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Orange County takes first step to levee build

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For The Record

Barrow

County Judge John Gothia signed on the dotted line and declared it "a historic day for Orange County."

His partner on Commissioners Court recalled the day he and Gothia traveled to meet personally with officials from the General Land Office and convince them the county was in favor of the long-discussed project.

"There's many times I didn't ever think we'd get to this point," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan.

But after much negotiating, the stroke of several pens brought the $2.4 billion Orange County Hurricane Flood Protection Levee from a dream to a pinch-me moment.

Monday, Gothia, representing Orange County along with Don Carona, Drainage District manager, joined U.S. Rep. Brian Babin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commander Col. Timothy Vail and Texas' Deputy Land Commissioner Mark Havens to formally announce agreements that would finalize a partnership between Orange County and the state and federal government to build the 27 miles of earthen and concrete levees to protect against future flooding from storm surge or heavy rains.

It will include seven pump stations to push rainwater outside the walls along with 56 drainage structures and 32 closure gates. Two navigable sector gates would be constructed in Adams Bayou and Cow Bayou to reduce surge penetration.

The GLO agreed to pay Orange County's $74 million share of the first stage of the federal project -- design and engineering -- funded at 65 percent by Congress in 2017.

In all, Orange County's 35 percent "matching local share" of the project comes to $827 million but Gothia says Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature have agreed to fund it in chunks every two years.

"I think when you spend this much money on design, I don't think they're going to change their mind," Trahan said. "Right now, this hasn't

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Straight ticket issue for election

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For The Record

Barrow

This was supposed to be the election when Texas said goodbye to straight-ticket voting.

After a flurry of court actions in the past few weeks, it seems too soon to say if it will or it won't.

And that's not good news for Tina Barrow.

The Orange County elections administrator said Tuesday, "As of right now, I don't know," what to do regarding ballots.

Early voting begins Tuesday, Oct. 13 for the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election. The final day to register to vote is Monday, Oct. 5.

The uncertainty, she said, has kept her from sending out her vote-by-mail ballots.

That's the second time this month that Texas courts have upset her election prep schedule.

"We had a setback with the Green Party ballots last time. They allowed them to get on the ballot," she said. "So there was a hold up with that."

The Democrats had successfully sued to kick Green Party candidates for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and Railroad Commissioner off the ballot for not paying filing fees, but the Texas Supreme Court, made up completely by Republicans, ordered they be put back on.

The Republican-majority Texas Legislature voted in 2017 to eliminate straight-ticket voting beginning with the 2020 Presidential election. Statewide, a higher percent of minority voters have used the straight-ticket vot-

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East Roundbunch Swing Bridge reopens

Traffic is flowing again between Bridge City and Chemical Row in Orange. The rehabbed East Roundbunch Swing Bridge is operational again following it's closure two hurricanes, a tropical storm and 3 1/2 years ago. The reopening of the swing bridge will help alleviate some of the traffic congestion during work shifts on Texas-87. The East Roundbunch route is a favored bypass for plant workers and commuters between the two cities.
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Old Fashioned County Fair Oct. 9-10

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For The Record

"Come support the kids" says the Orange County Livestock Show Association in announcing its Fall 2020 Project Show set for Oct. 9-10 at T2 Arena.

Members of Orange County 4-H and FFA chapters from age 8 to 18 are eligible to show livestock and this year's event has an added bonus.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Orange County is sponsoring an "Old Fashioned County Fair Food and Craft Show" alongside the livestock show.

"Our show is always the second weekend in October," says Franny Woods, a 4-H program assistant and board member of the Livestock Association. "This year, our numbers are down due to COVID, but we'll still have a strong show."

The event takes place at the end of National 4-H Week, as proclaimed by Orange County Commissioners Court in its weekly meeting Tuesday. Texas A&M AgriLife is celebrating 113 years of service and its Orange County Extension sponsors local 4-H clubs.

This year's livestock show features rabbit and chicken judging at 6 p.m. Friday, and beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, swine, lamb and goats. The Buyer's Dinner is at 5 p.m. followed by the announcement of Overall Grand Prize

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Bridge City man takes on COVID separations

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Steven Hilton of Bridge City is leading a march Oct. 10 to bring attention to government rules separating families from the elderly or sick during the COVID-19 pandemic.
RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

A Bridge City man has had it with COVID-19 rules that keep family members away from hospital patients and those in a senior living facility.

"Why the government felt people don't need other people is beyond me," Steven Hilton said.

"This has been going on since February, and what progress have we made? We haven't made any really."

Hilton created a Facebook group called "Never Left Alone" that has quickly grown to 2,000 members.

The group is putting on a "Never Left Alone" march on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Port Arthur.

"We are striving to change the current policies dealing with no-visitor rules in hospitals," Hilton said when he started reaching out to others. "No one, even COVID patients, should be left alone in an extremely difficult time. Most of these patients are elderly and the best thing our society has to offer."

Initially, senior living facilities in Washington state and on the East Coast were the hardest hit by COVID-19 infections and deaths when the novel coronavirus and the deadly resulting respiratory disease reached the United States early in 2020.

State and local governments banned visitors from their old-age and medical complexes to limit disease transmission. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott declared a statewide public health disaster in March that prohibited visitors from nursing homes, retirement homes and other longterm care facilities.

Relatives were resorting to talking with their loved ones via Facetime video calls.

"Facetime, really? C'mon, that's no good," Hilton said.

In mid-September, Abbott amended rules to allow limited visitation at senior living establishments. Each resident is allowed to designate up to two "essential caregivers" who can visit one at a time if they've tested negative in the past 14 days.

"They've loosened up some," Hilton said, "but the rules are extreme. You have to have a COVID test 14 days prior to a visit, and if there's one case of COVID, they don't have to open up.

"Most will be extremely strict, so you can't see your loved one."

Hilton says he was inspired to begin his campaign after the death of an elderly in-law, but he can cite plenty of other cases he's heard where

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Analysis: Keep calm and vote on

Political people in high places are sowing doubt about voting and elections, making our 200-year-old system seem fraught with problems and even crime. Vote anyway.

ROSS RAMSEY
The Texas Tribune

Confused about voting? Voting clerks in parts of Texas are confused, too. All the political chatter about problems with the U.S. Postal Service and voting by mail has some election officials telling their voters to cast absentee ballots by bringing them to the main office instead of dropping them in the mail. They're also telling voters tobring approved voter identification if they vote that way — just as if they were voting in person — and not to bring anyone else's ballot, sealed or not.

Anne Morris, a retired Milam County voter, said county officials told her to bring her absentee ballot to the county seat if she wanted to put it in their hands. And they told her that if she wanted to mail her absentee ballot, she should put it in a manila envelope so thieves wouldn't recognize it and steal it from the mail before it reached the county offices. Milam County Clerk Jodi Morgan says her office is telling voters that dropping mail in a manila envelope is permissible if a voter doesn't want the Post Office to know it's a ballot, but they can also mail it in the envelope provided. And there's a special slot in the county's parking lot where voters can bring their absentee ballots in, with photo ID, if they want to skip the mail altogether.

Here's an idea: Keep calm and vote on. Don't let political figures talking about elections freak you out. Instead, ask why they want you to freak out and deal with that. Don't confine your imagination to the worst crimes and hijinks that might take place in this election. They might not. And the worst thing that can happen is that voters are spooked out of picking the people who represent them; that's a way to get a government that doesn't reflect the population.

When political people — and a fair number of pundits, too — are trying to stir voters up, those voters have a choice between anxiety and serenity. And serenity doesn't mean shutting it all out, plugging their ears and ignoring what's going on. It's more about what they do with the information they're getting.

A lot of that talk is about fraud and corruption — relatively rare election crimes that seem, in this particular election season, to be the only things some politicians want to discuss.

Remember when electronic voting machines and hanging chads were all we were worried about? This year's conversation makes that seem like the good old days.

President Donald Trump has been harping on the dangers of voting by mail, even though the country has a long history of such balloting and that it's popular with older voters, including the president himself. Some of Trump's Texas choristers have joined in. Lt. Gov. Dan Patricksaid a few months ago that Democrats promoting absentee voting were trying to steal the election. Attorney General Ken Paxtonlanded a vote-harvesting indictment and arrests in Gregg County this week. The timing was interesting: The charges aren't about the election that starts here, with early voting, in less than three weeks — they're about an election two years ago.

Democrats have been unsuccessful in their attempts to allow more Texans to vote by mail, running into both political and legal opposition. The Texas Supreme Court ruled that worries about infection weren't enough to qualify someone as disabled. But the court also noted that there is nothing on the absentee ballot application that requires someone to list their disability, and no authority at election offices to verify someone's claim to that exemption for voting by mail. And federal courtstossed out a challenge to provisions that allow voters who are 65 years old or older to vote by mail while denying that privilege to younger voters.

Gov. Greg Abbott made one concession to fears of voting during a pandemic, extending early voting by six days. That spreads voting over a greater number of days and, by extension, increases a chance to vote in a socially distanced way. But this week, Abbott got sued over that extension.

All the talk and litigation works like a fog machine, making voting and elections seem a lot more complicated and confusing and full of traps for unwary voters than they are.

Voters have to calculate the value of their vote, as they listen to government officials and politicians talk about elections and voting the way they talk about other dishonest and unsavory activities.

