catholic Church**. (Editor's note: That shows how versatile **Ross** is, **Masons and Catholics**. (Editor's note: What a great guy. Since he sold the **Ford** store we are not in touch with him.) **** **County Commissioner John Dubose** has been named as a board member of **County Bank**. **Dubose** was recently honored by the state of Texas with the esteemed "**Texas Courthouse**" award given yearly to an outstanding public servant. Bank president **Carlos Vacek** said, "**Mr. Dubose** will be a valuable asset to our bank board. He's a longtime resident, very intelligent and as a CPA he has a lot of financial experience." Other board members are **Billy Burrow, Mike Moreau, Dr. Rod Fisette and Vecek**. **** **Marcelle and Cowboy Adams'** pretty daughter **Theresa**, educator and wife of **Frank Beauchamp**, is following in **Marcelle's** footsteps by entering politics. **Theresa** is running for Orange city council. Her mom was Orange County's first female commissioner. (Editor's note: **Mrs. Beauchamp** was elected and went on to serve as County Commissioner.) **** Former NFL football star **Pat Tillman** was killed in Afghanistan. **** Happy anniversary to **Ramona and Joey Hargraves**. They were married this week in 1986. **** **Tony and Karen Fusilier** held grand opening of **Cajun Corner Furniture** with a big party, street dance and entertainment by **Tee Bruce, Herby Stutes, Jiven' Gene, Jerry Ballot, Barbara and Joe, Jessie Domingue and Skipper Free**. **** **Bridge City High** beats **Buna** 11-1. **Kevin Angelle** pitches another great game. **Hunter Hayes** was 3 for 3 at the plate. **Jamie Knight** was down from Dallas to watch his former teammates. **** Happy birthday **Pat Faircloth** born April 25, 1954.

50 Years Ago-1974

State Rep. Wayne Peveto asks to be returned to state house. **** **Bob's Barber Shop** is now open at Deweyville Circle, across from **Claybar's store**. **** **County Judge Grover Halliburton** reelected. **** **Mr. and Mrs. Marian Loiacana** were wed at St. Mary's, in a mass celebrated by **Father Secco**. He is 80, his bride is 60. **** **Bonita Hebert** will fly to California May 25 to visit son **Ronnie**, who will graduate from college June 10. **** **Sis Keogh** received a palm tree from a son as a Mother's Day gift. **She and Mike** planted it in the front yard. **** **Vivian and Leland Morrow** celebrate their 29th anniversary. **** In town this week for a short visit was **Bill Potter**, former Orange County deputy sheriff. His health has failed and he now makes his home in Houston. **** **Raymond "Bubba" Ridley** wins state pole vaulting championship for B.C. with a height of 14 feet, 6 inches. **Bubba** did it with a cane pole, landing in sawdust. **** **Judge Claude Wimberly** re-elected to J.P. court, Precinct 1. **** **Larry Gunter** is a runoff for J.P. Precinct 2 with **Judge Marlin Shelton**. **Gunter** is Pinehurst city judge.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Here's a little advice that has worked good for me over the years. Come **May**, I always call **Pestco** to spray for mosquitoes. I had them spray last week and I won't have to be bothered by "**Skeeters**" for at least a couple of months. I enjoy the sitting outdoors in the evenings this time of year and **Pestco** makes that happen. They do a great job for a small amount of money. Give 'um a call. **** Retired educator and judge **Derry Dunn** let us know about a couple of other men from what is now **Orange County** who helped fight for the **Republic of Texas**. They were **Peyton Bland**, who married **Elizabeth Harmon**, a daughter of some of the first settlers, and **Napoleon Linscomb**, sometimes spelled **Lincecom**. He said the **Linscomb** family has found papers showing the **Republic of Texas** paid him \$50 for a horse he had that was shot during a revolution skirmish. **Dunn** is also a descendant of local pioneering families and sits on the **OC Historical Commission**. **** Retired State District Judge **Pat Clark** let us know that he and the late **Louis Dugas Jr.** always considered April 21, the date of the **Battle of San Jacinto**, as the true **Texas Independence Day**. **** Speaking of history, **Heritage House Museum** ended up with perfect weather and not a lot of rain the night before to hold a **Cemetery Walk** at the **Jett Cemetery**, one of the oldest cemeteries in the county. **Spencer Day**, who loves local history and has become an expert in old cemeteries, helped put together the stories of some of the people who are buried in the cemetery, which many people pass each day on **Old Highway 90** between the **Brown Estate** and **Lindenwood** subdivision. **Heritage House** board members helping to arrange the even included **Jody Chesson, Adam Conrad, Peggy Wells, Kimberly Manning, Alison Clary, Leslie Williams, Edie Burch, Jill Kunst, Angela Abshire, and James Scales**. Museum Director **Charlotte Alford**, who is continually working for the benefit of non-profit groups, was there early for the set-up. Those attending included **Angela Mills, Donna Ferguson, Amy Prouse, and County Clerk Brandy Robertson**. **** Bridge City schools will be showing off their artistic students on Thursday, May 2, in the competition gym at **Bridge City High School** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event will feature artwork and performances from students of the intermediate, middle, and high schools. Awards will also be announced. **** **West Orange-Stark High** has named prom royalty for this year. Princesses are **Cateria Flores, D'Ayrrah Womack, Katelynn Perry, Mari Lynn Guillory, and Miranda Mendoza**. Princes are **Christopher Jones, Derek Lope, Jalen Gilmore, Tay'Vondrick Miller, and William Lee**. **** Bridge

