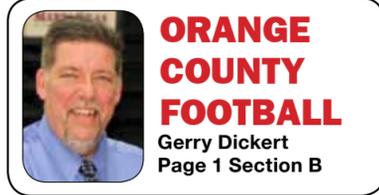




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PH mayor election tops 6 city, school races

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The City of Pinehurst has not held an election in three years, but that's ending in 2020.

Dan Mohon, mayor of Orange three decades ago and mayor of Pinehurst for one year, has drawn a challenger in first-time election seeker Troy Pierce.

The job pays only \$130 a month, so why are the men seeking the job?

"I feel like I have some talent coordinating meetings and solving problems," said Mohon, an insurance agent and lifelong Lions Club member who was Orange's mayor in 1988-92.

"That's why I do it. I have volunteered for years."

Pierce, who works as an instrumentation and electronics technician for the City of

Beaumont water plant, has lived in Pinehurst for 40 years.

"Generally speaking, a lot of people just don't have time to be involved in city government. I've been that way for years," Pierce said. "But I think I'm at the point when I need to devote some time to that."

City and school board elections in Orange County, with the exception of the Orangefield ISD, were originally set for May 3, then delayed to Nov. 3 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Early voting is already under way and will continue until Oct. 30.

"No doubt the coronavirus affected my campaign," Pierce said. "I don't want to be out cold-calling people in the middle of a pandemic. I was still able to get word of mouth out to some, but it is what it is."

Neither Pierce nor Mohon, who was promoted from Pinehurst alderman to mayor a year ago after health problems forced Pete Runnels to retire, spent any money on advertising.

"Mr. Mohon, he is a good guy, but when I'm out speak-

ing to people, they do have some concerns," Pierce said. "They want their issues looked at, and they feel like they're not being heard."

Pierce said the city's ordinances need a review. He said he'd heard complaints about the quality of city ser-

vices, topped by drainage and street repair.

And he'd like to see if wages and benefits paid to city employees could be raised to competitive levels to keep long-term workers from going elsewhere.

In this election, a total of

three city seats will be up for grabs, including Pinehurst's mayor.

Bridge City actually pays the most to council members in south and east Orange County, with the mayor -

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New playground construction off to fast start



Construction foreman Matt Wanner pauses Tuesday during the second week of assembly of the new playground at Orange's Lions Den Park.
RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Much assembly is required for the City of Orange's new playground at Lions Den Park and much has been assembled over the past couple of weeks.

But slow your roll. "The estimate was it was going to be 60 to 90 days before everything is 100 percent complete," James Lawrence, city parks director, said.

"We're just getting into our third week.

"They are moving fairly quick, but you should expect it to slow down as they get into more details toward the end."

The city is spending just a tad under a half-million dollars to put up a new playground to replace a wooden structure that was declared unsafe in February and torn down in June.

The targeted opening of

the new playground is set for the start of 2021, Lawrence reminded. However, the current COVID-19 pandemic will have a say in the future.

"I'm sure we'll have a big grand opening," Lawrence said. "I'm just not sure when."

The new playground cost \$489,000 and is being installed under a contract with May Recreation Equipment and Design of Houston.

Much of the bigger parts of the orange-and-gray playground equipment has been erected, but foundation work remains.

"The next step is to come in and start pouring concrete footings and cement pathways that lead to every piece of equipment," Lawrence said. "That will be topped by a rubber sidewalk."

The rubber walkways will make the equipment accessible to wheelchairs. The playground includes several ADA

NEW PLAYGROUND Page 3A

Team Dallas supports friend, fight vs. ALS

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Talk about a team effort. When Tony Dallas' friends found out he had ALS last year, more than 100 people quickly signed up to join him in The Woodlands for the 2019 "Walk to Defeat ALS."

"We raised \$10,000 in two weeks. This year, we decided to have a walk over here," said daughter Leigh Anne Dallas.

"This year, Dad set the goal at \$13,000 because his college number was 13. We raised \$13,000 in six days. Now we've raised over \$38,000 as of today, and our new goal is \$50,000.

"If anybody can do it, we can."

All funds raised, she said, go directly to the ALS Association for research and funding for patients.

Tony Dallas, a lifelong Orange resident and owner of two local insurance agencies, first noticed symptoms over the Thanksgiving weekend of 2018 and received his official diagnosis early in 2019.

ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. It is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord that carry messages from your brain to your muscles.

There is no cure or treatment that halts or reverses ALS.

Dallas deflected a request for an interview to his daughter, who is the City of Orange's event manager and Economic Development Corporation assistant.



Little Cypress-Mauriceville school showed that spirit during their pep rally as they cheered on Principal Ryan DuBose and Coach Hunter Gonzales as they took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge in support of local community leader and business owner, Tony Dallas. Gopher Industries owner David Jones challenged DuBose who in turn challenged Eric Pevvey of West Brook High School, Josh Smalley, Orangefield High School and Allen DeShazo of Bridge City.
PHOTO: From left, David Jones, Hunter Gonzales, Tony Dallas, Jake Nash and Ryan DuBose.

"With ALS, we kind of never know what to expect," she said. "It just affects everyone so differently. That's why it took six months to nail down his diagnosis.

"With a disease they tell you the life expectancy is one to five years, we're two years later and he's still going to work every day. He still thinks he's boss of the family."

Tony and his wife Nancy have been a couple since they were 14 years old, marrying after both completed college at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Tony was a junior college baseball player at Panola College in Carthage, Texas, before an injury ended his career.

Sons Jack and Chad Dal-

las are still living the college baseball dream as pitchers for Lamar University and the University of Tennessee, respectively.

And they've been bringing back the "Ice Bucket Challenge" with their teammates past and present.

But on Saturday, Oct. 31,

TEAMDALLAS Page 3A

Orange to host 71st Christmas Parade

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

The Kiwanis Club of Orange has announced that a bit of normal is coming our way in December. Mayor Larry Spears has given the Kiwanis Club of Orange permission to hold the 71st Annual Christmas Parade, "A TEXAS CHRISTMAS!" There will be, of course, special COVID-19 guidelines that are not optional. According to Kiwanis Club President Shane Johns, "We

were not sure that the event was going to happen this year since the Governor's restriction of social gatherings on city property included parades. Luckily, he gave mayors the permission to approve selected groups and Mayor Spears gave the parade his approval."

Modifications for special guidelines this year include:

- A longer route, allowing spectators and participants to maintain appropriate distancing

- Spectator and participant masks are encouraged at all times

- Floats in staging areas will be distanced by 20 feet

- Absolutely no candy or merchandise may be distributed during the parade or along the parade route

- Float riders will be limited to the County's maximum allowable group size on December 4 (At this time the number is 10)

- Spectators will be encouraged to maintain social

distancing standards along the parade route and to gather in groups of no more than the County's maximum allowable group size on December 4 (At this time the number is 10)

Registration information will be out soon. Look for details on the Kiwanis Club of Orange Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/orangetxkiwanis>.

For additional information, contact club president, Shane Johns, at 409.988.4939.



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COVID-19 IN TEXAS

Texas is on the cusp of another COVID-19 surge. Is the state better prepared to handle it?

Shawn Mulcahy
The Texas Tribune

Cases of COVID-19 in parts of Texas surged to near catastrophic levels this summer as some hospitals were forced to put beds in hallways, intensive care units exceeded capacity and health officials struggled to stem the tide of the virus.

After peaking in late July and August, cases fell and leveled off in September, and the state's seven-day positivity rate — or the proportion of positive tests — reached its lowest point since early June.

But health officials are now eyeing a worrying trend: New infections are rising again, and the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 is also ticking upward. The state reported 2,273 new cases Monday, and the seven-day average was up by 862 from the previous week. On Monday, at least 4,319 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19, far below the more than 10,000 in July, but that number has steadily risen during the last month.

"I'm no longer pondering if we're going to see a surge," said Dr. James McDeavitt, dean of clinical affairs at the Baylor College of Medicine. "We're already seeing it."

Eight months since Texas recorded its first case, experts say the state is more prepared to handle another wave, but they fear that if the state fails to control the outbreak, it could quickly spiral out of control.

"The question is whether it'll be a modest surge, or something like we saw in July, or worse," McDeavitt said.

The majority of new cases recently have been in people in their 20s and 30s who are generally healthier and less

likely to face serious health complications, McDeavitt said. That's a shift from the spring and summer surges, when older people and those with preexisting health conditions were hit hardest.

"I suspect this surge will not be as medically intensive as the past," McDeavitt added.

Dr. David Persse, the city of Houston's chief medical officer, said that cases in a younger demographic would not stay concentrated within that population.

"It's true that the biggest increase in cases is in younger people," he said. "It's true that they tend to become less sick. The thing to keep in mind, however, is that those same people are at risk for spreading it to the 50-, 60-, 70-, 80-year-olds."

