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Five hopefuls enter Pct. 2 commish race

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

With just under four months left before the March 1 Republican Primary, it's doubtful that any Orange County candidate will raise more money than County Judge John Gothia already has in the bank.

With no big-money opponent in his first County Judge race in 2020, the popular ex-commissioner raised a lot of dough and spent little of it on advertising.

Gothia starts the 2022 election cycle with \$19,299 left in his political fund-raising account.

No opponent has come forward to register early for a spot on the ballot to run against him, as either a Republican or Democrat. "Never know 'til you know," Gothia said Tuesday about the prospect of having an opponent.

But so far, the big campaign war chest is doing what it's supposed to do.

Candidates have until Dec. 3 to register with their County Party Chairman, Leo La-

Baue III for the Republicans, John Cash Smith for the Democrats.

All of the elected county officials in Orange have registered as Republicans. Ditto for all others signed up so far.

District Clerk Vickie Edgerly, who won the first of her six terms in office in 1998, announced her plans to retire in December 2022, after a 34-year career working in the clerk's office.

She is endorsing Chief Deputy Clerk Anne Gerity Reed, who has worked for the District Attorney's office for 6.5 years and for Edgerly for 18.5 years.

Almost every other incumbent elected office holder in Orange County with a four-year term expiring in 2022 filed for reelection with LaBaue Saturday or Monday.

Those include Precinct 4 County Commissioner Robert Viator, 260th District Court Judge Steve Parkhurst, County Clerk Brandy Robertson; County Treasurer

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★ Bridge City's Caryss Carpenter signs with Sam Houston State ...



Bridge City track standout Caryss Carpenter signed a letter of intent Monday with Sam Houston State to continue her sports career. An honor roll student with a 4.1 grade point average, Carpenter won District 22-4A titles in the 100-meter hurdles, long jump and triple jump was twice all-district in volleyball and a four-time All-American cheerleader. Caryss is seen with her mother Jill Mahan and father Roman Carpenter.

District Clerk plans retirement, endorses Reed

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In nearly 34 years working in the District Clerk's Office – 23 of them in the boss' chair – Vickie Edgerly has seen a lot change.

"When I came to work here, there were no computers, just typewriters. Everything was paper, written in books.

"Now we're electronic and have paperless courts. You have to be tech savvy, not scared of technology."

District clerks in Texas serve as the registrar, recorder and custodian of all court pleadings and papers connected with any legal cause of action in all the county's district clerks.

Edgerly, 61, has seen her office implement the E-Filing system for first civil, then criminal cases, the I-Jury system for jury selection, install Case Management software and then oversee the digitization of the archived written and microfilmed records.

And she's planned her exit. The Port Arthur native who was elected as District



Orange County District Clerk Vickie Edgerly, left, is planning to retire at the end of 2022 and is endorsing her Chief Deputy, Anne Gerity Reed, to replace her via next year's election.

Clerk in 1998 and reelected five times announced this week she is not seeking a seventh term and endorsed her Chief Deputy, Anne Gerity Reed, in next year's election.

Edgerly plans to work through the end of her current term, which ends Dec. 31, 2022.

"No one knows how much I've enjoyed serving the public for 34 years. I have loved every minute of my job," she said. "But my heart, at this point, is with my grandkids."

She and her husband of 40 years, Alvin Edgerly, plan a

move to the Hill Country to be close to their four grandchildren.

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Teacher shortage could lead to HS online classes

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For The Record

West Orange-Cove schools Superintendent Dr. Rickie Harris has offered a unique approach to deal locally with what he says is a nationwide shortage of teachers.

He told his board members Monday night that he is considering shifting the most qualified teachers at West Orange-Stark High School to instruct the younger grade 9 and 10 students.

That would leave juniors and seniors to go online to take some upper level classes like government, economics and English 3 and English 4, in learning labs set up on

campus.

"I see a train coming at us, and why stand there and let it hit us?" Harris asked. "Let's try to get ahead of it."

"You guys see this as well as I do: The pool for teaching is not getting deeper. We are dealing with a teacher shortage all over the country, not just in Texas."

Harris said state education officials he's talked to like the idea and encourage him to try the strategy, especially since WOC is one of the state's Districts of Innovation, a designation created to encourage new ideas in education.

"We'll shift our certified

TEACHER SHORTAGE Page 2A

Texas Governor Series: Gov. Ann Richards

CARL PARKER
For The Record

Ann Richards succeeded Bill Clements. Her familiarity with state politics began while secretary to Sara Weddington. Weddington is well known for having argued the case of Roe v. Wade.

