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Lower tax rates in county can't stop bill hike

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Only two of 11 top Orange County taxing entities went up on their tax rates for 2020.

Unfortunately, the same won't be said for many tax bills.

Because of a 3.7% rise in the values of the county's taxable property in the past year, the tax bill for an average homeowner will increase about \$75 when it arrives next month.

Roughly about 3 or 4 percent.

The City of Orange was the last of the area's four cities, four school districts and three county governments to set its tax rate when council members agreed to approve the proposed rate of 80.59 cents per \$100 of taxable value Tuesday evening.

That's a reduction from last year's 80.69 cents per \$100, but because the aver-

age taxable homestead value in the city rose from \$93,643 to \$96,614, according to the Orange County Appraisal District, taxpayers of Orange will see their bills go up an average of \$20.96.

Ditto for all residents of Orange County. Commissioners backed off a proposed tax rate increase to remain at 54.2 cents per \$100 for the fourth year in a row.

But because of rises in home values, taxpayers will see an average increase of \$19.10 on that line of their bill.

The "average" bills are based on average taxable homestead values in each taxing jurisdiction. And each jurisdiction offers varying homestead exemptions, not to mention homes of varying market values.

From the market value, all Orange County homeowners get a 20 percent local option homestead exemption off

their county and city taxes. Residents of the school districts get an automatic \$25,000 state-mandated homestead exemption and folks who live in the Little

Cypress-Mauriceville, Orangefield and West Orange-Cove school districts also get a local option exemption of 20 percent off market value in LCM and WOS, 15 per-

cent off in Orangefield. Bridge City ISD offers a \$10,000 local-option over-65 exemption, which none of the other three districts do. All four districts award the

\$10,000 state-mandated over-65 exemption.

Bridge City ISD's average taxable homestead values are

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County's budget shows effects of repeat disasters



Michelle Borel, second from left, and Beverly Haggard of Lineberger, Goggan Blair, present a check for \$2,000 to Orange County Disaster Rebuild's Ida Schossow and Michelle Tuberville at Tuesday's meeting of the Orange County Commissioners in downtown Orange. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

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For The Record

Orange County Commissioners unanimously approved a 2021 budget that is hoping for the best while preparing for the worst.

The full budget was not available for the public Tuesday, while waiting to be posted online, as promised by County Judge John Gothia.

But the highlights handed out by County Auditor Pennee Schmitt were shocking.

They show budgeted revenue for fiscal year 2021 to be just a Deputy Sheriff's Tahoe (price tag \$44 thousand) shy of \$50 million and budgeted FY 2021 expenditures two crew cab pickups (\$62,000) short of \$66 million.

That's a budget with a \$16 million deficit.

Gothia explained that the

expenses included at least \$1 million of big capital outlays, mostly for Road & Bridge Department that would not be purchased unless the county gets approved for federal reimbursement of funds spent because of Hurricane Laura.

The county has not publicly said how many dollars of damage it thinks Laura's high winds caused in roof and building damage caused by its lashing rains.

Kurt Guidry, county maintenance director, said he hadn't received estimates back from insurance adjusters.

But the judge did note that reimbursement for debris removal was normally the easiest FEMA check to get and he estimated the county would spend at least \$4 million.

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'Car guy' Granger adds brands, dealership



Al Granger, owner of Granger Chevrolet on MacArthur Drive and Granger RV, recently added the local Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership on I-10 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Bobby Wilkins, a Granger Chevrolet employee since 2013 is the managing partner for Granger Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. RECORD PHOTO: Mark Dunn

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For The Record

Al Granger says he's got cars in his blood and now he's got more than just Chevrolets in his inventory.

Granger, owner of Granger Chevrolet at 2611 MacArthur Drive and Granger RV, recently added the local Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership on I-10 at Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We have not had a local Chrysler dealer here since 1989, just absentee owners," Granger said. "It's good for the community to have a local dealer here."

"And CDJR, they've got a lot of good products."

Bobby Wilkins, a Granger

Chevrolet employee since 2013 is the managing partner for Granger Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. He has been a leader in internet automobile sales for years, but has done just about every job on a car lot.

"I've worked all over Texas for the past 18 years," he said. "The car business just gets in your blood. It's very fast-paced and rewarding. You meet a lot of interesting people."

"It's a transactional business, but every transaction is different."

Al and Dean Granger, co-owners of Granger Chevrolet from 2008 until his death earlier this year, recruited Wilkins to their Orange



Bobby Wilkins and Al Granger stand in front of their new Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in Orange. RECORD PHOTO: Mark Dunn

dealership.

Al Granger says he's been a car guy since he was 6 years old.

"I grew up liking cars. Probably the first car I thought was real cool was a

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Cruz blocks Senate resolution honoring Ginsburg

ABBY LIVINGSTON
The Texas Tribune

WASHINGTON — A ceremonial resolution honoring the life of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg failed in the Senate on Tuesday after U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz objected to language his Democratic counterparts added noting her dying wish that a succes-



Cruz

likely a preamble to a coming brawl to replace Ginsburg. The liberal justice died Friday, leaving a vacancy that, if

filled by a conservative, could have sweeping ramifications on several American policies and civil liberties.

"Unfortunately, the Democratic leader has put forth an amendment to turn that bipartisan resolution into a partisan resolution," Cruz said in his floor remarks, referring to U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer. "Specifically, the Demo-

cratic leader wants to add a statement that Justice Ginsburg's position should not be filled until a new president is installed, purportedly based on a comment Justice Ginsburg made to family members shortly before she passed.

"That, of course, is not the standard," he added. "Under

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Down Life's Highway

Slow trains to fast planes, the speed of one lifetime

Down Life's Highway
Roy Dunn
For The Record



Roy Dunn

Sometimes I yearn for days long past, when the pace was slower, people more compassionate and murder was seldom heard of. No one tried to keep up with the Jones's, because the Jones's didn't have anything either. We were too poor to pay attention to the fact that we were poor.

Days came and days went: we didn't complain. We welcomed the new day and got on our knees and gave thanks at day's end. It didn't seem to matter that we didn't have running water: we were just grateful that our pump well didn't run dry. Electricity was something you saw up-town. Our coal oil lamp was full and had enough wick to last through the chores and homework.

Transportation was as fast as you wanted it. You could walk or run at your own pace. Food was often scarce but whatever Mom fixed was OK.

Our shoes were used only for church day, but our soles were tough enough to walk the gravel road. Our clothes were sewed from whatever material was available most often feed and flour sacks.

Work was hard; the cotton fields hot, the rice fields were snake infested. Planting and digging potatoes and peanuts were backbreaking and dirty. Saturday meant a bath in a No. 3 washtub in good, sun-warmed water. The dirtiest got the last spot.

Goodies like candy were hard to come by. A piece of peppermint off the stick was a treat. July and August brought watermelon, hot, right out of the field, borrowed from the farmer after sundown.

The treat of the year came in September, October and November when sugar cane

was plentiful. I lived a hundred yards from a cane derrick and scale that loaded the crop in box-cars bound for Steen's syrup mill or to Imperial Sugar or other companies.

Every boy had a pocket-knife sharpened to a razor's edge. I could peel six or seven joints of cane at once. Quartered every two inches put four pieces of blue ribbon juice in my mouth. After a long day of constant chewing, your jaws had trouble operating the next morning...but you repeated this process anyway.

I'd drive the mules and wagon up to the scale and learned to drive a tractor there by age twelve.

In my mind, I'm always going home. But in my heart I hold dear the road I've traveled. As luck would have it I lived during the most exciting period in our history. I've often been at the right place for many great events. What's changed most in 80-plus years is speed. Everything is faster today. From a nine-day letter to a three-second fax, from a party-line to one where you can see each other.

I've had a love affair with the old steam engine train for as long as I can remember. I counted its cars through the cracks of the little shotgun house from my pallet on the floor. Instead of sheep, that's how I counted myself to sleep. On a clear day in the South Louisiana flatlands, I could see its steam rising four or five miles away. I heard its whistle when it left Erath, (pronounced E-rat). The train was the fastest transportation around. Ten minutes later it arrived at the derrick.

I again found myself at the

right spot to marvel at another historical event and witness how fast speed has really gotten. On a Tuesday night, July 27, 1999, nine minutes past 10 p.m. a look to the sky over Beaumont found an unfamiliar sight. The lights approaching between Bridge City and the Rainbow Bridge grew brighter---four large lights on two wings, landing lights and two red ones on top. The object passed under a full moon, in clear view, like a big bird. It didn't make the usual sound of an airplane. Its approach appeared much lower; I'm sure than it probably was.

I watched it until it was about over Cameron, La., what seemed like a minute or so, but what was probably much shorter. I retrieved an item from my car, went in and turned on CNN on television. Just nine minutes after I watched it sail the Southeast Texas sky, the Spaceship Columbia landed in Cape Canaveral, Fla. You heard me, I said nine minutes. That beat the train from E-rat to Abbeville, 6 miles, by one minute. It had slowed down to 3,300 miles per hour from 15,000 when it went over. The Space Shuttle Columbia unfortunately disintegrated over Texas on Feb. 1, 2003 on its re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. Seven crew members died in that crash.

To really understand the significance of that—which today's youngsters never will—you would've had to drive a team of mules pulling a wagon full of cotton to Youngsville, 14 miles away, leaving at first light, ginning the cotton and returning by lantern light.

The historical event I had been privileged to view was the Space Shuttle Columbia returning to earth after a trip into orbit to drop off the world's most powerful x-ray

telescope.

The spacecraft was commanded by the first female ever at the controls. Air Force Col. Eileen Collins, 42 years old, had guided the shuttle right over where I stood in amazement, then to the beautiful landing that I watched moments later on TV.

