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Gothia talks honor at Governor's Mansion

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Orange County Judge John Gothia told Commissioners Court about a magical spring evening at the Governor's Mansion in Austin as a county-operated disaster rebuild group won an award at the 40th annual state tribute to volunteers.

He said First Lady Cecilia Abbott was gracious and friendly to the honored guests and even let her dogs out, all four of them. He recalled one, a puppy about a year and a half old, jumping on the first lady and she pushed it away, "like anyone with a dog."

Commissioners Court met Tuesday for a session routine business and started out with the rec-



Judge John Gothia

mingled with other volunteer honorees. "I thought ours stood out far and above. We're one of the only ones that do what we do."

Orange County Disaster Rebuild was formed in May 2018, a few months after Hurricane Harvey flooded houses and businesses across the county. Charitable groups were

sending volunteers and grants were available to help homeowners who had not insurance or not enough to fix their houses.

Gothia said he and Commissioner Johnny Trahan talked with emergency officials, who advised that the county needed someone to coordinate all the recovery ef-

forts.

The commissioners hired Tubbeville and assigned a grants writer. Gothia said they got flack for creating another county position, but the results have been worth it.

Since Harvey, the disaster rebuilt has raised \$3.2 million to be used to help individuals. The program led to new houses for 131

in Orange, 42 in Vidor, six in Bridge City, six in West Orange, and six in Pinehurst. Also, \$420,000 has been spent to replace destroyed furniture and appliances.

Commissioner Trahan said he has seen some of the ceremonies held when the property owners are

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Crawfish, boats, and trains offer weekend fun

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Finding a handy place to park is advised for the weekend as families may want to be traveling the county for activities. Crawfish will be celebrated in Mauriceville, drag boat races with food and music will be at the Orange Boat Ramp, and Depot Day will be held at the historic train depot in downtown Orange.

The annual Mauriceville Crawfish Bash, the oldest continuing festival in Orange County, will kick off on Friday evening and run through Saturday night. This year, 17 crawfish and shrimp boilers from across Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana will be at the festival, which will close Saturday night with Cajun music from Ryan Foret and Foret Tradition.

Crawfish and shrimp lovers may want to wear their stretchy pants. Tickets at the gate are \$45 for all you can eat crawfish and shrimp boiled in spices and herbs along with

corn and potatoes. Some boilers even thrown in other foods.

The Mauriceville Heritage Association sponsors the event and this will be their 43rd Crawfish Bash. In April, the group sponsored the Miss Orange County Pageant with Evi Juneann Shipley, a senior at Nederland High, crowned as queen. She will reign over the festival and be featured in the Saturday morning parade.

The Crawfish Bash gates will open at the Mauriceville Community Center on Cohenour Road at 5 p.m. Friday with a cornhole tournament at 7 p.m.

Then on Saturday, a parade through Mauriceville will start at 10 a.m. and feature Miss Orange County. The gates to the festival will also open at 10 a.m. Parade winners and scholarship winners will be announced at noon. Chris Hantz will perform from noon to 1 p.m., and a crawfish eating contest is set for 1 p.m.

From 1 to 3 p.m., Seth

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The Bridge City Cardinal Athletic Booster Club held their annual Sports Banquet last night at the Orange County Expo Center. Male Athlete of the Year is Nick Lejeune and Female Athlete of the Year is Raema Lyda.

Dishons changing tides

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Ronda and Wesley Dishon will once again open a restaurant on the water in Bridge City sometime this month.

"I think we'll just open kind of secretly and people can come by word of mouth," said Ronda. She doesn't want the chaos of a grand opening hard date.

The new restaurant will be named "Low Tides" as opposed to their former "High Tides" restaurant that was on the other side of the bridge. The former restaurant closed last year and was sold to Chevron Phillips.



Ronda and Wesley Dishon look forward to the opening of their new water front restaurant, Low Tides, in Bridge City later this month. RECORD PHOTO: Penny LeLeux

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Depot Day Saturday helps historic train station

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Ten years ago, the century-old Southern Pacific Railroad station was long abandoned. Weeds grew a foot high and white paint was peeling off the sides of the brick.

Then came former Orange resident Carrie Wol-

ver of Houston, who remembered her grandparents living by the train depot and named her memoir "The Train Stopped in Orange." She started a non-profit group to purchase and restore the train depot-station, which is now an official Texas Historical site.

Saturday, May 4, the

non-profit group Friends of the Orange Train Depot will have their annual Depot Day fundraiser with family-friendly events, including an evening street dance.

The event will be on vacant land along Green Avenue to the east of the depot across 11th Street. Food vendors, games, and

rides will be set up for the public. Starting time is 11:30 a.m. with Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr. and members of the city council to attend and present a proclamation.

Admission is free with rides and activities costing \$1 each or \$5 for six. Pony rides, a trackless miniature train, and a balloon

twister. Businesses and individuals have donated items, including cash cards, to be given away in raffles with tickets \$1 each or six for \$5.

Orange County philanthropist Gisela Houseman is expected to attend the opening and may be taking on the mayor and other council members in a

game of cornhole.

Entertainment during the day will include the Orange Community Players and the Orange Blossom dancers. The Stark Museum of Art is providing a special memory game.

The street dance is a

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My Five-Cents

A monthly column from Sen. Robert Nichols by Sen. Robert Nichols, Senate District 3



On April 21, 1836 the Battle of San Jacinto was fought and won by Sam Houston and the Texas army in a matter of minutes. Only nine Texans were killed while 630 Mexican soldiers died in the battle. Santa Anna was captured after the battle and with the victory, the Republic of Texas began.

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. East Texas law enforcement agencies receive grants

The Comptroller's office announced this month it has delivered nearly \$126 million in grants to rural law enforcement and prosecutor's offices as part of a program designed to provide additional support to these offices. That's about half of the total funding provided for the program by the Legislature last year. Over 500 qualified counties and prosecutor offices applied for the grant funding. The funding supports minimum salaries, raises, hiring additional staff, or purchases of safety equipment for rural sheriff, constable, and prosecutor's offices. Supporting rural law enforcement is imperative to ensuring public safety in every part of our state. I was proud to support this legislation and am thrilled that our communities have taken advantage of

this opportunity.

2. Rural hospitals eligible for millions in broadband infrastructure grants

The Texas Rural Hospital Broadband Infrastructure Program is open to receive grants. The program, facilitated by the Texas Department of Agriculture, is designed to improve the connectivity of rural hospitals to meet the needs of the patients they serve. The funding will support general broadband network upgrades and improvement. Requirements include strict standards for broadband speeds, installation of wi-fi infrastructure and network equipment to provide free internet coverage in the hospital for use by patients and the public, and certification that any project will not duplicate any investment from other sources of funding. Applications are due by Midnight on May 2. For more information visit <https://texasagriculture.gov/Grants-Services/Grants-and-Services/Texas-Rural-Hospital-Broadband-Infrastructure-Program>.

3. Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program applications opening soon

Senator Nichols will soon be accepting applications for the Texas Armed Services

Scholarship Program (TASSP). The program supports students to complete a college degree and become a member of either the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard, United States Merchant Marine, or a commissioned officer in any branch of the armed services of the United States. Each state senator may appoint one student to receive an initial conditional scholarship award. Awards will be the lesser of \$15,000 or an amount not to exceed a student's cost of attendance annually. Scholarship applicants must: submit an essay explaining why he/she believes military service is important, how he/she would fulfill the requirements of the scholarship and which university he/she would like to attend; submit a résumé, which must include his/her contact information, including his/her full name, mailing and physical addresses, Social Security number, Date of Birth, phone number and email address. Please submit up to 5 recommendation letters. Applicants may send application packets via email to Robert.Nichols@senate.texas.gov.

4. TWC awards grants to Southeast Texas schools

This month, Governor Abbott and the Texas Workforce Commission announced several Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grants totaling over \$2 million for Gulf Coast schools. JET grants support career and technical education training programs by helping schools purchase and install equipment to train students for high-de-

mand occupations. The JET program helps support school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and public community, state, and technical colleges to create new or support existing CTE programs. Two of those grants are going to schools in SD 3, including:

- Lamar Institute of Technology – a \$343,340 grant to train 90 students as welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers.
- Tarkington ISD: a \$332,460 grant to train 145 students as welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers in partnership with Lone Star College System.

5. Charter Communications deploying broadband in East Texas

Charter Communications has been building out broadband infrastructure in East Texas over the past few years. The company won a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund auction award from the Federal Communications Commission which provides funding for the deployment of high-speed internet in rural areas. As of this month, Charter says they have served almost half of the locations they were awarded in East Texas through the RDOF process. Served locations are in Anderson, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper Jefferson, Newton, Orange, and Tyler Counties. Future projects are planned for Angelina, Cherokee, Houston, Nacogdoches, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, and Trinity Counties. Those counties should expect activations to start over the next year to year and a half. For more information, visit www.spectrumruralex-pansion.com.

Changing tides

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High Tides was too big to keep properly staffed, with three kitchens, three bars and 100 employees. Also, the two levels caused some flow issues.

"It was very difficult, upstairs, downstairs, upstairs, downstairs, although some of the young girls became very muscular having to run up and down," said Wesley. "This is much simpler."

The new restaurant is on one level with huge garage doors that can be open to the outside seating when the weather is nice or closed for inclement weather. It includes a small outdoor stage area and outdoor bathrooms. It currently has five boat slips with plans to add two or three more.

"So, this is basically really scaled down compared to High Tides," said Ronda. "A very limited menu, very limited area to seat. We're going to be able to seat 150

people." That includes both indoor and outdoor seating.

They will have 18-20 full-time employees and another 10 part-time employees.

Ronda said they will only be serving burgers or chicken strips with fries and boiled seafood options, including crawfish when they are in season, along with corn and potatoes.

"It is a completely different animal," said Ronda.