Why would you want people to distrust an election you thought you might win? Stirring anxieties now betrays a lack of confidence. It sets the table for challenges of the results. It raises everyone's distrust, too, no matter who wins on Nov. 3.

The real corruption is in the attacks on the system we've relied on for more than 200 years.

It's not as confusing as it might seem. Hear the politicians out. Think about their motives. And get out and vote, with confidence, for the ones you like and against the ones you don't. Easy.

Straight party voting in OC From Page 1

ing, which allows a voter to check one box to vote for a party's entire slate of candidates.

Minority voters statistically favor Democrat candidates.

Democrats won a court ruling last Friday to reinstate straight-ticket voting but Monday a federal appeals court put that ruling in limbo, asking for more time to decide.

"With the Green Party, we hadn't already ordered our ballots," Barrow, the county's top elections official, said. "But this one, I have already ordered the ballots and I have programmed everything. Now we're at a standstill, waiting on the results of what they're going to do with the straight-party ticket.

"I have no idea what they're going to do right now."

Orange County votes both on electronic voting machines and paper ballots. The voting machines do not report ballots online; they merely issue a printed ballot which has to be run through the same scanner used with the paper Scantron-bubble type ballots.

Besides the county, state and national elections normally held in the fall, this year's ballots will also include voting on city and school elections delayed from May by COVID-19.

"If they decide on straight-ticket, then, yes, it will all have to be reprogrammed. I'm not positive, but I'm thinking, yes, I will have to reprint all those ballots," Barrow said.

"So that's why I haven't mailed anything yet.

"The mail ballots are kind of on standby until they decide what they're going to do with the straight-party ticket."

Orange County voted 81% for Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump in 2016, just 19% for Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Of the record 32,142 Orange County voters in 2016, 19,760 of them (61.5%) voted straight-ticket. Of those, 80.5% voted Republican, 18.6% voted Democrat, the remaining 0.9% voted Libertarian or Green Party.

"I'm hoping I'll have something [an answer] by the end of the week, or in the next couple of days," Barrow said. "I need to get those mail-in ballots out in the mail and early voting is in two weeks."

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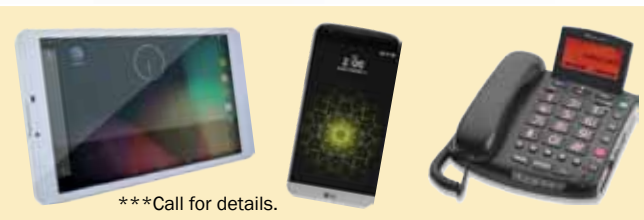

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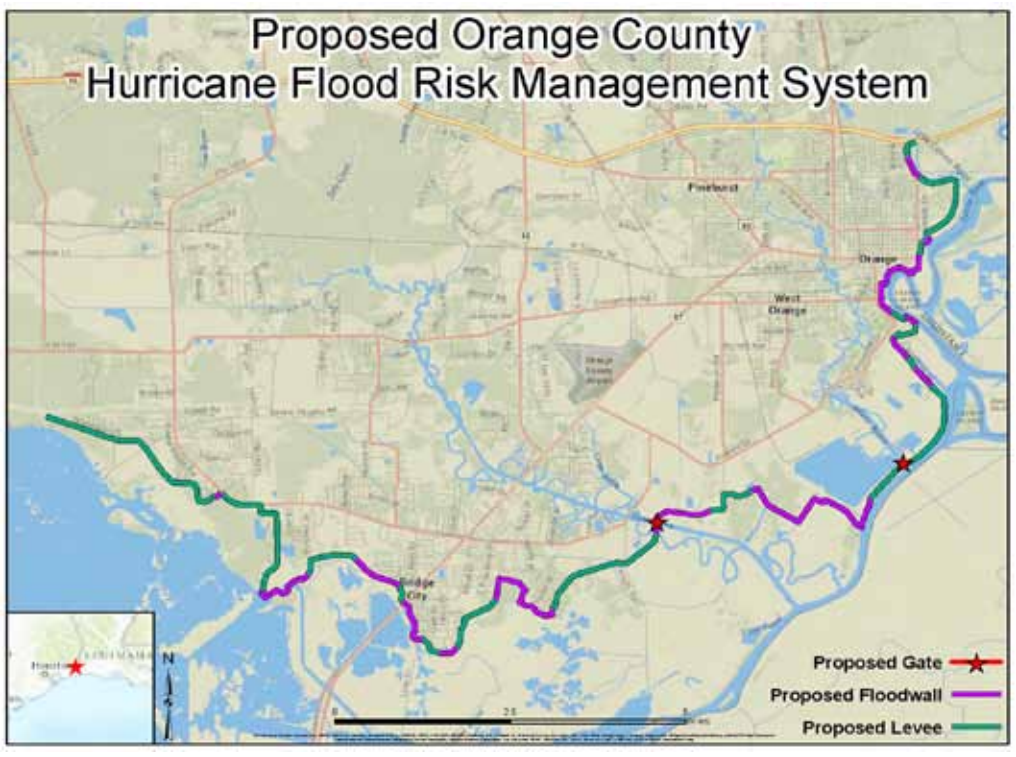

cost Orange County anything."

Gothia mentioned 2026 when asked about when the project might come to fruition.

He was like a kid in a candy store when he recalled Monday's signing ceremony a day later in Commissioners Court.

"Hopefully, some day my emergency management coordinator will be able to issue the command when we have a hurricane like Laura bearing down on us to, 'Close the gates.'

"Because we want to be able to do that. We want to be able to protect our citizens and protect our economy and protect our businesses. And that's the only way we're going to be able to do that."

Hurricane Laura, a Category 4 hurricane at the time, was bearing down on Orange County Aug. 26 and National Weather Service forecasters said the storm surge "was not survivable," and then it turned right before reaching shore and landed in Louisiana.

Among those who visited Orange in the wake of Laura's high winds was President Trump. During a 30-minute visit with local and state officials, Trump visited with Gothia and other officials about the project.

"We were always interested, just not interested in paying for it," Trahan said. "It was just kind of 'Play it until the very end' -- either it happens or it doesn't.

"Obviously, we weren't going to obligate ourselves for $800 million but we always hoped the state or the Feds would step in and take that share, and they've started that process.

"Now, got a colonel [Vail] at the Corps who really wants to build this project. I think the president coming into town and making a few comments, certainly didn't hurt. I think everybody's on board, so I'm hoping it will happen.

"I feel better about it than I ever have. Yesterday was a big step."

Besides the funding agreement with the GLO, Gothia signed an agreement with the Corps of Engineers and the Orange County Drainage District for all to participate in the design and engineering.

Gothia said the addition of pumps to the original levee plan were must-haves.

"One of the things we negotiated over the course of the two and a half, three years was that when it first started, there was no drainage component within the levee project," Gothia said. "It was just strictly a storm surge system. I wouldn't sign it. Neither would the Drainage District. We wanted it to have a drainage component in the system."

For that, Gothia gave credit to Babin and U.S. Rep Randy Weber.

"Congressman Babin and Congressman Weber went back this year and added an amendment to the federal legislation for this project that said it could include a drainage component. Once they did that, the Corps of Engineers was able to go back and look now at drainage components within the system.

"The drainage components in the contract now say they will do no harm. That means the pump systems have to be able to handle at least the same amount of water that's going through our drainage system now in a rain event."

Regarding future funding, Gothia explained that while the federal government "has funded their entire portion, the way the Legislature works in the state, each session they'll fund a portion of it. They funded $200 million last year and out of that we got $74 million.

"Next year's session they'll go in and determine how much they're going to fund for the next phase through the state, to cover our portions of it. It'll continue like that every 2 years."

He made it clear he does not expect any reversals of fortune on this project.

"If for some reason, the state was to not fund us," Gothia said, "we would have to opt out. But we've got commitments from the state and the Governor's office that they're going to do everything they can to continue to move the project forward by funding it."

Gothia said design and engineering should wrap up in 2021 and the next phase will be land acquisition which will involve private landholders and state land.

"Once that's done, they'll probably start construction two years after that. Once they get contractors involved, it's going to move."

Bobcat Pride . . .

Orangefield Bobcat senior football player Grant Metts is seen under the misty stadium lights of Silsbee Tiger stadium following opening ceremonies. The Bobcats represented Orange County well in the contest. Despite the narrow 14-6 loss to the Tigers, their patriotism was never in question.

RECORD PHOTO: Tishy Bryant

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others are torn apart emotionally by the forced separation from their sick relatives.

A case reported on by a Beaumont TV station and cited on Hilton's Facebook page tracks a Hardin County man whose daughter had COVID-19 and was being hospitalized in Houston. His wife was allowed to stay in her room but rules did not allow both parents.

The man reached out to Texas Rep. James White, who appealed to Gov. Abbott and Monday he succeeded in being able to join his wife at their daughter's bedside.

"Lawmakers are hearing us," Hilton said. "I'm so excited. Today was a good day."

The "Never Left Alone" walk will be a short loop from the Medical Center of Southeast Texas parking lot to the Bonne Vie assisted living center and back on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Start time is set for 3 p.m.

"There have been some positive changes," Hilton said, "but they are still on a case by case basis. It's a step in the right direction, but we need to get this thing standardized.

"I really think this walk will do a lot. Maybe Abbott will change his whole corona rule. I don't know what's going on with that man. Florida is way ahead of us."