The crew consisted of five astronauts, two women, and three men. I had truly witnessed history in the making. The next morning I mentioned it to my 18-year-old granddaughter Amber, "Oh, really," was her only response.

I remember one time she had used my rotary phone and complained about how slow it was. "Why don't you have a touch-tone?" she had asked. "Just a touch of the past," I answered.

Before that, years ago, I had asked the operator to dial 396 for me and she told me that the Broussard's, were out of town. Operators knew everyone with a phone.

So you see, like my memories of long ago, the event of the spaceship that took place just before the turn of the century will grow in her mind as she relates the story 50 years from now.

Youngsters today have no reference to anchor the idea of how fast speed has gotten. They will never experience waking up soaking wet with sweat after a hot summer night, long before air conditioning and a thermostat set on 72 degrees because 76 is not cold enough.

Today's child can travel the world in seconds on the Internet. They carry telephones in their pockets and have Call Waiting to handle two calls at once. They keep in touch with Text Messaging, Facebook, Twitter, Zoom, and many other Internet programs. They send photos and video's instantly as they happen.

Man landed on the moon 50 years ago, science fiction to me as a boy, old hat to the youth of today. They really have missed the wonder of some things by having nothing to measure them against. What is their point of reference going to be?

We remember the Great Depression that took FDR ten years to fix. Maybe their point will be the election of the first Black president, with the strange sounding name or the hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike.

As I look toward tomorrow I fear that we have entered a new phase that puts our democracy, the one thing that separates us from all others, in jeopardy at home. I feel for the first time in this long life that our country is in danger

from within. There's a darkness I've never felt before. The biggest surprise of my life is how fast I have traveled down this life's highway and the multitude of changes I've lived through.

I never could have imagined that over 200,000 Americans would have died in less than one year, more than in all wars since WWI, in a pandemic that our government failed miserably to manage and save lives. Many more will die as we approach 7-million coronavirus cases. It didn't have to happen this way. Leadership failed us. Mostly however folks of my generation will be surprised at how fast the years Down Life's Highway went by.

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Granger, Wilkins add new dealership

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'57 Thunderbird, the little two-door with the porthole windows.

"I've owned a couple of them over the years. I'd still like to have one."

Granger says his next favorite car was another Ford, a Mustang. He remembers Dean bought a Shelby Mustang after he finished high school.

"I thought it was real cool when it came out," Al said of the Mustangs. "Corvettes were really cool, but kind of rare. You didn't see many around Orange in those days."

Granger graduated from Stark High School but not before he'd spent three years working for Richard Potter's Mirror Glaze car wash on 11th Street and Green.

"Richard also had a drag strip, Golden Triangle Drag Strip in Nederland, and I worked there on Saturday nights, too."

"Richard couldn't drag race on Saturday because he had to run things at his drag strip, but his family would go racing on Sundays. I'd go with them."

If you wanted to find Al Granger between ages 14 and 18 you only had to look two places.

"I was either in school or around cars," he said.

Granger worked for Wickersham Ford in Orange the first year he was out of school. He worked more than two years for Bickham Lincoln Mercury and went to work for Courtesy Pontiac AMC Jeep in 1979.

That lot was located where the Walmart gas station is today.

In August, 1980, he opened his first dealership, Auto Mart, on 2nd and Green, which is now on the campus of Lamar State College Orange, then moved the dealership in 1994 to a Scotty Wilson property on the old Traffic Circle.

In 2004, he opened a second lot a few blocks away, where his Granger RV lot is now on MacArthur.

Dean joined him in 2006 while negotiations were under way to purchase the Chevrolet lot from the Harmon family. Dean had been general managers of a Dallas Mercedes Benz dealership, Park Place Motorcars.

Wilkins and Granger are in the middle of an overhaul of the Chrysler dealership, one that hasn't been helped by the weather, especially Hurricane Laura.

But they have the recipe for success, Wilkins noted, one that created sales record for the MacArthur dealership in the middle of a coronavirus pandemic.

"We've broken the store record the last four months in a row," Wilkins said. "The last two to three months, they went over 200 units [sold] at the Chevrolet dealership."

Internet sales have been key.

"The internet is more of our business now than anything out there," Wilkins said. "Used to be 80 percent of people would go driving by lots looking at cars and 20 percent were on the internet."

"Now, pretty much all of our advertising is done on the internet and social media. We don't have a lot of people stroll up and say, 'I want to buy a car.' Most of them call ahead and make an appointment."

Business is booming, he said.

"We had just the Chevy store, but now we have five different lines we can sell," Wilkins said. "The Jeep business is exploding, and it's not just outdoor enthusiasts but everyday drivers."

Granger Rough Terrain is a new brand of aftermarket customization available. They will put custom wheels, tires, bumpers, lights and leather upholstery in the vehicles they sell.

"We still have some vehicles on the car side," Wilkins said. "But now we have a good mix."

Tax rate in county

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the highest in the county, at \$141,223, while WOCCISD's are the lowest at \$40,349. Remember, that's after exemptions.

Also remember, your tax bill is composed of a number of different tax charges by taxing entities.

All will pay Orange County tax, along with smaller tax charges by Orange County Drainage District and a tiny one (6/10ths of a penny per \$100 value) to the Orange County Navigation District. Then there's the city tax line for most and another for your school district.

Then, don't forget your emergency services district tax and maybe you pay a water district tax, too.

Residents of West Orange and the WOC-CISD are the only ones in the area who will see a decline on a line in their tax bill and that's because there was an actual decline in average taxable homestead values.

The school district reduced its rate a penny and a half and the fall in values meant an average tax payment drop of \$14.39 a year. The

| ORANGE COUNTY 2020 TAX INCREASES (or not) | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------|
| Taxing Entity | 2019 Tax Rate | 2020 Tax Rate | Taxes* +/- |
| Orange County | 0.54200 | 0.54200 | + \$19.10 |
| Orange | 0.80690 | 0.80590 | + \$20.96 |
| Bridge City | 0.55350 | 0.54058 | + \$12.77 |
| West Orange | 0.47000 | 0.47000 | - \$0.10 |
| Pinehurst | 0.71393 | 0.78813 | + \$24.54 |
| Bridge City ISD | 1.10000 | 1.07640 | + \$41.95 |
| Orangefield ISD | 1.17835 | 1.15167 | + \$35.77 |
| LC-M CISD | 1.36000 | 1.34010 | + \$34.75 |
| WOC CISD | 1.32330 | 1.30970 | - \$14.39 |
| OC Drainage Dist. | 0.13160 | 0.13670 | + \$9.54 |
| OC Nav/Port Dist. | 0.00686 | 0.00615 | + \$0.03 |

Taxes are 2020 increases/decreases for the Average Taxable Value Homestead property in each entity.

city kept the same rate as last year and its taxpayers will save a dime on this year's bill.

Changes in state law and accounting forced school districts to lower their rates, yet three Orange County districts had the county's highest average rate hike, because of rising values.

The average bill in Bridge City ISD will be up \$41.95, Orangefield ISD up \$35.77 and LCMCISD will be up \$34.75.

County business

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lion on debris removal.

Sadly, Orange County officials are all too familiar with unexpected calamities, having gone through record flooding by Tropical Storms Harvey (2017) and Imelda (2019) and the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, which has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in CARES Act grants.

And this as a Tropical Depression aims for the county this week.

Joel Ardoin, county emergency management coordinator, said the latest estimate for debris pickup for the county was 400,000 cubic yards and that just over half of that had already been collected from the Aug. 27 hurricane.

Commissioners agreed to keep the county's collection station open at the county landfill five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for free through Oct. 13.

Gothia repeated Gov. Greg Abbott's latest COVID-19 reopening rules, saying restaurants can seat up to 75 percent capacity because Orange is in an area in which less than 15 percent of all hospital patients have COVID.

The judge reminded that bars are still closed, a mask order is still in place, and outdoor capacities did not change.

Michelle Tubbsville, county special programs director, reminded that FEMA's required \$10,000 in flood insurance policies were about to lapse and anyone who had received aid after Harvey would need to renew at least \$10,000 of coverage to be eligible for any more government assistance after a fu-

ture disaster.

Before voting on the budget, commissioners paid Sept. 22 weekly bills with checks for a combined \$1.1 million. After the budget vote, Karen Fisher, tax assessor collector, announced the county had taken in \$210,000 in August tax collections.

The budget was figured on a tax rate of 0.54200, or 54.2 cents per \$100 in value, which is the same tax rate the county has used since 2017.

And the commissioners adopted that unanimously after the budget.

Gothia introduced the budget by saying the county expected to start 2021 with a fund balance — also sometimes called "Rainy Day Fund" of \$13.4 million and the expected expenses could take it down to \$5.3 million if the county doesn't get federal assistance with expenses from last month's hurricane.

Gothia pointed out the budget contained a "contingency" of \$500,000 for surprise expenses. He also noted a decrease in personnel costs, largely because the Sheriff's Department had a major shakeup after the summer takeover of new Sheriff Lane Mooney and that many deputies with a lot of tenure were replaced by newer, cheaper ones.

The budget did include \$485,000 to cover a 50 cents per hour cost of living adjustment to all the county employees except the elected officials, people paid by grants and those in the EDC. It does include the sheriff deputies whose last contract included a "me too" clause, meaning anything other employees received they would, too.

Cruz blocks Ginsburg resolution

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the Constitution, members of the judiciary do not appoint their own successors."

Schumer took to the floor immediately after Cruz spoke, stating that he believed "Justice Ginsburg would easily see through the legal sophistry" of Cruz's argument. He said Cruz turned the late justice's "dying words" against her, which Schumer said is "so, so beneath the dignity of this body. I do not modify."