City Mayor David Rutledge played a celebrity role in the **Bridge City Chamber of Commerce's Designer Purse Bingo fundraiser** at the Expo Center. He modeled the purses for the mostly female crowd that gathered. **Chamber Director Mandy Lyda** knows how to put on an event. **** **Dr. Amy Judice Townsend** has been nominated to serve on a **Texas Medical Association committee** on private practice physicians. **** **David Boehme**, technical director of the **Lutcher Theater**, marked his 18th year working at the theater. **** **County Judge John Gothia** traveled to Austin with the **Orange County Disaster Rebuild team** was the group was honored at the **Governor's Mansion** as one of the top volunteer groups in the state this year. The group making the trip included **Michelle Tubbleville, Ida Schossow, Lori Aroldin, Russell Bottley, Lanie Brown, and Julie Reid**. **** **Gothia** was back in Orange hobnobbing at the **Port of Orange's crawfish boil** along with **County Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Ida Schossow, Lanie Brown, Michelle Tubbleville, Janet Brown, Stephanie Roberts, and State Representative Dade Phelan** attending. **** Speaking of **Phelan**, who is in a big runoff race with **David Covey** of Orange, it looks like some local restaurants are making money off the election. Both candidates have been hosting meet-and-greet events and serving appetizers. **** Local licensed massage therapists **Carly Thibodeaux, Sue Kemp, and Becky McCall** traveled together to Grapevine for a professional conference. Don't confuse them with the storefront shops busted by law enforcement a few weeks ago. Those shops were open at night until early morning. **** **Miriam Lutcher Stark** created the **Stark Reading Contest in 1904** and it has continued through wars and pandemics. The finals will be held this Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at the **Lutcher Theater** and is free to the public. For the past 20 years, the contest has had all five county public high schools participating with each school sending their winners in reading and declamation. **The Stark Foundation** awards a lot of college scholarship money to the overall winners and the winners at each school level. **** **Cathy Manshack** joined with **Stephanie Leggett and Sabrina Gray** for a bread-making party. That's a certain way to make the house smell good.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating in the next few days. April 24: **Allison Small, Shaun McAlpin, Robert Schilicher, Sean Edgerton, Peggy Granger, Barbara Fuselier, Chrystal McCarthy**. **** April 25: **Glenn Jeter, Jeff Fisette, Marriet Litton, Roberto Deleon, Bro. James Gilbert**. **** April 26: **Susanne Parker, Pam Broussard, Luke Domas, Stephen Russell, Christi Goodyear**. **** April 27: **John Applebach, Mike Cain, Rosalyn Hollingsworth, Tim Batchelor, Chelsea Ballard**. **** April 28: **Dr. Nina Scales Leifeste, Joe LaMoine, Josh Blanchard**. **** April 29: **Kelsea Burns, Candice Vigil, Drew Wappler, King Dunn**, age 93, died in 2012. **Don Cole**, age 93, died in 2017. **** April 30: **Willie Nelson** turns 91 today. Celebrating also **Paula Johnson, Alissa Williams, Janice Gooch, Kim Izer, Mary Grimes, Samantha Ziller, Virginia Woods, Carl Peltier, David Winfrey, Gabrielle Freeman**. **** Birthdays this past week included **Billy Young, Joshua Welch, Tammy LaBert, Hugh Hawkins, Jerry Loncon, Shari Rule, Sherry Barrett Sturdivant, and Christian Simonton**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Nolan DeVille and **Oris Gilbeaux**, lifelong friends, fulfilled dere dream of bot gradating from da **LS&U medical school**. Dey decide dat dey would go home to Abbeville and in spite of two different specialties; dey would open a practice together to share office space and personnel. **Dr. DeVille, him**, was da psychiatrist and **Dr. Gilbeaux** da proctologist. Dere sign read "**Hysterias and Posteriors**."

Da town council was livid dem and insist dey change da sign. Dey say to bring dere suggestions to da mayor for his approval, so da two doctors brought a couple suggestion to **Mayor Leblanc**.

One say, "**Schizoids and Hemorrhoids**." "Oh no' said da Mayor.

Den dey try, "**Manic Depressives and Anal Retentives**." Da Mayor turn thumbs down on dem.

Da doctors left and said dey would be back.

A few days later day came back wit a list, "**Minds and Behinds**."

No good.

Dey try again, "**Lost Souls and Butt Holes**."

Da Mayor say, "Absolutely not."

"**Freaks and Cheeks**."

Da Mayor shake his head no.

"**Loons and Moons**" didn't sell either. Da young doctors, at dere wits end, gave it one more shot. "**Dr. DeVille and Dr. Gilbeaux**, specializing in "**Odds and Ends**."

Da Mayor approved it and everybody loved it.

C'EST TOUT 'CATCH AND KILL' TO BURY TRUMP'S STORIES

Jurors in former President **Donald Trump's** criminal trial in New York heard testimony Tuesday from **David Pecker**, a former media executive who described his efforts to use the **National Enquirer** to bury negative stories about **Trump** and attack his rivals during the 2016 presidential campaign. **Pecker**, who was the **CEO of the Enquirer's** parent company at the time, testified that he agreed to be **Trump's "eyes and ears"** in 2015 and alert **Trump's attorney Michael Cohen** to damaging stories that might hurt the campaign. He described using a tactic known as "**catch and kill**" to buy the rights to the stories and decline to publish them, effectively keeping them hidden. Prosecutors allege a **\$130,000 "hush money" payment** **Cohen** made to the adult film star **Stormy Daniels** in the days before the election was part of the scheme. **Trump** is charged with 34 counts of falsifying business records related to reimbursements **Cohen** received. **** My time is up, thanks for yours. **Take care and God bless**.

Deaths & Memorials

Harry Louis Stephens, 82, BC

Our beloved husband and father, Harry Louis Stephens, 82, passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 21, 2024, leaving us lost and heartbroken. He was born in Orange, Texas, on October 14, 1941, to Louis Malcolm and Marion Velma Stephens. He had a very modest upbringing with few opportunities; but with grit, determination, and perseverance, he rose above great hardship to become a man who was larger than life and a hero to us all.



Harry Louis Stephens

At 17, he joined the United States Marine Corps, serving a tour of duty for his Country, missing the birth of his first child. After returning home, Harry opened Harry's Appliance in downtown Orange where he remained faithful to his customers and this community for 61 years, all with just an 8th grade education. And as his family, we say with pride, he was honest, hardworking, and dedicated until his last day.

In 1992 he married Margie Redding Stephens and became immensely blessed with another daughter to add to his family. Harry and Margie were inseparable all the years of their marriage and shared a special bond until the end. As he began to struggle with health issues, Margie never left his side and made sure he had the best doctors and followed their orders. She did her best to keep him in line, although he was known to keep a few "snacks" hidden under his desk phone that he could grab when she wasn't looking.

Harry had many hobbies throughout his life that included roller skating; many years bowling on leagues; playing "Booray" with all the boys at the Domino Club in downtown Orange; riding motorcycles; restoring old cars and participating in the local car club, showing his pride and joy, his red and white '56 Chevy; fishing with Margie; as well as a little fun over at the casino. He also cherished Dairy Queen nights on Thursdays with his family; and occasionally, on a bright sunny day, you could still find him driving around in his yellow SSR with the top down.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, his grandson, Corbin Burnett; his brother, Ronnie Stephens; and his sister, Marilyn Ann Rowe, who took

on the role of a mother to him.