Old Fashioned County Fair From Page 1

winners and the Livestock Auction.

"We're trying to take it back to the old days," Woods said about the addition of the County Fair activities.

"For kids that don't want to raise livestock, this is something they can participate in."

For the Food and Craft Show, each category's judging is divided into Junior Division (3rd through 5th graders), Intermediate Division (6th through 8th graders) and Senior Division (9th through 12th grade).

Categories will include Sweets, Treats & Breads, Canning, Crafts, Fabric Skills, Homemade Personal Accessories, Fiber Arts, Fine Arts and Photography with each having several classes of entries.

Oct. 9 is the deadline for pre-ordering from the Orange County 4-H Annual Pecan Fundraiser for Thanksgiving, while Christmas orders have a Nov. 6 pre-order deadline. Contact the county 4-H office at 409-882-7010 for more information.

Commissioners stressed Tuesday that people wanting the county to pick up storm debris should separate construction and demolition debris separate from white goods (refrigerators, appliances), electronics and green waste as close to the road as sensible and not in drainage ditches.

In many cases, contracted waste haulers were not able to pick up debris if it was too far from the road. Residents are asked to push the remaining debris forward so a truck can access it when the hauler begins a second pass.

The current estimated cost to the county for debris removal has hit $4.7 million, reported Joel Ardoin, county emergency management coordinator. He said the hauler, AshBritt, has picked up about 360,000 cubic yards of the 400,000 estimated for the first pass.

Ardoin reminded that Bridge City Intermediate School will be the site Oct. 24 for the annual Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission's hazardous waste pickup.

The county paid $532,836 in bills, including $80,000 for a month's insurance for the county's over-65 retirees.

Ardoin also reported the county had 494 confirmed current COVID-19 cases, that included 331 active and 160 probable Rapid tests that had not been checked in a laboratory yet. Total recoveries are 1,639 for a total of 2,168 cases since March and 35 deaths, none in the past week.

From The Creaux's Nest

BIDEN WINS CHAOTIC DEBATE

It wasn't unexpected it's been chaotic for the entire Trump term. Trump was everything but presidential. It wasn't a slam dunk by Biden but he definitely won the debate. Trump, to me, proved that he doesn't believe he will be re-elected. I'm two hours past deadline so I can't comment any further but the fact checkers across the board say Biden won the debate. As for me, Trump's performance was embarrassing. He blew the election for sure. He can't recover from his actions.

NEW YORK TIMES DROPS TRUMP'S TAX BOMBSHELL

Four years ago, I wrote in this column, to elect **Trump** would be a mistake that would haunt this country for many years. I have followed **Trump's** life for over 30 years as a subscriber of the **New York Times** and **Trump's** appearance on radio shows, especially **Howard Stern.** I knew what we were getting if **Trump** was elected. I was frustrated and disappointed when I failed to convey what I knew about **Donald Trump.** I wrote at the time that **Trump** was a **New York shyster, a** con man, who had stiffed many contractors, workers, banks and retirees, who invested their life's savings on his schemes. I also pointed out that **Trump University** was a scam, a degree not worth the paper it was written on. **Trump** had been sued over 4,000 times for non-payments. He finally settled the suits for a penny on the dollar years later. He had to pay up to $25 million on his university scam. He has filed bankruptcy six times and lost the fortune he got from his father. I had been convinced **Trump** is a crook and would surround himself with the same type. They started filling their pockets with rubles on day one. Several indictments followed. I wrote if the voters wore blinders and elected **Trump** it would be four years of chaos. Two things I picked out was that **Trump** would never, in a hundred years, release his tax returns and never turn on **Russia's Vladimir Putin,** probably both for the same reason. A point of interest, two years ago, **Mark Cubin** said **Trump** was not what he claims to be. **Trump** was claiming to be worth **$10 billion. Cubin** said he doubted **Trump** was worth **one net billion**, then added, "The **Trump** organization will be broke in seven years, he's top heavy in red ink and none of his properties are paying off." Now we find out by this bombshell story by the **New York Times** that **Trump** owes **$427 million** to a foreign lender that must be paid in four years. The fear of that is who has that kind of leverage on the president of the United States. Since being elected he has paid **$750 in taxes in 2016 and 2017 and paid no taxes in 11 of the last 18 years.** If it's about colossal loses, it raises doubt about **Trump's** self-image as a smart and successful businessman. No wonder **Trump** has waged a legal battle to keep his tax returns hidden. The **Times** has let the cat out of the bag and it won't go back in. Much more is yet to come, like paying **$70,000** to hair stylist and **$778,000** to his daughter's consulting firm. His former lawyer, **Michael Cohon,** says, **"Just another way he launderson money from under the table." Trump's** taxes already are the focus of two probes, state's attorney and Manhattan DA. **Just the tip of the iceburg.**

CARLOS VACEK—BANKER'S BANKER

Our friend of many years, banker **Carlos Vacek** was honored by the **Texas Banker's Foundation** with the **"50 Year Banker"** award on Sept. 23. The award honored bankers with 50 years or more in the banking industry. I recall when **Carlos** started his long career in 1970 at **First National Bank** in Orange. After ten years, he joined **First Texas Bank** in Vidor. I believe he replaced a guy call **Claude Keeler** as president. He then put a group together consisting of **Joe Burk, Glenn Oliver, Pete Sterling** and others and acquired **Orange Bank** from **Vincent Kickerillo**, the glass bank on 5th Street. The group sold the bank to **Hibernia** in the fall of 1997. During the eight years the group owned the bank, with **Vacek** as president, the bank became one of the top banks in the nation for their asset size. In the sale the investors all made a good amount of change. In 1999 **Carlos** put another group of investors together and acquired **First National Bank** of Newton, expanding to other locations, including the **Round Bank** in Orange, originally built by **Edgar Brown.** Again the group picked up a pocket full of good change when they sold the banks to **Walter Umphrey's** group. **Carlos** stayed on as president for eight more years and retired in 2015. It seems just a short while later I visited with **Carlos** at our office he said his son **Damon** wanted to go back in banking. **Carlos** told me he believed he had one more banking venture in him. He formed another group and they purchased **First State Bank** in Three Rivers. They moved the main office to Orange where they built a new, modern bank on Interstate 10 and named it **First State Bank of Texas** and expanded with branches in Vidor and Beaumont. The **Texas Banker's Association** is the largest and oldest state banker's association in the nation. **Carlos** has a great reputation as a banker but he's also recognized as a good, honest and decent person. My knowledge of **Carlos** goes back before banking when he was a star halfback for the **TCU Horned Frogs** during their hay day in **1956 to 1958**. These days he spends his time serving as chairman and CEO of his new venture in banking. I wonder if there's an award for 60 years because banking is in his blood. **Joe Burke** once told me, **"Carlos** made a lot of people wealthy."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME
10 Years Ago-2010

Two weekends in a row high school football has taken a blow. First the sudden death of 17-year-old **Reggie Garrett, Jr.** and the untimely death of **Newton coach Curtis Barbay,** 68, on Saturday, Sept. 25. Never before has the death of a local person drawn so much national attention as the passing of **Reggie**. So far the cause of death has not been officially determined. The first report didn't show anything obviously wrong with his heart. **Coach Barbay,** a graduate of **Bishop Byrne High School** in Port Arthur and **Lamar**, was from the old school of coaching. In 36 years at **Newton** he had 317 wins, 16 playoff appearances in a row and two state championships and another as an assistant many years ago in 1974. **Coach Barbay** was the third winnest active coach and fourth ranked in state history. Two of his sons, **Darrell and Bryan**, followed in their dad's footsteps and are head football coaches.***** Sept. 29, proclaims **Bum Phillips Day. Coach O. A. "Bum" Phillips,** born on John St. in **Orange,** celebrates his 87th birthday this Wednesday, Sept. 29. The former high school, **college and pro-NFL coach** is probably **Orange County's** most nationally known and beloved native. He just recently published his autobiography and dedicated the first chapter to his early life in **Orange** where his grandfather **Parrish** taught him to become a cowboy. His new book **"Coach, Cowboy, Christian"** is drawing great reviews.*****It's been 12 years since we published a story on district attorney **John Kimbrough** and his crew. Probably time to run another one. At the time big **John** said, "When I came here in 1985, I was fresh out of law school, had a full head of hair, was assistant D.A., unmarried, carefree, no bills and no problems, now look at me. In 1998, son **Ryan** was six, now he's 18, **Grant** was four, now 16, wife, **Kelly**, hasn't aged, **John** gets older. I wonder what he thinks today about his travels from single life, fresh from law school, to the present. One thing we know is that he's served us well. I wonder what his take is today in 2020? *****Thirty-five years ago a group of young couples formed a dinner club with a different couple hosting each outing, **cocktails at their place, then visiting at different restaurants in the area.** Since then several from the dozen or so couples have died. Others have divorced. This past Saturday **Betty** and **Corky Harmon** hosted a reunion of those remaining or able to attend. **Janet** and **James Fontenot** came in from their home in **Georgetown** to attend their granddaughter's wedding and to make the reunion. That old **Cajun, from Washington, LA,** traveled the world for **Dupont. Janet** is still as pretty as ever. **Martha Hughes Kirkland** and husband **Glenn** attended. **Martha's** husband **Bill** died years ago. She is still the life of the party. **Phyl** and **Roy Dunn** were glad to see their longtime friends.*****We were sorry to hear that **Rev. Scott McIntosh**, age 50, pastor of **North Orange Baptist,** suffered a major heart attack last Thursday. He has been in **Baptist Hospital in Beaumont** and we hear he is doing better at this time. Our prayers are for a complete recovery. ***** Sunday was a good day for **Orange County** boys in the **NFL. Orange** native coach **Wade Phillips** and his **Cowboys** beat **Houston** 27 to 13. ***Bridge City's Matt Bryant kicked the winning field goal in overtime for **Atlanta** to beat the **New Orleans Saints** 27 to 24.***Earl Thomas,** the pride of **West Orange-Stark,** made two picks. The final interception on the goal line preserved a 27-20 win for the **Seahawks** over **San Diego.** The boys make **Orange County** proud. *****A few special folks celebrating birthdays in the coming week. Our buddy, constable, **Rob Strause,** is a year older. ***Martha Hankins,** who just lost her husband, editor **Robert Hankins**, marks another birthday. There won't be much celebrating as she misses **Robert** so much. We wanted her to know we are thinking about her. ***A great guy, **Karen Jo's** better half, **Robert Dale Vance,** marks another year.***Jared Dillion,** an outstanding guy, former **Bridge City** baseball standout and **McNeese** pitcher turns 20 this week.***Jimmy Smith** celebrates another one as does **Eddie Free** and **Darlene Stephens.***** Condolences to the family of **Peggy McKenna,** 83, who died last week. What a great, compassionate lady she was. She was one of the founders of the **Hospice** movement. She was the founder of Southeast Texas Hospice in Orange, the first Hospice in Texas and helped develop other units throughout the country. **Ms. Peggy** was also a member of the **Daughters of the Republic of Texas.***** We were saddened to learn about the death of **Jack McLelland**, 80, who passed away Sept. 28. We had known **Jack** for over 45 years. His mom and dad **Elizabeth and Randolph** lived on Forest St. in Bridge City as did his brother **Billy Ray.**