Cruz then objected to the resolution, and it did not pass.

Capitol Hill observers are bracing for the ugliest fights in at least a generation in the Senate over Ginsburg's successor. President Donald Trump is expected to announce his

nominee late this week, and Cruz is urging his colleagues to confirm that person before the November election.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the second woman to serve on the high court, died Friday due to complications from cancer.

Nominated in 1993 by former President Bill Clinton, the liberal justice was the legal force behind many of the successes of the women's movement and a cult figure in feminist circles.

Legal watchers have long argued that a Ginsburg vacancy on the Supreme Court would precipitate one of the nastiest fights on Capitol Hill in decades.



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THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE NATION

Here I sit trying to embark on another column that goes back over 50 years. Sometimes they come easy and other times it's a struggle. Then there are times like this when there is too much I'd like to comment on. **COVID-19** marks over **200,000 deaths**, approaching **seven million cases** so it will be around as deaths climbs. I'll have time to write about that later. One thing I haven't seen anything written about, nor have I heard conservatives complaining about, is the extremely fast growing national debt. The **United States** has a staggering **\$26 trillion national debt** that has climbed from **\$19 trillion in 2016**, just four years ago. The **2020 deficit will reach \$3.7 trillion**, the highest since **WWII**. The U.S. economy is at a crossroad. The odds are better than ever that the economy will backslide. No one will tell you anything about that, but I just did. A **healthy economy** was inherited four years ago after **84 straight months of job growth**. Do you feel the country is better off today? *****I have to move on. **Please come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

GINSBURG'S DEATH AND THE HIGH COURT

The death of **Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, age 87, and the stacking of the **Court** will not only change the **Supreme Court**, it will change **America** for the next 35 to 40 years. **Ginsburg**, a legal pioneer for gender equality, died Friday, September 19. The vacancy gives **President Donald Trump** an opportunity to create a solidly conservative high court for decades to come. **Ginsburg** was literally the architect of the legal movement that led to protection for women. For many of them, it was the loss of a hero, an icon and champion. Before her death Friday she shared her last wish. **"My fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed."** She dictated the statement to her granddaughter, **Clara Spera**. **President Trump**, ignoring her wishes, said he would nominate a woman to replace her by Saturday. Democrats noted Republicans took a much different approach after the deaths of **Antonin Scalia** in 2016. The republican senate blocked **President Obama's** nominee **Merrick Garland** and argued that the winner of the election was 10 months away and shouldn't pick the new justice. **Democrats** believe the same standards should apply this time with the election already in progress. **Democratic** candidates predict that voters will see **"Right Through"** the hypocrisy of **Trump, McConnell, Lindsey Graham** and other senators. Many of them are going back on their word given in 2016. They are proving to voters that they care more about getting rid of the **Affordable Care Act** and coverage of **pre-existing conditions** than they do about integrity or morals. They outright lied in 2016. Candidate **Joe Biden** said, **"Voters should get the chance to pick the president who will pick the justice."** That is the position the **United States Senate** must take now, when the election is just 40 days away. More than 300 lawsuits have been filed in nearly every state, including expansion of voting by mail by **Republicans**. The **Supreme Court** has been here before. In 2000, by a 5 to 4 vote, the conservative court gave the presidency to **Geo. W. Bush** despite **Al Gore** appearing to be the winner. What **Trump** is betting on is the court's election help. Three of the closest battleground states in the nation, **Pennsylvania, Michigan** and **Wisconsin**, could become the **Florida** of 2020. Rules in all three states prevent mail in ballots from being counted until Election Day. That could lead **Trump** to declare victory before a **"Blue Wave"** of votes for **Biden** appear. The urgency to appoint a judge now is because it is a general belief by **GOP** office holders that **Trump** will be defeated leading to a good possibility that they could lose the senate majority. Even if **Trump** loses, he is banking on a **6-3 Court**, where he appointed one third of the members, will bail him out and give him a **Geo. W. Bush** style win. It will have to be an overwhelming win by **Biden** to prevent a long wait before the **Supreme Court** declares a winner.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

The news about the death of **Reggie Garrett**, a 17 year old football star spread like wildfire Friday night. The story line, **"Quarterback throws final touchdown and collapses on sideline,"** is a sad, tragic story capturing the emotions of everyone. It happens that **Reggie** wasn't only a talented athlete; he also was an outstanding young man in both his school and personal life. Within hours the news of his death spread throughout the country. **CNN, ESPN** and other major news outlets commented on the tragedy. Former **West Orange-Stark** athletes, who are now performing at other levels such as **NFL player Earl Thomas**, all commented about the death. **Earl** said, **"It made him sick at the stomach. He just wanted to be home in Orange to be with his family."** He played for his **Seahawks** team Sunday and had an outstanding game but his words about his homeboy spread through the nation. The **Houston Chronicle** carried the story of **Reggie's** death on the front page. The story was written by **Kyle Peveto**. The

news has been everywhere. Never, in my lifetime, have I seen the news of a local death or events take off so fast. We posted the story first on our website shortly after he was pronounced dead. **In just a few hours thousands had logged on.** My first thought about **Reggie's** death was his parents, his mom and dad. It's just not supposed to happen. His dad **Reggie Sr.** was a former state champion football player. **Every day he took pride in his young son.** Services were held Saturday, Sept. 25, at Community Christian Church. ***** **"Showdown on the Sabine"** is the year's best bargain. It happens Saturday and Sunday. The thrilling **Tunnel Boat Races** are absolutely free. The annual event is the brain-child of **Darlene Zanada**, with the **Convention and Visitors Bureau of Orange.******* We were sorry to hear about the death of **David York**, 50, who died Sept. 18. Graveside services and interment were held Friday, Sept. 24 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Officiating was by **Rev. Danny Brack, Jr.******* I hear about a big, **white wing dove hunt** that took place at **Ethiopia**. Hunters say the doves were so thick that even **Sharon Bearden** got his limit three out of four times. **"Was he hunting with a cannon?"*******I understand our longtime friend, attorney **Larry Hunter**, is going to join **Uncle Walter** at **Provost-Umphrey Law Firm**. **Larry** has been in private practice in **Vidor** many years. He's one of the good ones, very ethical and professional.***** Special birthdays this week: Our friend **Penny Leleux** celebrates Sept. 23. It won't be much of a celebration though, on Sept. 22, they buried her brother-in-law **Walter LeLeux**, age 62. **Gerald's** brother died Sept. 17.***Our buddy **Tommy Simar** turns a year older on Thursday, Sept. 23. That's an old boy who will do to ride the range with. **He and Sue are just good folks.** Best wishes.***Councilperson, educator, **Marcel Adam's** lovely daughter and **Frank's** better half, **Teresa Beauchamp**, celebrates her special day this week. Also, our young friends **Trey Rhodes, Mark Kelly** and **The Record's** former editor **Darryl Brinson.******* Our friend, police chief **Sam Kittrell** has decided to move up the date of his retirement from the **Orange Police Department**. He plans to now retire October, 31. He sure has had a good run. It's hard to imagine the **OPD** without **Chief Kittrell**. **Major Broussard** is also moving on.

45 Years Ago-1975

Ralph's Market, on Park St., has the highest priced billboard in town. He bought a **\$6,000 new auto from Harmon Chevrolet** and he painted his weekly specials all over it and parks it at different locations. **Old Ralph is trying to outdo Jimmy Conn.*******Lovely **Jean Addison** is in Galveston hospital for test. (Editor's note: Jean died many years ago. Husband **Tom** lives at **Hotel Beaumont** and spends much of his time playing dominoes. Son **Keith** lives in **Orange, Tracy**, I believe, is around **Beaumont**. I don't know where the rest of the kids are.)*****What a party the **Bicentennial dance** at **VFW** was. **Tim Hughes** started the belly dance; **Beth Dugas** took over and showed him how. **Ann McCollum** danced right through the songs including intermissions. **Lynn Hall, a Yankee and Louis Dugas, a Cajun** did a dance called the **"Coonass-Yankee Hop."*********Lee and Dorothy Brown's** beautiful daughter **Karleen** appears in **Gunn's Studio** ad this week.*******Melissa Mullins** and **Phyllis Shaw** who have been living in **Arlington** are planning to return to **Orange County.*********Gateway Lincoln-Mercury** is sold and is now **J.C. Bickum.*********First Savings and Loan** moves into their new building on 28th St.*******Sherri Herman, Johnny's** wife is pregnant.*****The new, cute gal at the **OVN** is **Sandie Mobley**, a **D.E. student** from **Bridge City.*********Ray Pousson** had a surprise visit from **Mark Dunn**, of **Bridge City**, when he walked into his dorm room in **Boulder, Colorado.** **Ray** played football at **West Orange** while **Mark** was playing at **B.C.** The once rivals got to visit while **Mark** was in the area.*******Mr. and Mrs. Lee Willey**, of **Mauriceville**, celebrate their Golden Anniversary on Sept. 28. They were wed in 1925.*******Joe Kazmar** predicts **Bridge City** will win the **East Zone District title.*********Stark High** quarterback **Graig Couvillion** is out of the hospital after suffering a hip pointer last week. **Coach Dexter Bassinger** is hoping to get 100 percent effort from his young **Tigers**. They will meet number two state-ranked **Silsbee**.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Our longtime friend **Maureen "Sis" Keogh** celebrated her 91st. birthday Monday, Sept. 21. This just came to my attention thanks to **Norma Dickey** who said she and **Maureen** had been friends since **Prairie View School** days before it became **Bridge City**. Both ladies are natives and there's not many of them left that attended **Prairie View School**. The relatives of **Sis** were pioneers long before there was a **Texas Avenue** and downtown area. For many years **Sis** served as an election judge. **Ms. Keogh** has requested for those who remember her to please send her a card, note or call her. Mailing address is **Maureen Keogh, 12310 Drake Prairie, Cypress, TX. 77429.** If you would like to speak with her phone **1-346-254-9786**, she would love to hear from you. I remember great days with her and her husband **Mike**. ***Also celebrating on Sept. 21, was **Danny Brack**. He and I go back 45 years when we were both pioneering businesses. We saw all the up's and down's. I recall **Danny** had two young boys. Today they are both active in the grocery business. **Darwin** at **Danny's** and **Dan, Jr.**, with **Kenneth Smith** at **K-Dan's**. An entire story could be written about how **Danny** changed the grocery business and introduced items that were later picked up by the chain stores. **Kenneth** is also a great story. He started working for **Dick Bivins' Texas Ave. Grocery** at age 14, ended up owning it, and just kept growing. Both **Smith** and **Brack** exclusively used our publications to advertise their bargains. They are still just receiving 50 percent of their goods but should be back in this paper soon. I can't help thinking about how young **Danny** and I were back then. This week **Danny** turns 79 and will soon catch up to **Bearden** and **me.*******Other folks celebrating birthdays. **Sept. 23:** Our buddy, **Tommy Simar**, starts another year. We hope it's better than the last.***Also a very happy birthday to **Penny Leleux**, who never meets a stranger and **Charlene Wappler** of **aNe Insurance.*********Sept. 24:** is **Commissioner Teresa Beauchamp's** special day. Also happy birthday today to **Trey Rhodes, Brian Beard** and **Clint Degeyer.*********Sept. 27:** is a special day for **Mike Hughes** and **Todd Shuford.*********Sept. 28:** Today is the **Jewish** holiday of **Yon Kippur**. Celebrating birthdays today is **Roy's** sister, **Fay, Darryl Brinson** and pretty **Bri-**