He is survived by his wife, Margie; his children, Desia Davis and husband, Carl; Gary Stephens; Crisity Burnett Smith and husband, Phillip; and Stephanie Duval and husband, Lucas; along with his grandchildren, Derrick (Rebecca) Davis, Cody Davis (Sharon), Michael (Melissa) Stephens, Brittany Stephens, Colby (Rhea)

Burnett; Bailee (Jake) Burnett Maresh; Jaycelyn Duval; and Keegan Duval; along with his great-grandchildren, Olivia Davis, Elliott Davis, Holden Davis, Brayden Stephens, Sonora Burnett, and Remi Burnett; as well as numerous family and friends that affectionately called him Uncle Harry or PawPaw.

Harry never made apologies for who he was. He believed in shopping locally; and if you bought an appliance from one of the big box stores that came to Orange, well, that's where he would tell you to take it for repair. But if you did trust him with your business, he was faithful and went the extra mile to take care of you. Even when Hurricane Ike flooded his home and business, you could still find him at work taking care of his customers instead of himself. He worked hard every day of his life and had a work ethic that is rare today. In his daily life, he was surrounded by his customers who were like family to him. Our family would like to say thank you for trusting and supporting him through the years with your appliance needs and for being so faithful. Harry's Appliance will continue in honor of our beloved husband and daddy. We want to make him proud.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., at Claybar Funeral Home in downtown Orange. The funeral will follow at 2:00 p.m., the same day, and he will be laid to rest immediately after at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens on Highway 87 between Orange and Bridge City.

Pallbearers will be Carl Davis, Phillip Smith, Lucas Duval, Keegan Duval, Jack Hansen, Buddy Tucker, Derrick Davis, and Michael Ragusa. Honorary Pallbearers are his employees, Gerard Arrington and Raul "Leto" Valencia.

James "Sandy" Kirkland, 75

James "Sandy" H. Kirkland III, a cherished member of the Vidor community, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 8, 2024, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. He was 75-years-old. Affectionately known as "Sandy" he was a long-time resident of Vidor, where he touched the lives of many through his kindness and generosity. Sandy dedicated many years of his life to Local 587, from which he retired. Throughout his life, Sandy found joy in traveling and capturing the beauty of the world through his camera lens. Sandy had a giving spirit and took pleasure in brightening the lives of others through the thoughtful gifts he bestowed upon them. Sandy will be deeply missed by his



James "Sandy" Kirkland

children, Michelle Mooney and her husband Lane, Keith Kirkland and Kevin Kirkland Sr. He will also be fondly remembered by his eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren and his girlfriend Brenda Burton and her grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Linda Kirkland, son James H. Kirkland IV, granddaughter Kristen Kirkland and brother Terry "Dusty"

Kirkland. Sandy Kirkland will be remembered for his warmth, generosity and the love he shared with all who knew him. May his memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to those who mourn his loss.

Mark David Bennett, 70, BC

Mark David Bennett, 70, of Bridge City, Texas, was killed in a motorcycle accident at the intersection of FM 1406 and Hwy 365 near Winnie. He passed away at the scene on February 21, 2024. He died happy doing the thing he was most passionate about.... taking a "putt" on his new "2023" Aztec Gold Road Glide Harley Davidson.



Mark Bennett

worked in the grocery industry. He took full advantage of living by the water, enjoying driving down the beach in his dune buggy, swimming and surfing.

It was at a Denny's Restaurant in the "Oleander City" where he met his future wife, Katrina Dawn Deschene. They married in 1978. They had two sons. Loren Troy Bennett and Cimeron Lee Bennett.

Soon after the boys entered their school years, Mark moved his family to Winnemucca, Nevada.

In "Winnie" Mark's life revolved around his job at a gold mine and the boys and their activities. It was not unusual for him to take 10-12 young boys with him to camp, boat and water ski at Rye Patch. Mark and Katrina divorced in 2006.

The dynamics of the Bennett family was changing. An awareness that Mark's mom would soon be unable to live on her own was becoming apparent. She would need more help.

Mark decided to move back home to Bridge City, TX to help his two sisters care for their mother.

He moved in with his mom and became her on-site caregiver. He took excellent care of her for almost 5 years. With his two sisters carrying their fair share of the load, the three were very proud of the fact that their mother was able to live out her life in the comfort of her own home on her beloved Cow Bayou. No one could have done a better job than those three.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents, John and Nel Bennett, as well as his brother-in-law, Ted L. Walters.

Mark is survived by: His two sons: Loren Troy Bennett and wife, Maria; Cimeron Lee Bennett and wife, Suree, his two grandchildren: Avery Hana Bennett and Carter Lee Bennett. All live in Goodyear, AZ.; his two sisters: Cathy Lynn Walters of Bridge City, TX, Lisa Firmin and husband, Wayne of Groves, TX; his two best friends: David Thompson of West, TX., Greg Veazey of Houston, TX.

Following his wishes, Mark was cremated under the directions of Claybar Funeral Home.

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The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed **AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in this estate on the 17th day of April, 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **MICHAEL ALLEN PRICE**, 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 17th day of April, 2024.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: Danielle Kendrick, Deputy
Danielle Kendrick

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **DARREN LARUE WILSON**, Deceased, were issued on **APRIL 16, 2024**, in Cause No. **P19968**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **LISA ANN WILSON**.

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 17th day of April, 2024.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARY A. KENNEDY**, Deceased, were issued on **APRIL 22, 2024**, in Cause No. **P19859**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **KATHLEEN A. KENNEDY** and **KAREN A. KENNEDY**.

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Dated the 22nd day of April, 2024.

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24. "Hold on!"
25. Uno ____, in Mexico
28. Iranian monarch
30. Be a go-between
35. Kind of cuckoos
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26. Anoint
27. Red Sea peninsula
29. Drive a getaway car, e.g.
31. Goals
32. Like a Harvard building?
33. Plant-based laxative
34. * ____ Bunker, mom to Gloria in "All in the Family"
36. Dance partner
38. Drive-____, for short
42. Like a haunted house
45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
49. ____ chi
51. Casts a line
54. Popular electric car
56. Newton's first name
57. Foul substance
58. Matured
59. Bob of "The Joy of Painting" fame
60. Better than never?
61. On top of
62. "High" time
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64. In the past
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District baseball race concludes this week

Orange County baseball action this week

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Orange County Sports
For The Record