LOOKING BACK AT THE PAST

Sixty-six years ago, on Feb. 1954, **Howard Morse**, a resident of **Bridge City**, bought Neches Supermarket in **Bridge City. Morse** in announcing the purchase stated that the name of the store has been changed to **"Howard's Food Lane." Morse** had connections with **Cliff's Drive Inn** and **Grocery** on **Green Ave. in Orange**. Prior to the purchase, **Morse** had been employed for 12 years by the **Texas Laundry** and is well known in this area. The meat department will be under the management of **Marshall Wingate. Marshall** is one of the **Wingate** brothers of **Orange.** Other brothers in the meat business are **Roy, Cecil, Nick** and **Lance.** (Editor's note: If I remember correctly, the store was located on the corner of **Texas Ave.** and **Roundbunch,** where the present **Exxon Mobile** is.) **Howard** went on to own **"Howard's Big Red Pantry"** on the corner of **Texas Ave.** and **Roberts.** The store later burned to the ground. **Howard** went on to acquire a chain of convenience stores and served on the board of **Bridge City Bank.**

A FEW HAPPENINGS

For years I had been thinking about the youngsters in the lower grads not getting recognition even though they compete in events. I checked into it once and was told they couldn't be photographed without parental consent so I dropped it. I don't know whose brain child it was but I was really impressed with the **Bridge City ISD's** monthly news bulletin. in our paper last week. They featured pictures and names of 7th and 8th grades, boys and girls, who compete in volleyball, cross country, football, cheerleaders and middle school kickers. It was really impressive. We noticed Thursday that locations in **Bridge City** were calling for more **Penny Records**. It's usually Friday when we get calls. I suspect many of the youngsters wanted a copy to send to Granny and Grandpa or other relatives. Congrats to a great bunch of youngsters from **Bridge City Middle School.** I bet some get their copy laminated. A great job by **BCISD.** *****I noticed also in last week's paper that **Al Granger** and managing partner **Bobby Wilkins** have recently added the local **Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep** store to **Granger's Chevrolet** and **R.V.** outlet. For several years, when **Al** first went into the used car business, he used our paper exclusively to advertise his cars. I believe the late **Dean Granger** would be excited about this move by brother **Al.** *****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Sept. 30:** A bunch of good guys share birthdays today. **Peggy's** other half, **Richard Albair,** is a year older.*** **Karen Jo's** longtime hubby, **Robert Dale Vance,** celebrates, also **Howard Fisher** and **Rob Strause.***Today one of **Mark's** granddaughters, **Willow Grace Ballou,** turns six years old and lil' miss **Julie Lund** turns 11.*****Oct. 2:** This is a day I always remember, it was the wedding anniversary of my friends **Ginny** and **Neighbor Cox.** They were wed in 1948. This would have been their 72nd but both have passed away in the last year. I still miss them. *****Oct. 3:** This day finds **Jason "The Cook" Montagne** and **Eddie "The Clippers" Free** celebrating. *****Oct. 4:** Happy Birthday to **Kyle Ezell.** *****Oct. 5: Jared Dillon** celebrates and we wish a very happy day to old friends **Coach Troy Woodall** and former port commissioner **Jimmy Smith.** Please see complete birthday list. *****I had a phone visit with **Pearl Harbor** survivor **Cedric Stout** and his wife **Cherry.** They came through hurricane **Laura** with no real damage. Right now they are enjoying good health. **Cedric,** the old **Navy** veteran, will turn 99-years-old on Nov. 7, four days after the election. **They are both looking forward to voting.** *****Former **Trump** campaign manager, **Brad Parscale** had threatened suicide when his wife called the police. He is under suicide watch.*****Over the weekend at a rally in **Pennsylvania, Trump** again lied about the southern border wall when he said again that the **"30 foot high, beautiful wall, has now 340 miles completed construction."** Investigation by a **San Antonio** newspaper finds that only **7-miles** have been completed, their goal is **10-miles by Election Day. Trump** had told his supporters that he would build a 2,100-mile wall and **Mexico** would pay for it. Five will get you ten that he puts his name on that short wall before he leaves office.*****Meanwhile, **Ted Cruz** has already started running for president in 2024. **Ted** has written a book promoting himself. He appeared on **The View** Monday and is staying very visible on TV, net works, and is a regular on **FOX News.*******Today I heard from **Vivian Holbrooks, Fain's** widow, folks I have known since 1971. She had moved to Dallas but is now a resident of **The Meadows** in Orange. For 50 years she has been a dear friend. She tells me there will be a meeting at **Pinehurst City Hall,** Oct. 13, concerning the **Fire Department** and **Meadow** residents concerning first responder's service.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following readers, **Brandon Taylor, Debbie Tutt, Denna Elizondo, Jamie Freeman, Keely Guidry, Gerald Brignac, Kenton James, Ann Wilkinson, Herb Spencer, Logan Bonds, Alexandra Bates, Bobby Romero, Ruth Scales, Beverly Gill, Tricia Prosperie, Jami Anderson, Tyler Miller, Kevin Staudenmier, Kay Bilbo, Jerald Ziller, Cathye Liepy , Charlie Dorman.**

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 30: Actors **Barry Williams,** 66; **Fran Drescher,** 63; **Levi Miller,** 18.*****Oct. 1:** United States president, **Jimmy Carter,** 96; Actors **Julie Andrews,** 85 and **Sarah Drew,** 40.*****Oct. 2:** Rock singer **Sting,** 69; TV host **Kelly Ripa,** 50 and Actress **Camilla Belle,** 34.*****Oct. 3:** Actors **Lean Headey,** 47 and **Neve Campbell,** 47, Pop singer **Gwen Stefani,** 51.*****Oct. 4:** Actors **Dakota Johnson,** 31; **Susan Sarandon,** 74 and **Liev Schreiber,** 53.*****Oct. 5:** Rock singer **Brian Johnson,** 73; Actor **Kate Winslet,** 45 and Entrepreneur **Nicky Hilton,** 37.*****Oct. 6:** Actors **Elisabeth Shue,** 57 and **Amy Jo Johnson,** 50.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Otis Bertrand was sitting at da bar at **Tee-Boy's Lounge** jus staring at his drink. Den one of dem trouble making bikers comes up next to **Otis,** grabs his drink and gulps it down in one swig. Den he says, **"Well, buddy, wat you gonna do bout it hanh?"**

Otis him bust in tears, den start crying uncontrollably.

Dat biker him say, "Man, I didn't tink you would cry, **I cant's stand to see a man crying."**

Otis say, "Dis is da worse day of my life. I'm a complete failure me**. I was late to a meeting and da boss fired me.** Wen I got to da parking lot my old truck is gone. Somebody done stole it and I don't' got no insurance. Den I left my wallet in da cab I took home. Den I find my **Clotile** in bed wit my neighbor **Tophile.** So me, **I came to dis bar to work up da courage to put an end to it all.** I buy a drink; I drop a capsule in and sit here watching da arsenic dissolve. Den **some smart-ass jerk shows up and drinks da hole ting.** However, enough bout me, tell me buddy, how's your day going, hanh?"

C'EST TOUT

Six takeaways from New York Times investigation

Here are excerpts from the **New York Times'** reporting on **President Donald Trump's** tax returns, citing tax documents and data from two decades.