gitta Howard.*******Sept. 29:** This was a special day in 1923. On that day **Coach Bum Phillips** was born at home on **John St.** in **Orange.*******Special thanks to **Phillip Welch** for bringing by a quart size jar of **Bo Hanley's** pure, local honey. Now there are two great guys who will do to ride the range with. **Phillip** is the coolest guy I know. He has the world by the tail, nothing upset him, he just goes with the flow.*****Mark your calendar **Monday, Sept. 29**, the first presidential debate between **Trump** and **Biden**. There is no fact check by the monitors in this debate. **Trump** will do a lot of spinning but it's a mistake to sell **Biden** short.*****I had a nice phone visit with **Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte** and **County Treasure Christy Kourey**. It was refreshing to visit with these friends.*****The **United States** leads the world in **coronavirus** with **202,000 deaths** and nearly **seven million cases** and we still have no national plan. Monday, at a rally, the **Ohio Lt. Governor** was booed when he suggested we should wear masks. A lie told at that rally, one of many, is that the virus doesn't affect the young. **Some have and many more will die.** **Dr. Tony Fauci** said the **COVID** news is sobering and stunning.*****I understand **Donna Scales** has a new, three month old grandchild. Now she cares for two, like a day care.*****Tuesday the **CIA** released a report that **Putin** is directing election influence operations to hurt **Biden** and assist **Trump**. Meanwhile, the **FBI** warned about foreign disinformation. The **Washington Post** story will be published Wednesday and is on their website.*****My prayers go out to my friend **Nova Dee Strickland** who has been under the weather. After a few days in hospital she is home being cared for by her two daughters. It seems like overnight she came down with the Gout that has riddled her entire body with swelling. With medication she should be much better in a few weeks. She might even be able to jump up and down to celebrate the results of the presidential election on Nov. 3.*******Mark Frye** and the **gang at Orange Honda** have been having great deals. This week they feature **20% Off** in their service department for **your ATV/UTV oil changes and 20% Off on select gun holders** for your UTV in the parts department. Be sure to stop by and see what all they **have to offer.**

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this week are **Julie Sandifer, Mark Kelly, Sammy Pratt, William Dotson, Jayna Campbell, Katie Baker, Laura Roberts, Jeannie Barnes, Mark Norwood, Teresa Beauchamp, Trey Rhodes, Zelma McCullough, Blake Seibert, Jimmy Thurman, Donna Ford, Bill Nugent, Joellen Grooms, Phyllis Tarter, Bessie Rach, Cameron Pitts, Lynn Gremillion, Mary Gremillion, Kara Day, Brian Beard, Clint Degeyer, Sandra Rose, Deven Young, Hayley Dardeau, Michael Coffey, Todd Shuford, Mike Hughes, Ray Dahl, Scott Harris, Brigitte Howard, Lizzie Elms, Zack Sarver, Darryl Brinson, Brigitte Howard, Terry Brown, Aaron Milligan, Richard Estes, Al Goodwin, Ricky Benefield.**

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 23: Rock singer **Bruce Springsteen** turns 71; actors **Anthony Mackie**, 42 and **Jason Alexander**, 61; Worldwide singer **Julio Iglesias** will be 77.*****Sept. 24: Chef **Robert Irvin**, 56; Former football player **Joe Greene**, 74.*****Sept. 25: Actors **Mark Hamill**, 69; **Donald Glover**, 37; **Catherine Zeta-Jones**, 51 and **Michael Douglas**, 76.*****Sept. 26: Politician **Beto O'Rourke**, 48; Tennis player **Serena Williams**, 39; Singer **Olivia Newton-John**, 72.*****Sept. 27: Rapper **Lil Wayne**, 36 and Actor **Gwyneth Paltrow**, 47.*****Sept. 28: Actors **Hillary Duff**, 33, **Naomi Watts**, 53; **Michael Ronda**, 24.*****Sept. 29: Basketball player **Kevin Durant**, 32; Rock singer **Jerry Lee Lewis**, 85 and Comedian **Andrew Dice Clay**, 63.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Eugene LaBeauf and his cussin **Raywood Fontonot** won dem some money at da casino so dey hire demself a pilot to fly dem to Canada to hunt moose. **Dose Cajun mens bag four of dem moose.** Wen dey started loading da plane to return to Lafayette, da pilot tells dem da plane can take only two of dem moose. **Dose Cajuns objected strongly dem.** **Euguen say,** "Mais, las year we shot four of dem moose and da pilot him let us put dem on board. He had da same size plane as yours."

Reluctantly da pilot gave in and all four of dem moose were loaded. Unfortunately, even at full power da little plane couldn't handle da load and a few minutes after take off it crashed.

Climbing out of the wreck, **Raywood** axe, **"Eugene, you got any idea where we are hanh?"**

Eugene him, look around and he say, **"Mais, I tink we're pretty close to where we crash las year."**

C'EST TOUT

Salvation Army deploys early for fundraising

According to an article in **USA Today**, the **Salvation Army** started its annual holiday fundraising campaign earlier than ever in an attempt to **"rescue Christmas."** Facing increased demand during the coronavirus pandemic as Americans suffer high unemployment, the nation's largest social services organization said its bell-ringing volunteers started collecting donations in its iconic red kettles Monday instead of waiting until closer to **Thanksgiving** as in past years. Amid a surge of store closings, a decline in foot traffic to retail locations and a nationwide coin shortage, consumers are carrying less cash, so the **Salvation Army** experts to see up to a **50% decrease** in fundraising. Our ability to raise vital funds to serve those in need this **Christmas** and beyond is at risk. We need everyone who has the capacity to come alongside us and ensure that the holiday season is bright for millions in need. Though the campaign officially kicked off Monday, not all red kettles will be out across the nation immediately as it's a local decision.*****My time is up, thanks for yours.** Take care, wear mask, wash hands and practice safe distancing. **God bless.**



All Things, All Things

PASTOR CHARLES EMPEY
Columnist - For The Record

Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

I have a really goofy brother in Christ. Rick is a rather interesting character. I love him in Christ, dearly. He is one of my best encouragers. One in a million. I would never trade him off in the world of friendship and encouragement. He texted me one day and said, "You know, even if you do the wrong thing it will still work to our good!" "There he goes again, that goofy ball!" Then he quotes Romans 8:28. Well, how can I win this argument with him. It says "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." That's us, Christian friend. Now, keep in mind that he left out the passage in Galatians 6 that says there is a consequence to every action, right or wrong. But, still he is right and only as right as Romans 8:28 says. You and I experience the consequences of both right and wrong. In Christ, though, God is pleased by His grace and mercy to bring us through it all...foolish actions and decisions or wise ones. Peter was clear in his writings that we will suffer in this world for doing the right thing or the wrong, but which would you rather be doing when you suffer? But back to our main text in Romans...aren't you thankful that you have been born again in Christ (hoping that you are) wherein your soul is in anywise safe unto heaven?

Storms can blow your earthly existence away in hurricanes or in human encounters in family or otherwise, but nothing can change your position in Christ...SAVED and sanctified for heaven.

I don't know what you found when you arrived home after Laura, but whatever happened get your heart and mind around Romans 8:28 and be patient and wait upon God and watch what the days, months and years



Pastor Empey

will bring in spite of what you found or find.

Claim God's truth about your existence here and beyond. "We know," it says. If you are a true believer, you know. Oh, you may have let it slip your mind or be shaken out of memory by the devastation, but stand still and remember God's promises, especially this one. There you go. You've got it. You "know that all things work together for good to you that love God, to you who are the called according to His purpose." Is it not His purpose that matters for our life. He and He alone knows what He is doing and what His children need at the moment they need it. Oh, you and I are alike. We think that "on time" is when it happens in our schedule. No, God's timing is perfect.