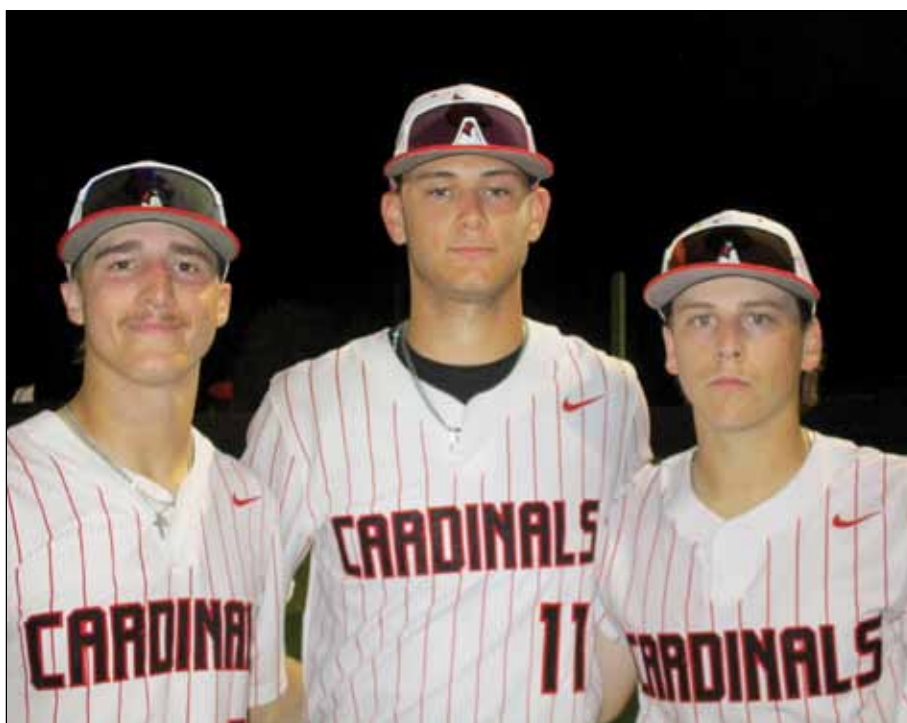
The final games of the district schedules will be played this week by local high school baseball teams. Though the Class 3A district champion has been decided, the Class 4A race for playoff seeding should go down to the final games on Friday, April 26.

Bridge City and Little Cypress Mauriceville have both clinched a berth in the post season. Seeding positions could change with two games remaining

for each of the top four teams all separated by two or fewer games in the district standings.

In first place in District 19-4A are the Bridge City Cardinals after taking two from the Jasper Bulldogs last week. Three errors almost proved costly for the Cardinals at Jasper on Tuesday, April 16, but Slade Landry went three for three with a homerun and Hunter Ford hit a two run double to get Bridge City enough runs in an 8-4 victory.

The Cardinals jumped ahead of the Bulldogs in the first inning on Friday



Landon Reeves pitched a one hit shutout while Gavin Bodin and Austin Frederick both had two hits in Bridge City's 10-0 win over Jasper on Friday.

and never looked back winning 10-0 in six innings. Bridge City scored four runs in the bottom of the first with CJ Riojas, Hutch Bearden, and Slade Landry each getting a run batted in.

Austin Frederick singled to drive in Hunter Ford with a run in the third. Gavin Bodin singled with one out, moved to second on a ground out, stole third, and scored when the catcher's throw went into left field putting Bridge City up 6-0 in the fourth.

Riojas led off the fifth inning with a solo homerun just beneath the scoreboard in left field. One out later Frederick got his second hit of the game,

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Softball teams heading to post season

Orange County softball action this week

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The regular season concluded after the third week of April for the local high school softball teams. Bridge City, Little Cypress Mauriceville, and Orangefield will be participating in the post season.

The Bridge City Cardinals completed the District 19-4A schedule undefeated to claim the district championship. In twelve district games the Cardinals outscored their opponents 104-2 with pitcher Carson Fall throwing six no hitters.

Bridge City shutout Jasper 10-0 on Tuesday, April 16, as senior Fall threw five perfect innings. Seniors Haley Munoz, Lexi Nugier, and Laurie Barg combined for four hits to lead the Cardinal offense. A fifth senior Anna Autrey has been a key contributor for the Cardinals all season.

Bridge City closed the regular season winning 20-1 at West Orange-Stark on Friday. Sophomore Cambree LaComb pitched the game for the Cardinals and got the win. WOS seniors Jordynn Patton and Crystal Santibanez were recognized before the game.

The regular season was extended for the Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears as they and the Lumberton Lady Raiders both had 9-3 district records after their games on Friday, April 19, forcing a game at Jasper on Monday, April 22, to determine second and third place in the district. LCM got homeruns from Lexis Moss, Jacelyn Cook, and Keylie Washburn who also had a two run triple in the first, but the Lady Raiders' Bella Hebert hit a pair of two run homers the second a walk off blast in the bottom of the seventh with two outs to give Lumberton a 10-8 victory to take second place in the district.

Little Cypress Mauriceville will play Livingston in the opening round of the state playoffs in a best of three series on Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, in Cleveland. Livingston finished second in District 20-4A losing in district only to the district champion Liberty Lady Panthers which are 30-1 on the season.

Granger, Ava Wright, Jacelyn Cook, and Alex Pinder were recognized before the game on Tuesday, April 16. The Lady Bears won easily 22-0 in just three innings against West Orange-Stark.

Cook got the win allowing a lone hit to Latessa Turner of the Lady Mustangs and striking out six during her three innings of pitching. Eden Frenzel scored four times for LCM which was one more run than Lexis Moss, Wright, and Ella Stephenson each tallied.

Little Cypress Mauriceville beat the Lady Tigers 17-0 in four innings on Friday at Silsbee. Tessa



Keylie Washburn, Lexis Moss, and Tessa Erickson hit homeruns for the Lady Bears in their 17-0 win over Silsbee.

Erickson was the winning pitcher for the Lady Bears yielding one hit and one walk with four strikeouts.

Erickson knocked in

three runs as she joined teammates Lexis Moss and Keylie Washburn in hitting homeruns. Jacelyn Cook collected three hits,



Hallee Becker scored three runs and Charlee Sanches hit a pair of two run homers as Orangefield walloped Warren.

three runs, and three runs batted in.

Orangefield won two games last week to stretch its winning streak to six

games in a row and capture second place in District 21-3A. The Lady

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You ever wonder what a 64 pack of Crayola crayons, 31 flavors of ice cream at Baskin Robbins, or bags of assorted candy have in common?

The answer is they offer something for everyone because we all don't have the same taste. If everyone did things exactly like everyone else then life would be ridiculously boring and mundane. It's choices and options that give each individual the opportunity to succeed and sometimes those options and choices are a little different than what some people consider to be the best or only way to go about things. Taking a quick glance at the calendar right now means different things to different people, especially fishermen. If you flip through the pages of most Texas fishing magazines it won't be hard to figure out what the prevailing thought on most people's minds is this month, its big trout.