Why did they decide to open another restaurant less than a year after closing one?

"Honestly, he can't sit still and he always needs a project," said Ronda, while pointing to Wesley. "We've owned this property for couple years."

They started cleaning up the property, tearing down the old, dilapidated marina and saw how beautiful the property was. The pair kicked around what to do with it. They debated on

apartments or condominiums, but people kept suggesting another restaurant to them.

Ronda was against doing a restaurant again. It was Wesley's decision.

"We don't do it for the money," said Wesley. "There's not much money in this. I mean it's the lowest percent profit of any company we own by far."

He felt it would be good for Bridge City to give them a different option and to hopefully get activities restarted on the water.

"That hasn't happened yet but we're hoping with this new city manager that we can open these waterways up, start doing stuff around here."

He talked about all the water activities and other things that were available in Orange County when he was growing up.

"When I grew up you had skating rinks, you had

bowling alleys, you had skate parks, you had movie theaters, you had everything and now you have zero," said Wesley. "Unless the city of Orange and the city of Bridge City get together and do something with these waterways and start spending some money, getting grant money that they can easily get with grant writers, it's just gonna sit stagnant... everything's changing you gotta keep up."

Wesley also said, "We need to lean on the state of Texas too, a little bit, to get this bridge fixed because there are plenty of boats that won't fit under that bridge." Dishon refers to the swing bridge on Cow Bayou. "The State of Texas has an obligation to the public for that bridge to be open. It's an issue it's constantly broke, that makes the waterway unusable."

He said High Tides had big boats that came from Lafayette, Lake Charles, Kemah, and Clear Lake. It

was a halfway point for them to get fuel at High Tides, go to the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles, stay the night and refuel back in Bridge City on their way home.

"Well now they can't come under the bridge," said Wesley.

Low Tides will also offer fuel service.

Wesley said he also hopes to continue the boat parades and plans to hold fishing tournaments.

They also have a small area with sand outside the fence on the water side where they will have

loungers and washer boards.

Low Tides will be open Thursday through Sunday. Hours Thursday and Sunday will be 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., while Friday and Saturday, they will be open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. They plan to offer live music on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons.

Keep an eye on social media to find out when they open. Low Tides is located at 3095 Texas Ave., diagonally across the bayou and bridges from where High Tides was located.

Weekend events

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Stevens will play, with Royboy, Killin' Time and Friends on stage from 3 to 6 p.m.

Winners of the crawfish boiling contest will be announced at 6 p.m. and then Ryan Foret will play from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau is sponsoring the Rock the River event on the Sabine River at the City Boat Ramp off Simmons Drive. The Deep South Racing Association is bringing drag boat competitors to race along the river for spectators. Admission is

free. No dogs or other pets are allowed.

The rocking will begin Friday evening when Keith Frank brings his zydeco band back to the Riverside Pavilion with a concert from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Attendees should bring lawn chairs or blankets for sitting. The gates will open at 5 p.m. Friday with food vendors set up in the park.

Saturday, the gates will open at 10 a.m. and the event will have a kid zone with inflatables, games, and activities. Boat races will be going on throughout the

day.

Food vendors will include All the Smoke BBQ, Blinky's Sno Cones, Bobby's Smokehouse, Home Plate, Manny's Melting Pot, Mice Ice, and Wing Junkiez.

Live entertainment lineup for Saturday is the Flip Flop Man from 1 to 2 p.m., The Pegwinders from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Jamie Talbert from 5 to 6 p.m., and the Velcro Pygmies at 6:30 p.m.

Races will continue on Sunday with the gates opening at 10 a.m. The kid zone will still be up.

Because of the river racing, the Boat Ramp will be closed for use by the general public beginning Thursday and continuing through Sunday.

The Depot Day fundraiser for the historic Southern Pacific train Station will begin on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. (See separate story in this issue of The Record.)

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Primary Runoff Election held on May 28, 2024 will be tested on May 7, 2024 at 9:00 in the Orange County Election Administration at 206 Barber Street, Orange, TX 77601 to ensure that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all ballots.

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Orange County Election Administrator

AVISO PUBLICO DE PRUEBA DEL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMÁTICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección Primaria que se llevará a cabo el 28 de mayo de 2024 se probará el 7 de mayo de 2024 a las 9:00 pm en 206 Barber Street, Orange, TX 77601 para asegurarse de que el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los papeletas de los...

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County business From Page 1



Commissioners Court also issued a proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month for the 500 for Life non-profit group of motorcyclists who promote all drivers to look twice for motorcycles.

given the keys to a new home after losing almost everything they owned. "If it doesn't move you, you're not alive," he said.

Disaster Rebuild also has coordinated more than 2,500 volunteers from across the country who have come to help.

After Harvey, the county also had to deal with

flooding from Tropical Storm Imelda, Hurricanes Laura and Delta, plus three tornadoes. Disaster Rebuild has helped the victims in those disasters, too.

Commissioners Court Tuesday issued a proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month with the 500

Industrial executives to visit LSCO Wednesday

Staff Report For The Record

The chief executive officer of Chevron Phillips along with a senior official from QatarEnergy will speak Wednesday, May 1, at a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at Lamar State College Orange.

The college is opening its new hands-on training lab at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Industrial Technology

Building, 409 Fourth Street.

Golden Triangle Polymers donated \$1.3 million to help establish the new facility, which will be used for LSCO courses teaching chemical processing courses. Golden Triangle Polymers is the name of the new \$8.5 billion petrochemical plant under construction between on Texas Highway 87 South be-

tween Orange and Bridge City.

The new plant is a joint venture between Chevron Phillips and Qatar Energy.

The new LSCO lab was built by Polaris EPC with a customer control system purchased from Scallon Controls.

Dr. Tom Johnson is president of LSCO and has been working to expand the campus and add train-

ing for local industries and services that are needed in Southeast Texas.

Currently, the campus has a new academic building on Green Avenue under construction along with an addition to the historic brick First Baptist Church Building along with a renovation to the church to turn the complex into a student reception area.

On Tuesday, Commissioner Chris Sowell said Gremillion had found wording in the contract to be changed. The court postponed a vote for a new contract approved by the attorney.

Bills approved for payment included \$79,482 for the monthly insurance payment for retirees 65 and older medical benefits. Also, \$3,450 to Claybar Funeral Home and \$1,500 to Memorial Funeral Home to cover indigent burial expenses.

The court also approved a memorandum of understanding between the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the West Orange-Cove CISD to provide "available resources" during an emergency.

Also, the court approved the renewal of an agreement with the sheriff's office and the state that allows the local sheriff's office to acquire surplus equipment.

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new addition to the fundraiser and will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 per couple. Music will be by DJ Chas White. Free State Winery will be set up to sell adult beverages. People are invited to bring lawn chairs for sitting outside during the dance.

Local donations, grants, and sponsors, including the convention and visitors bureaus from the city of Orange and Orange County helped the train station be renovated. It is now rented as an events venue and for community activities. More information is available through the website orangetrain-

depot.org.

First Saturday giveaways set for May 3 at FBC-BC

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.

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Friday

Gates Open 5pm

Cornhole Tourney 7pm

Saturday

Parade 10am

Gates Open 10 am

Announce Parade Winners & Scholarship Winners Noon

12-1 Christ Hantz

Crawfish Eating Contest 1pm

1-3 Seth Stevens

AYCE Opens 2pm - 6pm

3-6 Royboy, Killin' Time & Friends

Crawfish Boiling Winners 6pm

7-10 Ryan Foret & Foret Tradition

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From the Creaux's Nest

RUN OFF—WHO CAN VOTE

The **Primary runoff election** between incumbent **Dade Phelan**, Speaker of the Texas House, and newcomer **David Covey** is Tuesday, May 28. Early voting begins May 20 and ends May 24. Some people seem to be confused as to who is eligible to vote in the runoff. If you voted in the **Republican** primary, you can vote again. If you voted in the **Democratic** primary, you can't vote. If you didn't vote in either primary, you are free to vote in the runoff. **Democrats** didn't have anyone running in the primary, so a **Democrat** is free to vote for either of the **Republican** candidates, who they feel best represents their views. If you are 65 or over, **Democrats** or **Republicans**, you are eligible to vote early, by mail, or however. You must request a ballot by filling out a form with your identification number, driver's license, etc. Mail it to **Elections Administration, 123 S. 6th. St., Orange TX**. The last four digits of your Social Security number will work if you don't have a driver's license. This is a great, second chance to vote in a very important election.

REMEMERING BEVERLY PARKER

We were saddened to learn of **Dr. Beverly Parker's** passing on April 25, just a month after the death of her husband Sen. Carl Parker. She was 86 years old. Even though she was the wife of a legendary politician from Southeast Texas, Beverly is remembered for a lifetime of accomplishment in her own right as an educator and community leader. She died at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. On Friday, May 3, Beverly will be laid to rest next to Carl at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin in a gravesite service at 1:00 p.m. We had known Beverly for many years. She was as kind and gracious as she was beautiful. She always presented herself as the wife of a statesman, always aware of who she was and the citizens she served. She and Carl were inseparable all through the years. They will be back together after many years of accomplishments. Our condolences to family and friends. Please see obituary.