Listen, God loves you and I more than we even understand and more than you and I ever show toward Him. He wants "perfect" for us and knows what is better for us than we know. We are the imperfect creature and He is the perfect One. I trust Him and what He believes I need and when I need it. Through over 50 years of being a believer and Pastor I've learned to wait upon Him through trials. He has never failed me. Oh, I have not always received everything that I thought I should, but my Savior and God knows me better than I know myself. He even knows how much hardship I need to be able to sufficiently learn lessons and grow in wisdom for the next trial. There will be another one. This is not heaven. It is a fallen and continually falling world. It won't get better. The Bible is clear, but in Christ as our Lord and Savior the end is amazing and He is ushering us through life into His presence one day.

Charles Empey is the Pastor of Cove Baptist Church, Orange, TX.

Deaths & Memorials

Ruth Anne Brant Davis, 78, Orange

Ruth Anne Brant Davis, 78, of Orange, went to be with Jesus on September 16, surrounded by her family.

A celebration of her life will be Saturday, September 19, at 3 pm at Community Church in Orange. Visitation will be from 1pm-3pm prior to the service Saturday at Community Church.

Born in Boulder, Colorado on October 25, 1941, she was the daughter of George W. and Florence Brant. Ruth graduated from Ocala High School in 1959 and from Mather School of Nursing in 1962, where she met and married the love of her life, Earl Davis. Ruth and Earl were married 58 years.

Ruth spent many years working at Orange Memorial Hospital, her last project being setting up and running the Skilled Nursing Facility. She spent many years as the school nurse for Community Christian School. Not only was she a nurse but she and her husband spent the last 20 years doing volunteer work in Israel. She was a faithful member of Community Church for 45 years. Ruth was always busy, whether working in the ministry or at home. She was known to fall asleep when she sat down, even while sitting in the stands at Mustang football games. She loved to spend time with her family and here lately, made sure that she stayed in touch with her grandkids and great grandkids, texting or calling them at least once a week.

She personified the virtuous woman of Prov-



verbs 31 and enjoyed celebrating Shabbat every Friday night with family and friends, making the best Challah bread for the celebration. She loved to send cards to friends and family, never forgetting a birthday or holiday, even when she was ill. Having her quiet time was very important and she was usually up around 4 am. Ruth had a prayer list a mile long and if she was asked to pray for someone, she prayed for them until the prayers were answered, whether it was a week or ten years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Florence Brant; sisters, Lone Shearer, Vivian Brant, LaFawn Brant and her brothers, Garnet Brant, Robert Brant, and Jim Brant.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Earl Davis of Orange; daughters, Meri Elen (Ricky) Jacobs of Orange, Melodi (Ron) Winter of Austin, and Meshel (John) Frasier of Shreveport, Louisiana; grandchildren, Eric Jacobs, Stevan (Morgan) Smith, Shonnalee Jacobs, Jordan Darnall, Alayna Jacobs, Brandon (Desirae) Toohey, Michael Toohey, Robert (Riley) Toohey, Cody (Brittanie) Winter, Courtney and Cheyanne Winter, and Ashleigh Davis; great grandchildren, Gracelynn, Jaxton, and Emiri Smith, Raelynn and Annalee Jacobs, Samson Runge, Madelynn and Nevan Toohey, Conrad Winter, and soon to be Gabriel Toohey.

Arrangements are under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home.

Dorothy Theresa Prosperie, 97, Bridge City

Dorothy Theresa Prosperie, 97, of Bridge City and formerly of Port Arthur passed away on Sunday, September 20, 2020, at her residence in Bridge City surrounded by her loving family. Dorothy was born on May 6, 1923, in St. James Parish, Louisiana to Marie Olympe Chauvin Hotard and Sidney Joseph Hotard, Sr. She had lived in Port Arthur for over sixty years and in Bridge City for the past twelve years. Dorothy was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Port Arthur and was a wife, mother and grandmother who loved her family dearly. She loved to cook and was big on hospitality for her family and friends. Dorothy really enjoyed family events and loved her family more than life itself. She loved her Catholic faith and prayed as much as she could and really enjoyed going to church. Survivors include her sons, Wayne Prosperie and his wife Kathie of Lumberton, Frank Dale Prosperie and his wife Ginger of Port Arthur and Kenneth Prosperie and his wife Peggy of Bridge City; daughters, Elaine Romero of Port Neches and Kathryn T. Smith of Arizona; sister, Rita Prosperie; twenty-eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Dorothy was preceded in death by her brothers, S.J. Hotard, II, J.P. Hotard, Joe Hotard



and Leo Hotard; sisters, Marie Labatut and Sister Mary John Hotard; grandson, Kelly Romero and her husband, Francis Joseph Prosperie who passed away on July 21, 2002. A Rosary will be recited at 1:30 p.m. Friday at St. James Catholic Church in Port Arthur with a visitation to follow from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2020, at the church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Friday at St. James Catholic Church with

Entombment to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Grammier-Oberle Funeral Home in Port Arthur. Due to COVID-19 the funeral home and church require all family and friends who attend services wear a mask and practice social distancing during all services and the visitation at the church and the cemetery as well. Serving as Pallbearers will be Steven Romero, Kenneth Prosperie, Jr., Wayne Prosperie, Jr., Adam Prosperie, Jeremy Cooper and Daniel Brantley. Honorary Pallbearer will be Kevin Romero. In lieu of flowers "Memorial Contributions" can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at 322 Eighth Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY, 10001.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.grammier-oberle.com for the Prosperie family.

Susan O. Sexton, age 93, formerly of Orange

Susan O. Sexton, age 93, formerly of Orange, Texas passed away Friday, September 11, 2020 in the comfort of her granddaughter Hope's home in Richmond, TX.

Susan was born August 10, 1927 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Alexander and Susanna Olah, immigrants from Budapest, Hungary that came to the United States to escape the beginning of WWI. Susan grew up on the family farm in Hellertown, PA. In 1969 she moved to Portage, IN where she worked in factories until she moved and settled in Orange, TX in 1981 with her husband James Hank Sexton. She worked in several care giving positions until she retired at age 70, then strictly focused on caring for her pets and her yard, which both made her incredibly happy and gave her great pleasure. In 2017, Hurricane Harvey destroyed her home which brought her to live with her granddaughter Hope Patterson-Rodriguez and her husband Rod in Richmond, TX. While in Richmond, TX she did not stop working in the yard and tending to her cats that were saved from the flood. She enjoyed being outside and being with nature whether that was lizards or birds she did not care. She loved all animals. She also made many friends during the brief time living in Richmond, TX. Everyone who knew her loved her. She was the most humble, kind and caring person. She was a blessing to have in our lives and will leave a huge hole in our hearts, but we are comforted in knowing she is with Our Lord



and Savior and at great peace now. Her ashes will be scattered at her parent's gravesites in Hellertown, PA, along with her brother Andy's ashes. She always wanted to go back to the farm where she had her fondest memories of her parents and living a simple joyful life, although full of hard work and sacrifice.

She was preceded in death by her ex-husband James Hank Sexton, but they remained remarkably close friends and she was at his bedside at the time of his death. She is survived by her daughter LeeAnn Lyczany and husband Michael of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and son Chalmers "Jay" Olah and his diseased wife Christine Joyce Olah of Houston, Texas. She had 2 granddaughter's, Susan Miksa and her husband Sonny of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Hope Patterson-Rodriguez and her husband Rod of Richmond, TX. Susan also had 2 great granddaughters, the daughters of Susan Miksa, Amelia and Abigail. She is also survived by her stepdaughter Carolyn Sexton Garcia and her husband Joe of New Iberia, LA.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday September 23rd at 1:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church located at 800 Brooks Street, Sugar Land, TX. In lieu of any flowers Susan would love to see donations made to an animal rescue organization in your area that are terribly underfunded, overburdened and overpopulated. Animals were her life and love and she would love to see something good be done for them in her name.

Friend of the Orange Depot to meet Sept. 24

The next meeting of the Friends of the Orange Depot board and volunteers is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 5:30 PM at the Depot. Since the group has not been able to meet for a number of months, it is important that everyone who is able be in attendance to handle the items on the agenda.

Because of the pandemic, health protocols will be in place for the meeting. Temperatures will be taken, table sanitized and separated, and masks should be worn. Please

bring your own bottles of water as no refreshments will be served under the present circumstances. Guest will be City Manager Mike Kuntz who will be available to answer the group's questions about 11 Street situation. Final vote will be taken.

In the last few weeks, the city has allowed special events to be held at the Depot at 50% occupancy. Anyone wishing to book an event can call 409-330-1576. www.orangetx-depot.org

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It is a settled spiritual principle that small thoughts of sin lead to small thoughts of Christ. If we think we have been forgiven little, we will love little (Luke 7:47). The same principle applies, however, to those who have simply forgotten how much they've been forgiven. And to one degree or another, we are all prone to forget.

Hence the apostle Paul's command to remember what life was like without Christ:

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh . . . were . . . separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. (Ephesians 2:11-12)

Remember, Paul tells the Ephesians, that you were once separated, alienated, estranged, hopeless. Because then, and only then, will it mean something that in Christ you are reconciled, welcomed, adopted, saved.

So too with us. If we are going to love Christ much, we need to remember the depths from which he saved us. If we are going to treasure all we have in him, we need to remember who we were without him.

Ruined Temples

The biblical authors never speak softly about our sin. Paul does not hesitate to describe us as "dead in . . . sins" (Ephesians 2:1), nor does John to call us "blind" (1 John 2:11). In Jesus's eyes, even the most generous among us are nevertheless "evil" (Luke 11:13). We should not flinch, then, to apply to our pre-Christian selves the infamous label of "totally depraved."