At Houston Methodist, one of the region's largest health care systems, medical staff were stretched thin this summer, said President Marc Boom. At its peak in July, the system's staff treated nearly 850 patients with COVID-19 each day. Since then, Boom said, the medical community's understanding of the virus has evolved, along with how to treat the disease.

Remdesivir, an antiviral medication, has shown promising results in minimizing the severity of illness, especially when administered shortly after symptoms develop. Houston Medical was the first hospital to use convalescent plasma, a therapy in which antibody-rich blood from people who have recovered from COVID-19 is administered to ill patients, Boom said.

"We've had tons of experience gained, better outcomes, shorter lengths of stay," Boom said. "But this is still a serious



New COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are on the rise, but experts say Texas is better prepared to handle another surge.

PHOTO: Miguel Gutierrez Jr./The Texas Tribune

illness." While health authorities are better equipped to deal with new spikes, including an adequate supply of protective gear and sizable quantities of drugs like Remdesivir, a fall surge could still be equally as taxing on hospitals, said Carrie Kroll, vice president of advocacy, quality and public health at the Texas Hospital Association. As colder weather forces people inside and families gather for the holiday season, the chances for transmission increase, she said.

"We certainly have been tested, and we know the beast that it is, and have shown that we were able to make it through those first two spikes," Kroll said. "But we don't want to test the limit by putting patients into hospitals."

Hospitalizations from COVID-19 have already begun to tick upward in areas of the state including West Texas, the Dallas-Fort Worth area and the Panhandle. But nowhere is the situation as dire as in El Paso. A record 496 people were hospitalized Monday, and only 16 intensive care unit beds were available among fa-

cilities in El Paso, Hudspeth and Culberson counties, according to city and state data. El Paso Mayor Dee Margo scaled back business capacity from 75% to 50% last week and banned home gatherings. Gov. Greg Abbott also dispatched an emergency team of doctors and nurses to assist local health care facilities.

El Paso Health Director Angela Mora said that while she is "concerned with hospital capacity," she's confident the city can handle the influx of cases. Officials are instead focusing on reminding residents to follow simple precautions, such as wearing masks in public, washing hands frequently and avoiding gatherings.

"Somebody mentioned that the pandemic is out of control," Mora said. "We are the ones who are out of control, because we are not practicing preventive measures that really work."

Experts attribute this latest surge in part to "pandemic fatigue" that's leading more people to ignore precautions that help slow the virus.

"We know what works, our community knows what works, we've seen the results

when everyone sticks to it," said Dr. Philip Huang, who leads the Dallas County Health Department.

Last week, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins increased the county's coronavirus threat level to red — indicating high community spread. Hospitals in the region are closely monitoring the trend and are able to quickly scale up capacity, said Stephen Love, president of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council.

In response to rising hospitalizations in Amarillo and Lubbock, Abbott sent additional medical resources, including personnel, ventilators and IV pumps, last week. This

came even as the governor allowed bars to reopen in parts of the state where patients with COVID-19 make up less than 15% of hospitalizations and local officials opted in.

Local officials in most major cities have so far been reluctant to lift restrictions, fearing packed bars and restaurants could lead to a dangerous rise in cases.

"This is a super slick virus that's broken all the rules," said Dr. Umair Shah, executive director of the Harris County Health Department. "We may be tired of this virus, but the virus is not tired of us."

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Team Dallas From Page 1



More than 100 friends and family members donned matching blue T-shirts and joined Team Dallas to support Orange's Tony Dallas at the Walk to Defeat ALS in 2019. A bigger effort is planned for an Oct. 31, 2020 event in Orange.

Jack and Chad Dallas will join hundreds of their neighbors in a 5-kilometer walk around downtown Orange.

Only those who pre-register can take part. Go to the Team Dallas page on Facebook to sign up. Registrants will be emailed further instructions regarding the route and rallying point.

A kickoff brunch at Free State Winery catered by Boardwalk Grille will be held Oct. 25. The 125 tickets initially sold out overnight at \$40 each, so they added 50 more seats that sold out just as quickly.

Leigh Anne Dallas said the walk begins at 10:30 a.m.

"Dad doesn't want it to be

sad," she said. "He wants to celebrate all of the good people around him and all of the other families going through the same thing."

"Dad's very adamant that it's not just all about him."

Tony Dallas coached his daughter in softball "with a lot of effort," but had more success coaching his sons in baseball from Little League to high school.

"He's been a member of the Lions Club forever," Leigh Anne said, and he's served as a member of the West Orange-Cove school district board of directors.

Fundraising for the 2020 "Walk to Defeat ALS" in Orange was late starting be-

cause of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We didn't tell anybody that the walk would be happening until July," Leigh Ann Dallas said. "The actual fundraising didn't start until September, after Hurricane Laura."

But the people at the ALS Society of Texas noticed the contributions coming in.

"When our team started raising so much money, they said, 'Guys, what are you doing? What's working so good?'"

"We said, 'Um, we have very good friends,'" Leigh Anne said. "We've been so fortunate to have so many people help us."



Congratulations Bridge City Lady Cardinals . . .

The Bridge City 2020 Varsity Volleyball team's overall record is 12-3, and they are 10-1 in district play. Depending on how the game goes vs. LCM on Friday, they will either be District Champions or Co-District Champs (along with Lumberton). Despite not being able to play in tournaments & having setbacks (hurricanes) during this season, this team has continued to fight through adversity and work to achieve their goals.

Pictured (L to R): Jr.- Caryss Carpenter, Soph.-Daelyn Perry, Jr.- Harlee Tupper, Sr.- Waverlee Cooper, Soph.- Taryn Doiron, Fresh.- Demi Carter, and Jr.- Lauren Richter.

Local elections From Page 1

David Rutledge – making \$350 per month, or \$4,200 per year, so a desire to serve their communities is what drives the candidates.

Bridge City council members earn \$200 per month, \$2,400 per year, and that's the dollars at stake in the Place 2 race between incumbent Mike Reed and opponent Kenneth Prosperie.

Orange's mayor – Larry Spears Jr. – banks \$200 a month, with all other Orange council members making \$100 per.

Orange's only city council

race will be between incumbent Paul Burch and Charles Ray Thomas are running for the Place 6 At-Large seat.

Pinehurst council members earn \$20 per meeting, except for the mayor pro tem, who rates \$30 per meeting.

West Orange's mayor, Roy McDonald, banks the same salary as the city's council members, \$1 a year.

But that's \$1 more than school board members get.

"It's all community service," pointed out Shaun McAlpin, Orangefield super-

intendent.

Bridge City ISD has two board seats being contested and Orangefield one. West Orange-Cove and Little Cypress-Mauriceville have no contested seats.

Incumbents Mike Johnson in Place 6 and Mark Anderson in Place 7 are being opposed by Keith Jones and Cory Mitchell, respectively.

At Orangefield ISD, former board member Jude Graffagnino is taking on Juan Gonzales for an at-large seat.

New playground From Page 1

features, including a swing set, a Miracle Megatower play structure and a Miracle Kids' Choice custom play structure with ADA Avalanche Slide and a Rocks and Ropes Inca Net.

Other playground features include a rope bridge, Hover

Net with Flux Capacitor and Loopz 3 Ring Climber, Cyclo Climber/Spinner, Accelerator Swing, UPC The King Lion Climber, Concerto 5-Congas, Vibes and Chimes.

A Playhouse, Silly Tree and Sensory Garden Wall are other features. A swing will

include seat belts, and four built-in shades, the largest 20 feet by 20 feet.

Ten concrete footings will support the shade structures and climbers. The layout will include 2,000 square feet of No Fault rubber surfacing covering a 652 linear foot

shoulder to support wheelchairs.

"They're going to start pouring concrete next week and it will depend upon the weather how long it takes," Lawrence said.

"Most of the main structures are up, but there are still a lot of features to go in. Some pieces are coming out of California and haven't arrived yet."

The final piece will be the installation of a lion statue carved out of stone that will be placed near the entrance.

The Orange Lions Club was one of the most actively involved of several local organizations and industries when it came to constructing the original playground at Lions Den Park, back in 1999.

The old wooden playground was built under the

direction of the playground designers by hundreds of volunteers from the community with materials and labor donated by local plants.

"We're looking at somewhere around Christmas time for it to be open and ready for the public," Lawrence said.

"But nowadays, with COVID, who knows?"