CONDOLENCES

Funeral services for **Peggy J. Patterson Bean**, age 97, of Lufkin will be held Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Carroway Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville. Mrs. Bean was born July 18, 1926, in Port Arthur and died Saturday, April 27, 2024 in Lufkin. Peggy was a devoted mother. She was married to Huge Ray Bean over 50 years. They were longtime residents of Bridge City. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

Glenn Pearson, 80, died Sunday, April 22, at his home on Toledo Bend Lake. **Glenn** was a former **Bridge City ISD superintendent** but had held many positions, serving as coach, mentor, church deacon, etc. He was currently **superintendent of Hemphill ISD**. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Annie**, daughters, **Terri** and **Paula** and brother, **James**. Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in **HISD Athletic Complex**. *****Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Shahan**, our 56th anniversary recipient for 'Person of the Year.' **Dr. Shahan** is an outstanding choice. Under his leadership **Lamar Orange** has come a long way and has much to offer. ***** **Earl Thomas III**, an Orange native and **W.O.S. grad**, became the highest paid football safety in the NFL. This week he agreed to a **\$40 million** contract for four years with Super Bowl champions, the **Seattle Seahawks**. That's not all, **Earl** has also signed a contract with **Nike's Jordan** brand that should make him more millions in the future. *****Congrats to **Bridge City Lady Cardinals** softball team. They keep on keeping on. They play a one game playoff against West Columbia Friday, 7 p.m., at Goose Creek. **Lady Card Mistie Henderson** is hoping for her 201 win. *****Speaking of Bridge City, over the years **Bridge City High** has produced doctors in several fields. The latest is **Dr. Richard Guillory, Jr.**, a 2000 B.C. grad who recently opened his **Cardinal Chiropractic** practice at 490 Texas Ave. The former Marine is the son of **Richard Guillory**, who for 25 years has owned **All-In-One Tire Service** where Jr. worked for his dad. We are glad he chose to come home to open his practice. He is married to **Dr. Brittany Guillory** and have two children, a boy and a girl. *****The death of **Murray Harris**, 96, on April 20, in Tyler, brought back many memories of when **Murray** was in Orange. From 1957 to 1974, he was in the law firm with **Frank "Dub" Hustmyre** and **Malcolm Dorman**. The firm was located on Front Street. In 1964 they were joined by **James "Jim" Dunaway**. After **Hustmyre** took his own life after losing the district judgeship, **Harris, Dorman** and **Dunaway** stayed on in the firm. When **Harris** left in 1974, the firm became **Dorman, Dunaway, Jim** now has his own law firm. A few years ago he was Orange mayor. He's a good attorney but more

than that, he's a great guy. *****May 5, is **Cinco de Mayo**, a big day in **Mexico** and also **Texas** and other states. Celebrating on this day is **Bridget Touhey, Butch Meyers, Matt Williams, Lindsey Dardeau, Amanda Dumesnil** and **Susan Spencer**.***** On April 29, 2012, my old friend **Wilson King Dunn** passed away at age 93. He was born June 16, 1918, one of eight children. At age 18, he married **Eloide Linscomb**, 16. She passed away in January, 2011, just before their 74th wedding anniversary. They are survived by six children, **Nita, Andrew, Derry, Danny, Nancy** and **Thomas**. **King** was from the Greatest Generation. He joined the Army in WWII and served in Europe. **He is a friend I'll never forget**. *****Our buddy, **Judge Joe Parkhurst**, Pinehurst City Administrator, is taking a few days off after having a 20 pound fluid reduction. Now he will be lighter and also faster.

20 Years Ago-2004

Former Bridge City and University of Texas football great **Steve Worster** was the guest speaker at the **Bridge City Athletic banquet**. The female **Cardinal Pride** award went to **Meagan Godwin**; the male award went to **Joe Willey**. **Outstanding Female Athlete** was **Katie Faulk**; **Outstanding Male Athlete** was **Michael Gauthier**.*****The **Bridge City Cardinals** are sending three to the state track meet. Senior speedster **Michael Goeddertz**, **Michael Gauthier** and **Aaron Brannen**.*******Eric Eshbach**, the pride of Orangefield, wins Big 12 track meet in Oklahoma. He won with a vault of 17.9. **Eric** won many pole vaulting events for **Coach Joe Hester** while at Orangefield. **Debbie** and **David Fusilier** were in Oklahoma when **Eric** won the championship.*******Judge Grover Halliburton** is in St. Elizabeth battling a heart problem that has put him in and out of hospital for several years. (Editor's note: **Judge Halliburton** died a few days later on May 7, 2004.)

50 Years Ago-1974

The good folks at **Jess Davis Realty** are: **Carmon Davis, Brooks Hill, Margie** and **A.C. Roberts, Jack Moore, Bill Fite, Diana Hill, Bruce Sawyer** and **Jane Dorman**.*******Ed** and **Joan Lovelace** leave for their honeymoon in Acapulco. **Ed** has been on extra strength vitamins for three week. (Editor's note: Before Viagra.*****)&**J Hardware and Sporting Goods** is now open on MacArthur Drive.*******Huey Simon** and **Don Barron** recently returned from a Colorado big game hunt. **Huey** got a lion and **Don** a good sized bear. *******Curtis Barns** owns the **Bamboo Club** and makes the best pizza in the area and serves the coldest beer. *******Patty Retzlaff** is in M.D. Anderson hospital, a victim of leukemia. Funds are being sought. *******W.T. Oliver** named 'Boss Cajun' for the **Texas Louisiana Gumbo Festival** set for May 24-26 on Pleasure Island. **Oliver** is a three time winner of the distinguished service award (DSA) which is presented by the **United States Chamber of Commerce**. He is the only American to win the honor three times. A **450-gallon gumbo pot** was brought over from St. Martinsville, where it serves as a syrup cooking pot. The 450 gallon pot will be used to make the **world's largest gumbo**. Manning the pot will be **Laurence Foux, Earl Bishop, Ethel Foux** and **Roy Dunn**. **Oliver "Oink" Theriot** will be in charge of the special brew. Ingredients for the gumbo; 200 pounds smoked sausage, 3,000 large pieces of chicken, 1/4 acre of green onions, 1/2 acre of rice, (1,000 pounds), and 42 gallons of roux.*****Spotlight on the 1974 **West Orange Chief's** baseball team: **James Long, Randy Cormier, Ray Pousson, Paul Richardson, Junior Henry, Bo Guillory, Randy McMillian, Ricky Manuel, James Lancaster, Chris Ulery, Micky Smith, Kenneth Hodge, Andre Robertson, David Chesson, Ralph Callier, Joe Baker, Kenneth Richard** and **Marlon Richard**. Head coach is **Ronnie Anderson**, asst. coach is **Harold Fugua**. (Editor's note: What a team, what a coach. **Pousson** and **Andre** went on to become the two most famous.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

The first week in May brings up memories of special folks. **H.D. Pate**, first city attorney in Bridge City and county attorney died May 6, at age 79, in 2019, five years ago.*******Judge Grover Halliburton** lost the battle with heart ailments 20 years ago, in 2004, on May 7.***Our longtime friends and educators **Joe** and **Nancy Chenella**, moved away many years ago, They were Bridge City residents and very active in the BCISD. He and Nancy now make their home in College Station. Happy Birthday to **Joe** who celebrates May 7 and to **Nancy** who celebrates a week later, May 15.*****The **Chenella's** friend, educator **Gina Mannino**, celebrates on Joe's birthday. Also on this date, All Pro, NFL star **Earl Thomas** will have his 35th birthday. **Earl** is a Orange native and **WO-S grad**.*******Judge Derry Dunn** was fitted with a Pacemaker in Houston and according to his wife **Jane** everything went well. The doctor had told **Derry** how much better he would feel but he hasn't noticed much difference yet. I think pacemakers are oversold because they affect everyone differently. I've noticed they can lead to mood swings. However, emotional swings are common for heart patients. They often tear up for no reason. I've watched it over the years. It almost seems normal, just a side effect of the problem. Other than that, pacemakers are a great invention and have saved many lives.***** Orange County Emergency Management Director **Joel Ardoin** was a lot more relaxed late Monday morning. The line of strong thunderstorms that moved through the area during the night and early morning spawned no tornadoes. Also, no major damage was reported. **Orange County Commissioners** on Tuesday talked about how even the heavy rains, up to seven inches in some spots, drained quickly. Spring storms are not over and hurricane season will begin in a month. Guess this is a good time to tout the **regional disaster expo** to be held at the **Orange County Expo Center** on May 11.*******GOALS**, the local literacy group, held its annual **Spelling Bee fundraiser** last week with a team from the **Stark Foundation** taking first place. The team members were **Sarah Boehme, Deb White, and Joshua Schamber**. Orange City Councilor **Caroline Hennigan** served as the MC with **Andy Preslar** of LSCO as the word pronouncer. Judges were **Judge**

Mandy White-Rogers, Dr. Ni Song of LSCO, and **Amanda Smith**, also from LSCO. Future District Attorney **Krispen Walker** got the award for best individual speller.*****The **Leaf and Pedal Garden Club** took a field trip to DeRidder to see the garden of **James and Patty Burnett**. **Betty Harmon** and **Cecil Broom** made the sunny-day trip. Others included **Juliette Smith, Theresa Cronin, Nevalla Toal, and Sandra Cash**.*****80-year-old **Mick Jagger** rocked out with the **Rolling Stones** in Houston on Sunday as the group started its USA tour sponsored by AARP. Of course, **Allisha** and **Gary Bonneaux** weren't going to miss it. **Ben Wernig** got to see the Stones in person for the first time. **Ron Sigler** also made the trip for the concert.*****Spring weather has turned the new **Cove Marina on Adams Bayou** into a popular gathering place. **Skipper** and **Gina Yeoman** were there recently with **Juanita Smith**.*******Janois** and **Mark Grizzaffi**, along with **Robert Strauss** are proud of their son **Cody**. Not only is he now an Army paratrooper, he's also a talented singer and is a member of the **82nd Airborne All American Chorus**.*******Old Stark High Classes** had reunions this past weekend. The **Class of '61** gathered at the **Old Orange Cafe**. **Dayle Gunn** and **Gay Richardson** were in the crowd. Over at the **Train Depot**, the **Classes of '65** and **'66** met. Those attending included **Jeep** and **Carolyn Colburn, Pauline Colburn Hargrove, Suzie Bass Van Horn, David Bruce, Joey Robins, Bruce Beneke, and Becky Smith Robins**.***** Anniversaries included 20 years for **Clifton** and **Chari Clifford**. Also celebrating were **Ricky** and **Lacey Hale Deville**.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