Ann went on to run for and be elected to county commissioner in Travis County. Later she was elected treasurer of the State of Texas. Among Ann's promises as treasurer was to advocate eliminating the office of treasurer and folding it into the duties of the state comptroller.

Ann's chance of winning the governorship was at best a long shot because she was running against a well-known millionaire, rancher



Carl Parker has practiced law in Port Arthur since 1958. He is a 1958 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976. Parker continues to practice law while writing and sponsoring hundreds of bills.

and oil man, Clayton Williams.

Clayton was involved in many activities including teaching a course called "B.S." in the business school of Texas A&M. Apparently, what played a large part of turning the tide in Ann's favor was a statement by Williams concerning rape.

Williams famously joked, "If one is to be raped, she should simply, lay back and enjoy it."

Ann was the first woman elected as governor of Texas since Ma Ferguson.

She set about making appointments for positions in state government reflect more nearly the makeup of the population of the state.

Ann was also well known for her wit and sharp tongue. One of her famous remarks



Ann Richards was the 45th Governor of Texas. (1991-1995).

occurred as she spoke at the Democratic convention when she said of George Bush, the first, "Poor George, he was born with a gold foot in his mouth."

She was also known for one who others dreaded being roasted by, including me.

Once at a roast, introducing the famous lawyer, Joe Jamel, Ann said, "The reason lawyers are like hookers is that for money they will take any position."

Unfortunately for Texas, Richards paid more attention to governing than seeking reelection and her defeat by George W. Bush was the beginning of the Republican takeover of Texas politics. It also happened to be the end of my senate career along with that of Jack Brooks.

2022 local elections From Page 1

Christy Khoury and the Justice of the Peace duo of Chad Jenkins, Precinct 2; and Joy Dubose-Simonton, Precinct 3.

Dubose-Simonton is the only incumbent to draw a challenge, from past challenger Candice Conroy Steele.

Herschel Stagner Jr. and Rodney Price, the incumbent Justices of the Peace in Precincts 1 and 4, respectively, have indicated their intention to stand for reelection.

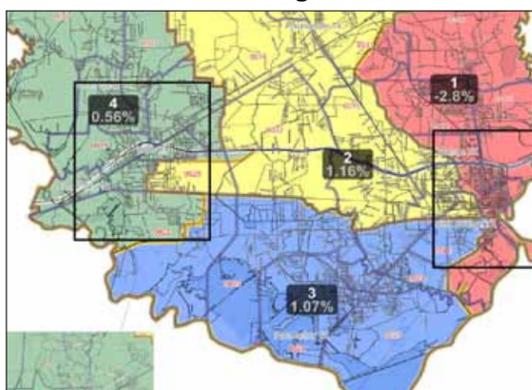
The big buzz in March's GOP primary should be the mob that is filing for a chance to replace retiring Precinct 2 County Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp.

By Monday, five wannabes had either paid their filing fee with LaBauve or indicated their intention to do so.

Two-term Orangefield school board member Jude Graffagnino, Pastor Matt Chandler and county Road & Bridge Department employee Robby Lunsford have added their names to a list that also includes Shawn Hare and Chris Sowell.

"I think we're just about guaranteed a run-off because of the fragmentation," Graffagnino said. "I just can't see any of us getting 51 percent. I really can't."

"I think we have some quality people in this race and it's going to be a lively campaign."



Orange County 2021 Precinct Map revised.

There could be more. Another couple of candidates for the Commissioner seat are expected to throw their hats in the ring.

"I don't think all the names are in the hat yet," Lunsford, 53, said. "I think it's going to get very interesting."

Chandler, 34, is a pastor at Orange's Life Church. He works as a public adjuster with city and schools.

He is a former Pinehurst city council member who was the youngest Mayor Pro-Tem in that city's history when he was 27.

"I've always been involved in serving the community, and I really feel like the skills I have I can deal well for Precinct 2. I've worked with FEMA and have experience negotiating law enforcement contracts."

Lunsford is a McLewis native and Orangefield High

graduate and resides in Mauriceville. In the past, he has worked as a deputy sheriff in both Orange and Newton counties.

"I feel like people deserve better than they've gotten," Lunsford said.

"The first thing I'll do is make myself available. When they call me, I will respond." Graffagnino, 56, is an operator for Arlanxco on Chemical Row.

"I think my experience on the school board overseeing and being a steward of tax money is going to be a big plus for Orange County," he said.