Despite popular misperceptions, total depravity begins with a rather modest claim. The doctrine does not suggest (as some mistakenly believe) that we are as bad as we could be, but only that every part of us is bad: our minds, hearts, wills, affec-

tions. None of our faculties left Eden unfallen. As J.C. Ryle writes,

We can acknowledge that man has all the marks of a majestic temple about him — a temple in which God once dwelt, but a temple which is now in utter ruins — a temple in

children every day? Don't we ourselves remember doing various good deeds before we followed Christ?

To be sure, the biblical writers are willing to grant a kind of goodness to the godless. Even the evil can "give good gifts," Jesus says (Luke 11:13). Likewise,

case, then there is no true virtue without true worship. There is no good without God.

Without Defense

In ourselves, we are totally depraved; in God's sight, we are wholly displeasing. Those two facts, taken together, lead us to a third: without Christ, we are hopelessly condemned.

The judgment, in fact, has already begun. Paul writes, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (Romans 1:18). Is revealed, not will be revealed. And how is God revealing his wrath? By handing us over to our favorite sins. "God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts. . . . God gave them up to dishonorable passions. . . . God gave them up to a debased mind" (Romans 1:24, 26, 28). We desired freedom from God, not realizing that, the freer we are from him, the more enslaved we are to sin.

The wrath of God already abides on us (John 3:36). And unless God himself intervenes to lift his wrath from us, our darkened minds become darker; our hardened hearts become harder; our bent wills become ever more crooked. We labor every day in service to our sin, stockpiling all the while the only wages this master can ever give: death (Romans 6:23).

Very soon, we will stand before the great Judge, whose eyes are too pure to look on evil, and before whom our secret sins are laid bare (Habakkuk 1:13; Psalm 90:8). What hope will we have in that moment? With every part of us depraved, and our best works displeasing, what can we say in our defense? Apart from Christ, nothing. We are hopelessly condemned.

Great Sinner, Greater Savior

The portrait of humanity under sin is a bleak one — so bleak that many would prefer to forget it altogether. Yet we do so at the cost of our deepest comfort.

When those in Christ heed

Paul's command to remember, and allow our sin to overshadow us, we arrive at a place we do not expect: not outside of Eden, with cherubim guarding the entrance; not beside the lake of fire, with the flames threatening judgment; but rather beneath the storm clouds of Calvary, where, "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). While we could not escape our depravity, while we could not win God's approval, while we could not avoid condemnation, the Son of God spilt his precious blood.

Remembering our sin in this way, far from sending us into despair, deepens our assurance. For if Christ loved us then, while we wanted nothing to do with him, will he not surely go

on loving us now (Romans 5:10)? Our sin reminds us that the love of God never rested on our worthiness — for we had none — but only ever on Christ's.

John Newton famously said on his deathbed, "I am a great sinner, and Christ is a great Savior." The two statements always belong together. If our sin was small, then so is our Savior. But if we were depraved, displeasing, and condemned, then our thoughts of Christ cannot be too great.

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which a shattered window here, and a doorway there, and a column there, still give some faint idea of the magnificence of the original design, but a temple which from end to end has lost its glory and fallen from its high estate. (Holiness, 5)

Fallen man walks the earth like a ruined temple, at once magnificent and miserable. Our minds, which once welcomed the light of truth, are now "darkened" and "futile" (Ephesians 4:18; Romans 1:21). Our hearts, which once pulsed with holy passion, are now "hardened" and "deceitful" (Ephesians 4:18; Jeremiah 17:9). Our wills, which once leapt at God's commands, now refuse to heed his voice (Jeremiah 9:6; John 5:39-40). The temple of humanity may still be standing, but sin inhabits every ruined room. Apart from Christ, we are totally depraved.

No, Not One

Total depravity becomes a more difficult doctrinal pill to swallow when we consider some of its implications. For example: in our fallen state, we cannot submit to God (Romans 8:7), we cannot please God (Romans 8:8; Hebrews 11:6), and most striking of all, we cannot do good (John 15:5; Romans 14:23). "No one does good," Paul tells us — "not even one" (Romans 3:12).

How do we make sense of such a statement? Don't we see non-Christians help their neighbors and care for their

Paul assumes that rulers know how to recognize "good conduct," and that pagan citizens know how to display it (Romans 13:3). But God-ignoring goodness, helpful as it may be for a well-ordered society, can never please God — any more than a song of praise to Baal could please him simply because it had a few pleasant notes. If our goodness is not through God, for God, and to God (Romans 11:36), then we are singing in the service of an idol.

Perhaps if God were peripheral to this world, if he were of merely marginal interest and importance, then non-Christian goodness would qualify as true virtue. Perhaps if, as C.S. Lewis once wrote, God were less of a Father in heaven and more of a "grandfather in heaven, a senile benevolence . . . whose plan for the universe was simply that it might be truly said at the end of each day, 'a good time was had by all'" (The Problem of Pain, 31), then even he would be satisfied with our secular kindnesses.

But what if God is instead the blazing sun of the universe? What if our highest duty (and happiness!) is to love him with heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30)? What if the very breath in our lungs is his gift (Acts 17:25)? What if he is jealous to get the glory he deserves from us (Jeremiah 13:11)? What if history is rushing toward a day when he alone will be exalted (Isaiah 2:17)? If that is the

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CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

It's Tuesday morning and you would be hard pressed to find a single Orange County resident that isn't at least a little concerned as to what Beta will do before moving on. Not after having dealt with Harvey!

Only three weeks ago, a client in the Houston area called to see if our home had survived Laura and what he could do to help. I made the same offer to him this morning only to learn that there home was already flooded and they were holding up with their kids in Montgomery.

There was a time in Orange when long-time residents would occasionally ask, "Do you remember Audrey back in 1957 or even hurricanes as recent as Rita and Ike." Between tropical storms and hurricanes, asking the same question has now seemingly become a yearly issue.

Darrin Powell told me after losing his home in Imelda, "It's not a good thing when the desk clerk running a motel in Longview remembers you from your last evacuation!"

Depending on where you live in the county, the water has yet to produce extensive flooding, but we are looking at another forty-eight hours of rain. Hopefully, the system will move more northward at a quicker pace.

The recent fish kill in the Sabine River was apparently due to an oxygen deficiency caused by the leaves and vegetation blown into the river by. The river had been on the low side for a while and the reduced flow did not help matters. The SRA is constantly faced with managing water levels

on Toledo Bend while trying to stay a step ahead of Mother Nature and the discharge rate had been trimmed back for a while.

As of Tuesday morning, the lake level was 168.5 feet and the current water flow was a little over 7600 cfm with a single generator running 24 hours. Had the lake level been higher and a glut of water already rushing downhill, the flooding would have been much worse with Laura.

One of my biggest concerns with Beta's approach are the miles of ditches in the county full of debris and deadfall. Even a modest amount of rainfall can produce flood conditions when the water has nowhere to go, but up.

Most of the area boat ramps are currently underwater which make launching a boat a wading event at best and downright dangerous if you are forced to deal with the algae coating the concrete. For that reason alone, fishing would not be very high on my priority list this week!

When all is said and done, salinity levels will definitely take a hit, but the water clarity remains surprisingly good. Aside from the fact that the extra water will scatter the bass, that bite should hold up much better than the trout or redfish bite.

A substantial number of Toledo Bend guides are still not booking trips, but I think the big impoundment is your best bet for securing enough fish for a fish fry. For the most part, the larger bass continue to be very difficult to locate. Even

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OC teams chalk big wins, heartbreaks

GERRY DICKERT
For The Record



Gerry Dickert

Orange County football fans saw plenty of action Friday as the 2020 high school football season is finally underway despite set backs from Covid-19 and Hurricane Laura. With the excitement of season openers came both elation and heartache with victories by West Orange-Stark and Orangefield while Bridge City and Little Cypress-Mauriceville chalked up losses.

Looking ahead to this week all our local teams will be on the road Friday except Bridger City who will be enjoying a bye week. The Mustangs will travel to take on Hamshire-Fannett, the LCM Bears will be at Houston Kincaid and the Orangefield Bobcats will take a road trip to Silsbee. The Vidor Pirates will be heading to Jasper to face the Jasper Bulldogs.

Here is how our Orange County teams fared during last Friday's non-conference match ups:

West Orange-Stark 70, Newton 0

Most any season, the football game between West Orange-Stark and Newton could be labeled the Battle of the Titans. This year, the Mustangs



Bridge City wide receiver Joe Murty snags a pass for big yardage during the Cardinal's season opener against Anahuac. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson

showed just how huge they're going to be during the 2020 season.

After three games cancelled due to Hurricane Laura, WO-S dominated 70-0 for its first win of the season this past Friday night as the Eagles fell to 0-2 to start the year.

The Mustangs outpaced the Eagles from the beginning, rolling to 442 yards of total offense vs. Newton's 52 yards. The Ponies put on an aerial show for the home crowd at Dan R. Hooks Stadium as Jerren Terrell hit 9 of 13 for 230 yards and three touch-

downs, while Jayson Zeigler Jr. hit 2 of 3 for 69 yards and a score.

On the ground Elijah Gales ran six times for 100 yards, his longest a 60-yard TD scamper as he finished with two carries into the end zone. Jamaal Shaw also had a TD run for the Mustangs.