A few folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **May 1: Chad Prouse, Jo Lynn Salazar, Frank Carpenter**.*******May 2: Megan Cornwell, Amy Wiebold, Glenda Dailey**. *******May 3: Monica Lemon, Nicole Gibbs, Stacie Hollier, Kay Boudreaux, Jeff Harrison**.*******May 4: Julia Hoke, Lauri Miller, MacAlan Trammell, Jenna Dismukes**.*******May 5: Bridget Toohey, Brad Broussard, Matt Williams, Butch Myers, Ricky Zirlott, Lindsey Dardeau, Travis Coffey, Ashley Eby**.*******May 6: James Scales, Debbie Gregg, Lisa Nixon, Johnny Moreno, Brandon Bond**.*******May 7: Gina Mannino, Andrea Beadle, Earl Thomas, Joe Chenella, Josh Sanders, Connie Angelle**.***** Birthday greetings this past week go out to the ageless **Brandi Griggs**, 85-year-old **Mary Johnson, K.J. Miller, Jimmy Davidson, Ida Schosow, Sid Lofton, Zoe Winn, Ruth Hancock, Lisa Kay Foyle, Jaxson Campbell, Dennis Baggett, Amy Faircloth, Ann Mooney, Dr. Amy Judice Townsend, Shana Ivey, and David Broussard**.

(To published birthdays or anniversaries free of charge call 409-886-7183 or email therecordlive.com.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Clovees Comeaux and **Otis Thibodeaux** was camping in the Atchafalaya Basin, a trip dey had planned a long time. Dey set up da tent jus as night fell, went in an ate dere sandwich, den blew out da light.

Dey talked a while bout da different sounds from da night creatures. Jus before dey was sound asleep a rustling noise outside sprang dem to dere feets.

Peeping through da flap, dey see a big, mean, hungry looking, black bear rummaging for food. Figuring the bear would soon make it to dere tent and rip it open **Comeaux** put his boots on him.

He was lacing dem up when **Thibodeaux** axe, "Mais **Comeaux**, why for you putting dem boots on hanh?" "You know dat bears dem run fas, fas, dem boots ain't gunna make you no faster dan dat bear.

"**Comeaux** answer, "**Tib**, I don't need to run faster dan dat bear no, I jus need to run faster dan you."

C'EST TOUT POLITICAL ADS GO 'DEEPAKED'

In the many years that I have followed politics I have never seen so much money spent to unseat an incumbent in a state or federal election. I've lived through many elections called 'dirty' or 'mud slinging,' but never before have I seen modern methods (photo-shop, etc.) used to distort the facts, mislead, lie, in mail outs and commercials, as in the state representative's race between **Dade Phelan** and **David Covey**. This runoff has brought out the worse. Here are some facts found in the "Texas Tribune." A recent "deepfaked" ad targeting House Speaker **Dade Phelan** could inspire further legislation to crack down on doctored imagery in political ads. At the end of Monday's hearing of the **House Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies**, political attorney **Andrew Cates** suggested the committee should recommend an update to Senate Bill 751 "Not to bring up sensitive stuff, but the speaker got hit a couple days ago with a fake image, or a deceptively altered image," **Cates** said. I received that mailer, paid for by the **Jeff Yass-bankrolled Club for Growth Action PAC**, depicted **Phelan** in an intimate hug with former U.S. House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi**, apparently a remake of **Pelosi** hugging new **House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries**. Less publicized was the flip side of the mailer, which falsely depicted **Phelan** at a lectern speaking at a **Texas House Democratic Caucus** news conference. Both lies and photo shopped. "It was multiple images, one on each side." The chairman said, that the **Legislature** may need to update the law. "It's deliberately made to deceive individuals —especially because AI can make things look so realistic and, obviously, neither of those two images actually happened." There have been other doctored mailers. **Cates** suggested that the **Legislature** also expand the law to include radio, sound, speech and text. He also suggested making it a third degree felony. The committee isn't conducting official interim hearings yet, but **Capriglions** also co-chairs an **AI panel** that is set to submit recommendations before the end of the year. *****Read us cover to cover and shop our family of advertisers. Remember always try to shop Orange County first, keep your tax dollars at home plus help our local businesses grow. We can make the Orange County economy healthier by pulling together. Thank for your time, mine is up. **Take care and God bless**.

Deaths & Memorials

Dr. Beverly Parker, 86, PA

Dr. Beverly Delle Parker, distinguished professor, community leader, beloved mother, doting grandmother, and cherished friend to many, died on April 25 in Houston. She was admitted to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center on April 16th and spent her final days continuing to share her kindness and love with her gathered family and the attending (and adoring) hospital staff. She was 86 years old.



Dr. Beverly Parker

Beverly was a passionate teacher whose career began shortly after she arrived in Port Arthur and was hired to teach elementary school at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In 1975, she was invited to create a business etiquette class at Port Arthur College (now Lamar State College Port Arthur) and fell in love with the challenges and rewards of teaching at the college level. She earned a master's degree (Lamar University) and a PhD (University of Houston) in political science and continued her career at LSCPA until she retired in 2006. In her 31-year career at LSCPA she served as Chair of the Liberal Arts Department and Chair of the Distinguished Speaker Series, organized and joined the LSCPA Faculty-Senate, and received the Julie and Ben Rogers Community Service Award. After retirement, Beverly remained close friends with many of her colleagues in the LSP-CA family and was always delighted to hear from her former students.

Beverly's devotion to service led her to invest her time and spirit into numerous community activities, including the YMCA, the Recovery Center for Southeast Texas, the Jefferson County Visitor's Bureau, the Service League of Port Arthur, and the Gulf Coast Gala. She was a member of the Jefferson County Central Appraisal Review Board until last year, when she resigned at age 85. She supported the Gift of Life organization and was their 2023 recipient of the Shining Light Award.

Beverly's motivation for accomplishment was instilled by her parents. Born in San Antonio in 1938, Beverly Stiegler was a descendent of the wave of "Hill Country Germans" who immigrated and settled in Hondo in the late nineteenth century. Her father Clifford Stiegler was a switchman for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and her mother LaDelle Stiegler worked as a secretary and assistant librarian at a local school. Beverly felt driven by her parents' imperative that she "accomplish something every day." When Beverly graduated high school, she tried to persuade her father to ignore 1950's era assumptions that she should simply find a job until she found a husband. She took a job to pay for two semesters at a San Antonio junior college, achieved high grades, and Clifford was convinced. Beverly then attended Southwestern University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology.

In her senior year at Southwestern, Beverly started what she called the greatest adventure in her life. It began with a blind date and two or three additional dates with Carl Parker, a recent University of Texas law school graduate and Judge Advocate General trainee in the United States Navy. Carl was transferred to

Newport, Rhode Island for a year. When he was transferred to his next assignment in Corpus Christi, Carl visited Beverly and asked her to marry him, and she accepted. Beverly described her decision to marry Carl in a series of short essays for grandchildren: Carl was different from every boy she had ever dated and she knew she was making a leap of faith, but was confident it was the right choice. She always smiled wryly when she recounted that before she met Carl, she wasn't sure she wanted to get married because she might get bored.

Beverly's intuition about Carl proved correct. They shared an understanding of God and faith, a love of reading, a passion for lifelong learning, and a shared belief that they had a responsibility to work to improve the lives of people around them and to give back to the community. For his part, Carl, whose political career included 34 years in the Texas Legislature, gained a valuable advisor. Beverly was Carl's secret superpower whom he consulted daily for advice on the various issues he was facing. Their marriage lasted 64 years, until Carl died on March 22, 2024, five weeks before Beverly.

What made Beverly happiest and created the most meaning in her life was her relationships with the people around her: her family, old friends, new friends, colleagues, acquaintances, and even strangers that she met. Beverly believed that the essence of God was love, acceptance, mercy, and selflessness, and she quietly shared these virtues with everyone she knew or met. She was patient, kind, caring and humble. She rarely judged, was slow to rile, and was always quick to forgive and move on, usually with a "Grammy hug." To know Beverly was to be continually reminded that love is the most powerful force in the universe, and that there is still ample goodness in the world and real hope for a better future.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband Senator Carl Allen Parker. She is survived by her daughters, Valerie Hintzen (Erich) and Chris Parker (Elena Labrador); her son, Allen Parker (Andrea); her grandchildren Andrew Hintzen, Emma Hintzen (Michael Martinez-Silva), Peyton Garrett (Jace), and Tripp Parker; and her brother Ronnie Stiegler.

A visitation gathering of family and friends will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Melancon Levinston Funeral Home in Nederland. A Celebration of Dr. Beverly Parker's Life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on the same day, at Calder Baptist Church in Beaumont. Graveside Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2024, at the Texas State Cemetery, 909 Navasota St., Austin, Texas 78702.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: Parker Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 1446, Port Arthur, TX, 77641; Gift of Life, 2390 Dowlen Road, Beaumont, TX 77706; or Calder Baptist Church, 1005 N. Eleventh St., Beaumont, TX, 77702

Peggy J. (Patterson) Bean, 97

Funeral services for Peggy J. (Patterson) Bean, 97, of Lufkin will be held Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Carroway Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Trey Ainsworth officiating. Interment will follow at Magnolia Cemetery in Woodville.



Peggy Bean

Mrs. Bean was born July 18, 1926 in Port Arthur, Texas to the late Velma Gertrude (Taylor) and James Robert Patterson, and died Saturday, April 27, 2024 in Lufkin at Pinnacle Senior Center

Peggy was a devoted wife and mother full of life, spunk, fun, wisdom and resilience. She fell in love at age 10 with her childhood sweetheart, Hugh Ray Bean, and was married to our Dad over 50 years.