Trump paid very little taxes: Thanks to business losses and write-offs, **"Trump paid $750** in federal income taxes the year he won the presidency. In his first year in the **White House,** he paid another **$750.** He had paid no income taxes at all in 10 of the previous 15 years, largely because he reported losing much more money than he made."

Trump paid more to other countries: "In 2017, the president's **$750** contribution to the operations of the **U.S. government** was dwarfed by the **$15,598** he or his companies paid in **Panama,** the **$145,400** in **India** and the **$156,824** in the **Philippines."**

Trump faces a crunch: The IRS audit could force **Trump** to pay a massive tax bill, on top of millions in personally guaranteed loan debts that are due soon.

Trump claimed a $72.9 million refund a decade ago: "The legitimacy of that refund is at the center of the audit battle that he has long been waging."

Trump wrote off up to $26 million: Between 2010 and 2018, as unexplained **"consulting fees"** as a business expense across nearly all of his projects.

Trump writes off expenses: He deducted high operating costs from his companies, such as the **Mar-a-Lago** resort in **Florida,** such as **$109,433** for linens and silver and **$197,829** for landscaping in 2017.*****That's it for today. Stay safe and God bless.**

A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Series on Mental Illness Present in Society

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Mental illness is something very relevant in society today especially in teenagers. Approximately 9% of children from the ages of 2-17 have been diagnosed with ADHD, 8% of teenagers aging 13-18 have been diagnosed with an anxiety disorder, 8% of teenagers from 12-17 have had major depression episodes, and 2.7% of teenagers from 13-18 suffer from eating disorders that can include bulimia, anorexia, and binge eating. The list of mental illnesses that can affect everyday life goes on and on.

Anxiety is something personal that the majority of people that experience it don't want to speak about. We tend to overthink the smallest things that occur throughout the day or future events. As a high schooler, it can be something like walking through the hall to get to another class. This could even throw someone into a panic attack. You have absolutely no control over your mind and sometimes your body. It's a struggle to wake up in the morning and an even bigger struggle to fall asleep at night. In public places it can be suffocating. Unfamiliar places are the most terrifying places to someone with anxiety. At some point it begins to affect daily tasks and activities that used to be enjoyable. You overthink going out with friends so you just avoid it. You overthink going to the mall or grocery shopping so you don't go. Quiet places without a distraction can be even worse. There is no distraction unless you know how to deal with it. More times than not, teenagers don't know how to deal with it so we go through it alone. We give you just enough information to keep you satisfied even if it means faking it and telling you we got through it. Anxiety can make you extremely unhealthy. It can make you nauseous so you quit eating and drinking water. Obviously we all know what happens when you stop taking care of yourself. You become weak physically along with being weak mentally. This makes it even harder to do any basic task such as taking a shower. Your grades start slipping and you lose things that are important to your success such as your friends. Now you realize you are completely by yourself in such a dark place that you are stuck in.

If someone is struggling with something, whether it be anxiety or not, try to understand and listen. If someone has come to you to speak about something that is bothering them and you told them to get over it, shame on you. That phrase can cause more problems than it can resolution. It's a phrase than can make us insecure and think nobody will listen to us so we don't open up to people. We create a wall in front of all our emotions because it hurts when someone says that to you. Have the decency to listen to someone even if you don't understand what they're talking about because eventually they may open up to you.

Check up on people and make sure they are okay. Even if it's a quick call reassuring them that you are there for them. Don't be ignorant and don't expect the other person to tell you everything because it takes time.

Maddy is a student at Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School. She is a talented young writer whose columns offer unique insights from the perspective of a local high school student. Intended primarily for young people, all of The Record readers are welcome to enjoy our columns by Maddy Smith.

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Deaths & Memorials

Walter Ridley, 63, Bridge City

Walter Day Ridley, age 63, of Orange, Texas passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020, surrounded by those he loved most, his children and his best friend. Walter was born January 2, 1957 in Beaumont, Texas to Hal and Lavergne Ridley.

Walter grew up in Beaumont before moving to Bridge city as a young boy with his family. He graduated from Bridge City High School in 1975. Upon graduation he held various positions such as a merchant marine, a stagehand as a member of the IATSE International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, and a pipefitter/ boilermaker for Conex and Wyatt Field Services.

Walter was an avid golfer, extensive reader, and enjoyed playing his guitar in addition to being an unwavering fan of the Houston Astros, Dallas Cowboys, and Houston Rockets. Anyone who knows him even remotely knows he is one of the most well read people they've ever met.

Walter is preceded in death by his parents, Hal and Lavergne Ridley.

Walter is survived by his son Drexel Ridley, daughter Shanna Rushing, daughter in law Jessica Rushing; grandchildren Ava Cruey and Grayson Cruey; best friend Diane Rushing; and siblings Jay Ridley, Tom Ridley, Kirby Cruse, Sam Ridley, Laura Ridley, and Leon Ridley.

A Gathering of Family and Friends for Walter will be held Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 12:00 PM at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 4955 Pine, Beaumont, Texas 77703, followed by A Celebration of Walter's Life at 2:00 PM.

Walter always liked to say "Life is a beautiful, random event."

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Why Did God Heal Me?

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January 12, 2019, was just another day in pain. For nearly four years, my body had betrayed me. Unexplained headaches. Numbness. A broken metabolism. The need for a two-hour nap every afternoon. And worst of all, significant digestive problems that made it impossible for me to stand up for longer than twenty minutes. I was forced to alter local travel plans, stop preaching, stop coaching youth sports, and a whole lot more.

Resist the urge to play armchair doctor. I went to doctors and chiropractors and nutritionists. I tried a lot of different approaches. People who knew me best wouldn't ask if I felt well but how much pain I was in.

I had preached once in the previous twelve months and almost collapsed. Yet here I was, in Texas on a Saturday evening, visiting a small group at the church where I was going to preach the next day. During dinner, I shared how I had been in bed all day and was not feeling well. I had cut a meeting short that morning because I just couldn't take the pain. They decided to pray. Nothing fancy. No formula.

I preached the next day and went home. But a week later, I noticed something. I had no pain. I had not missed a meeting. I had not pulled the car over suddenly to try to gather myself. I had not taken a nap. Had I changed my diet, my workout routine, my supplements? Was I experiencing less stress? No.

God had healed me with almost no fanfare. Unlike so many Jesus healed who could not keep the news to themselves, I have been reluctant to share because I just haven't been sure. But it's been over a year and a half now, and I continue to feel healthy.

Unwelcome Thorn

Suffering causes pain, both physically and socially. Here I was, the strong and proud leader of a growing missions organization, and I couldn't lead a meeting or speak in public. I had to stop traveling. And when I came home to my wife and five children — exhaustion and pain. Two-hour naps. I felt useless.

"Poor in spirit" doesn't mean defeated or resigned; it means dependent (Matthew 5:3). I knew I had nothing a good resurrection couldn't fix (to paraphrase D.A. Carson). I knew that no purpose of God could be thwarted (Job 42:2). I knew Jesus had all authority (Matthew 28:18) and that he understood my pain (Hebrews 4:14–16). Physical pain could lead in only two directions: to bitterness or to humility. We have all seen this both in ourselves and in others. I could complain and compare, like Peter asking Jesus about John (John 21:21). "What about that guy?" is a question that comes without effort. The pain made it impossible to boast about the future when I had a difficult time mapping out the day (James 4:13–17).

I wish I could say I had perfect obedience and faith through it all, but I fell quite short. My pain often led me to focus simply on the pain and annoyance. I complained. I couldn't mask my frustration. Patience was out. Prayers beyond my own predicament were hard to come by. Suffering can give us tunnel vision, causing us to miss the ten thousand ways God is at work. Even after the fact, I do not always feel gratitude for being humbled through physical pain. I could agree with Paul that this thorn in my flesh was keeping me from being conceited (2 Corinthians 12:7), but it was not a welcome gift.

Cautious Celebration

Craig Keener, in his defense of miracles, spends a considerable amount of time reporting on healings from blindness, the lame walking, and people being raised from the dead. I have seen many such miracles in the context of my missions work. None of them has come from healing ministries, but from church communities and gospel-advancing work where God displays his power over idols. Miracles have become so regular for some of my friends that they hardly mention them in conversation.

So, why the hesitation to talk about my own healing? A few reasons come to mind. Many Christians probably pray for healing more than for the salvation of loved ones who do not know Christ. Charlatans also steal money from God's people, claiming the ability to heal. In addition, while we certainly pray for healing, we are hesitant to acknowledge it when it happens, fearful of being like the false teachers we all know. But there are also two other, more complicated reasons that warrant at least some caution as I celebrate this work of God.

1. The healing was not from everything.

Lazarus was raised, but he died again later (John 11:43–44). Same with Eutychus (Acts 20:9–12). Healings in Scripture are often limited in focus. For example, Jesus healed a fever (Matthew 8:14–15), leprosy (Matthew 8:1–4), blindness (Matthew 9:27–31), and a withered hand (Matthew 12:9–13). Sometimes the afflictions were demonic, sometimes not. But there is no indication that the healings were total; they were just a taste of things to come.

My body has been restored, and I have been able to work without interruption. But in the past year, I've had the flu, been tired, and had a bad reaction to food. In this life, all physical healing is temporary. We all will be buried and raised. I will get sick again, maybe even with the same illness that plagued me for years. Future glory is coming. It is better that my sins are forgiven than that my body is working.