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From The Creaux's Nest

USA TODAY EDITORIAL BOARD: ELECT JOE BIDEN REJECT DONALD TRUMP

The USA TODAY Editorial Board has never endorsed a candidate for president. Until now. 'This is not a normal election, and these are not normal times.' In its 38 years of existence, the Editorial Board has never endorsed a candidate for president. The nonpartisan board hasn't recommended a nominee. Until now. "We don't do this eagerly," said editorial page editor Bill Sternberg. "We hope we don't have to do it again, but it seems like one of those break-glass moments where there's a clear and present danger and there's a clear choice." The closest the board ever came to an endorsement was in 2016, when it urged voters to reject Donald Trump, but did not endorse any other candidate. Donald Trump has trampled each of these principles, making more than 20,000 false or misleading statements, ducking responsibility for his actions, spewing streams of invective at his critics, trafficking in racial fearmongering, governing more as the leader of the red states than of the United States, and relentlessly attacking the free press. Biden is a worthy antidote to Trump's unbounded narcissism and chronic chaos. Having surmounted heartbreaking personal loss — his first wife and year-old daughter died in a car crash, and his son Beau died of brain cancer — Biden exudes decency and empathy. Ask yourself: Can you imagine Joe Biden denigrating service members as losers? Cozying up to autocrats abroad? Shaking down a foreign leader for dirt on a political opponent? Biden is an experienced hand with working-class roots who understands the American dream. He knows the levers of power and how to wield them. He has a history of working across the aisle on such issues as health care, racial justice and the environment. He has the knowledge and the personality to begin repairing America's tattered reputation around the world. Biden is well positioned to repair the wreckage Trump has made of the federal government, from the Foreign Service to the science agencies Trump has tried to politicize. As vice president in the Obama administration, Biden played a central role in the last economic recovery and is equipped to handle another one.

TRUMP'S RALLY COMMENTS PROMPT "LOCK HER UP" CHANTS

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer accused President Trump of inciting domestic terrorism Sunday. "It's incredibly disturbing that the president of the United States, 10 days after a plot to kidnap, put me on trial and execute me, is at it again, inciting this kind of domestic terrorism," Whitmer said on NBC'S, "Meet the Press" after a Trump campaign appearance in Michigan on Saturday. "It is dangerous, not just for me and my family but for public servants everywhere," the Governor said, calling on opinion leaders to "Call this out" and demand Trump tamp down his remarks. Saturday night, Trump held a campaign rally at an airport near Muskegon, where he repeated criticism of Whitmer over measures she has taken to address the pandemic, prompting crowd chants of "Lock Her Up." His conduct reflects his own insecurity and envy of Gov. Whitmer's respected record of leadership in a time of crisis. It also serves as a reminder that our nation is at a crossroads. Federal and state officials charged 14 men in connection with alleged domestic terror plots that included a play to kidnap Whitmer from her family's vacation home in northern Michigan. Whitmer said Trump is "complicit" in the plot by using highly charged words to criticize her, refusing to condemn right-wing groups and encouraging such groups by tweeting comments such as "Liberate Michigan." Gov. Whitmer said Trump's response to the pandemic is "The worst on the globe" because he has politicized the crisis, rather than addressing it from a science and health perspective. Whitmer said, "We should have acted as if we are in a war but not a war with one another."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

We were sorry to hear about the death of Rachel Burton Wheeler, age 60. She passed away in her sleep at her home in Harper, Texas on Oct. 16. The lifelong Bridge City resident was a second generation owner of Burton Shipbuilding. To husband Jesse Wheeler, children and the Burton family we extend our sincere condolences. Rachel was a gracious lady with a lot of class. Quote of the week: This week's quote comes from former congressman Nick Lampson on redistricting. "When elected officials pick their voters rather than voters picking their elected officials, something is corrupt." Elton John and Leon Russell released a duet album this week called "The Union." Elton calls Leon his idol. The album will be big. Speaking cool, I ran into one cool lady having lunch at Danny's last week. Major Donna Peterson, wearing jeans and a Drew Brees shirt, looked like a college student. If she weren't so pretty, I would call her cute. Special folks celebrating this week. Two unlikely guys who are both marking birthdays on Oct. 23, both born on the same day, 76 years ago, under the same sign, are Judge Claude Wimberly and VFW guru John Wayne Clark. I believe they reinforced in me why I don't believe in horoscopes. They are Scorpius. Maybe one was born on morning of

the 23rd and the other evening. One is quite, the other won't shut up. On Oct. 24, Mary Stanton and Debbie Fusilier celebrate their birth a few years apart. A girl we've known since she was a well-stacked teenager, Sandi Mobley Huckabay, is a year older on the 25th. Another notable birthday is our longtime friend, always beautiful, Vickie Drake Brown, Orange native and longtime resident of Lawrence, Kansas. Our buddy Judge Jimmy Scales, drainage board member, is a year older. John Cecil Beeson, Eric Brinson and Skipper's little girl, Laura Free Wheeler, who turns 48 Friday, also mark birthdays. The best to all. Always on the go. Al Granger goes for his walk every morning. I can't believe he needs to because he runs the rest of the day. I bet if a mileage meter was on Al, it would show he does at least 25 miles daily, six days a week and dances another five miles. Our editor Nicole says she had a great time Saturday at the "Old Cowboy Reunion" held at Wayne Peveto's place. She enjoyed the old boys and said they cook up good vittles and the best rolls she ever ate. I can tell her a secret, the chuck wagon cooked up Wayne's famous beer biscuits, so big they look like rolls. The state's largest "Scarecrow Festival" will be held at Shangri La. Over 100 crows will participate. The latest, we hear, is Hopper Lumber, a 60-year-old business in Bridge City, currently owned by the Lee Angelle family. We understand the lumber company has been sold to the Lightfoot family, owners of Orange County Building Materials in Vidor.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2010

Richard Allen Babington, 55, of Bridge City, died Saturday, Oct. 16 at his residence. A memorial service will be 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21. He served in the U.S. Marines and was an insulator for the construction industry. Richard is survived by his mother and step-father, Barbara and Numa Joe LaGrappe of Bridge City; four children, Riki Babington, Jr. Amy Babington Ila Jean Perry, David Babington and ten grandchildren. Eugene V. "Rawhide" Williams, 88, of Orange, died Wednesday, Oct. 13. Grave-side service was held on Saturday, Oct. 16. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a welder at Gulf Refinery for almost 38 years. Eugene was a member of the Bridge City Masonic Lodge # 1345 AF & AM, the Orange County Sheriff Posse and was also a local cattleman. Eugene is survived by his daughter, Charlotte Richardson and son, Gene Wayne Williams. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 22 Years Ago-1998

A dozen years ago this week was an active political season. County Judge Carl Thibodeaux was running for his second term. Republican Wayne Reeh was challenging him in the general election. Cimron Campbell, Orange Municipal Court Prosecutor and a member of the Mehaffy and Weber Law Firm, was challenging Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace, Marlin Shelton. Congressman Jim Turner was being challenged by Brian Babin. Democrat Gary Mauro was running against Gov. George W. Bush. David Bernsen was running for state senator against incumbent Republican senator from the Woodlands, Michael Galloway. Judge Don Burgess was running for re-election to the Court of Appeals. Mike Hamilton was running for County Commissioner of Pct. 2 against Democrat Sue Bearden. Pct. 4 Democratic Commissioner Bill Holland faced Republican Kyle Bryant. John Sharp was running against Republican Rick Perry for Lt. Governor. The Orangefield Bobcats over powered the Kirbyville Wildcats 35-14. Beau Daville rolled up 205 yards rushing on 25 totes. Eric Eshbach returned a punt for a 65-yard touchdown. It was Eshbach's second T.D. return in two weeks. Bo Shafer also scored twice, Daniel Savoie scored from 30-yards out and Gary Naquin connected all five extra points. The Bridge City Cards dominated the Nederland Bulldogs but lost the game 27 to 7. A bad call wiped out a Bridge City touchdown. Bridge City had 15 first downs, 53 plays to the Bulldogs 9 first downs, and 38 plays. Some of the B.C. players were Brad Miller, quarterback, Josh Sanders, Eric Ridley, receivers, Steven Curl, wingback and fullback, Daniel Kibodeaux. On defense Scott Curtis, Charlie Higginbotham, in on 10 tackles, Trey Latiolais, one interception, Jared Williams, 15 tackles, Johnny Montagne, 12 tackles, Shane Peveto assisted on five tackles, linebacker Kevin Norwood, 12 tackles, grading a high 93, Jason Broussard graded a 90. Offensive linemen grading high were Curt Lucian, Eric Bramblett, Jeremy Stolfa and Dathan Juneau. Kicker Raun Bryant was in the end zone on kickoffs and had an 54-yard punt average. Les Johnson was Bridge City coach. The district champion Bridge City Cardinal volleyball team members are Ashley Theriot, Danielle Bourque, Misty Jenkinson, Sally Hill, Jessica Johnson, Kelly Nicks, Krista Shatto, Natalie Sarver, Erin Dillow and April Belk. Coaches are Rosetta Wilson and Mike Faulk. Manager is Cadence Trahan. Ken Wyatt, an eyewitness, said the dog stealing from the blind was not constable Keith Merritt's drug dog. The pup was a Lab said to belong to a deputy. Having birthdays this week are Debbie Fusilier, Jimmy Scales and Reba Gerik. Brent Buford, age 28, lost his life in an auto accident commuting from Bridge City to Houston. He was the son of Kent, Linda and Jackie Buford. His grandparents were Clarence and Mary Buford and great-grandmother Enola Buford. He had one sister Dana Chesson.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