In 1970, she began working as a teacher's aide in Early Childhood and the elementary school. With her unique gifts in helping children, she later assisted in starting the first Life Skills class at Bridge City High School. Her impact made a difference in the lives of special needs children over a span of 23 years.

Our mom loved her family more than life. She was known as the family "Dancing Queen", the "Baby Whisperer" and "Dear Abby" all wrapped up in one package. Dancing was a passion early in life, and she could out-dance any of us! She was at the birth of every grandchild and great grandchild until she turned in her car keys at age 93. In her retirement years, she lived in a little lake house that became our lighthouse. It was a place of refuge where any one of us would go when in need of a hug, an understanding heart, laughter or wise counsel. Our Mom (also known as Mawmaw) not only celebrated every success with us, but also instilled confidence that we are enough, courage to never give up, and perseverance to try... then try again. Her wisdom came after decades of life experiences-the won-

derful and the hard. If you were especially blessed on a day with Mawmaw, there was a good chance a warm banana pudding or chocolate pie would appear right out of the oven-made just for you. Forever, we will remember the little light outside her door that led us to her.

But there is one greater gift our Mom gave us. She taught us about Jesus. His love for us and how we are

to live for Him. For that, we are forever grateful.

So, this is not good-bye to our precious, giving, beloved mom, our Mawmaw; nor is this an ending to her story of almost 98 years. This is...until we see you, again, Mom.

Survivors include her children and spouses, James Ray and Janie Bean of Lufkin, Penny and Dane "Swat" Ryle of Hughes Springs, Vickie and Paul Harvey of Austin, and Terry W. and Melinda Bean of Bridge City; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Hugh Ray Bean. Memorial contributions may be made to her favorite charities, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Donor Development Office, 815 Market Street, Galveston, Texas 77550, or First Baptist Church Hemphill, P.O. Box 68, Hemphill, Texas 75948.

The family will welcome friends and loved ones from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning prior to the services.

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Orange County baseball action this week

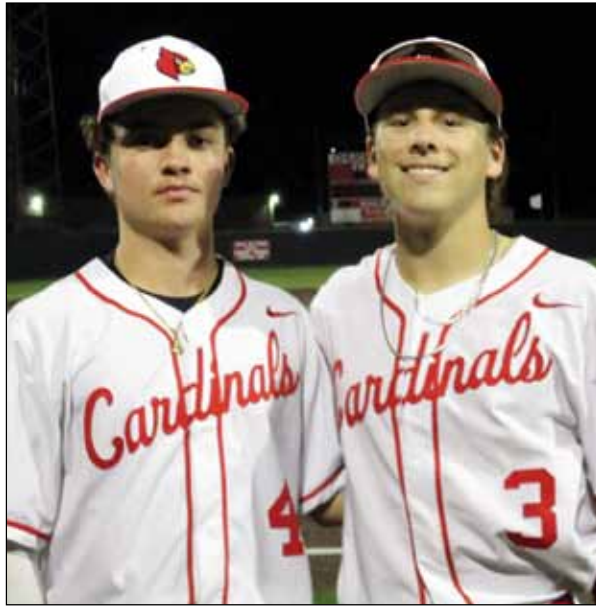
DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The post season begins this week for three local baseball teams. Two of the three were district champions one in Class 4A and the other in Class 3A.

The Bridge City Cardinals won their twenty-seventh district baseball title in school history with an 11-0 victory in five innings over the West Orange-Stark Mustangs on Tuesday, April 23. Afterwards the Cardinals attached the number "27" to

the left field fence at Chuck Young Field symbolic of the championships.

"It's been a long time coming. Our guys have worked extremely hard. We set a goal at the beginning of the year to get number twenty-seven to change that sign on the wall. I'm extremely proud of our senior class that has led us for the last couple of years, and like I told them in the dugout after the game we don't have just one superstar. It's a complete group effort," Cardinal Coach Chad Landry reminded.



Hunter Ford and Austin Frederick both hit homeruns in Bridge City's win to clinch the district title.

Hunter Ford homered over the scoreboard in left field with one out in the



Kaleb Menard threw a one hitter as Orangefield beat Anahuac to clinch the District 22-3A baseball championship.

Frederick hit an even lone inning. In the second Austin

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BASEBALL Page 4B

BC, LCM and Orangefield move-up

Orange County softball action this week

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The post season for softball has begun for three local teams. The situation now is win or go home.

That said the Bridge City Cardinals were at home for their first two playoff games with the Huffman Lady Falcons. The series was a best of three starting with a pair of games on Thursday, April 25, at the Bridge City softball field.

It was a matchup of the first place Cardinals from District 19-4A against the fourth place team in District 20-4A the Lady Falcons. The difference between the two teams came down to the superiority of the Cardinals' pitcher Carson Fall over an excellent trio of pitchers for Huffman.

Bridge City and Huffman totaled four runs between them in the two games. The Cardinals won both games by a single run, 1-0 in Game 1, and 2-1 in Game 2, to advance to the next round of the post season.

Fall had an amazing 21 strikeouts in her seven innings of Game 1 as every out was recorded with three strikes on the Huffman batters. Carson walked two Lady Falcons in the fourth inning both on full count pitches, and they were the only Huffman base runners in the game.

Kendall Padgett the Lady Falcons pitcher matched Fall throwing goose eggs except in the bottom of the fourth inning when Bridge City scored the lone run of the contest. Haley Munoz drew a leadoff walk and Gabby Moore courtesy ran for her.

Lexi Nugier slapped a bunt past the third baseman of Huffman for the first Cardinal hit of the game. Anna Autrey sacrificed Moore to third, and when a pitch got away from the Lady Falcon catcher Gabby raced home to score what was the winning run of the contest.

The second game followed later on Thursday evening at Bridge City. The only change was Huffman was designated the home team and the Cardinals would bat first in each inning.

Bridge City threatened in the top of the first as

Haley Munoz and Anna Autrey walked around a sacrifice by Lexi Nugier. The next two Cardinals were retired to end the inning without a run.

Cambree LaComb started the second inning being hit by a pitch and Nicole Sasser then smashed a single to center to put two Cardinals on with no outs. Carson Fall doubled off the centerfield fence to drive in LaComb and Sasser to give Bridge City a 2-0 lead with still no outs.

Huffman executed an unusual double play retiring Kyleigh Hamilton and the courtesy runner for Fall on a ground ball which included a run-



Aubree Beck hit two doubles, Charlee Sanches socked a pair of doubles, and Paris Becker scored the first run of the game as well as making two sensational plays in the outfield for the Lady Bobcats..

This cost the Cardinals as Munoz then doubled to rightfield which would have added another run on the scoreboard.

The Lady Falcons changed pitchers in the top of the third. The new pitcher threw the final five innings allowing only a



Nicole Sasser, Carson Fall, and Cambree LaComb produced the winning runs for Bridge City in the second game of the series against Huffman.

single by Fall in the seventh.

In the circle Fall picked up where she left off in the first game striking out the

first nine Huffman batters before walking the Lady Falcons' leadoff hitter

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Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record**



The launch was uncrowded and the temperatures were already starting to climb as Ron Begnaud and I prepared to head out in search of some willing redfish in the marsh. Begnaud, who lives in Lafayette Louisiana, is about as hard core a marsh fisherman as I know. Many of our conversations begin and end with thoughts of new and unexplored regions of the marshes that border Sabine and Calcasieu as well as other areas farther east. Finding a prime redfish pond that has no fishing pressure is like finding the Hope diamond in a gumball machine, it probably won't happen but look out if it does.

Armed with aerial maps, topographical charts fly rods and other associated gear we set out in search of parts unknown, at least unknown to us. Our quest to find some unpressured water was soon rewarded as the skiff came down off plane and settled into the dark clear water of a large marsh pond. In an instant we could see the wakes of cruising fish as well as the tails of some feeding reds. This place was full of potential and void of any traffic, we had found a jewel.

After a coin flip to decide who would take the poling platform first I got the honors of casting to the first fish. A small group of redfish were gathered up and feeding intently as Ron pushed the skiff into range. At first I didn't know if I wanted to cast or take a picture, the redfish had their tails high above the water and they were backlit by the sun in an amazing display of red and copper. Much to my dismay I had left my big camera behind so I made due with my phone. Without the big camera option I was "forced" to go ahead and cast. The 7 weight fly rod loaded up and sent one of Begnaud's "Ron's Red Chaser" flies directly at the feeding fish. The cast was accurate and the redfish were receptive, the strike was almost immediate. The big redfish took plenty of line as the other fish scattered and muddied up the shallow water. The fight lasted ten minutes or so until the big red finally gave up. As Begnaud slipped the Boga Grip into the fish's mouth we both were amazed at the size of this bruiser. The Boga registered 14 pounds and the fish taped out at 35 inches, an extremely nice fish for the marsh.

The day continued to be good as both Ron and I landed more redfish in our own private little pond. The plan had worked perfectly and we were rewarded with great fishing and no pressure from any other boats. As a matter of fact we never saw another boat anywhere close to our area, truly amazing by today's standards. The effort we put forth to get away from the crowd is work that most folks are not willing to do. That little extra effort can mean the difference between fishing and great fishing.

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CAPT. CHUCK Page 5B

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, this is pushing the fish to the banks. Water clarity is murky, so navigate with caution watching for floating debris. North Levee Wall is producing limits of speckled trout on live shrimp under a popping cork or darker colored plastics. Drum and sheepshead catches in Sabine Channel rock piles, and jetties. The Intra-coastal Waterway is good for redfish and trout.

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

• Bolivar

GOOD. 68 degrees. Full moon this week and the fishing should be excellent. Gafftop are abundant, redfish of every size, small speckled trout 15-17 inches, and black drum are everywhere. Bolivar beachfront surf is producing redfish, black drum, gafftop, various sharks and stingray, especially near sunken boat. People are using live shrimp under a popping cork, dead, shrimp, and squid.