"Some of the stuff (industrial expansions) is going to be game changers. We need to have a good steward in there to make sure we come out on the end like we need to."

Vickie Edgerly retiring From Page 1

for 18 years. Prior to that, she worked seven years for the District Attorney.

"Working with Vickie has been great," Reed said. "I always thought that when she leaves, there's going to be some really big shoes to fill."

Both Edgerly and Reed agree there's no class or training that can prepare a person for the District Clerk's office.

"It's all on-the-job training," Reed said. "We're gov-

erned by the Supreme Court and the Governor of Texas. The rules and laws are always changing, sometimes from minute to minute - especially lately with COVID."

Computer software changes all the time, though programs are becoming more standardized throughout the state as time goes on.

"We're challenged every week," Edgerly said. "Just when you think you've seen it all, we're scrambling, re-

searching the statutes, trying to figure out how we're supposed to do it.

"You have to be able to change. Anne is very good with change. This job is very fast-paced."

"I love it," Reed said. Says Edgerly: "She (Reed) is a great organizer. You have to be organized in this job."

Reed: "My dad was in the Air Force and I was the youngest of five kids. He likes things neat and orga-

Teacher shortage From Page 1

teachers down to the 9th and 10th grades to make sure they get a better education," Harris explained. "Then when they get to the 11 and 12th grade years, we use our online platform as a form of delivering the instruction, more like what they do with college students."

West Orange-Stark has used an online platform called Edgenuity in the past to help students retake failed classes and recover credit needed to graduate, said Ashton Knox, the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction who helped Harris research his proposal.

The school also has online platforms for after-school programs, dropout recovery programs, and its distinctive achievement program, Harris noted.

All the nation's school districts had to beef up their online capabilities and use "virtual" learning during the 2020-21 COVID-19 in-person school closures.

"If we have all these platforms we are paying millions of dollars for and we use them everywhere else, why in the world can we not use these with the students that are on pace?" Harris asked.

"And especially in these areas where we have long-term substitute teachers. If I can use these (online) platforms, I can guarantee the platforms are up to the rigor, whereas these long-term

subs are not qualified teachers.

"If it (using online teaching) is good enough for all of those other areas, why isn't it good enough for all our students?"

The schools boss strongly stressed that people should understand his idea is as different from last year's stay-at-home "virtual learning" as night is from day.

For many, virtual learning was not a great learning experience.

"This is not like the virtual platform when they were at home," Harris said. "They'll be in the school, and the teachers are facilitating that instruction."

"Hopefully, with the better instruction at our lower levels, when they get to the upper levels our kids can handle the platform a lot better."

"That's the mindset. That's

the idea.

"It will help us with our teacher shortages and also it will help prepare our kids for what the college experience is going to look like."

While board members asked only a few questions of Harris and Knox, Harris indicated he aims to try out the approach next spring, starting with upper level economics and government classes.

"We're going to try to start to shift that way in some of the classes," he said. "This spring with our economics and government classes, (the teacher) will still be there to facilitate the instruction if they have a module that's difficult."

Monday night's meeting opened with great news:

The district earned a "superior" FIRST rating, which stands for Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.

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Bridge City Intermediate School’s 5th Grade Honor Choir Celebrates Local Veterans

On Tuesday, November 9th, Bridge City Intermediate’s 5th Grade Honor Choir presented a program to celebrate the Veterans in our community.

Under the direction of Janét Morris, not only did they entertain the crowd with their beautiful voices, they also



Avery Broussard, Abigelle Champagne and Fatima Romero serve breakfast during the reception.

Folding Ceremony which was accompanied by a reading of the Symbols for the Folds of the Flag.

Later in the program, the entire gymnasium was brought to a halt as the Veterans Group played “Taps”. At the conclusion of the program, the veterans were welcomed to enjoy a reception in their honor and given cards of thanks from the BCI students. This was the first time a choir has performed at BCI since Christmas 2019. Everyone was excited to have the choir sing again and to get to honor the veterans made it even better.



highlighted various speakers and soloists in their show. They even played “Yankee Doodle” on hand chimes to showcase the choir’s versed abilities.