More often than not its pursuing big trout while wade fishing and throwing artificial lures. I'll be one of the first to raise my hand and say "I'm all for that". I will, on the other hand, also be one of the first to say "that's not the only way to catch those big fish" and that's where choices and options come in to play.

One year I was at one the fishing shows standing around with a group of guides and tournament anglers having a great conversation and swapping stories on various subjects and inevitably the style or different methods of fishing became the topic. I listened intently and heard basically the same story over and over of how this group of anglers spent their time on the water.

After several stories it was more than apparent that these guys took it for granted that everyone fished exactly like they did and the thought that someone wouldn't was just borderline blasphemy. I can understand why they would think like this, especially when all the other fishermen they routinely hung out with did the same things they did. I can remember the look on their faces when I told them "you realize you are a very small fraction of the fishing population and 10 times as many people fish differently than you do". It was a Kodak moment to say the least

I invited them to go to their local sporting goods store and watch other fishermen to see what they buy. Contrary to their beliefs there would way more folks buying terminal tackle, cast nets, and "fresh dead" shrimp than ultra high end gear. The percentage of anglers who exclusively hunt trophy fish with the latest gear pales in comparison to Joe Public who just goes out to get a bite and maybe catch supper. Just a little something to think about next time you stroll through the fishing section of your favorite outdoor store.

Now, regardless of which end of the spectrum you may reside at there are some outstanding options for you to choose from in order to catch both numbers of fish and better quality fish. For many anglers the thought of climbing out of a sleek bay boat to wade a pristine flat in search of that career fish is about as close to perfect as one can imagine.

CAPT. CHUCK Page 5B

'The Lakes' Fishing

• Toledo Bend Fishing Report

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 64 degrees; 1.09 feet below pool. The water levels came up 3 feet after the recent rains, and the flood gates are open with more water coming down the river. Most of the creeks are muddy and stained. Bass are fair from the flooded bank out to 5 feet with frogs, chatterbaits and spinnerbaits. The mid range fish are hit-and-miss with Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and shallow running crankbaits. The deeper fish have gotten up off the bottom and they are swimming around, just hard to catch at this time due to the rising water. Navigate with caution watching for floating timber. Also with water being this high, lots of the boat lane buoys are almost underwater. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; 5.19 feet below pool. Navigate with caution to avoid sandbars and stumps. Bass are on points and drains in shallow water spawning, and some are in a post spawn biting crankbaits and Carolina rigs. Some topwater along the grass edges. Crappie are fair in the shallows near stumps and fair on the brush piles. Some crappie are spawning near cypress trees, wade anglers can target these. White bass are schooling on main lake points but not surfacing yet. Catch some with jigs, minnows, crankbaits and jigging spoons. Catfish are slowly moving back to the points. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service. Shad spawn is in full swing. Bass are good keying on hard clay points, grass edges and flooded timber with swim jigs, chatterbaits, topwater spoons or pop-r's. Offshore bite is 10-20 feet on hard spots and flats, points and creek channel swings using crankbaits, Carolina rigs, shaky heads and dropshots. Crappie have finished spawning in 12-20 feet of water on brush piles and standing timber. Report by Captain Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 68 degrees. Sabine Lake is fresh due to runoff from the Neches River. Navigate with caution watching for floating debris. Best catches coming from the channel, Intracoastal Waterway and jetties.

Mixed bag of speckled trout, redfish, sheepshead and drum in the Sabine Channel and ICW on rock piles and shell banks with live shrimp under a popping cork. Jetties sheepshead, drum, redfish, and a few trout when the winds are calm. Texaco Island produces a few trout, redfish and flounder with live shrimp under a popping cork, or working slowly up the shelf in 10-20 feet of water with a morning glory chartreuse 1/16 ounce jighead. North Levee has slowed for speckled trout.

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

• Bolivar

GOOD. 70 degrees. Water colors changing with the wind and weather. The best bite conditions this week will be on the late incoming tides for the jetty and surf. Plenty of redfish of varying sizes everywhere. More stingrays, sheepshead, black drum, small speckled trout, and crabs caught along the jetty with an occasional pompano or shark. The surf is producing black drum, gafftop, stingrays, and bigger sharks with some fish breaking off lines. East Bay and the Texas City Dike have been steady producing drum, gafftop, small trout, and redfish. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp.

• Trinity Bay

FAIR. 74 degrees. Portions of the bay are off colored due to influx of freshwater from upstream. East shoreline still producing speckled trout. Northwest corner of the bay holding speckled trout, a few slot redfish, and keeper black drum. Best bite here is on live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

April showers bring May flowers. If you get the opportunity to go out in some decent weather, take advantage of it as the good days are numbered this time of year. Decent water clarity up by Barnett and Scotts Bay. Decent tide movement if you can get



The Record's outdoors columnist Capt. Chuck Uzzle displays a hefty redfish caught near the shoreline on Sabine Lake.

away from a front. Trout are scattered on reefs in 3-5 feet of water on reefs being caught on WACKy shad XL in the showtime color and live shrimp under a popping cork. Redfish are on a rock and reef pattern being caught on gulp shrimp new penny color and live shrimp under a popping cork. Sheepshead and black drum are mixed in with the redfish eating the same baits. Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• Galveston Bay

SLOW. 75 degrees. West shoreline action is heating up for catches of keeper black drum and speckled

trout on live shrimp. Anglers throwing soft plastics are doing well on trout. Rock groins along the ship channel holding black drum, a few redfish, and some speckled trout. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 75 degrees. Winds have limited open bay fishing, but those wading are finding fair numbers of speckled trout on artificial lures. Boat anglers fishing near drains with live shrimp are catching black drum, the occasional redfish, and a few speckled trout, and floun-

der. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Surface water temperature 74 degrees. Water clarity is good for the majority of East Galveston Bay. Good numbers of trout and few redfish on shell beds in the 2-3 feet with ¼ ounce jig heads with Wac Attack straight tails in chartreuse, and Monkey Milk as well as marker 54 Glide Shrimp, under a 1-2 feet leader and a Fish Smack Popping Cork. As in previous weeks, if you catch a fish, powerpole down and fan cast the entire area, as we have been picking up several 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. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 75 degrees. Waders are beginning to land some nice fish with live natural baits. Open bay reefs producing scattered speckled trout on soft plastics. Those throwing bait around structure catching black drum, a few redfish, and some speckled trout, along with gafftop. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• Freeport

SLOW. 72 degrees. Fishing been steady for trout, redfish, sheepshead, drum, and flounder around the San Luis Pass. Bastrop Bay, Christmas Bay, Chocolate Bay and the west end of Galveston Bay have

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Softball postseason From Page 1B

Bobcats whipped Warren 10-0 on Monday, April 15, in a makeup game that was rained out the previous Tuesday night, and they handled Hardin 5-1 the following night in the district finale.