The defense did more than just stifle the typically potent Eagles running game. The Mustangs had two fumble recoveries for touchdowns in the showdown. The Eagles did not at-

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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

★ WEST ORANGE-STARK over HAMSHIRE-FANNETT—

The Mustangs are fresh off a very impressive 70-0 blowout over former state champion Newton and are ready to open District 11-4A-II play at Hamshire-Fannett Friday night. The Longhorns also begin league competition on a winning note, nipping Splendora 34-30 last week. The 'Stangs might have changed the name of their defense, but it still puts those zeroes on scoreboard under any name.

★ LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURICEVILLE over HOUSTON KINCAID—

The Battlin' Bears nearly spoiled Woodville's homecoming last Friday night as they were driving for the tying touchdown late in the game only to suffer an interception by the talented Eagles, who edged out a 14-6 win. The Bears hit the road for Houston the take on Kincaid and hopefully will even their record at 1-1 before opening district 10-4A-I competition in two weeks.

★ SILSBEE over ORANGEFIELD—

The Bobcats were rewarded for moving up to Class 4A with a murderous district schedule that includes state-ranked Silsbee Tigers up in the Piney Woods. The 'Cats handily disposed of long-time nemesis Buna 34-0 while the Tigers were throttled by former state champion Pleasant Grove 46-14. This game will be closer than most people think.

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Orangefield sophomore runningback Cameron Dischler trudges for yardage against Buna as the Bobcats rolled up a 34-0 victory in their season opener. **RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland**



Bridge City running back Dorian Pruitt looks for running against Anahuac. The Cardinals lost their season opener in a tight 28-21 contest. **RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson**

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★ **JASPER over VIDOR—**

This game will be Vidor's final one before district play begins in two weeks. The Bulldogs are tough at home but they had better play mistake-free because the Pirate's ground game could make it difficult to catch up if Jasper gives up some early scores.

★ **HIGH SCHOOL—**

Beaumont West Brook over Beaumont United, Port Neches-Groves over Port Arthur Memorial, Nederland over Huntsville, Liberty over Hardin-Jefferson, Brazosport over Lumberton, Tarkington over Anahuac, Woodville over Buna, East Chambers over Hardin, Anderson-Shiro over Warren, Hemphill over Corrigan-Camden, Newton over Kountze, West Hardin over High Island, Overton over Colmesneil, Cushing over West Sabine, Tenaha over Lovelady, Grapeland over Burkeville, Evadale over Frost, Northside over Beaumont Legacy Christian, Beaumont Kelly over Cypress Christian.

★ **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

South Alabama over UAB (Thursday); UTSA over Middle Tennessee State (Friday); Oklahoma over Kansas State, Florida over Ole Miss, Notre Dame over Wake Forest, Auburn over Kentucky, UCF over East Carolina,

Louisiana-Lafayette over Georgia Southern, Pittsburgh over Louisville, Syracuse over Georgia Tech, Georgia State over Charlotte, Appalachian State over Campbell, Liberty over Florida International, TCU over Iowa State, LSU over Mississippi State, Texas over Texas Tech, Cincinnati over Army, Oklahoma State over West Virginia, Louisiana-Monroe over UTEP, Arkansas State over Tulsa, Georgia over Arkansas, Duke over Virginia, Boston College over Texas State, Florida Atlantic over South Florida, Alabama over Missouri, Houston over North Texas, Louisiana Tech over Houston Baptist, Southern Mississippi over Tulane, SMU over Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M over Vanderbilt, Miami over Florida State, Tennessee over South Carolina, Baylor over Kansas, Virginia Tech over North Carolina State, BYU over Troy.

★ **PRO PICKS—**

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



The Bridge City Cardinal defense brings down an Anahuac ball carrier during the season opener for Big Red in Larry Ward Stadium on Friday. On the tackle are Deegan King and other Bridge City defenders. **RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson**

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those anglers making a living in deeper water are catching smaller bass on average.

Dale Thibodeaux said that he and his Dad easily caught and released over forty bass this past weekend and there largest fish would not make the four pound mark."Two months ago we were regularly catching four to seven pound bass on the same spots," reported Thibodeaux.

The bite that is improving daily is the crappie bite and that is good news for the folks that tend brush piles year round. The average size has remained good and the numbers are now improving as well.

Dale Martz would tell you that the catfish bite isn't bad either. "The kids and I fished a brush pile with shiners last week and we kept a dozen white perch and ten catfish. It's been a long time since I ate catfish, but that won't happen again!"

Most of the white perch anglers I have talked with are using tube jigs rigged on 1/16"th ounce heads. Twelve to fourteen feet deep over brush piles in 26 to 28 feet has been the ticket.

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tempt a pass against the WO-S secondary with a team-best 34-yard performance coming from DeAnthony Gatson on his 15 carries.

The Mustangs opened the game with a nine play, 76-yard march that ended on a 21-yard pass from Terrell to Jalen Thompson. With the Angel Ibarra kick, WO-S was up 7-0.

Less than two minutes elapsed in the first quarter when Gales took off on a 15-yard TD run and the Ibarra PAT kick made it 14-0 with 2:01 left. On the ensuing kick-off, the Mustangs recovered a Newton fumble and returned it for a 21-0 lead with 19 seconds left in the first quarter.

More of the same came in the second quarter with Terrell hitting Thompson again, this time for a 66-yard touchdown pass for a 28-0 advantage for the Mustangs.

Terrell picked up his third passing touchdown later in the second quarter, hitting Gales

this time for a 31-yard gainer and a 35-0 lead at the halftime break.

It took only 18 seconds for the Mustangs to find the end zone to start the second half when Gales took the ball on the first play from scrimmage 60 yards for a 42-0 lead.

Shaw would find the end zone with 7:28 left in the third quarter when ran nine yards for the TD and a 49-0 score with 7:28 left in the third.

The Mustangs defense added another score of its own when Patrick Mickey picked up a Newton fumble at the Eagles' 1 yard line, crossing the goal for a 56-0 advantage.

Zeigler got in on the scoring for the Mustangs, heaving a pass to Demarcus Thibodeaux who did the rest of the work for a 66-yard scoring play and a 63-0 lead. The final touchdown for WO-S came when Newton fumbled again and Jasachin Harris picked up the ball and ran 30 yards for the

score and the 70-0 final.

The Mustangs open district play this Friday when they travel to play Hamshire-Fannett at Longhorn Stadium. The Longhorns are 2-1 this season with wins over Anahuac and Splendora. Their sole loss of the year came against cross-county rival East Chambers.

• Anahuac 28, Bridge City 21 (OT)

The Cardinals had their chances late in their game at Larry Ward Stadium but it would be Anahuac taking a 28-21 overtime victory as Bridge City continues to look for its first win of the 2020 campaign.

The Cardinals have a bye week this week but will return on October 2 for their first District 11-4A game when they host the Hamshire-Fannett Longhorns.

Leading by a touchdown late, it appeared Anahuac (1-2) had its win wrapped up mid-



Hunter Ashworth trudges through Buna defenders as the Orange-field Bobcats bring down Buna 34-0 in their season opener at home Friday. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

way through the fourth quarter. But a dramatic fourth-down stop by the Cardinals defense put the ball back in the hands of the BC offense.

It was a brand new game when Ethan Ocegüera found Austin Richardson for a 42-

yard touchdown pass with just over a minute left in the game. With Oscar Carranza booting the huge extra point kick successfully, the game was tied at 21-21.

The Cardinals opted to defer after winning the overtime

coin toss and it only took Anahuac three plays to score as Christian Sanchez found the end zone from 22 yards out, adding the kick himself for the 28-21 lead.

The Cardinals still had their chance at finding the end zone and it appeared they had found another miracle in their bag of tricks when Ocegüera scrambled to find J.T. Fielder in the end zone for the touchdown. The officials snuffed out that fire, though, when they flagged Ocegüera for throwing the ball after crossing the line of scrimmage.

Three plays later, on fourth-and-seven, Ocegüera hoped the stars would align in his favor once again as he tried a pass over the middle. Anahuac's Zyon Clark went up and came down with the interception to end the game.

The Cardinals started the night's scoring when Ocegüera threw a 22-yard pass to Richardson for the 7-0 lead

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Texas NFL fans see sloppy football from Cowboys, Texans

KAZ'S KORNER JOE KAZMAR For The Record

Sunday's National Football League fans must be wondering which Lone Star State franchises can make the most mistakes in the first half of their respective games.

The Houston Texans must decide whether their offense or defense is the weakest while the Dallas Cowboys figure out when an opening period of football was ever worst than in Sunday's game against the Atlanta Falcons.

The Cowboys proved to be the most resilient by never running up the white flag and having confidence they definitely were the best team in their game and proved it by erasing a 20-point deficit and scoring 16 points in the final five minutes.

Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott's statistics will show that he was the hero on paper, but the real star of the Cowboy's 40-39 victory was new placekicker Greg Zuerlein's beautiful on-side kick that went spinning downfield slowly like a planet out of orbit.

All 22 players on the field plus the game officials kept waiting for the spinning oblong to travel the required 10 yard and when it first touched that yard line was smothered by Cowboy reserve player C.J. Goodwin, giving the Pokes the football with 1:49 left and behind 39-37.

Prescott kept feeding the football to Ezekiel Elliott like he requested all game long and moved the ball to the Atlanta 29 with 15 seconds left. Prescott spiked the ball and turned the game over to Zuerlein who booted the ball through the uprights.

But it didn't count because Atlanta had called a time out



Joe Kazmar

just before the snap. He put another true kick between the uprights and again it didn't count because of another time out.

The calm Zuerlein did it for a third straight time from 46 yards giving his team an exciting 40-39 victory.

But Prescott did something in the game that no other quarterback has in NFL history—pass for more than 400 yards and rush for three touchdowns.