The program featured gentlemen from the Southeast Texas Veterans Group. The group presented a flag during the pledge and National Anthem and then performed the Flag



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From The Creaux's Nest

REMEMBERING JFK AND HIS DEATH

Next Monday, November 22, will mark one of the darkest days in **United States** history, along with **Pearl Harbor, 9-11** and the **domestic insurrection on the Capital**, January 6, 2021. This November 22, marks 58 years since **President John K. Kennedy** was shot and killed in Dallas. Texas Gov. **John Connally** was seriously wounded and VP **Lyndon B. Johnson** was sworn in as U.S. president. As a witness to history, **Roy Dunn**, in his **Down Life's Hwy.** column, recalls the days approaching November 22 and the events of that day. The day changed the course of history.****I must move on. **Please come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

RACE STARTS ABBOTT RUNNING HARD

Saturday, Nov. 13, registration started for candidates to qualify for the 2022 elections. Qualifying ends Dec. 13. early voting for the primary election begins Feb. 14. March 1st is Election Day. **Texas Gov. Greg Abbott** has already hit the campaign trail but it's not about his two primary challengers, **Allen West** and **Sen. Don Huffins**, he's taking dead aim at **Beto O'Rourke**, a Democrat. **O'Rourke** announced he's getting in the race. **Abbott** has been making political stops in areas with high **Hispanic** voters reminding the crowd that his wife **Cecilia** is **Hispanic**. **Abbott** has also gone to television with ads against **O'Rourke** even though the **General Election** is a year away **Nov. 2022**. **Abbott** is areas in **Texas** where **O'Rourke** beat **Sen. Ted Cruz** in 2020 race that **Cruz** won by just 2.5 percent. **Abbott** is taking **O'Rourke** more seriously than **Cruz** did. **Abbott**, seeking his third term, is counting on **Trump** supporters in the Primary Election and expects to move away from **Trump** in the General Election. **O'Rourke's** decision to run was announced Monday, Nov. 15. His political action committee sent out emails stating, "We've got something big to announce and want you to be a part of it." **O'Rourke** has been jabbing **Abbott**, blasting him for his handling of the pandemic and his failure of the power grid. He also has been critical of **Abbott** sending thousands of police and National Guard troops to the border, which he calls a political ploy. **Abbott** is also being accused of wanting to be re-elected in Texas to help him in a primary race for president. After seven state-wide political campaigns, dating back to 1965, with no significant primary challengers, supporters say **Abbott** appears to really be concerned about next year's General Election against **Beto O'Rourke**. **Abbott** continues to carry **Donald Trump's** baggage, hoping to get **Trump's** support in a presidential race if **Trump** is not in it. My thought is that you can book it, **Trump** won't run and he'll throw **Abbott** under the bus. That's a long way off, first **Abbott** has to win a primary vote and then face a fresh, new face. Polls show **Abbott** and **O'Rourke**, an independent **Democrat** and former congressman from El Paso, in a dead heat.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 YEARS AGO-2011

A few special people we know who are celebrating their special day. **Thad Angelle**, a longtime banker and one of the wheels at **Mid-County Teachers** will celebrate on Nov. 16.******Kenneth Hass**, who has been married to the lovely **Phyllis Guidry** Hass for many years celebrates Nov. 17. **Dot's** little boy, **Edgar Esbach**, is a year older Nov. 20.***A great guy, **Phyl** and **Roy's** middle child, son **Allen Dunn**, celebrates his special day on Nov. 20. He'll do to ride the range with.***Also celebrating on the same day is one of our favorite people, **Lon Hubbard**.***A guy we have known since he was a puppy, **Butch Campbell**, marks his special day Nov. 22.******Mary Tate**, our Penny's baby sister celebrates Nov. 22 as does **Jason Leleux**. *** **Belinda Thibodeaux** celebrates Nov. 22.***Also celebrating on Nov. 22 is legal secretary, a gal who spent most of her childhood working for the late Grover Halliburton, **Jackie Roberts**.**** Folks were wondering what became of **John Heard** Saturday morning when he didn't show up with his oranges and grapefruit at the **Farmer's Market**. Now we know he had emergency gall bladder surgery. ******Sleepy Smith** goes back to Houston this week for a check up on his Pacemaker. He says he is doing fine. ****Our buddy **Harry Stephens** is on the rebound after a stay in the hospital with phenomena. His nurse, **Margie**, never left his side. **** When **Preston Fuller** lost his cell phone he retraced his all-day steps and finally, at **Dairy Queen**, called his number and in the distance could hear it ringing. It was in the dumpster. He retrieved it, the phone is worth the digging.