We were saddened to learn of the death of area banker and businessman Benis Lee at the time of our press deadline. He started out in Orange as Executive Vice President of First City National Bank and Orange Bank and later partnered with John Smith, to acquire Smith-Lee Cadillac Oldsmobile Pontiac GMC dealership and assumed the role of owner and general manager for the next 20 years before his retirement in 1998. Our sincere thoughts go out to his family. The "Skeeter" plane has been spraying and I'm sure that is helping but they are still bad. This is what I've been doing, I call Pestco. They have a formula made from natural herbs, ginger, rosemary, etc. It really works. No mosquitoes in your yard for at least six weeks. Call for an appointment at 886-4248 and give them a try. Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the Republican majority whip, told the Houston Chronicle that Trump had "Let his guard down" on the coronavirus and that the president's rhetoric has created "confusion" that has hurt efforts to confront the pandemic. A few folks

we know celebrating their special day in the next few days and other special occasions. Oct. 21: A very special lady, Vickie Drake Brown, celebrates her birthday today. The daughter of the late Betty and Earl Drake, Vickie is the artist that developed the Sherlock and Creaux characters that appear in the top of this column. Also, as a young artist 50 years ago, she did all the Office Hound cartoons in the Opportunity Valley News. For many years the Brown's lived in Kansas. I hear they are back but I haven't seen Vickie in years. I treasure one of her pen and ink drawings that remind me of her daily. Also celebrating today is City Councilman Brad Childs. Oct. 23: The old soldier John Wayne Clark, the boy from Dime Box, celebrates. For years John was an advertisement salesman for the Leader, a competitor who became our friend. Another friend who celebrated on this day was the late Judge Claude Wimberly. I think of his wife Pauline often and hope she's doing well. Oct. 24 Two special ladies I shared time with, Debbie Fusilier came into our lives here at the newspaper when she was a 14 years old D.E. student at Bridge City. She spent 34 years total with us. Today she and David are grandparents. Another lady we spent special times visiting with is Mary Stanton. Don's widow has a birthday today and we wish her a great one. Oct. 25: My mind turns to "Gone But Not Forgotten." Doris Holts Fogel died at age 62 in 1993. Clay Jackson Dunn, born Oct. 26, 1893, died Feb. 19, 1959 at age 66. Strange how 66 seemed old back then I have neckties that old. Oct. 27: Longtime friend, a beautiful lady, Corky's widow, Betty Harmon, celebrates a birthday today. Betty, we wish you the best and hope you are doing fine. One of the most unique people I've ever known, Pearl Myers Burgess, would have turned 100 today. She passed away May 31, 2017. She lived all 97 years to the fullest, never had an unkind word and was the most upbeat person I've ever known. She knew so much about life and its history. She was so interesting and thoughtful. I think of her often. Somewhere in this issue is a memorial marking a 100 years since Oct. 27, 1920, the date of her birth. Fact Check: I know you have heard President Trump say "We had the greatest economy ever before the virus, better than any president before me." That's not true, not even close. I was surprised to learn that JFK AND LBJ had the best. Out of the last 11 presidents Trump is at number seven. In fact, Obama's last three years is better than Trump's first three and today the United States economy is the worse since the great depression. It didn't have to be that way. It was mismanagement of a crisis.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few natives celebrating birthdays this week. Jennie Hutchison, Tammy Ballard, Kyle Murrell, Roy Farias, Becky Carter, Bryan Chauvin, Eric Brinson, Jimmy Byrd, Lisa Stewart, Pat New, Shery Martz, Brandy Cardner, Danny Jennings, Lainey Zenos, Dale Morris, Darren Wilson, Connie Curphey, Rachel Sanders, Tanner George, Connor Ziller, Toni Dyer, Hunter Smith, David Dupuis, John Lumpkin, Nathan Coffey, Betty Trantham and Becky Cooper.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Joe Comeaux had been working for weeks without a day off. He knew wit da seasonal workload, his boss Sostan, would not allow him to take time off.

Finally he figure if he act crazy him, Sostan would give him a few days off.

Joe him, he hang upside down on da ceiling and made funny noises.

Marie Boudreaux, a co-worker, not too bright her, but she's Sostan's sister-in-law and his wife made him give her a job.

Marie axe Joe, "Wat he was doing hanging dere?"

He said, "I'm pretending to be a light bulb me."

Sostan walked in and axe, "Joe, wat you doing hanh?"

"Me, I'm a light bulb," Joe answer.

Sostan say, "Joe, you stressed out, go home and rest up for a couple days."

Joe jumped down and walked out of da office and Marie, her, followed Joe out.

Sostan yell at her, "Where you tink you going you?"

Marie answer, "I'm going home me, how you expect me to work in the dark, hanh?"

C'EST TOUT BIDEN TARGET OF RUSSIA, RUDY SCAM

You can always tell when a campaign is in its final stage. Accusations of wrong doing that you have never heard before start to focus. President Trump, who has fallen behind in battleground states, and his cohorts at FOX News, Hannity, Tucker, FOX and Friends, along with radio hosts Rush Limbaugh, are spinning untrue conspiracy theory about former V.P. Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden. A few weeks ago I wrote that Trump's October surprise would be Hunter all the way to Election Day, targeting his father Joe Biden. Federal authorities are investigating whether the material supplied to the New York Post by Rudy Giuliani, Trump fixer, is part of a "Smoke Bomb" of disinformation pushed by Russia and Rudy. Two Republican led senate committees unveiled a report in September stating they found no evidence of wrong doing or corruption by Biden in connection with his son Hunter's law firm business dealings with Ukraine. Trump, Rudy and the Hannity bunch have continued to lob false allegations at Biden despite multiple investigations that have found no basis for the claims. The New York Post story provided no evidence that said its reliance was on questionable sources and documents that were not verified. Giuliani refused to provide the material to other news outlets. In the meantime, Rudy's daughter Caroline, who works for Vanity Fair, says her father is part of the mob, with Trump as the Godfather. The bottom line for them is always the money, she said. Because of her knowledge of her father and his mob she is voting for Joe Biden. Michael Carpenter, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense said, "I'm very comfortable saying this is a Russian disinformation operation." You can bet Rudy, their stooge, and the FOX News bunch and talk radio will run with it in an attempt to defeat V.P. Biden. It won't work; last minute slams very seldom work. Now they are attacking Dr. Anthony Fauci, the national leading infectious disease expert, because he's right about COVID-19 and how it's been mishandled. Between now and Nov. 3 will be the longest 10 days in the last four years. It will seem like a month before we get the election results but then it might really take that long if the election is contested and Trump refuses to accept the results. That's all for me. Remember to practice good hygiene, wash hands, wear mask, etc. Take care and God bless.

Hunters: Practice time on the range spells success in the field

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

It happens every year at this time, they come in huge numbers with that panicked look of "I am way behind schedule" etched all over their faces. They scurry to the shooting table with a rifle that has not seen daylight since last hunting season or a cleaning kit since who knows when? As they line up and start blasting away at the down range targets each one hopes that they can just put together a group that will kill a deer. Invariably these



Chuck Uzzle

groups are sloppy and unpredictable at best, not even close to what the hunter and his weapon are capable of but they are acceptable for the time being. Then all at once the rifles are tucked away in their protective cases and stowed in the hunters vehicle never to be looked at again until opening morning. Now these hunters are the same ones that have been feeding, scouting, plotting,

and planning for months in preparation for the opening of deer season. The same hunters who have 4wheelers or 4 wheel drives that are more show than go. They also have the latest and greatest camo, tree stands, blinds, and gadgets on the market. Now what's wrong with the picture? The most important element of the process has been the most neglected, their weapon.

Easily the most overlooked element in shooting sports today is the lack of practice or familiarity with ones weapon. It could be archery, shotguns, rifles, or hand-

guns, most people simply do not shoot enough to become proficient in the field under hunting conditions. Archers spend lots of time shooting at targets and learning how their set ups perform because they can shoot just about anywhere, gun hunters on the other hand have to get to a range which takes a little more effort. In general most hunters are guilty of not shooting enough rounds through their weapons. Wing shooters greatly benefit from practice sessions on the skeet or trap range, the actual sharpened skills they develop not only make them

better hunters it also makes time in the field much more enjoyable. Missing shot after shot is not many hunters idea of a good time.