2. Faithful friends have been sick in the meantime.

Another reason I have felt so cautious is because some of my friends have suffered and even died over the past few years. Some struggle with constant pain, and I don't know how to tell them I am well and no longer share ongoing pain with them. Jesus has the authority to heal them, and he has not done it. Many of them possess faith much stronger than mine. They had more people praying for them. And yet, sickness and pain persist. Why? I don't know.

The mysteries behind suffering are often a stumbling block for those who refuse to believe. I understand the pull of the prosperity gospel. I understand the hope that is created when you believe escape can come by the strength of your own belief. But that is a shallow understanding of the complex and multifaceted ways in which God works.

The good news of the birth of the Messiah led to the slaughter of children. Lazarus was raised, but surely Jesus passed by other funerals and kept walking. There were certainly more blind and lame in Israel than those who came to Jesus. Stephen was stoned and not brought back.

Precious, Temporary Healing

The Christian answer to the problem of suffering does not answer every question people have, but it is still a better answer than anything else. Jesus Christ experienced suffering in the flesh, is able to relate to us, and took the burden of the wrath of God on himself (Hebrews 4:14–16). Because of his sacrifice, we have an inheritance laid up for us that is imperishable (1 Peter 1:3–4).

These truths enable us to rejoice in temporary healing and be certain of a complete and total healing in store for those of us who are known by the Son of God.

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Catching is heating up

CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record

Dickie Colburn

Five years ago, the picture of Jay and Donnie Williams" recent catch would not have warranted a second look, but that was five years ago and things have changed!

Immediately following Monday's brief downpour, the cousins decide to at least give it a try rather than return home without even launching the boat. "It was Donnie's idea to go ahead and fish and I am glad we did," said Jay.

"I was still tying on a topwater when we rounded the corner at Blue Buck Point and saw three different schools of reds on the surface. "The fish didn't stay up long, but simply making shallow drifts over the area produced two limits in less than thirty minutes.

"I think you could have caught them on anything, but I was using a chrome Skitterwalk and Jay was throwing a chartreuse Catch 2000," added Donnie. "I don't know how long they had been schooling, but we never saw them come up again."

It is a reasonably sure bet that had they continued to school, the cousins would have never switched gears and there would have been no picture. "We were idling down the shoreline having already made our day when we saw a small school of tiny shad explode out of the water," said Jay.

The first two fish that inhaled their lures were lady fish, but the third fish was a four pound trout. After establishing the fact that the larger trout and fewer ladyfish wanted a topwater, the duo repeatedly drifted the same area time and again.

"Some drifts we would catch only one fish or get just one strike, but we may catch two or three fish the next drift," said Jay. "As soon as Donnie caught our final limit fish we left and headed back to Houston."

They finished up with two limits of trout between two and a half and four pounds and released one fish that they guessed to weigh five pounds before releasing it. They saw only one other boat while the redfish melee was taking place.

When all was said and done we narrowly dodged a bullet with the latest storm, but the water is still exceedingly high in both the bayous and the marshes. We ran the big engine in areas where we usually have to push pole Tuesday afternoon.

We never gave the lake a try, but had a very enjoyable time catching both bass and small reds on Wacky worms in Old River Cove. The cooler weather was a welcome change and just what is needed to ignite a more user friendly bite over the next few months.

As the cool fronts continue to stack up, surface temperatures will drop as will the water level in the backwater lakes and ponds. That combination will push more bait and predators into the open water

COLBURN Page 3B

WOS, BC poised for Friday bouts

GERRY DICKERT
For The Record

Gerry Dickert

A big win for West Orange-Stark, a disappointing second half for Little Cypress-Mauriceville and a close game for Orangefield marked this past Friday nights high school football games for Orange County.

The Mustangs rolled against Hamshire-Fannett for a 37-7 win on the road, while LC-M let a 20-0 first-half lead slip away in a 42-26 loss to Houston Kinkaid. Orangefield nearly upended Silsbee as the Tigers celebrated homecoming with the Bobcats falling 14-6 in the District 11-4A, Division II opener.

WO-S continues its district run with a home game against Hardin-Jefferson this Friday, while LC-M gets in one last non-district game with a showdown with the Jasper Bulldogs this week. Bridge City, which had a bye week this week, returns to action with a 7:30 p.m. home game against Hamshire-Fannett this week. Orangefield has a bye week this week.•

West Orange-Stark 37, Hamshire-Fannett 7

HAMSHIRE – Quarterback Jerren

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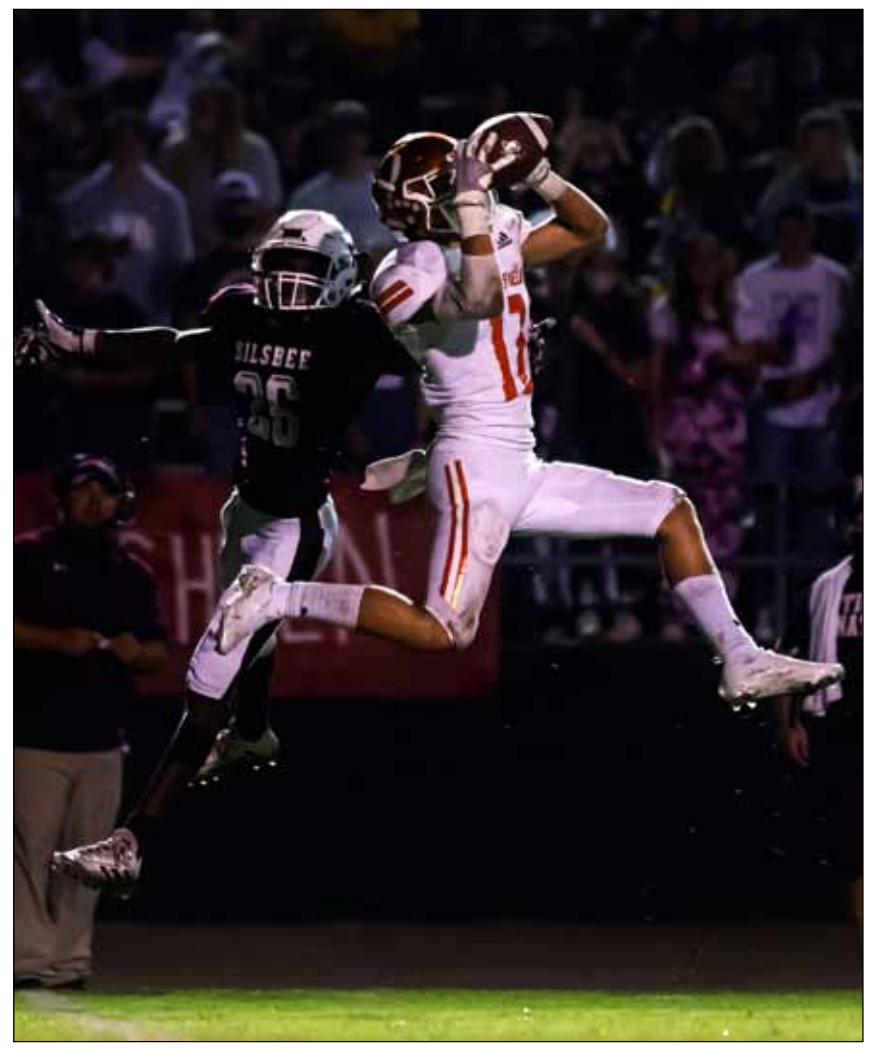
Orangefield Bobcat Tyler Shearin is airborn pulling down a pass against Silsbee.
RECORD PHOTO: Tishy Bryant

Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

★ **WEST ORANGE-STARK over HARDIN-JEFFERSON—**
Both teams are coming off impressive district opening wins and should be sky-high for Friday's encounter at Dan Hooks Stadium in West Orange. The Mustangs made a few mistakes at Hamshire-Fannett last week but should be ready to de-feather the Hawks at home this week.

★ **BRIDGE CITY over HAMSHIRE-FANNETT—**
The Longhorns are a much better team than Anahuac, which beat the Cards in overtime, but the Redbirds have had two weeks to prepare for this week's foe in another home game. We like Bridge City but must call it an upset.

★ **DEWEYVILLE over BEAUMONT LEGACY—**
Although the Pirates must travel to Beaumont for this game, they have had two weeks of preparation and should be ready to chalk up a road victory.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL PICKS—
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Orangefield Bobcat quarterback Hunter Jones rambles for yardage against the Silsbee Tigers. RECORD PHOTO: Tishy Bryant

Orangefield Bobcat fullback Hunter Ashworth drives through Silsbee Tiger defenders. RECORD PHOTO: Tishy Bryant

Orangefield Bobcat linebacker Brayden Babineaux moves in to bring down a Silsbee ball carrier. RECORD PHOTO: Tishy Bryant

OC Football Scores & Upcoming Contests

WEEK 5 (SEPT. 25)

WO-S 37 Hamshire-Fannett 7
Hou. Kincaid 42 LC-M 26
Silsbee 14 Orangefield 6
Jasper 30 Vidor 19
Liberty, Hardin-Jefferson
Lumberton 32 Brazosport 28
Livingston 21 Madisonville 16
West Brook 48 Bmt United 7
PA Memorial 38 PN-G 32
Katy Paetow 21 Barbers Hill 20
Buna 22 Woodville 14
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Newton 72 Kountze 7

WEEK 6 (OCT. 2)

Hardin-Jefferson at WO-S
Hamshire-Fannett at BC
Jasper at LCM
Deweyville at Bmt. Legacy

Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast From Page 1B

din, Tenaha over Colmesneil, West Sabine over Overton, Hull-Daisetta over KIPP Houston, Beaumont Kelly over Tyler Grace Community.