18 Years Ago-2003

Donald Gunn is scheduled to have open-heart surgery Monday, Dec. 1, at St. Elizabeth. The valve will be repaired or replaced. His personal nurse, longtime bride **Mary Lou**, will be by his side. (Editor's note: **Donald** passed away sometime after that. **Mary Lou** has also passed away.)******Joe Burke** celebrated his 85th birthday Nov. 22 with friends in Newton. He also attended **Joel Steirman's** 60th birthday party. A complete Mexican dinner, catered by Robert's Restaurant, was served. The party was held at the **Boat Club in Orange**. ****The **Orangefield Bobcats** were just one minute and 19 yards away from victory but then disaster struck. **Coach Kevin Flanagan's** Bobcats, with two seconds left on the clock, lost to **LaGrange** 17-14. ******Dereck Cloeren** and **Shon Landry**, of **Little Cypress-Mauriceville**, signed baseball scholarships. **Cloeren** signed with **Northwestern** and **Landry** with **McNeese**.**** Real estate salespeople at **First Realty** are **Sleepy Smith**, **Betty Derrick**, **Gale Beckett** and **Marie Trimm**. ******Orangefield High School** junior, **Angela Ledford**, 17, will compete for **Miss Texas Teen USA** in Houston. ******Earl** and **Ruth Davis** are promoting better relations with Israel by making several trips to the Holy Land with the "Bridges for Peace" organization.

48 Years Ago-1973

An overflow crowd attended the "Shoot Out" Saturday at West Orange between the **Bridge City Cardinals** and the **West Orange Chiefs**; both teams were playing for the district championship. The winner went on in the playoffs. The **Cardinals** had a 14-14 tie on their record; the **Chiefs** were undefeated with a 9-0 record. The **Cards** were 8-0-1. In the previous season **B.C.** had beaten the **Chiefs** out of the playoffs. This was coach **Chief Wilson's** final game as coach. Even if the **Cards** lost, **Wilson** had been the most successful coach at **Bridge City** by winning the state championship. The **Chiefs** won the game 34-13, doubling the amount of points the **Cards** had allowed all season. Standouts for the **Chiefs** were **Ray Pousson**, **Roy Williams**, **Lorance Willis**, **Randal Tate** and **Barney Duhon**, who all scored. (Editor's note: Over the years, coach **Wilson**, who retired from coaching after that game, has always spoken highly of the **1973 Cardinals**, the team he had hoped to return to state with. Only one team advanced back then, even with an 8-1-1 record.)

50 Years Ago-1971

The **West Orange Chiefs** defeated **Coach Wilson's Bridge City Cardinals**, for the **East Zone** title. **Adolph Hryhorchuck** is athletic director, coach and head coach is **Donald Jay**, assistants are **George Berger**, **James Riley**, **Glen Green**, **Ronnie Anderson**, **Don Witherspoon** and **Sherril Womack**. All but a dozen players on the squad are seniors. The district's leading rusher, **Butch Campbell**, is a sophomore. **Silsbee** is the top ranked 3-AAA team in the state. In the first playoff game, **Coach "Stud" McGallion** and his **Tigers** came to town and defeated the **Chiefs** 14-7 to advance, ending **West Orange** season 9-2. **Campbell** was injured and was replaced by sophomore **Phillip January**, a good, young, running back. The **Chiefs**, however, felt the experience of **Campbell** and his record setting rushing might have made a difference in the game. The **Chiefs** had hoped to make it all the way to state.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