Rifle hunters need to spend some time at the range getting comfortable with their chosen caliber and learning what both they and their guns are capable of doing. Once they have their gun dialed in and shooting well from the bench it is important to take some practice shots from different positions that simulate hunting conditions. The more prepared you are as a hunter the more successful

you will be in the field. Another often overlooked aspect of shooting is keeping your weapon clean. Neglected guns will not shoot nearly as well, rifle barrels that have build up in them will cause "flyers" or shots that stray off the mark dramatically. Proper care and maintenance can keep you gun shooting like new for many years.

Take some time before opening weekend gets here and hit the range, you owe it to yourself and the game you pursue to be the best shot you can possibly be. The extra practice will pay off big in the long run.

Michael Johnson issues statement on candidacy for BCISD

My name is Michael C. Johnson, and I am again asking for both your support and your vote, as I am again running for re-election to the Bridge City Independent School District's Board of Trustees place #6 in this year's coming school board election to be held on November 3, 2020.

I have had the opportunity and honor to spend the past 9 years in this position, and have deeply cherished my time serving my community and protecting our children. While I feel I have thus far fulfilled my duties and responsibilities to the students, parents, and employees of BCISD to the best of my abilities, I also feel there are still areas of improvement within the school district that need



Michael C. Johnson

to be addressed. If re-elected, I will continue to pursue the best interest of our kids with dedication, steadfast ethical values, and an insistent desire for improving our beloved school district.

For those of you who do not yet know me, I graduated from Bridge City High School in 1980, and have spent my entire life here in the surrounding area. I have raised 3 wonderful children, April, Michael, and Bryson, and I'm proud to say that all 3 have graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and are living extraordinary

lives. My oldest, April, with her husband Craig, has 2 children of their own, August and Elise, who are the greatest grandchildren a person could ask for. My beautiful wife Lori and I have also been heavily involved within the community. I've spent 16 years, from 2003 to 2018, serving as a board member at Bridge City Little League, where Lori and I have also spent 10 of those years volunteer coaching a 6 and 7 year old softball team. In addition, I've spent time over the years participating in the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce, and have been a member of BridgePoint Fellowship Church. Beyond sitting on the school board for the past 9 years, I have also served as president of the

school board twice during that time; the 2013-2014 and 2018-2019 school years.

While serving in this position can be tough at times, it's truly a rewarding experience. I care deeply about this community, and having the power and ability to make a difference in today's youth is a very special honor that should never be taken lightly. I ask that you please invest some of your time into the kids of BCISD, and show up to the voting booths either during the early voting period between October 13, 2020 and October 30, 2020 or on election day on November 3, 2020. At the end of the day, it's all about the kids!

Thanks for your support,
Michael C. Johnson

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Honoring Pearl Burgess

Our mother, Pearl Burgess, had she lived, would be turning 100 on October 27, 2020.

Pearl Myers Burgess was born on October 27, 1920 to Henry Carl Myers and Oscar Olivia Myers.

She was one of six children. She passed away (age 96) on May 31, 2017 and her funeral was June 4, 2017.

She married M.L. (Billy) Burgess, Jr. on December 24, 1938. They had three daughters: Juanita Burgess Spillers of Lake Jackson, TX; Billie Wynne Burgess Bruhn of Coldspring, TX and Beverly Burgess Rayermer of Orange, TX.

Her legacy includes 5 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren. She was an active member of McDonald Memorial Baptist Church in West Orange, TX. Her favorite hobby was writing poems and many were published in the County Record. She was honored by Senator Robert Nichols for her artistic contributions to Orange County in 2013. We were told that her poems encouraged and inspired many readers. Still today, many people tell us that they saved her poems and still read them.

We miss our Mother so very much. Our family will be celebrating her "would be" 100th birthday by remembering all of the wonderful memories that she left for us!



Pearl Burgess

Honoring a Poet

Written by Juanita Burgess Spillers, to honor our mother.

Years have passed and the time has come
To give honor for a job well done.
Old recollections, grand or sad;
The memories flowed from pen to pad.

The poems blessed people far and near;
Wise words sent to the heart's open ear.
Time away from hurry and cares,
Reflecting on the trek up life's stairs.

Rhymes celebrating country ways,
Seasons, weddings and the holidays.
Little things that make up life's joy;
Welcoming the baby girl or boy.

Looking back at the slower pace,
Time standing still, assessing the race.
Telling us with kind, gentle words
To consider God's care of the birds.

Reminding those with hearts to hear
That our God is always very near
To those climbing the stairs of life;
Confident He will end their long strife.

Encouraging the ones who fall
To pray to God and answer His call.
Thank you, Pearl, for blessing us all;
Your inspired words have helped us walk tall.

Daughters of the American Revolution meetings

The Daughters of the American Revolution William Diamond Chapter of Orange County meets the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City at 1:00 p.m. Any woman who can establish a direct family line to a patriot in the American Revolution can join. The Daughters of the American Revolution promotes Patriotism, Education and Historical Preservation. We had members that can help you find your Patriot. If you need any questions answered you can call Jackie Hucakbay, Regent @ 409-719-6478 or Registrar, Katy Latiolais @ 409-720-9834.

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It's been ten years since my father died. A decade. Already? Nearly 20 percent of my lifetime has passed since I last saw him. Where did the time go?

My oldest child recently turned 24. To me it seems that almost yesterday I was holding that precious newborn, singing softly to him while slowly pacing in the hospital room. But in reality, I've since lived 44 percent of my lifetime. Where did the time go?

Thirty-six years ago, I began dating a beautiful 16-year-old girl whom I had the extraordinary privilege of marrying four years later. Scenes from that hot, sunny, summer day when it all began are still vivid to me, and have a hue of new about them. Yet 65 percent of my life has managed to slip by since that monumental moment became a memory. Where did the time go?

Where did the time go? Why do we all ask some form of that question — and ask it over and over as the years pass? It's not like we don't know. Each of the approximately 3,700 days since my father died, the 8,800 days since my son was born, and the 13,200 days since my wife and I began dating passed just like the ones before it. The days accumulated over time. It's simple math.

But of course, it's not the math that bewilders us. We're bewildered by something far more profound — that this life we've been given, this significant existence with all its sweet and bitter dimensions, passes so quickly and then is gone.

We Are Marvels

We all intuitively discern that our lives have profound significance. Even when we're told they don't, we don't really believe it — or if we really do, we

no longer want to live. We also intuitively discern that there is profound significance to the great human story-arc, with all of its collective triumphs and tragedies. This isn't mere human hubris, because most of us, including the greatest among us, have always been cognizant of our smallness in the cosmos. Truly did David pray,

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? (Psalm 8:3-4)

But even in view of our smallness, it's undeniable that there is something awesome about humanity. Just a brief glance around us shouts this. From where I'm writing (on a laptop computer wirelessly connected to the world!), I see automobiles driving by, a commercial jet flying overhead, an educational institution devoted to helping underprivileged children succeed in school, and a talented gardener carefully cultivating her organic artwork. These phenomena are just part of "normal" daily life for me, yet each represents staggering layers of human ingenuity. And to top it off, my (also wirelessly world-connected) mobile phone has just informed me that NASA has successfully launched its latest rover mission to the planet Mars.

Without denying our great and grievous capacities for evil, every single one of us is simply a marvel in our various ranges of intellect, capacities for language and communication, aptitudes for innovation, abilities to impose order upon chaos, and contributions to collective human achievements. Truly did David pray,

You have made [man] a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory

and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet. (Psalm 8:5-6)

God has endowed human beings with the glory and honor of being made in his image (Genesis 1:26-27). This is the profound significance we all intuit, even those who deny it. Our lives are imbued with tremendous meaning.

We Are Mists

Yet each of our profoundly significant earthly lives, no matter how short or long it lasts, is so brief. We look up to find 10, 24, 36 years have suddenly passed. Repeatedly we're hit with the realization that our lives "are soon gone, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:10). Truly did David pray,

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! (Psalm 39:5)

And truly did James say, "What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes" (James 4:14).

It's this existential experience of being marvels and mists that we find bewildering. We find it a strange phenomenon to watch our lives move relentlessly along a continuum, leaving experiences that are massively important to us in an increasingly distant past, while our earthly end — the end of the only reality we've ever known — approaches with unnerving speed. It recurrently catches us by surprise.