• **COLLEGE**—Wake Forest over Campbell and BYU over Louisiana Tech (both Friday); Florida over South Carolina, Texas over TCU, Tennessee over Missouri, Pittsburgh over North Carolina State, Georgia State over East Carolina, Arkansas State over Coastal Carolina, Baylor over West Virginia, UAB over UTSA, Liberty over North Alabama, Army over Abilene Christian, Alabama over Texas A&M, North Carolina over Boston College, Cincinnati over South Florida, Oklahoma State over Kansas, SMU over Memphis, Kansas State over Texas Tech, Florida Atlantic over Charlotte, Virginia Tech over Duke, Ole Miss over Kentucky, Florida State over Jacksonville State, Middle Tennessee State over Western Kentucky, Air Force over Navy, Louisiana-Monroe over Georgia Southern, Georgia over Auburn, UCF over Tulsa, Mississippi State over Arkansas, Oklahoma over Iowa State, LSU over Vanderbilt, North Texas over Southern Mississippi, Clemson over Virginia, Troy over South Alabama (all Saturday).

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

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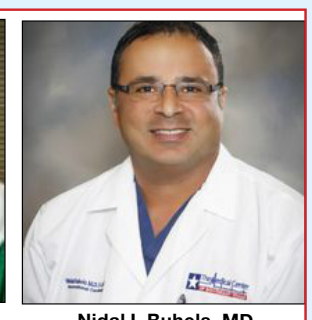

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Astros are playing better after backing into playoffs

KAZ'S KORNER
JOE KAZMAR
For The Record

Have you ever heard of a World Series champion that had a losing record in the regular season?

Joe Kazmar

How about a major league baseball team getting into the post-season with a losing record?

The answer to those two questions should be no!!

What I'm getting at is that our feeble Houston Astros played yesterday afternoon at Minnesota against the Twins in the first game of the 2020 best-of-three Wild Card Series against the team that won the American League Central Division pennant.

It spells bad news for Houston which limped into the playoffs with a 29-31 record as the AL West runner-up after the Los Angeles Angels lost a 9-5 decision to the LA Dodgers Friday night and were eliminated from the second-place position.

Houston exploded for 3 runs in the top of the 9th inning Tuesday snapping a 1-1 tie. Framber Valdez, who relieved starter Zach Greinke in the 6th inning, was the winning pitcher.

Astros could very well have been eliminated this afternoon, but if past performances have anything to do with this year's playoffs, then it must be pointed out that the Twins have reached the post-season in 2019, 2017, 2010, 2009 and 2006 and the last time they even won a single playoff game was in 2004. That trend continues into game 2 today.The Astros could easily match Minnesota's playoff record and look like a team that's ready for another World Series shot. However, that's not the way it works.

Last week all the media could headline is a playoff match between the Astros and the AL West Division-champion Oakland A's.

But the A's 6-2 win over the Seattle Mariners on Sunday's final day of the season combined with Minnesota's 5-3 loss in 10 innings to the Cincinnati Reds moved Oakland up one spot in the eight-team American League playoff bracket and bumped the Twins into the third seed to face the sixth-seeded Astros in the best-of-three wild card series.

"The Astros are the first Major League baseball team, along with the Milwaukee Brewers in the National League, to qualify for the post-season with a sub-.500 record," according to an article appearing in Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Houston entered yesterday's opening game of the Wild Card Series with three consecutive losses to the pathetic Texas Rangers, including Sunday's game where they squandered a 3-1 lead.

he bullpen really struggled in the season's last couple of weeks because of an impotent offense's ability to come through with men in scoring position, especially in the later innings.

Although some of the Astros' playoff veterans like George Springer, Carlos Correa, Jose Altuve and Josh Reddick are full of confidence about the playoffs, the Astros hardly entered the playoffs on a roll.

"It hasn't been good," first-year manager Dusty Baker told the Chronicle. "We've got to clean up these mistakes. These guys have been there before and they know what's at stake. They know not to panic. They know what to do in certain situations."

One of the brighter offensive stars for Houston is outfielder Michael Brantley, who finished the season at .300 and didn't dip under that mark throughout the 60 games.

Rookie left-handed pitcher Framber Valdez (5-3) or Jose Urquidy (1-1) were set to pitch in today's second game of the series that starts at noon on ESPN2 after high-dollar veteran Zack Greinke took the hill in yesterday's game.

If a third game is necessary, Baker plans to send out Lance McCullers, Jr. in the rubber game Thursday on either ESPN or TBS with a starting time to be determined.

KWICKIES...

For the third week in a row the Houston Chronicle gave the Houston Texans an overall grade of "F" in their 28-21 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday. The running backs, who were able to manage only 29 total rushing yards, were awarded an F-minus, the same grade the offensive line received. The coaches garnered their third-straight F grade.

This week's Associated Press Top 25 College Football Poll still has Clemson on top, with Alabama a close No. 2 again this week. Florida jumped from No, 5 to third, Georgia remained No. 4, Notre Dame moved up two spots to No. 5, idle Ohio State stayed at No. 6, Auburn went up one to No. 7, Miami catapulted from No. 12 to eighth, Texas fell one to No. 9 and idle Penn State remained at No. 10. Texas A&M dropped from tenth to No. 13 while LSU nosedived from No. 6 to No. 20 and Oklahoma sunk from No. 3 to No. 18.

After kicking the game-winning 46-yard field goal to beat Atlanta 40-30 a week ago, Dallas Cowboy kicker Greg Zuerline was dubbed "Greg The Leg" by his teammates. Then Zuerline turns around and misses an extra point Sunday at Seattle.

And speaking of the Atlanta Falcons blowing fourth-period leads of 15 or more points, they did it again Sunday when the Chicago Bears came back from a 16-point deficit to down the 0-3 Falcons 30-26. Atlanta became the first team in NFL history to lose back-to-back games in which it led by 15 or more points in the final period, according to STATS.

The surprising Tennessee Titans have won all three of their games by a meager total of six points, thanks to veteran kicker Stephen Gostowski who booted game-winning field goals in all three games.

Due to a missed extra point and a safety, the 23-15 halftime score that the Seattle Seahawks led over the Dallas Cowboys Sunday was the first time in NFL history that any game had that score at the intermission.

JUST BETWEEN US... After three weeks, Texas and New York City have the same dilemma as far as the National Football League is concerned. Neither the Giants or Jets have yet to crack the victory column while the winless Houston Texans and the Dallas Cowboys have similar woes, although the Cowboys did come up with a miracle victory against Atlanta. The Texans jumped off to a 21-17 first-half lead over the Pittsburgh Steelers until the NRG Stadium visitors discovered that Houston could not stop their running game and turned that halftime deficit into an impressive 28-21 win that wasn't nearly as close as the final score indicated. Pittsburgh had a first-and-goal at Houston's one-yard line at the two-minute warning and decided to go into the victory formation on the next three snaps to run out the clock. The Cowboys' defense just couldn't stop Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson, who burned them for 315 passing yards and five touchdowns in a 38-31 win. Wilson leads the league with 13 touchdown passes in 3 games. Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott threw for 472 yards and three touchdowns but had two crucial interceptions.

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rendering them far more accessible to the waiting anglers.

Aside from locating gulls or terns ratting out schooling fish, there is no easier bite than taking advantage of an outgoing tide that is draining a nearby bayou or marsh drain.Both reds and trout will stack up on the nearest drop off or even a small pile of shell that affords them an ambush spot and feed for incredibly long periods of time.

Once you have located one of these magical spots, drop anchor or bury your Talon and take advantage of your good fortune. DO NOT CONTINUE TO DRIFT ACROSS THE AREA!

Invariably, day after day, a half dozen or more boats will gang up in Middle or East Pass and when all is said and done, one or two of them will have enjoyed a banner day while the others pick off only a fish or two and leave scratching their heads.

If your bite slows down due to boat traffic for a few minutes don't panic. The fish will quickly settle down and you will be back in business. The number one reason that program is so effective is that your magic spot is constantly reloading with bait that is riding the tide out of the marshes.

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Weather Sets High Expectations for Archery-Only Season

Staff Report
For The Record

AUSTIN – Expectations are high for the archery hunting season opening day thanks to recent rain events, mild temperatures and reported deer movement throughout the state. The archery-only season opens on Oct. 3 and runs through Nov. 6.

"Recent precipitation throughout Texas has resulted in a flush of new growth on preferred native deer forages and should set the stage for good winter weed production, critical for deer late in the season," said Alan Cain, White-tailed Deer Program Leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). "This is quite a change from the brown and brittle range conditions experienced in July and August."

Cain said that hunters and landowners are reporting exceptional antler quality, as seen on trail cameras or while scouting their favorite deer hunting locale. He adds that even though the western Panhandle of the state is still experiencing somewhat dry conditions, significant impacts on deer season are not expected.

TPWD biologists estimate that the state's deer population is around 5.5 million deer, or a density of 49.25 deer per 1,000 acres. However, that density is not uniform across the state and those areas with better habitat tend to support higher deer populations.