• Trinity Bay

FAIR. 73 degrees. East shoreline best bet for speckled trout, wading over shallow shell. Tabbs Bay still producing decent numbers of trout, when conditions are right, bay north of the Fred Hartman bridge good for black drum, the occasional redfish, and fair for trout. Best bite on live shrimp. Winds have been a factor. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Trout are scattered in the flats with scattered oysters being caught on live shrimp under a popping cork and WACKy shad XL in the showtime color. Redfish are really gathering around the both of marsh cuts and back in the marshes being caught on live shrimp under a popping cork. Drum and sheepshead are being caught around rocks and structure free lining shrimp with a split shot.



The Record's outdoor columnist Capt. Chuck Uzzle releases a nice Sabine Lake redfish.

Be aware of the winds. Make a plan. Wear your kill switch and be safe! Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• Galveston Bay

SLOW. 70 degrees. Protected shorelines fair for speckled and black drum. Open bay fishing was put on hold due to high winds. Spoil Islands are good for black drum and a few speckled trout with the best action on live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 76 degrees. Winds and a push of freshwater have the back of the bay off colored. Those fishing the shorelines from around Elmgrove Point finding a few trout, black drum, and the occasional redfish, using live shrimp or soft plastics. Open bay reef fishing is limited due to high winds. 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. Surface water temperature 78 degrees. Water clarity is good for the majority of East Galveston Bay, especially on the South shoreline, with stained water East of Marsh Point. This week we fished shell beds in the 2-3 feet depth range and

found good numbers of trout, a few redfish, and flounder. As in previous weeks, if you catch a fish, power pole 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.

This week we have thrown various size jig heads, depending upon the wind with Wac Attack straight tails in Rollover Moon, as well as marker 54 Glide Shrimp, and the new 1/8 oz. Shrimplets, under a 1-2 foot leader and a Fish Smack Popping Cork. If you fish late afternoons, the bull redfish are chasing bait going down the South shoreline right before dark and will stretch your line if you are looking to battle one for a while. This week the early morning and late evening bite were both strong for us on our charters, and the Topwater bite was stellar. We did not see as much active bait this week, as in previous weeks, but when we found bait we caught fish. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 74 degrees. Waders finding some nice speckled trout using live croakers. Open bay fishing is producing scattered catches of trout and black

drum. Good number of black drum, a few trout and sheepshead, coming from the causeway bridge. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• Freeport

SLOW. 74 degrees. Fishing is 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 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.

• East and West Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 75 degrees. Typical April fishing with the bite improving now that winds are blowing out 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. Report by Captain Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

• Port O'Conner

GOOD. 68 degrees. Drum are good on the inside of the jetties with dead shrimp. Slot redfish are good at the ends of both jetties on the outside with Spanish sardines and dead shrimp. Oversized trout are biting live shrimp in the washouts. Bull redfish are fair on Spanish sardines between the jetties and Bird Island on incoming tides. Report by Captain Marty Medford, Captain Marty's Fish of a Lifetime Guide Service.

• Rockport

GOOD. 68 degrees. Trout are good on croaker and shrimp on popping corks. Redfish have been great on shrimp and cut menhaden or mullet in flats and along channel edges. Black drum are great on dead shrimp along channel edges and

SALTWATER Page 5B

'The Lakes' Fishing

• Toledo Bend Fishing Report

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 75 degrees; 0.41 feet below pool. Water levels continue to be high after the recent rains. Fishing will improve when the lake stabilizes. Bass are fair with good numbers of fish being caught, but not many big fish. Shallow bite has been best in 1-5 feet of water with spinnerbaits, chatterbaits and wacky worms. Few fish showed up deeper in 8-14 feet of water hitting shallow running crankbait and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair in shallow water, with a few fish starting to show up on docks and shallow brush piles. The creeks are stained too muddy. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• Sam Rayburn

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; 3.49 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 jiggling 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.

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Softball postseason From Page 1B

Maddie Smith to begin the bottom of the fourth inning. Smith was thrown out trying to steal second by Cardinal catcher Munoz to end the fourth.

The cleanup hitter for the Lady Falcons Kaci Gorbart led off the fifth lining a full count pitch to the right centerfield fence for a double. Huffman laid down a sacrifice bunt on which the throw to first base struck the batter in the back allowing the courtesy runner for Gorbart to come all the way home to score. Bridge City argued to no avail with the umpires that the batter was running inside the first base line and should have been ruled.

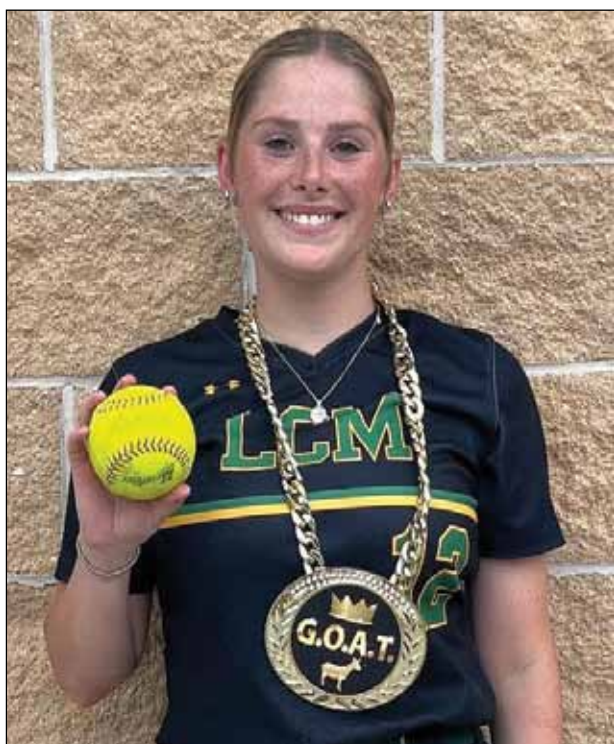
A wild pitch and a sacrifice moved the tying runner to third for Huffman with one out. Another pitch got loose but Munoz retrieved the ball and threw to Fall covering the plate for a tag out of the runner attempting to score keeping it 2-1 in favor of Bridge City, and that is how the game ended two innings later.

Once again Fall was dominate in the circle throwing a one hitter, walking one, striking out 17, and allowing only one unearned run. The Cardinals had four hits, two walks, and a hit batter against the two Huffman hurlers.

"Proud of the Cardinals. As I've been saying we ask a lot of the players to go a doubleheader back to back. We ask a lot of Carson and Haley in the circle and behind the plate, but we told them that if we scrap through this we move on. We believed in our girls, they did what they needed to do, and when they messed up the Cardinals picked their heads up and kept going, so that's big," Bridge City Coach Kylie Bradley replied.

The Cardinals play Lufkin Hudson in the second round of the state playoffs. The Lady Hornets were runners up in District 18-4A and clobbered Carthage 16-2 in a one game playoff during the first round.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears advanced to the second round of the post season by sweeping the Livingston Lady Lions. LCM



Ava Wright homered to help the Lady Bears defeat Livingston in their second game of the playoff series won by Little Cypress Mauriceville. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

won 11-1 in six innings and 6-5 over Livingston in games played Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, in Cleveland.

Tessa Erickson was a star for the Lady Bears with her arm and her bat in the first game. Erickson threw a complete game with six strikeouts while also hitting a two run homer that closed the game with the ten rule mercy rule.

Other Lady Bears also contributed to the offense as Jacelyn Cook went three for four including a grand slam in the second inning. Lexis Moss and Keylie Washburn had multiple hits driving in a pair of runs apiece.

Saturday night's game was much closer as the Lady Bears pulled out the one run win. Jacelyn Cook stayed hot with three hits again driving in two runs. Ava Wright hit her first homerun of the year to help give Little Cypress Mauriceville the victory to take the series in two games.

The Lady Bears face Gilmer the District 17-4A champs in Round 2 of the state softball playoffs. Gilmer beat Rusk in two games 7-4 and 9-5 to sweep its opening series.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats are bi-district champions after sweeping two games from the Central Heights Blue Devils. Orangefield won Game 1 on Friday 4-3 and rolled 13-2 in the second game on Saturday. Both games



Pitcher Carson Fall was brilliant for Bridge City winning both games and striking out 38 batters in the two wins over Huffman.



The Orangefield Lady Bobcats pose after sweeping Central Heights in the opening round of the state softball playoffs.

were held in Jasper.

Abigail Curphey started the first game for the Lady Bobcats throwing five innings and allowing just one earned run. Charlee Sanches relieved and got the win pitching the last two innings.

Orangefield rallied in the bottom of the sixth inning to take a 4-3 lead. Sanches knocked in two runs to put the Lady Bobcats on top.

That big blow was Sanches' second base knock of the game matching Curphey who also had two hits. Alysén Vincent, Aubree Beck, and Paris Becker each had singles while Beck, Sanches, Paris Becker, and Hallee Becker all scored a run for the Lady Bobcats in the opening win of the series.

The second game started with the first two batters for Orangefield being retired in the top of the first. With two outs Paris Becker got things started

with a base hit to center followed by Charlee Sanches doubling off the centerfield fence to drive Paris home to give the Lady Bobcats a 1-0 lead.

Abigail Curphey blooped a ball into shallow left for a hit to score Sanches from second base. A passed ball moved Curphey to second who then

had Audrey Sonnier courtesy run for her, and Sonnier scored on a single to right by Alysén Vincent. Three pitches eluded the Central Heights catcher over the next two Lady Bobcat batters, and Vincent came home to make it 4-0 Orangefield before the Blue Devils had even batted.

The Lady Bobcats threatened in the second with Hallie Becker at third base and two outs. Sanches was robbed of a hit on a sensational backhanded catch of her low line drive by the opposing third baseman.