Hallee Becker scored the first of her three runs in the win against Warren to get the scoring started during the first inning for Orangefield. Alysen Vincent added a two run single to put the Lady Bobcats up 3-0 after one inning.

Four more runs scored in the second with the big blow being Charlee Sanches' two run homerun. Sanches duplicated the feat with her second homer of the game in the fourth to give the Lady Bobcats a ten run advantage.

Abigail Curphey pitched the first four innings for the Lady Bobcats allowing only a walk and a Warren batter to reach on an error both in the first inning. Sanches pitched the fifth inning and surrendered the only hit for Warren, but she also struck out the side to wrap up the 10-0 victory.

On Tuesday night Charlee Sanches started in the circle for Orangefield. Sanches pitched a complete game victory giving up four hits with five strikeouts in seven innings against Hardin.

The hitting star for the Lady Bobcats was Aubree Beck with two doubles, two runs scored, and one run driven in. Haylee Spears hit a double with two runs knocked in, and Paris Becker had an important rbi in the 5-1 win.

Pitching is a strength for Orangefield with either



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

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Abigail Curphey or Charlee Sanches in the circle. "Abigail has been pitching well lately and that's encouraging going into next weekend with bi-district. Charlee's really done a good job for us this season. She pitched a little bit for us a year ago, but this year we've really relied on her quite a bit more. It's good to have a one two punch with Curphey and then with Charlee, so I'm proud of them and proud of the way they've been throwing," Orangefield Coach Rebekah Ragsdale praised.

The Orangefield Lady

Bobcats (24-8-1, 12-2) will be facing a familiar opponent in the first round of the Class 3A state softball playoffs. Orangefield will play the Central Heights Blue Devils who the Lady Bobcats defeated in the first round of last year's playoffs.

The series will be a best of three played at the Jasper High School softball field. The first game will be Friday, April 26, at 6:00 PM, the second game will be played Saturday, April 27, at noon, and a third game if necessary will follow that afternoon at about 2:00 PM.



Seniors Laurie Barg, Haley Munoz, Carson Fall, Lexi Nugier, and Anna Autrey have led the Cardinals to the district championship.



Seniors Abigail Granger, Ava Wright, Jacelyn Cook, and Alex Pinder were honored by LCM prior to the Lady Bears win over West Orange-Stark.

Sales tax holiday for emergency supplies April 27

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

"Fires, tornadoes and other severe weather conditions can strike at any time, so it is important that families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said.

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

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

- household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75;
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Orangefield golfers advance to state

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Orangefield girls golf team is headed to state. One Bobcat boy golfer will also be going to state again.

The Lady Bobcats captured third place at the regional tournament in Brenham completed on Thursday, April 18, to earn their invitation to the state finals. Lincoln Parks was the runner up in the boys 3A Region III golf tournament held in Brenham on Monday and Tuesday.

Leading the Lady Bobcat golfers was Rylie Kethan who shot a 92 on day two of the tournament followed by Jordyn Rucker with a 97 on the second day. Other team members Abby Slaughter (103), Lela Francis (112), and Emma Pierrottie (113) did their part in the team's score of 807 over for the two days to help Orangefield finish third.

Parks shot 75 in both rounds of the boys tournament to finish two strokes behind the leader. The Orangefield boys competed well taking ninth place in the regional tournament.

Parks repeats his trip to the state tournament like he did last year. The boys Class 3A tournament will be held April 29-30 at



Lincoln Parks of Orangefield finished in second place at the regional golf tournament to earn another trip to the state tournament in Austin the last week of April.

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the Grey Rock Golf Club in Austin.

This will be the Orangefield girls' second trip to state in golf in school history. The girls state tournament for Class 3A will be May 6-7 at the ShadowGlen Golf Club in Manor outside of Austin.



Orangefield golfers Jordyn Rucker, Rylie Kethan, Abby Slaughter, Emma Pierrottie, and Lela Francis are joined by Coach Broussard Peevey as they will be going to state May 6-7.

Baseball highlights

From Page 1B

stole second base, and came all the way home when the high throw from the catcher was deflected into right center field.

Bridge City closed out the game in the sixth which Bodin started by grounding a single to center. John Van Huis reached base after being hit by a pitch before Dax Latiolais lined a double down the left field line to score Bodin.

Bearden ended things when he blasted the ball one hop off the fence in right center to score Van Huis from third to make the score 10-0 invoking the mercy rule. Latiolais could have scored easily on what would have been a sure extra base hit by Hutch.

Not to be overlooked was the outstanding pitching by Landon Reeves for the Cardinals. Reeves went all six innings giving up only a single on the first pitch of the game and two walks, one of which was intentional. Landon struck out nine Bulldogs.

Coach Chad Landry is proud of the team effort and contributions by all of the Cardinals that has Bridge City in first place with two games to go. "What I love about this group is that we don't have a superstar. We're not relying on one guy each night to win the game. It's a full group effort. We dress 21 guys and we've got full confidence in all 21 of those guys, and it's somebody different every night. Collectively as a unit they play extremely well together," Landry applauded.

• LCM Bears

Little Cypress Mauriceville is tied for second place. The Bears enter the final two games tied with Vidor

one game ahead of fourth place Silsbee.

LCM remained one game behind Bridge City by taking two games from the West Orange-Stark Mustangs. Both wins were by shutouts.

Landon Richards of the Bears the Class 4A pitcher of the week the second week of April stretched his string of no hit innings to ten. Richards threw three innings without allowing a hit, walking one, and striking out eight Mustangs to get the win in the 14-0 victory by LCM at Ronnie Anderson Park on Tuesday, April 16.

Will Lee got the only hit for the Mustangs with a ground rule double leading off the fourth inning. Jackson Struwe and Marco Bandiero both pitched one inning for the Bears with Bandiero striking out the side to end the game in the fifth inning.

Parker Seago had the biggest night offensively for the Bears going two for four with four runs batted in and two runs scored. Ethan Fry was two for two including a double with two walks driving in two runs and scoring two times, Justin McCarver had two hits including a double to drive in a run, while Parker Freeman also had a two run double.