With Eternity in Our Hearts

But why do we find this experience strange and surprising? Many experts from various branches of the cognitive and biological sciences venture an-

swers. But just as recounting the math of passing days doesn't address the strangeness and surprise we feel when we ask, "Where did the time go?" neither do the chemical mechanics of consciousness. And there's more to the deep longings this whole experience awakens than just the awareness and anticipation of our mortality. Truly did the writer of Ecclesiastes say, [God] has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

God has given us the ability to conceive of eternity, yet in spite of conferring upon us many marvelous capacities, he has not granted us to peer into eternity past or eternity future, no matter how hard we try. And due to our efforts to seize forbidden knowledge, God has withdrawn our once-free access to simply eat of the tree of life and live forever (Genesis 3:22-24).

We are marvels of creation, whose lives are imbued with great meaning, who long for eternity, yet whose lifespans here are like a mist. No wonder we find time mystifying.

Teach Us to Number Our Days

Our strange experience of the passing of time is more than a by-product of consciousness, more than mere existential angst over mortality. It is a reminder and a pointer.

It is a reminder that we are contingent creatures and that the profound significance we intuitively know our lives possess is derived significance, not self-conferred significance. Though created in the likeness of God and given marvelous capacities, we are not self-existent or self-determining like God. Rather, "in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28), receiving from him our "allotted periods" of life and "the boundaries of [our] dwell-

ing place" (Acts 17:26). And the brevity of those allotted periods of life are meant to make us cry out, "O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!" (Psalm 39:4).

And our experience of deep heart longing for eternity in the face of such brevity is a pointer that we are actually designed for such a thing as eternal life. For those who have eyes to see, this is a gospel pointer. For God has reopened for us the way to the tree of life, to eternal life, and that way is through his Son, Jesus (John 3:16; 14:6; Romans 6:23; Revelation 2:7).

Those moments when we ask, "Where did the time go?" are reminders that "all flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass

withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it" (Isaiah 40:6-7). And they are pointers to the reality that though our "days are like grass," yet "the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him" (Psalm 103:15-17). Those moments come to us in order to "teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

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WHICH WAY TO GO...

CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN For The Record



Dickie Colburn

Larry Sellers and his wife, Loraine, were drifting a short stretch of Louisiana shoreline and was obvious that Larry was more than a little frustrated as he closed the distance between our boats on his troll motor. "It isn't unusual for me to not catch fish, but there is no doubt that they are here and we can't get a bite!"

I was a little frustrated as well as I was steadily catching trout, but the majority of them were too small to keep. "I don't even want to know what y'all are using," I replied, "but if you just want to get bit, tie one of these on under a cork."

I was not surprised that they didn't have a four-inch Mirro-lure Lil' John in their arsenal, but they were without a single cork as well. Fishing some type of plastic under a clicking cork is a mainstay for local anglers this time of year and certainly no secret.

Larry held our boats together while I dug through a rod locker in search of an extra pack of the Lil' Johns. I was ready to go try something else anyway so I gave them what I had left and handed Loraine two corks.

It turned out to be an unexpectedly good trade for both of us. Loraine insisted that I take a bottle of Gatorade and a huge homemade sausage biscuit in trade. By the time I drifted far enough away to start my big engine they were already catching and releasing small trout.

Larry texted me later and said that they never caught the first keeper trout, but his wife will now fish with him again. Apparently, a slot red that buried her cork and pulled until she complained, closed the deal. "She's at Rambo's looking for more of those Lil' Johns right now."

Capt. Johnny Cormier was scouting the lake Sunday evening and fishing the cork rig as well when a significantly larger red buried his cork. It was a battle that he wasn't sure he would win with his spinning rod, but patience eventually earned him the victory.

Following a second look at the massive red lying in the bottom of his boat, he gave me a call looking for someone with a certified scale. "This fish might be a Sabine Lake record," he said, "and I would love to at least know what it weighs."

When all was said and done, he was unable to find the necessary scales, but did weigh his big fish on a legitimate scale. As it turned out, he had good reason for his suspicion as the massive fish weighed thirty-five pounds which is less than a

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Cardinals and Bobcats set to tangle

GERRY DICKERT For The Record



Gerry Dickert

It was a tough week for most of our Orange County high school football teams with three of four falling to defeat during Week 8 of this crazy 2020 season.

West Orange-Stark clinched a spot in the playoffs with its 51-7 win over Orangefield in District 11-4A, Division II play, while the Cardinals of Bridge City fell hard to Silsbee 51-21 in league play. Little Cypress-Mauriceville is looking for its first win of the season after losing to Huffman-Hargrave in a close 14-10 District 10-4A, Division I matchup.

This week, the Bears host league foe Lumberton with one of the two earning their first district win of the year by night's end.

In Week 5 of 11-4A, D-II play, Bridge City will travel to Orangefield, while West Orange-Stark treks over to Liberty this Friday night.

District 11-4A, Division II round-

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Mustang Jacob Dominguez snags a Jerren Terrell pass in the middle of the field. Dominguez finished the game with 3 catches for 88 yards.

RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

★ **WEST ORANGE-STARK over LIBERTY**—

The Mustangs are well on their way down the road to another district championship, but must be wary of those media hacks who count their chickens before they hatch. The Panthers definitely will not be congenial hosts Friday night when the Mustangs arrive and will do everything possible to make their three-hour stay as unpleasant as possible.

★ **LCM over LUMBERTON**—

Hopefully this is the week the Battlin' Bears jump into the victory column.

But it won't come easy and it will be classified as an upset. LC-M needs to play four quarters of solid football to make me look good like the Atlanta Falcons and New York Giants did for me on Sunday.

★ **BRIDGE CITY over ORANGEFIELD**—

This is a tremendous rivalry involving two teams who were soundly defeated last week and are really mad!! The winner will be presented the Buzzy Gunn Memorial Award which will be presented to the team that makes the fewest mistakes.

★ **VIDOR over LIVINGSTON**—

The Pirates are coming off a solid victory over cross-county rival LCM and would love to close out this strange season with three wins. But they can't be looking ahead to next week's clash with state-ranked Huffman before taking care of business at Livingston Friday night.

★ **DEWEYVILLE over EVADALE**—

The Pirates also have a chance of finishing the year with a string of victories. After all, the Pirates shellacked

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Bridge City Cardinal running back JimSharon Bearden finds running room after taking the hand-off from quarterback Ethan Oceguera against the Silsbee Tigers. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson



Bridge City's Kameron Bertrand blocks the Silsbee pass rush for Cardinal quarterback Ethan Oceguera. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson



WOS quarterback Jerren Terrell reaches across the end zone for the first touchdown of the 51-7 win over Orangefield. Terrell finished the game with two rushing touchdowns and two passing ones. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



WOS kicker Angel Ibarra hit a 47-yard field goal late in the game. Ibarra is 5 for 5 for field goals and 30 of 31 for PATs on the season. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs



Orangefield Bobcat ball carrier Hunter Ashworth staves off a WOS Mustang defender for big yardage. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



WOS Jalen Thompson reaches for the pass from quarterback Jerren Terrell. Thompson had four catches for 64 yards and a touchdown. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

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Orange County Football Round-Up From Page 1B

up
West Orange-Stark has already clinched a spot in the postseason after rolling past Orangefield this past Friday night in a 51-7 decision. The Mustangs will face Liberty this Friday with the 3-3 Panthers still looking for their first district win in four tries.

Bridge City and Orangefield, both 1-2, will try to edge up on Silsbee and Hardin-Jefferson in the district standings. Both the Tigers and Hawks are 3-1 and looking for a postseason berth as the regular season moves into Week 9.

Jerren Terrell is the no-doubt passing leader in the district, passing the 1,000-yard mark this past week after completing 15 of 21 passes for 267 yards and two touchdowns against Orangefield. So far this season he has 1,031 yards, completing 55 of 105 passes with 12 touchdowns ... in just five games!

Hamshire-Fannet's D'onte Zeno is the closest to Terrell, hitting 59 of 97 passes for 921 yards and six touchdowns, though he has eight interceptions compared to Terrell's zero picks this season.

Hunter Ashworth of Orangefield is the county's top rusher with 436 yards on 88 carries with four touchdowns. Mustang Elijah Gales is right behind Ashworth with 400 yards on 30 carries, grabbing four touchdowns. The district's top rusher is Hardin-Jefferson's Jaiden Porter with 578 yards on 83 carries with 10 TDs.

Mustang Jalen Thompson is the main beneficiary of Terrell's aerial escapades, grabbing 15 passes for 365 yards and seven TDs to lead the district in receiving.

Bridge City's Ethan Ocegura is ranked third in the district with 632 yards passing on 43 completions thanks in great part to one of the league's top receivers, Cardinals teammate J.T. Fielder. Fielder has 17 catches this season for a total of 173 yards and a TD.