There was some defense

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Softball playoffs

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by Orangefield too with Paris Becker racing all the way to the leftfield fence to make a one handed catch to end the bottom of the first and later she literally stole a hit from a Blue Devil with a diving one handed catch in the fifth. Paisley Reeves playing third base lunged head first for a foul pop which she caught to end the bottom of the third.

Becker's catch in the fifth had added importance because Central Heights staged a rally that inning which got the Blue Devils their first run and would have been more if not for the stellar defense. Sanches was the beneficiary of the good glove work by the Lady Bobcats as she started in the circle.

With the score 4-1 Orangefield padded its lead in the sixth inning as Abby Broussard singled before

moving to third on a sacrifice and a ground out. Aubree Beck doubled to bring Abby home and then scored herself from a throwing error on a grounder by Hallee Becker to put the Lady Bobcats up 6-1 with an inning to go.

Sanches started the top of the seventh with her second double of the game. Curphey clubbed a double to the leftfield fence to drive home Charlee. Vincent singled again bringing in Abigail for an 8-1 Orangefield lead.

Following a Central Heights error Reeves laid down a bunt on which Vincent exhibited some excellent base running. Alysén came down from third, waited for the throw to be made to first base before she raced home, and made a head first slide to score another Lady Bobcat run.

Haylee Spears kept the drive alive when she took a pitch for the team off her foot and limped to first base. Beck banged the next pitch off the top of the fence for another double to drive in two runs including Spears who was motoring around the bases.

Two further runs were added to complete a seven spot in the seventh that gave Orangefield a 13-1 advantage. Central Heights scored once in its half of the seventh, but Sanches completed the game with eight strikeouts and allowing just two runs in her seven innings of work.

Orangefield Coach Rebekah Ragsdale knew it was going to take a team effort by the Lady Bobcats to beat Central Heights. Ragsdale commented, "We saw them last year, and they gave us fits. I was proud of our



Bridge City celebrates after sweeping Huffman and advancing to the second round of the state softball playoffs. RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine

fight in the first game to come from behind which we've been doing all year. We joke about always finding ways to win. It was kind of nice to get some cushion

in the last game even though I really can't breathe until the last out is made." The competition stays tough for Orangefield in the second round of the

state playoffs. The Lady Bobcats play Anderson Shiro the champions of District 23-3A who rolled over Boling 14-2 and 16-1 to sweep its first round series.

Baseball highlights

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ger homerun over the scoreboard with two teammates on base to give Bridge City a 7-0 lead. The Mustangs replaced pitchers as four Cardinals crossed the plate without a hit in the third inning as Bridge City went up 11-0 after three.

Landon Reeves started on the mound for Bridge City throwing three and a third scoreless innings with three strikeouts. Brayton Tregre closed things out with an inning and two thirds to complete the shutout.

West Orange-Stark had a few bright moments in the loss as Christian Anderson pitched the final five outs giving up one hit, allowing no runs, and striking out one. Will Lee had two assists from the outfield throwing out Cardinal base runners in the first and in the fourth innings before robbing Gavin Bodin of an extra base hit also in the fourth. Grayson Gregory had the lone hit for the Mustangs.

Bridge City won its fifth straight district game 13-3 on Friday at West Orange-Stark. The champion Cardinals completed the district schedule with a 10-2 record.

Three pitchers threw for Bridge City. Max Pachar pitched four and a third shutout innings in relief allowing one hit and one walk while striking out nine Mustangs to get the win.

Twelve different Cardinals came to bat in the game and each one of them got a hit or a walk. John Van Huis had three hits with a double and a triple to score two runs and drive in three more. Lorn Little doubled to drive in a run and later scored while Carson Saucedo reached base both times he came to the plate and scored two runs.

The Mustangs scored all their runs in the bottom of the second inning with Diego Ibarra, Zach Nation, and Josh Robledo tallying runs. Keythen Windom, Noah Robles, and Blade Williams drove in their

teammates.

Friday was senior night for West Orange-Stark. Jalen Gilmore, William Lee, Cortez Robertson, Zach Nation, Christian Anderson, and Keythen Windom were recognized.

Little Cypress Mauriceville was locked in a tight battle with four other teams for a top seed in the District 19-4A race. Bridge City secured the district championship with its sweep of West Orange-Stark, but second place through fourth place came down to the results in two other series last week.

The LCM Bears played two games with the Silsbee Tigers who trailed the Bears by a game in the district standings while the Vidor Pirates who were tied with the Bears had a pair of games with the Jasper Bulldogs. The Lumberton Raiders had the bye week and needed Silsbee to lose both of the games with LCM for a chance to tie the Tigers and have a one game playoff to determine fourth place.

On Tuesday, April 23, Little Cypress Mauriceville won its seventh straight district game beating the Tigers 8-2 in Silsbee. The win gave the Bears a two game lead over the Tigers going into the final regular season game on Friday.

Landon Richards continued his excellent work on the mound striking out eight Tigers to get the win. Offensive stars for LCM were Marco Bandiero who went three for four with two doubles driving in four

runs, and Jacob Scheiderer who also had three hits to drive in three runs.

Prior to Friday's game Little Cypress Mauriceville honored Brice Frenzel its lone senior. Frenzel has been a relief pitcher specialist for the Bears this season.

Two young pitchers faced off on Friday at Don Gibbens Field. Freshman Jacob Scheiderer got the start for Little Cypress Mauriceville against sophomore Matsyn Morris of Silsbee.

Scheiderer retired the Tigers in order with two strikeouts in the top of the first, and led off the bottom half of the same inning with a ground rule double to center. Parker Seago walked and Marco Bandiero singled to load the bases with Bears before Parker Freeman got a base on balls to bring Jacob home with the first run of the game.

A wild pitch thrown should have produced another run for LCM, but the home plate umpire ruled Seago missed home plate coming in from third calling the Bear base runner out. The next two Bear batters were retired leaving runners at second and third.

The one run lead lasted only until the top of the second when the Tigers used a single, an error by the Bears, a walk, and a hit batter to tie the game. Silsbee took a 4-1 lead scoring three times in the fifth.

Little Cypress Mauriceville got a run back in the sixth inning when Bandiero



Bridge City seniors Gavin Bodin, Lorn Little, Aidyn Mullollan, Braxton Tregre, Landon Reeves, and John Van Huis were recognized prior to last Tuesday's game. RECORD PHOTOS: Dan Perrine

walked, Freeman doubled, and Justin McCarver hit a sacrifice fly to right. Morris induced a pop fly to himself to end the rally with LCM still downed by two runs.

In the seventh Morris struck out the side all swinging to preserve the 4-2 victory for Silsbee. Morris had 11 strikeouts in the game allowing two hits and a walk after the first four Bears reached base in the first inning.

The results from Friday's games kept Bridge City (10-2) in first place a game ahead of Vidor (9-3) which finished second in front of third place Little Cypress Mauriceville (8-4). Silsbee (7-5) captured outright fourth place and the final playoff berth one game

ahead of Lumberton (6-6).

Bridge City opens the playoffs against fourth place Liberty of District 20-4A. Little Cypress Mauriceville matches up with Livingston the runners up in District 20-4A.

The Orangefield Bobcats wrapped up their District 22-3A championship run with a 5-1 win on Tuesday, April 23, at Anahuac. The Bobcats won thirteen straight after losing the district opener against Kirbyville on March 5.

Kaleb Menard of the Bobcats pitched a one hitter in a complete game with 10 strikeouts. Cameron Dearing led the offense going three for three with a walk, scoring a run, and driving in two runs.

In a preparation game for

the playoffs Orangefield beat Lufkin Hudson 5-4 on Friday, April 26. Caleb Fregia produced three runs with his two hits while Dearing, Kane Smith, Logan Cheek, and Camden Fountain all contributed hits.

Brycen Tait started on the mound for the Bobcats going three and two third innings without allowing an earned run. Carson Gonzales pitched in relief. Garrett Rawls got credit for the win throwing the final two innings without allowing a hit and striking out two.

Orangefield will play the Woodville Eagles in the opening round of the state baseball playoffs. The Eagles are the fourth place team from District 21-3A.

First Saturday Offerings

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. 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.

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ENTERTAINMENT: Big names heat up summer concert scene

TOMMY MANN JR.
Entertainment Writer
For The Record

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

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

- **May 2**
Ashley McBryde, Bella White, House of Blues, Houston
- **May 4**
Flatland Cavalry, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **May 5**
Motionless in White, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **May 5**
Joe Satriani, Steve Vai, 713 Music Hall, Houston
- **May 6**
The Teskey Brothers, Bayou Music Center, Houston
- **May 7**
Canaan Cox, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **May 9**
Blackberry Smoke, 713 Music Hall, Houston
- **May 15**
Armored Saint, Scout Bar, Houston
- **June 13**
Noah Khan, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **June 16**



Singer Noah Khan will be in concert June 13 at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, in The Woodlands.

- Alanis Morissette, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **June 22**
Styx, Foreigner, John Waite, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 13**
New Kids on the Block, Paula Abdul, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 27**
Zach Bryan, Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, Levi Turner, NRG Stadium, Houston
- **Aug. 9**
Luke Combs, NRG Stadium, Houston
- **Aug. 10**
Luke Combs, NRG Stadium, Houston
- **Aug. 11**
- Limp Bizkit, Bones, N8NOFACE, Corey Feldman, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 14**
Def Leppard, Journey, Steve Miller Band, Minute Maid Park, Houston
- **Aug. 23**
Sammy Hagar, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 24**
Earth, Wind and Fire, Chicago, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 29**
30 Seconds to Mars, AFI, Poppy, Kenny-Hoopla, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **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
- **Nov. 24**
Brian Simpson, Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston
- **Nov. 27**
Usher, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Nov. 29**
Usher, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Nov. 30**
Usher, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Dec. 4**
Justin Timberlake, Toyota Center, Houston

Capt. Chuck From Page 2B

there are some out of the way places that receive little or no pressure, these places are the hidden treasures that many folks dream about. They are there for those who are willing to find them. The day ended with a bang as Ron landed the final redfish and we headed for the dock. The endless maze of marsh grass lined canals promised more fishing in the near future. Even though we had found a great new place to fish both Ron and I knew that surely there must be others in the same area. Over the hum of the Yamaha outboard in the background we both agreed that we would go back soon but not before we consulted more information in the form of satellite imagery.