The scene shifted to Don Gibbens Field on Friday and the result was pretty much the same. Little Cypress Mauriceville won again in five innings 10-0 over West Orange-Stark.

Jacob Scheiderer threw a three hitter and struck out eight in his five scoreless innings on the mound for LCM. Marco Bandiero struck the big blow for the Bears with a homerun driving in four runs.

Six wins in a row the last four all by shutouts has Little Cypress Mauriceville Coach Hunter Hagler feeling very good about his Bears. Hagler expressed, "Everything is starting to come together kind of at the right time. We've got to keep playing day by day though and keep the grind going."

The final week of the regular season has Bridge City (8-2) playing West Orange-Stark (1-9) twice. Tuesday's game was in Bridge City and Friday will be at West Orange-Stark. Two wins by the Cardinals will clinch the district championship for them.

An important series is between second place Little Cypress Mauriceville (7-3) and Silsbee (6-4) which trails LCM by one game. The Bears and Tigers played Tuesday in Silsbee and will be at Don Gibbens Field on Friday.

The Vidor Pirates (7-3) play Jasper (1-9) in their final series. Vidor is tied with the Bears for second place after the Pirates won both games with Lumberton last week to drop the Raiders (6-6) to fifth place in the district standings.



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

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• Orangefield Bobcats

The Orangefield Bobcats won three times last week. The Bobcats clinched the District 21-3A championship for the second year in a row on Tuesday, April 16 with a 6-4 win at Hardin.

Bobcat Freshman Carson Gonzales earned the important win in relief pitching five and two third shut-out innings allowing just one hit and striking out six. Kane Smith, Logan Cheek, and Matthew Johnson each had two hits while Camden Fountain drove in three runs for Orangefield.

Orangefield Coach Tim Erickson attributed pitch-

ing and defense as why the Bobcats are the district champs. "Filling up the strike zone is the main thing. Our pitchers are attacking the zone inside and out, so it is good to see. When we're playing defense the way that we are like Caleb Fregia making a heck of a play again at shortstop that gives the Bobcat pitchers a lot of confidence," Erickson analyzed.

The other two wins were Bobcat blowouts. In a makeup game Orangefield defeated the Warren Warriors 10-0 in five innings at Paul Cormier Field on Monday. Kaleb Menard threw the first four frames and Colton Myers tossed the fi-

nal inning as they combined for a no hitter.

Matthew Johnson hit a two run homer with two outs to put Orangefield up 2-0 in the second inning. The Bobcats scored five more runs in the fourth which included three straight marvelous bunts for hits by Kane Smith, Cameron Dearing, and Logan Cheek before Camden Fountain doubled to left center with the bases loaded to bring home all three runners.

Orangefield made short work of East Chambers on Friday winning 16-0 in just three innings. Brycen Tait got the win on the mound allowing one hit in his three innings and striking out four Buccaneers.

Matthew Johnson continued his hot hitting with a double and a single to drive in three Bobcats. Carson Worthy had two runs batted in while Kane Smith, Cameron Dearing, and Logan Cheek each collected two hits for Orangefield.

The final game of the district for the Orangefield Bobcats was played on Tuesday, April 23, at Anahuac. As the district champions the Bobcats will play the fourth seeded team from District 22-3A next week with the location and dates to be decided.

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ENTERTAINMENT: Great White, Bad Bunny shows upcoming

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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 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**



Great White, above, and the bands Slaughter, Quiet Riot and Liliac, will be performing April 26 at the Rise Rooftop in Houston.

- 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

- 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
- **Sept. 14**
Creed, 3 Doors Down, Finger Eleven, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 15**
Rob Zombie, Alice Cooper, Ministry, Filter, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 19**
Five Finger Death Punch, Marilyn Manson, Slaughter to Prevail, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 29**
Sum 41, The Interrupters, 713 Music Hall, Houston
- **Oct. 5**
Justin Moore, Randy Houser, 713 Music Hall, Houston
- **Oct. 8**
Zheani, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Oct. 24**
Breaking Benjamin, Staind, Daughtry, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Nov. 9**
Clint Black, L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.
- **Nov. 24**
Jeezy, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land

Capt. Chuck From Page 2B

Yes, there will be plenty of good fish caught by waders during this time of the year and there will also be plenty of pages and print dedicated to that method as well. For others the thought of crawling

out of a perfectly good boat into cold water is about as foreign as ordering a bologna sandwich at a south Texas BBQ house. It doesn't make any sense but for some it's what they like.

Saltwater Fishing Reports

been good on trout, gafftop, redfish and drum using shrimp under a popping cork. The Freeport Harbor has been steady with sheepshead, drum and redfish free lining shrimp with a split shot. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adventures.

catraz Island on Spanish sardines and dead shrimp. Slot black drums are biting in the flare on the dead shrimp. Sheepshead bite has slowed but can still be caught throughout the jetties on dead or live shrimp. Whittings and gafftop catches near the lodge on dead shrimp. Report by Captain Marty Medford, Captain Marty's Fish of a Lifetime Guide Service.

For myself I can honestly say I enjoy both fishing out of the boat and staying in, makes me no difference as long as I'm fishing. However, I must admit that in my career on the water I have been fortunate enough to put me hands on several true 30 inch speckled trout and every one of them was caught while the angler was still in the boat. Perhaps that's because here on Sabine and Calcasieu we tend to spend a little more time in water that's too deep to wade unlike other venues down the coast. The early spring is a fantastic time to locate those better fish in a little deeper water outside of the shallow flats. We spend much of our time in 4 to 6 feet of water making really long drifts that are usually parallel to structure or the shoreline. Often times we are in even deeper water as we probe the breaks along the Sabine River and ICW where some magnum trout and redfish stage up and avoid any traffic or pressure.

can make all the difference and these guys certainly know how to find them. Once you locate an area that has all the right ingredients it's important to be able to stay put or control your drift. A quality trolling motor is a must, that goes without saying. Having the ability to hold your location with either a manual anchor, Power Pole, Talon, or some sort of stake out is another factor to be considered. Once you get on a drift and locate fish it's much better to be able to sit in one position and see if there are more in the area rather than continue on the drift and come back to try and locate the same fish a second time. Many people are often surprised at how many more bites they are able to get in an area if they just take time to stop and thoroughly check it out.

Waders and folks who fish from the boat will share common lure choices for the most part but there will be few advantages for both sides. Waders will obviously be more quiet while boat fishermen can cover more water.