Orangefield's Tyler Washington still leads the district with four interceptions while Silsbee's Kevin Martin is right behind him with three picks.

West Orange-Stark's Angel Ibarra is still by far the highest scoring kicker in the district with 30 extra-point kicks and five field goals for a total of 45 points scored.

• **West Orange-Stark 51, Orangefield 7**

The Mustangs amassed 456 yards of total offense while its defense allowed just 155 yards and eight first downs to the Bobcats in a 51-7 district decision this past Friday night.

The Mustangs got off to a slow start after fumbling the opening kickoff. The Bobcats were unable to convert, though, eventually turning the ball over on downs. WO-S responded with a 10-play, 64-yard drive that was capped by

a one-yard run by quarterback Jarren Terrell. Even the sure-footed Angel Ibarra got off to a rough start, missing the extra point kick to leave the Mustangs up 6-0 with 6:08 left in the first quarter.

While the first quarter was slow, the Mustangs broke out and blew open a 34-0 lead by the end of the first half, scoring 28 points in the second quarter.

The Mustangs with 62 yards in just five plays with Jalen Brown running 15 yards to paydirt. With Ibarra's PAT kick good, the Mustangs went up 13-0.

The WO-S defense dominated the Bobcats through the rest of the second quarter, forcing punt-punt-interception on the next three Orangefield possessions.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs offense scored three more times before the halftime break.

Terrell completed a 21-yard pass to Braden Gant, capping a 6-play, 51-yard drive, then Terrell kept it himself for a 10-yard TD run and a 27-0 advantage.

Mustang Jadon Jones picked off a Gunner Jones pass, returning it to the WO-S 37-yard line. Four plays, Terrell hit Thompson from the 16-yard line for a 34-0 halftime lead.

It looked as though the Bobcats had found some special motivation in the locker room during the break, coming out and driving against the Mustangs defense in the third quarter.

Just as quickly, though, that momentum was stopped cold when Tyrone Brown picked up an Orangefield fumble, rumbling 40 yards to the end zone for a Mustangs 41-0 advantage.

After forcing an Orangefield punt on the Bobcats' next possession, the Mustangs capitalized again with five-play, 86-yard drive that ended with Jayson Zeigler Jr. standing in the end zone after a 16-yard run.

The Bobcats finally found the end zone late in the third quarter when Jones completed a TD pass to Dwight Davis for 13 yards and the score. Ashworth picked up 32 yards on a big run midway through the 69-yard, 6-play drive as the Bobcats pulled to within 48-7 with the score.

The Mustangs finished their scoring with an Ibarra field goal as he booted a huge 47-yarder to make the score 51-7.

Terrell completed 15 of 21 passing attempts for 267 yards and two touchdowns, while Jacob Domingue hauled in 88 yards on three catches. Thompson finished with four catches for 64 yards.

Elijah Gales ran the ball three times for 66 yards, while Jamaal Shaw added 60 yards on 10 carries for the Mustangs.

Ashworth led the Orange-

field offense with 75 yards on 20 carries.

• **Silsbee 51, Bridge City 21**

It was a home game for the Cardinals that had postseason implications on the line.

Now it's a home game the Cards wished they had another chance to win.

After falling behind 17-0 to the Silsbee Tigers, the Cardinals couldn't catch up as the Tigers finished with a 51-21 district victory at Ward Stadium in Bridge City this past Friday night.

The Tigers, now 4-2 overall and 3-1 in district play, went up 3-0 on an early field goal and then edged out to a 10-0 lead after a 58-yard touchdown run by Antonious Arline.

That scored moved to 17-0 when the Tigers scored on a two-yard run by Malik Jones at the start of the second quarter.

That's when the Cardinals buckled down, finally moving the ball with quarterback Ethan Ocegura pushing across the goal line from seven yards out for the 27-7 difference on the scoreboard.

A strong stand by the Cardinals' defense gave the ball back to the BC offense only to be forced to punt. A bad snap gave the Tigers the ball at the Bridge City 8-yard line. Arline added another touchdown to his statistics on an 8-yard run, giving the Tigers a 24-7 lead at the halftime break.

A great kickoff return for the Tigers to open the second half set up Silsbee at the Bridge City 29. A few plays later, the Tigers were in the end zone again as Arline ran for his third TD of the game and a 31-7 Silsbee lead.

The Cardinals kept the pressure on the Tigers, though, as they worked the ball to the goal line, with JS Bearden pushing across from the one to cut the lead to 31-14.

Just when it looked like the Cardinals would make a game of it, the Tigers scored again, this one with Malik Jones crossing from the four. Jones intercepted the ball on the Cardinals' next offensive possession, resulting in a 37-yard field goal and a 41-14 lead for the Tigers. Another field goal followed a three-and-out by the Cardinals, giving the Tigers a 44-14 advantage.

The Cardinals refused to

break, the Bears put together a tedious 21-play, 75-yard drive that ended with a 3-yard run by Ashton Landry to cut the Vidor lead to one score at 14-7.

The Pirates extended their lead again when they scored

off the opening possession of the second half then cross the goal line again twice more in the fourth quarter.

Landry led the Bears on offense, hitting 18 of 32 passes for 152 yards.

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For The Record



Kazmar

Last weekend was really a doozy as far as college and National Football League games were concerned. There were more than a dozen upsets and another game that should have been an upset, but wasn't.

Coastal Carolina visited Cajun Country to play Louisiana-Lafayette and were a 7 1/2-point underdog, despite the fact they had an unblemished 3-0 record.

The Chanticleer's (no joke—that's their mascot) booted a field goal as time ran out to defeat the Ragin' Cajuns 30-27 and as a reward, moved into the AP College Poll for the first time in the school's history at No. 25 and were No. 24 in this week's Coaches Poll.

There were several other surprises on the college level, the biggest being Florida State's 31-28 over No. 5 North Carolina. Kentucky blasted Tennessee 34-7, South Carolina ambushed Auburn 30-22, Wake Forest overpowered Virginia 40-23 and Arkansas upset Ole Miss 33-21.

College upsets weren't the only reversals that occurred last weekend. Two of the three winless NFL teams came up with stunning victories with Atlanta blasting four-point favored Minnesota 40-23 and the New York Giants getting into the win column by nipping Washington 20-19.

The most surprising upset Sunday was Tom Brady's Tampa Bay Buccaneers annihilating the previously undefeated Green Bay Packers and quarterback Aaron Rodgers 38-10. Sunday was only the second time in Rodgers' career when he didn't throw a touchdown pass and had at least two interceptions. In fact, one of those interceptions was a 32-yard pick-six.

Other reversals included the Chicago Bears' 23-16 upset over the Carolina Panthers and Denver's 18-12 win over the New England Patriots on a

record six field goals by Brandon McManus. It was the second time the Bears started a season 5-1 since 2012. Chicago had four sacks and two interceptions against the Panthers.

But the only upset that didn't happen because of lousy coaching was our own Houston Texans who ended up losing to the undefeated Tennessee Titans 42-36 in overtime at Nashville.

The game started as if it would be a blowout with the Titans scoring first-period touchdowns on drives of 71 and 80 yards.

Houston scored to reduce the deficit in half, but the Titans scored another touchdown in the second quarter that was followed by a Texans' field goal making the halftime score 21-10.

The Texans caught fire and looked capable of upsetting the hosts with a pair of third-period touchdowns by quarterback Deshaun Watson, going into the final 15 minutes with a 23-21 lead.

The score must have fired up former Alabama All-American running back Derrick Henry who burst up-field from the Titans' six-yard line and out-ran the 11 Texans futilely chasing him on his 94-yard touchdown sprint, giving Tennessee the lead once again, 29-23.

Houston refused to roll over and play dead and regained the lead on a 53-yard scoring pass to Will Fuller, an interception by Bradley Roby that turned into a 1-yard pass from Watson to Brandin Cooks putting the Texans ahead by seven points, 36-29 with 1:50 left in the game.

A point-after-touchdown kick would have given Houston an eight-point lead, which meant the Titans would have to score a touchdown and two-point conversion just to tie the

game. But interim head coach Romeo Crennel raised two fingers after Cooks' touchdown, meaning he wanted to go for the Titans' jugular with a two-point conversion. Of course, the pass failed leaving Houston with a 36-29 lead.

Every football coach from the NFL to Pop Warner have a card that suggests when to go for two points and when to kick the extra point. The card says that when leading by seven points, you KICK for the one-point PAT.

The 73-year-old Crennel, who had coached the defense during most of his 40 years in the NFL, wouldn't admit publicly he didn't trust his defense to stop the Titans.

"I wanted to go ahead and get the two points," Crennel explained. "I felt like that kind of put it out of reach for them."