Easily one of the most incredibly helpful tools any fisherman or outdoorsman can use is the internet, more specifically the sites that offer up satellite imagery. Google Earth, On X, and other apps like them offer up some ridiculously detailed photos and mapping options that enable you to do some quality scouting from just about anywhere. I know I have personally used these sites hundreds of times to help me out both fishing and hunting.

My son Hunter and I have made our way in the dark to plenty of ponds that we had never hunted using the satellite map function on my iPhone. It's just incredible what we as outdoorsmen have at our disposal now, just mind boggling. The days of running areas and learning through "the school of hard knocks" are for the most part a thing of the past. I can remember running small bayous in the marsh believing there had to be a "magic pond" at the end only to spend a couple of hours of digging and pushing to get my boat un-stuck when the bayou abruptly came to an end.

Not anymore, I consult the satellite photos before I ever take off on a re-con mission because I'm too old and fat to get caught out there high and dry by myself. Like Clint Eastwood said "a man has got to know his limitations".

Just locating a quality area is a big part of the equation but there is still plenty of work to do to ensure success and that has to be done the old fashioned way, you have to go out there and physically do the work. Understanding how an area lays out, how it's affected by the tides, and other factors cannot be gauged with any certainty unless you actually go check that area out. Spending time just observing or investigating potential areas is where anglers often separate themselves in to the groups who are consistently successful and those that occasionally do well. The tiny nuances such as types of vegetation and actual depth can only be verified first hand so you actually have to put in the time to do just that.

We all wish there was a "magic option" that would allow us to just go out and catch fish without effort but unfortunately that option does not exist. In today's world where everything seems smaller and there are no secret spots anymore it's critical to your success as an angler to do some investigating in order to find that overlooked area that could prove to be special.

Those places you find are to be held close and guarded with the utmost care. The feeling of going from search to discovery to success is extremely gratifying and makes all the effort worthwhile. If you are willing to take the time to do some digging you are already ahead of most anglers and well on your way to success.

Saltwater Fishing Reports

in flats. Report by Captain Kenny Kramer, Kramer Fishing Charters.

• Port Aransas

GOOD. 68 degrees. Redfish are great on shrimp, blue crab, and cut bait. Trout are good with shrimp free lined or popping corks along rocks. Report by Captain Kenny Kramer, Kramer Fishing Charters.

• Redfish Bay

GOOD. 72 degrees. Redfish are tight against the shorelines and islands perch, sea lice and menhaden. Drum are fair in grass, oyster reefs, and shell bottoms on dead shrimp. Trout should move towards outside breaks within the next month. Captain Aerich Oliver, Rockport Paradise Outfitters.

• Corpus Christi

GOOD. 72 degrees. Limits of redfish on perch, sea lice, and menhaden and limits of black drum on dead shrimp on the East Flats. The tide is up and fish are pushing fish into shallow water in the back lakes. Trout are improving on the flats with live shrimp under a popping cork, or live shrimp around the rigs. Report by Captain Aerich Oliver, Rockport Paradise Outfit-

ters.

• Baffin Bay

SLOW. 73 degrees. Water quality is improving, but high winds persist. More birds and shrimp in the bay leading the way to trout. Trout are good on gold and orange topwaters, or plum colored soft plastics. Drum and trout are improving in the land cut with freelined shrimp or shrimp under a popping popping cork.

Drum fishing in its peak with dead or live bait. Big flounder in the channels on live bait or gulp. Report by Captain Cliff Webb. A late arriving front created a slow down in the great trout feed-up that was going on for the spawn. Water temperatures dropped nearly 10 degrees and caught everyone off guard, including the fish.

Temperatures will be going back to normal and the pre-spawn feed up will do the same this week. Trout are still feeding on mullet in Baffin Bay so throw your 5-6 inch plastics, top waters or soft dine XLs to mimic the size of the food that they are eating. Redfish have been plentiful in shallow water, grass and sand potholes.

Toss the 4 inch Norton paddle tail in the color of LSU for best results. See y'all on the water! This week, a few days after the front, should be dynamic! Report by Captain Sally Black.

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Years ago, when I was a new believer in Cameroon, a woman in Nigeria published a testimony about working for the devil. She shared that midnight until 2:00 were the most active hours in the world of darkness. As a result, she encouraged believers to pray warfare prayers during those hours. Unfortunately, her story (and others like it) influenced a generation to have a narrow understanding of both prayer and warfare, restricting it to a couple of hours at night for battling the devil.

While there is nothing wrong with praying from midnight to 2:00 (or any other time of day), to think that those are the most spiritually hostile hours is grossly wrong. Paul teaches to the contrary. Every hour is an hour of war. For believers, war is a way of life. If any Christian is not fighting, that Christian is losing the battle with sin.

We must arm ourselves at all times "in the evil day" (Ephesians 6:13), this present evil age when the god of this world, the devil, constantly raises his claws against the people of God. Every day on earth is a day when evil and the evil one are trying to overcome believers (Ephesians 5:16). Christians are always at war against principalities, rulers, cosmic powers, darkness, and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. And if all of life is war, we must always be armed and well-clothed for



battle. We need armor like the breastplate of righteousness.

What Is the Breastplate?

The breastplate of righteousness is one of several pieces of armor that the church puts on as it engages in spiritual war (Ephesians 6:14). In Isaiah 59, Yahweh presents himself as a warrior King with armor that includes this breastplate:

His own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. (Isaiah 59:16-17)

Yahweh comes as a warrior King to repay evil so that the nations "fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun" (Isaiah 59:19).

When Paul draws from

this Old Testament imagery of the warrior God and applies it to the church, he shows that the church now represents Yahweh as his army. In Christ, the church has become like her God, waging war against evil with the same armor as her warrior King. In putting on the same attire as Yahweh, Christians not only fight for Yahweh and his fame, but we also fight in the form of our God.

In Ephesians 6, the breastplate of righteousness is an active, Spirit-filled pursuit of righteousness as opposed to imputed righteousness. That Paul commands us to "put on" the breastplate shows it is our responsibility to wear the attire of our warrior King. If it were imputed righteousness, Paul would not have charged us to put it on. Rather, God declares us righteous the moment we believe, and then we grow in Christ by putting on the breastplate of right-

eousness.

The Christian's new self was "created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). New creations, like the earth when God created it, bear fruit, the fruit of righteousness (Ephesians 5:9). As God's new creation, by faith in Christ, we live and grow in righteousness. The breastplate of righteousness, therefore, is a lifestyle fueled by faith in Christ Jesus.

How Do We Put On Righteousness?

Paul calls us to continually and progressively put on the breastplate of righteousness. But how do we do it? We do so by faith. Paul says, "In all, taking the shield of faith" (Ephesians 6:16, my translation). The word "all," in the immediate context, has the pieces of armor in view. Thus, Paul tells us how we put them all on. We put on the breastplate of righteousness by faith in Christ who is our righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30). The "faith" Paul has in mind in Ephesians 6:16 is our present trusting in Christ and his work of redemption.

"In Christ, the church has become like her God, waging war against evil with the same armor as her warrior King."

One way we express that faith (and so put on righteousness) is through prayer. Paul tells us to put on the armor, "praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication" (Ephesians 6:18). How does

praying relate to putting on the breastplate of righteousness? We actively put on the breastplate by asking God, our Righteous Warrior, to grow us in righteousness. When we are tempted to sin, we cry to him. When our faith is weak, we cry to him. In dependence on him, by faith, we become more like him.

Taking up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, is also a means by which we put on the breastplate of righteousness. In the Scriptures, we see God's glory (1 Samuel 3:21), and in seeing God's glory, we become progressively like him (2 Corinthians 3:18). So, read to be righteous. If you neglect the word of God, you cannot wear this breastplate.

Give Evil No Opportunity

In this spiritual war, Satan aims to hinder us from glorifying God and imaging him with lives of righteousness. He hinders our pursuit of holiness because he hates the glory of God.

One might ask, How does the breastplate protect us against the rulers, authorities, cosmic powers, and spiritual forces of evil? When believers engage in sinful behavior, they open the door for the devil to have influence. Paul calls the church to "give no opportunity to the devil" (Ephesians 4:27). When we give him an opportunity with our sin, we allow Satan to exert his destructive, God-dishonoring influence in the world. We allow him to hinder our efforts to glorify God in ministry, missions, marriage, and life. Our sins also give the devil

the occasion to slander the church and her Messiah (1 Timothy 5:14).

When we actively submit to God, however, trusting God's power for salvation from sin in the gospel and pursuing righteousness, we resist the devil and drive him away. He cannot devour our faith (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8).

When Satan Tempts Us to Despair

When we fail to put on the breastplate (as we all do), the cross of Christ is our hope. Because Jesus died for our sins, because Jesus is our righteousness, we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us and gave himself up for us (Romans 8:37). So, we can sing in our failures,

When Satan tempts me to despair,

And tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look, and see him there,

Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died,

My sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the Just, is satisfied

To look on him and pardon me.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, not the satanic condemnation, and see your righteousness and perfection in him. In the strength of what he has accomplished for you, get up, dust off the filth, and put on the breastplate of your increasing righteousness. None of Satan's arrows will be able to pierce your heart.

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