Both types have pro's and con's and they each offer the angler an outstanding opportunity to catch fish. Neither method is right or wrong at this time of the year either. By being open to other options anglers will certainly put not only more odds in their favor but certainly catch more fish.

Making the most out of water that's too deep to wade requires a certain set of skills, tools and a little bit of thought. Perhaps the most important is good electronics and the ability to read them. Finding and interpreting bottom structure is an art that pays big dividends to those who understand how to do it. Subtle changes in depth or bottom contour

• East and West Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 72 degrees. Typical April fishing with the bite improving now that winds are blowing out of the south, and there is a good stretch of weather in the forecast. Drift in the morning with shrimp under a popping cork, then wade in the afternoon for catches of trout and redfish. Redfish catches continue in shallow water on cut mullet. Report by Captain Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

• Port O'Conner

GOOD. 68 degrees. Slot redfish are good inside the jetties on dead shrimp and Spanish sardines. Oversized redfish are near Al-

• Rockport

GOOD. 68 degrees. Trout are starting to fire up with shrimp on popping corks. Redfish have been good on shrimp and cut bait in flats and along channel edges. Black drum are great on dead shrimp along channel edges and deeper pockets. Report by Captain Kenny Kramer, Kramer Fishing Charters.

• Port Aransas

GOOD. 68 degrees. Sheepshead are slowing down a bit but still catching them on shrimp along the rocks. Redfish are good on shrimp, blue crab and cut bait. Trout are good with shrimp free lined or popping corks along rocks. Report by Captain Kenny Kramer, Kramer Fishing Charters.

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Lessons in Words and Ways

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Children absorb. They learn their way around the world not only from what others explicitly teach them, but also from the kind of culture or atmosphere in which they live — especially in their home. The old adage “more is caught than taught” applies. By God’s design, children soak up values without even knowing it.

For example, children don’t pick up their mother tongue because someone stands in front of them with a pronunciation flip chart. They pick up their mother tongue simply from hearing it day after day. They breathe it in without conscious awareness. And as with language, so with values. Children are constantly absorbing. Therefore, what happens within the walls of your home will have a disproportionate impact on who they become.

So, how can Christian parents create a Christlike culture in which their children can swim?

love and how you love it, what you hate and how you hate it. Family culture includes the major events in life, and it includes the seemingly little things that go almost unnoticed, like what you mutter at the stovetop.

No family can fake a Christian culture — at least, not for long. If parents aren’t wowed by God’s character, attributes, and wonderful deeds, their indifference won’t kindle awe in the hearts of the children. Indifference is reproducible. If the heavens aren’t declaring God’s glory to me (Psalm 19:1), I’m not likely to help my children see the glory the heavens are declaring to them.

Genuine enthusiasm for God’s glory is not empty hype. Children are wired with keen hypocrisy antennae. Flesh can masquerade as Spirit only for so long before they notice the cosmetics wearing off. So, when it comes to establishing a Christian culture, the first step is to be thoroughly entranced by the superiority of Jesus yourself. Jesus is not a pointer, but the point.

Detecting Indifference

A family’s culture is not established in five minutes. Family culture is the sum total of the parents’ relationship with God, with each other, with the children, and with the world. No aspect of life is irrelevant to this enterprise, right down to what you say and how you say it, what you do and how you do it, what you

Awe Begets Awe

Beware of trying to argue anyone — including your children — into seeing the surpassing beauty of Christ. Though arguments may be necessary in establishing a culture, they are not sufficient. You can’t argue a blind man into seeing the multicolored clouds of the sunset. Therefore, allow children to witness your unsolicited and uncon-



trived worship — both in planned moments, like worship services, and in unplanned moments of ordinary life. Give them no doubt that family devotions and church services aren’t the only time you personally ponder the Bible and commune with God.

Has Jesus gripped you? Are you deeply impressed with Jesus? When you read Colossians 1:16–18, does awe arise?

By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

The Christian culture we want to foster is more a

matter of devotion than devotions. There is a great difference between explaining the importance of something and modeling its importance in your own lives.

Creating a Christlike Culture

I don’t know of anyone who has discovered a fool-proof checklist for producing Christian kids. Checklists don’t change hearts. But transformed hearts can make good use of checklists as a sort of self-diagnostic or reminder. As you seek to foster a Christian culture in your home, the following suggestions can serve like mirrors to help you see how you’re doing. We’ll consider these suggestions in two groupings: ways and words.

• WAYS

The God of means uses habits consistently practiced in a home to elevate and solidify values and

identity. “Our family functions this way.” Consider the following.

Model what you expect from your children: Christian courtesy, diligence, punctuality, and scores of Christlike character qualities that blossom in parents who are filled with the Holy Spirit. Avoid giving the impression that you never fail, but own your sins and mistakes.

Gently touch. Soft and playful touches can convey affection and acceptance, and if the children stiffen or pull away, that bristling may signal a relational wound that needs healing.

Get organized. Orderliness can serve everyone in the household, whereas a cluttered dwelling and cluttered calendar can beget chaos. Start by organizing your decisions, and then branch out from there. A well-placed shelf, or some coat hooks, or a reminder list on the fridge can help strengthen teamwork in the family.

At the same time, do not fear your child. You are the parent. It can be a fearful experience for a child to discover that his parents have left him in charge of the world. Expect that if you use your God-given parental authority, you will sooner or later offend your children’s grasp at self-rule. Understand the difference between offending them (an inevitable result of godly discipline) and wounding them (an excessive or ill-timed use of discipline). Love God more than your family in order to love your family well.

• WORDS

What we say is of course

important, and how we say it may be even more important. Tone of voice and facial expression can be life-giving or deadly.

When it comes to speaking around children, then, monitor your tone. Do you sound edgy, cranky, whiny — or cheerful, grateful, honoring? Out of the mouths of babes come things parents shouldn’t have said. Tone is so important to household culture. Don’t reward whining, or you will get lots more of it. Beware of practicing sarcasm, for it can toxify a home and the children within it.

Say thank you a lot; say thank you to them as well as to others and to God. Keep promises and don’t break them — to your children or to your spouse.

Pray. It is an unspeakable service to your children to pray for them and with them. Talk to Jesus about them before you talk to them about Jesus, and do both regularly.

Sing. Singing has a wonderful effect on the tone of a home, not to mention the long-term benefits of memorizing godly lyrics.

You can sing serendipitously, while doing the dishes or driving, and you can gather round and launch together into a song that supports the kind of culture you’re trying to build.

Could we sum it all up — words and ways — in a vision for a Christlike family culture? In all your practices and speech, live so that someday, when your children are asked if they ever knew a true Christian, they would immediately think of you.

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