The Cowboys outgained Atlanta 570-380 in total yards despite having to play two undrafted fill-ins at offensive tackle—rookie Terence Steele and second-year player Brandon Knight—with starters Tyron Smith and La'el Collins out, according to USA Today.

Things didn't start off well for the Cowboys who fumbled three times and turned the ball over three times, giving Atlanta 17 points. In addition, Dallas tried two fake punts that didn't work and gave the Falcons two short fields.

Not to be outdone, the Houston Texans went for it on a fourth-and-land failed while trailing only 3-0 that turned into a Ravens' touchdown.

Quarterback Deshaun Watson drove his team 75 yards and found tight end Darren Fells in the end zone for Houston's only touchdown narrowing the deficit to 10-7, which was as close as the Texans ever came.

Monday's Houston Chronicle graded the Texans' overall performance with an F-minus just like it did in last week's loss to Kansas City and the coaching also received an "F".

For the second straight

game, the offensive unit turned in another dreadful performance, according to the Chronicle. And the defense surrendered 230 yards of rushing for the second straight week which proves Houston is not in the same class as Kansas City or Baltimore.

In fact, the Texans are probably not in the same class with AFC South Division members Tennessee or Indianapolis or even Jacksonville.

I can't imagine how the defense is going to slow down Big Ben Roethlisberger and the rest of the Pittsburgh Steelers' offense on Sunday.

KWICKIES...

Although his batting average dropped to a paltry .213 after going 0-for-4 Sunday, Astros' second baseman Jose Altuve remains optimistic that he will get out of his season-long slump if and when his team gets into next week's AL playoffs.

And while on the subject of the Astros, it was very depressing to hear that 2019 Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander will have Tommy John surgery and could very well miss the rest of this season and perhaps even 2021.

The defending world champion Kansas City Chiefs had to kick a field goal

in overtime to subdue the Los Angeles Chargers 23-20 Sunday. The Chiefs almost got beat by rookie quarterback Justin Herbert who completed 22-of-33 passes for 311 yards and a touchdown.

Quarterback Tom Brady posted his first victory for his new team—the Tampa Bay Buccaneers—Sunday 31-13 against the winless Carolina Cougars, throwing one touchdown and one interception.

Bryson DeChambeau began the final round of the U.S. Open two strokes down Sunday and ended up as the only golfer to shoot under par, winning his first major tournament by six strokes over third-round leader Matthew Wolff. He shot a three-under par 67 in the final round and is only the third golfer to shoot under par in Winged Foot championships.

One my favorite golfers—Jim Furyk—joined Arnold Palmer and Bruce Fleisher as the only players to win their first two PGA Tour Championships, beating Jerry Kelly with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff in the Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach, Calif.

JUST BETWEEN US...
The Houston Astros

played their final regular-season game at Minute Maid Park Sunday and began their season-ending road trip to the Left Coast Monday for games against Seattle and the LA Angels. They have a "Magic Number" of three for clinching the AL West's sec-

ond playoff berth over both the Mariners and Angels in games which began Monday. The Astros already have the tiebreaker over Seattle with their 6-1 record but don't own the tiebreaker over the Angels who have won six of 10 meetings.

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Local bowhunters get ready for season opener

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As the days grow shorter and the temperatures become slightly more tolerable it is plain to see that fall and hunting season are just around the corner. For local hunters, the first taste of hunting season came in the form of the opening of teal season which was followed shortly by the south zone opener for dove hunters. Wing shooters and waterfowlers aside, the most anticipated event here at home as well as all over the state will be the opening of deer season. On October 3rd the archery only season gets underway and another deer season in Texas will have officially begun.

Light cool fronts and pleasant temperatures have sparked some serious activity among local archers, especially those who are lucky enough to call Precision Archery in Bridge City their home base for hunting. Each year during the summer and all through the months of hunting season, the good folks at Precision Archery are busily helping hunters prepare for a successful season. The shop almost resembles a human



Chuck Uzzle

ant hill, archers from all over the area and surrounding states come here to get the best service and most professional help around. Donnie Pickard and staff run a first class outfit that serves hunters of all ability and skill levels with equal courtesy and knowledge. At this time of the year it is rare that he gets out from behind the work area where the bow press and assorted tools are kept, the rush of last minute hunters trying to take care of their archery needs usually means long hours and not much free time.

With the official start of the season only days away the traffic at Precision Archery has been predictably high to say the least. The worst enemy of any hunter is procrastination and many archers are feeling that pressure. The well prepared hunter has already taken care of all the little details and is ready for legal shooting light on Saturday. For those that still have work to do before the opener a trip to Precision Archery can help cure those problems.



Opening day of bow season can't get here faster enough when you get pictures like this on your game cameras.

Now as far as conditions go for local bowhunters the weatherman is not a friend right now but help could be on the way. Temperatures that reach upper 80's during the day and a big full moon is forecast to open the season. Projected cooler temperatures for later next week will hopefully bring some relief from the current conditions because they are borderline miserable for any hunter

right now. East Texas has been the beneficiary of both timely rains and excessive rains due to the storms but rain at perfect spots during the antler growth period will certainly show up in the caliber of bucks that will be taken this season. Several bowhunters I know have shared some impressive trail camera photos with me recently and it's easy to see why they are so excited about the upcoming

ing season. Good luck to all the bowhunters and remember if you climb a tree to hunt be sure to wear your safety harness, no deer is worth a fall or injury.

Just a reminder for all those who may have procrastinated all year as deer season is set to begin do not forget about your equipment maintenance, specifically your ATV or Side by Side. Nothing is worse than getting ready for a hunt and having your gear not be in working order. One of our great advertisers, **Honda of Orange**, is offering some great deals on service as well as new machines. Be sure to grab their ad in The Record and bring it in for some savings because nobody wants to be that guy that misses out on a hunt because they put off having some work done.

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with 7:21 left in the second quarter. Anahuac answered quickly with Landon Corbitt sneaking across the goal line from the 1 for the 7-7 tie.

The Panthers took the lead 14-7 when Corbitt hit Clark for a 30-yard touchdown in the third quarter. They extended that lead to 21-7 when Sanchez crossed from 10 yards out with just under 10 minutes to play.

The Cardinals set up their late-game dramatics with a fourth-quarter touchdown after marching 65 yards on six plays with Ocegüera crossing from the 2 yard line for the 21-14 difference with just over six minutes left to play in regulation.

Ocegüera completed 11 of 20 passes for 155 yards, adding another 60 yards on 17 carries. Richardson was his favorite aerial target, grabbing three receptions for 78 yards and two touchdowns.

• Orangefield 34, Buna 0

The Orangefield Bobcats picked up their first win of the 2020 campaign by dominating Buna 34-0 in front of the home crowd at F.L. McClain Stadium.

The Bobcats move to 1-1 for the season and get ready to open district play this Friday with a trip to Tigers Stadium in Silsbee. The Tigers, also 1-1 this year, lost to Texarkana Pleasant Grove 46-14 this past Friday night.

Orangefield turned a Tyler Washington interception against Buna into its first scoring opportunity as the Bobcats marched 96 yards in 15 plays with Washington finishing the job from five yards out. The two-point conversion failed and the Cats were up 6-0.

On the next Orangefield possession, the Bobcats rolled 72 yards in just 10 plays with Hunter Ashworth punctuating that effort with a 4-yard TD run. Another failed two-point conversion left the score at 12-0.

Washington was at it again in the Orangefield defensive secondary, grabbing his second interception of the night on the ensuing Buna offensive drive. Two plays later, Ashworth took off again for a 38-yard touchdown. With a successful two-point conversion, the Cats led 20-0 at the half-time break.

The Bobcats scored two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter with Ashworth scoring the first by crossing from the 1 yard line to cap a

64-yard, 10-play drive for a 28-0 advantage. Gunner Jones ended a 36-yard, eight-play drive with a push from the 1 to give the Bobcats their 34-0 final margin.

Orangefield amassed 386 yards of total offense, all coming on the ground, while Buna managed just 75 total yards in the game.

Ashworth led all rushers with 105 yards on 18 carries, while Washington added 87 yards on 13 totes. Clayton Westbrook had 11 carries for 65 yards for Orangefield. Buna's Dylan Graffagnino accounted for 55 total yards of offense, throwing for 13 yards on two completions and running for 42 yards on seven carries.

Woodville 14, Little Cypress-Mauriceville 6

Little Cypress-Mauriceville was looking for its first win of the season in its first game of the season but instead, came away with a 14-6 heartbreaker to still unbeaten Woodville this past Friday night.

The Bears, who missed their first three games of the season due to Hurricane Laura, travel to Houston this Friday to take on Kinkaid at 7:30 p.m. to try to get in the win column.

The high-octane Woodville offense, which scored 104 points in its first two games, was held in check by the Bears defense as they allowed just two touchdowns.

The Eagles opened the game's scoring in the first half, taking advantage of great field position in Bears territory to move to the 30-yard line. Jack Fowler tossed a touchdown pass to JaCorey Hyder and with the extra-point kick,

Woodville led it 7-0 in the second quarter.

The Bears fumbled away their next possession but almost immediately got it back on a Carson Peet interception, returned 50 yards for six points. The PAT kick failed leaving the score 7-6 with just over six minutes left until the halftime break.

The Eagles' run game dominated the final two quarters of play but it was mostly a march inside the 20s for both teams as Woodville only managed to score when Ronald Washington pushed in from the 6 yard line for the 14-6 final margin.

Bears quarterback Ashton Landry threw for 150 yards with Brendon Pollock hauling in 100 of those aerial yards. Andy McDow led the Bears' rushing attack with 34 yards on 11 carries.

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Dated the 18th day of September, 2020.

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