As Crennel and almost every Texans' fan watching the game on TV feared, the Titans went through Houston's defense like a hot knife through butter, with Henry blasting through some gigantic holes.

Titans' talented quarterback Ryan Tannehill pinpointed a seven-yard pass to A.J. Brown in the corner of the end zone with four second left in the game. The successful extra point tied the game at 36-36 sending it to overtime.

As luck would have it, Tennessee won the coin flip, took the football and moved the ball at will, thanks to Henry. With the ball on Houston's five-yard line, Henry took a direct snap and bulldozed his way to paydirt, giving his team a 42-36 win and remaining undefeated. The Texans' offense never touched the football in overtime.

Henry, who was the 2019 NFL rushing champion, rushed for 212 yards and two touchdowns, becoming only the fourth player in NFL history to have three 200-yard rushing games.

KWICKIES...Former West Orange-Stark standout player and coach Toby Foreman

guided his team, Killeen Shoemaker, to its third consecutive victory of the season Friday night. Foreman's team defeated Killeen Ellison 21-17, upping its record to 3-0. The team overpowered Kerrville Tivy 56-35 last week.

Phil Mickelson has won both tournaments on the PGA Champion (Seniors) Tour by shooting 17-under par and winning by three strokes. He joins Jim Furyk, who also began his career on the senior's tour with two victories in two tries.

And while on the topic of PGA Tour golf, 35-year-old Jason Kokrak won his first tournament Sunday by firing a tourney-low 64 on Sunday's final day to beat third-round leader Xander Schauffele by two strokes. This is Kokrak's tenth season and his 233rd tournament.

Clemson and Alabama continue to occupy the top two spots on this week's Associated Press Top 25 College Football Poll with Notre Dame moving up one notch to No. 3 and Georgia slipping down one to No. 4. Idle Ohio State moved up one place to No. 5 and Oklahoma State also went up one to No. 6. No. 7 Texas A&M catapulted from No. 11, idle Penn State gained one to No. 8, Cincinnati slid down one to No. 9 and Florida remained at No. 10. North Carolina sunk from No. 5 to No. 14 and SMU jumped one place to No. 16.

JUST BETWEEN US...The Houston Astros made a valiant effort to reach the World Series for a third time. After falling behind 0-3 to Tampa Bay in the first three games, instead of running up the white flag and merely going through the motions, the Astros rallied behind Zack Greinke to win Game 4 by a 4-3 score, then used a walk-off home run by Carlos Correa for another 4-3 victory with closer Ryan Pressly being credited with the Game 5 win. The Astros broke open Game 6 and led by 7-1 behind starter

Framer Valdez and hung on for a 7-4 win to tie the ALCS at 3-3. Former Astros starter Charlie Morton quieted Houston's bats as the Rays earned a berth in the 2020 World Series with a 4-2 rubber-game victory.

Kaz's Forecast From Page 1B

Hull-Daisetta two weeks ago which defeated the Rebels last week. Too bad it doesn't work that way. It will take another stellar performance by the Pirates to win Friday night.

HIGH SCHOOL—Galena Park North Shore over Beaumont West Brook, Beaumont United over Friendswood, Port Arthur Memorial over Galveston Ball, Port Neches-Groves over Nederland, Splendora over Huffman, Jasper over Shepherd, Silsbee over Hamshire-Fannett, Buna over Anahuac, East Chambers over Kirbyville, Woodville over Hardin, Anderson-Shiro over Kountze, New Waverly over Corrigan-Camden, Hemphill over Warren, San Augustine over Garrison, Timpson over West Hardin, West Sabine over Colmesneil, Tenaha over Cushing, Hull-Daisetta over Burkeville, Sabine Pass over High Island, Houston Lutheran North over Beaumont legacy Christian, Houston The Village over Beaumont Kelly.

COLLEGE—Appalachian State over Arkansas State (Thursday); Tulsa over South Florida and Louisiana-Lafayette over UAB (Both Friday); Boston College over Georgia Tech, Louisville over Florida State, Notre Dame over Pittsburgh, Alabama over Tennessee, North Carolina over North Carolina State, Virginia Tech over Wake Forest, Clemson over Syracuse, Coastal Carolina over Georgia Southern, Miami over Virginia, UCF over Tulane, Houston over Navy, Penn State over Indiana, Michigan State over Rutgers, Ohio State over Nebraska, Texas over Baylor, SMU over Cincinnati, Oklahoma over TCU, Auburn over Ole Miss, West Virginia over Texas Tech, Memphis over Temple, Kansas State over Kansas, LSU over South Carolina, South Alabama over Louisiana-Monroe, Northwestern over Maryland, BYU over Texas State, Colorado State over New Mexico, Boise State over Utah State, Marshall over Florida Atlantic, Fresno State over Hawaii, San Diego State over UNLV, Nevada over Wyoming, Liberty over Southern Mississippi, Troy over Georgia State, Charlotte over UTEP, Rice over Middle Tennessee State, UTSA over Louisiana Tech, Missouri over Kentucky (Upset Special).

PRO PICKS—Philadelphia over NY Giants (Thursday); Green Bay over Houston, Pittsburgh over Tennessee, Buffalo over NY Jets, Cleveland over Cincinnati, New Orleans over Carolina, Atlanta over Detroit, Dallas over Washington, Seattle over Arizona, Kansas City over Denver, San Francisco over New England, LA Chargers over Jacksonville, Tampa Bay over Las Vegas (all Sunday); Chicago over LA Rams (Monday Night). Bye week for Indianapolis, Baltimore, Miami and Minnesota.

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pound off the record of leader is consistently productive. That length also make the rig much easier to cast. I will use a quarter ounce head at times, but prefer an eighth ounce. I often simply rig five inch plastics with a worm hook as the slower fall can be deadly on larger trout.

If you believe that catching quality reds on the cork rig is a fluke, look no further than the pre-rigged rods sticking out of the rod holders of anglers fishing Redfish Circuits for big bucks. The rig is as deadly as it is in a shallow ditch in the marsh.

I don't think there is a better technique for anglers that don't get to fish all that often or just have no clue where to start their day. The combination of the clicking noise and the ability to keep your lure in the strike zone throughout the cast can be irresistible to both trout and reds. The only bad part is that a ladyfish or gafftop will crash the party in a heartbeat.

I have seen folks fish a leader of all lengths, but a two foot

leader is consistently productive. That length also make the rig much easier to cast. I will use a quarter ounce head at times, but prefer an eighth ounce. I often simply rig five inch plastics with a worm hook as the slower fall can be deadly on larger trout.

If you find yourself in the middle of fish chasing shrimp to the surface, there is no better choice than the Vudu shrimp or one of the many shrimp look-alikes available today. When you are not surrounded by gafftop, adding a scent can make a big difference as well.

I haven't made many cold boat rides thus far, but as surface temperatures drop, the easy bite will only improve. If you are more into bites than size, tie on a cork and give it a try.

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Al-Anon meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Library at St. Henry's Catholic Church Education building, located at 475 W.

Roundbunch Road, Bridge City. For more information, please contact Cindy at 409-749-9036 or Mike at 409-718-0333.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is selling the remaining items from their Durham Ellis Pecan Sale. The proceeds from this sale will benefit our Music Scholarship Fund. We have the following items for sale at a discounted price until supplies run out.

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this years crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts early November. Call Jane 409/734-8036 or the church 409/886-7276 to place an order

or for additional information.

The Bridge City / Orangetfield Ministerial Alliance has moved to their temporary location until the new building is complete. Our temporary location at Fellowship Baptist in Bridge City located at 1965 Miller Dr. (Off 408) in Bridge City. The hours of operation are Monday & Wednesday from 9am-12pm. For more information please contact our office at 409-735-8296.

The William Diamond Daughters of the American Revolution of Orange County would like to honor our Orange County women veter-

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Mrs. Riley's Mick Mo Advisory Class won Grand Champion honors and Mrs. Webb's PROcrastinators Advisory Class won Best of Show.

Each day our dress up days were decade themed. Emily Haynes was crowned our Homecoming Queen and the Cardinals won the game over Hamshire-Fannett.



BCHS Family Consumer Science classes led in an effort to "Wipeout Childhood Cancer" Overall, \$2000 was donated to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



Our art club has done an outstanding job creating beautiful run thru signs for each of our FNL games. Everyone does their part using their talents to support Our Cardinals!



Six students were recognized as scoring a 5 on the very rigorous English AP exam. Thomas Bunch, Graciela Lyons, Noah Story, Emily Haynes and Raven Hankins (not pictured Erin Ramsey) Students were presented these yard signs as well as received college credit for their efforts.

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FCA hosted the Orange County Fields of Faith which is a national event at Larry Ward Stadium, October 14. 300 participants enjoyed worship music, speakers, and beautiful weather.



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