White-tailed deer and mule deer are Chronic Wasting Disease-susceptible animals. As such, prior to hitting the field, TPWD asks that hunters review CWD information to find area testing requirements and carcass movement restrictions in CWD Containment and Surveillance Zones.

While the archery-only season kicks off the first weekend of October, the general season opener is still more than a month away on Nov. 7. The general season runs through Jan. 3, 2021 in the North Zone and Jan. 17, 2021 in the South Zone. A special youth-only gun deer season is set for Oct. 31- Nov. 1 and Jan. 4-17, 2021. For additional late season deer hunting opportunities, county specific regulations and information on how to property tag and report a harvest, consult the 2020-21 all-digital Outdoor Annual. Hunters can download the free Outdoor Annual mobile app for iOS and Android.

Archery hunters are required to purchase an Archery Endorsement in addition to their hunting license. Hunters taking advantage of Texas Public Hunting Lands must also have the Annual Public Hunting Permit. It's also important for public land hunters to consult the Public Hunting Lands Map Booklet to review regulations that may apply to specific areas. The My Texas Hunt Harvest app can be used to complete on-site registration electronically at a public hunting area.

Those interested in learning more about archery and bowhunting, or anyone who is looking to brush-up on their skills ahead of the season, are encouraged to explore Bowhunter by Fall, a newsletter series presented by TPWD's Community Archery Program.

Fall fishing and kids are a great combo

HUNTING & FISHING CAPT. CHUCK UZZLE
For The Record

Chuck Uzzle

All along the Texas gulf coast the pattern is the same, cool fronts signal the much anticipated frenzy that is fall fishing. Anglers of every description ready themselves with the latest technology and gear in hopes of finding flocks of gulls working over schools of hungry speckled trout and redfish. Shiny

fiberglass cruisers masquerading as bay boats are stocked up with an array of tackle that would make most anglers drool with envy. It is the same scenario in each bay system any and every place you look, yes all those hot summer days with limited action will soon be past memories because the action is rather than the weather is heating up.

It is incredibly easy to get caught up in the chaos that is fall fishing, running and gunning from one school of fish to another as if they will suddenly disappear if you do not reach them in time. I must admit that I am absolutely in love with this style of fishing, probably due to the fact that I take a "fly by

the seat of your pants" approach to most things so this is right up my alley. While it is true that I have had some wonderful times fishing like this, I have had even better times sharing it with kids.

This time of the year is tailor made for taking a child fishing, weather and overall conditions could not be better for introducing a young angler to the world of fishing. Now some folks hear the stories about chasing the birds in the lake and that sounds great, except maybe they do not have a big boat that allows them to do this kind of fishing. There are very few places better to fish right now than the Sabine and Neches rivers along with the intracoastal canal. Various locations along the deep channels can provide hours worth of fish catching opportunities for folks to take their kids and experience some tremendous fishing without having to worry about the wind and also not having to run too far.

On most occasions during the fall months you can take a kid out and anchor up along the river channel or at the mouth of most bayous and have no problem getting bit. Small redfish are wandering all over the river banks and hungry trout will readily eat shad or shrimp fished on the bottom. Try plenty of spots until you find a concentration of fish, then anchor and enjoy. This style of fishing coupled with the numbers of fish in our area during the fall months are just perfect for introducing a young angler to the sport of fishing, who knows you just may get a lifetime fishing buddy out of the deal.

Fall is a great time to get the kids out on the water and interested in fishing.

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Orange County Football

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Terrell had another huge night, throwing for 212 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Mustangs past the Longhorns 37-7 at Longhorns Stadium.

Terrell completed 12 of 26 attempts with no interceptions and added another 19 yards on four carries as the Mustangs improved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in District 11-4A, Division II play.

The Mustangs opened their scoring with an Angel Ibarra field goal from 24 yards out, capping a 59-yard, nine-play drive.

WO-S upped that lead to 10-0 in the first quarter when Terrell hit Jacob Dominguez for a 15-yard TD strike. Ibarra's extra point kick was good.

The second quarter showed more of the same from the Mustangs when Ibarra booted a 25-yard field goal for a 13-0 advantage.

Whatever the H-F coach said during the halftime break worked well with the Longhorns coming out to score on an 89-yard touchdown pass to cut the WO-S lead to 13-7.

That was all the Longhorns could muster on offense, though, as the Ponies added another 20 points through the rest of the third and the fourth quarters.

Jayson Zeigler Jr. capped an 11-play, 85-yard drive with a 3-yard run and Ibarra's PAT put the Mustangs up 20-7.

Terrell found Jalen Thompson and he did the rest of the work on a 42-yard scoring pass play to end the third quarter with WO-S up 30-7.

Jallen Brown picked up a touchdown for himself and the Mustangs when he took off on a 25-yard jaunt and a 37-7 final.

The Mustangs dominated H-F on offense, outdoing the Longhorns 492 yards to 180 yards in overall yardage. The always-potent WO-S defense held the H-F rushing game to just 45 yards and allowed just eight first downs overall.

Elijah Gales led the rushing game with 10 carries for 138 yards, his longest a 39-yard run, while Brown added 40 yards on three carries. Zeigler was Terrell's favorite aerial target, hauling in five catches for 77 yards, while Jerrold Brown Jr. had two catches for 65 yards, including a 56-yard catch-and-run.

Ibarra single-handedly scored 13 points kicking for the Mustangs, also adding one punt for 45 yards that pushed the Longhorns back inside their own 20 yard line.

The Mustangs are back at Dan R. Hooks Stadium this Friday when they take on district foe Hardin-Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. The Hawks beat Liberty 26-21 this past Friday night in their district-opener.

Silsbee 14, Orangefield 6

SILSBEE – A quick score and a little trickery helped put Silsbee up early and the Orangefield Bobcats just weren't able to catch up as they fell 14-6 this past Friday night.

The Tigers, now 2-1 overall and 1-0 in District 11-4A, Division II play, wouldn't take long to find the scoreboard for their homecoming crowd as Marquis Dodd took off for a 62-yard touchdown to give Silsbee a quick 7-0 lead.

An unlikely onside kick attempt by Silsbee was good when kicker Diego Carreon Gonzalez recovered his own kick to put the Tigers at the Orangefield 46-yard line. Silsbee ended a five-play drive with a 27-yard run by Raymond Baltrip as the Tigers went up 14-0.

The Bobcats came back in the second half, taking 10 minutes off the game clock in a tedious but successful 64-yard, 17-play drive that was capped by Hunter Ashworth's 3-yard touchdown run. A two-point conversion failed, leaving the Bobcats trailing 14-6.

The Orangefield defense had some great highlights with Tyler Shearin and Tyler Washington each hauling in an interception against Silsbee quarterback Mason Brisbane.

The Bobcats get this Friday off for a bye week with a return to the field on October 9 for a district home game against Liberty.

Houston Kinkaid 42, Little Cypress-Mauriceville 26

HOUSTON – Little Cypress-Mauriceville went up early against Houston Kinkaid but couldn't hold on as the Falcons got away with a 42-26 non-district game in Houston this past Friday night.

The Bears fall to 0-2 for the season with their final non-district game coming at home against the Jasper Bulldogs this Friday night with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

LC-M looked in championship form early, scoring 20 unanswered points, with quarterback Ashton Landry tossing a 12-yard touchdown pass to Brendon Pollock for the early 7-0 lead.

With the reputation of having a potent offense of its own, it was no surprise that Kinkaid took off on a march of its own with its first possession. LC-M's Nicholas Granger had other ideas though as the defensive back picked off the Kinkaid QB and took it 65 yards for the touchdown and a 14-0 advantage.

The Bear recovered the ensuing kick at the Falcons' 36-yard line and it would only take a handful of plays before LC-M was in the end zone again, this time on a 35-yard Landry run. The PAT kick was blocked, leaving the game at 20-0.

Unfortunately, the Bears wouldn't see the end zone again until the fourth quarter but by then, the Falcons had reeled off 42 unanswered points for a 42-20 advantage.

Da'Marion Morris set up the Bears for their final touchdown of the game after returning a kickoff 83 yards to the Falcons' 12-yard line. It took a fourth-down effort by the Bears but Landry found Granger in the end zone for the score. A failed two-point conversion allowed for the 42-26 final.

Win or lose, Landry certainly deserved a game ball after completing 10 of 23 passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns, adding another team-leading 80 yards and a TD on 18 carries.

Senior receiver Pollock had three catches for 41 yards and a touchdown, while Granger grabbed two passes for 40 yards and a score.

Morris had 48 yards on seven carries and Andrew McDown chipped in 44 yards on 16 carries for the Bears.

Kinkaid quarterback Louis Gustafson completed 16 of 23 yards for 255 yards and three touchdowns. His favorite target was Dillon Bell, who finished with seven catches for 90 yards and a TD. Spencer Olsson led the Falcons' rushing game with 87 yards and a TD on 14 carries.

Granger led the LC-M defense with seven tackles, five of those solo efforts, while sophomore Dean Reynolds helped with five tackles, including one for a loss. Brandyn LeBouef, Morris and Ezavier Smith each added four tackles for the Bears. Amier Washington and Eric Garcia each managed to get through the Falcons line to record a sack in the game.

Smith, Granger and Jermaine Woodson each had an interception, while Morris had a fumble recovery for LC-M.

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