I'm extremely proud of the job first-year coach **Eric Peevey** has done at **L.C.M.** We have known the **Peevey** family for several years, great folks and good athletes. Good luck **Eric** and the **Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears** in the playoff game Friday against **Columbia**, a team that is 6-4 overall. They won't be a push over. They beat number one seed **North Forest** 65-38 in bi-district round.****The **West Orange-Stark** Mustangs face **Jasper** Friday at **Beaumont ISD Memorial Stadium**. **WOS** is 9-1, while **Jasper** has a 6.4 record. **Coach Cornel Thompson's** defense will be hard for **Jasper** to penetrate. The **Mustangs** should keep rolling.****I've been cooped up way too many months. Mostly I'm missing friends and hearing what's going on around the county. I spoke with **Marlene Merritt**, she and **Keith** spend time working on their far away deer camp. She said son, **Easton**, is doing much better and was planning to go to work this week or next.****I had hoped a good **Republican** candidate from Orange County would run for the U.S. congressional seat. The window is open to finally elect an Orange Countian. I know of two guys locally who would be good U.S. representatives.****I visited with **Danny Brack** Tuesday. He says the hardest thing in the grocery business is receiving shipments and hiring help.****People no longer beg for jobs. You have to beg them to give them a job. There is a 4.4 unemployment. Everyone has change in their jean pockets and some folks are saying the economy is bad.****I hear **Dist. Clerk Vickie Edgerly** will hang it up a year from now. I can hardly remember when **Vickie** wasn't around. She's a good one who does her job well but don't take much lip. Over the years I noticed it wasn't very wise to step on **Ms. Vickie's** toes.****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays. **Nov. 17:** A special lady, a good wife, great mom, longtime **BCISD** employee **Reba Eddins** celebrates today. A Port Arthur native whose dad operated the lift bridge that crossed over from Port Arthur to Pleasure Island. She and I both recall stories about those times. Happy Birthday **Reba**. Also celebrating today are **Barbara Briggs**, **Patsy Bristen**, **Katy Taylor**, **Laurie Kosh** and **Lexy Brock**.******Nov. 18:** Celebrating today are **Theresa Evans**, **Aimee Huckabay**, **Jonathan Vogt**, **Stephanie Williams** and **Bryan Garrett**.******Nov. 19:** **Joel Steirman**, **Helen Stankus**, **Kade Parkhurst**, **Michelle Judice**, **Liz Harris**, **Trina Stringer**, **Linda Klein**, **Kristina Denman**, **Meagan McGill** and **Charles Cagle** all celebrate today.******Nov. 20:** In 1863, **Abe Lincoln** gave his **Gettysburg** address. Many years later some fine folks were born on this day. Happy Birthday to **Allen Dunn**, **Lon Hubbard**, **Sunni Moseley**, **Jan Briggs**, **Hayden Clark** and longtime friend **Edgar Es-**

chbach. **President Joe Biden** celebrates today also.******Nov. 21:** Celebrating today are **Jennifer Mott**, **Jason Leleux**, **Bart Williams**, **David Heyduck** and **Tatha Force**. One this day in 2019, our friend **John Roy Fredrick** passed away with a massive heart attack. Hard to believe that two years have gone by. It seems I was with him just a few months ago.******Nov. 22:** One of the great guys I know, **Judge Rodney Price**, celebrates today as does **Butch Campbell** and lovely **Jackie Roberts**. **Pam Chapman**, **Carolyn Hagen** and **Bobby Tarter**.***Two great guys that have left us, **H.D. Pate** and **Judge Joe Parkhurst**, celebrated birthdays on this day. **John F. Kennedy** was killed Nov. 22, 1963.******Nov. 23:** A special Happy Birthday to longtime friend **Becky "Bear" Rutledge**. Celebrating also are **Randle Morris**, **Barbara Boynton**, **Rita Ellis**, **Haylie Belcher** and **Christina Tallant**.****Happy Birthday to all.****NOTICE: Former **Bridge City** students are putting a school history together. They have records of all the classes since 1957 with the exception of year 1963. If you have any information on the class of 1963 please call 409-474-1067****How about those **Baylor Bears**. The **Bears** beat **Texas** and **Oklahoma** in the same season. The number four **Sooners** were 9-0 before the **Baylor** loss. Don't get around **Sharon Bearden** if you don't want to hear about **Baylor**.****Deer season is in full swing. I must get word out to **Judge Chad Jenkins** that the doctors have cleared me to eat deer meat, in fact, they said sausage would be best for me, high protein and no carbs. Maybe I should get in touch with my buddy **Wendie**.****Special thanks to our longtime friend **Quincy Procell**, who brought us some goodies out of Louisiana. He has a connection for the best crawfish pie and seafood gumbo I've ever eaten. **Procell** is one of those great guys who lends a helping hand to anyone who need and deserves it. He never forgets his friends. We go back many years when he was a young, most often broke, **Millwright**.******Trump** has threatened to run a candidate against **Speaker Dade Phelan**, our state representative. So far I'm not aware of who that challenger might be, however, **Dade** running so many political ads on TV indicates he knows something. **Dade** has done a good job for us and the state by not calling for a hand count canvas of 2020 votes in the state. That count would have cost every county thousands of dollars for a state **Trump** won. **Pure foolishness**. What he should fear most is being thrown under the bus by the top three in the state government to please **Trump**.**** **President Joe Biden** signed his hard-fought \$1 trillion infrastructure deal into law Monday before a bipartisan, celebratory crowd on the **White House** lawn, declaring that the new infusion of cash for roads, bridges, ports and more is going to make life "change for the better" for the **American** people. Stay tuned, **Joe** will soon find his "Mojo." He's far more government wise than **Tucker** and **Hannity** want to admit. A year from now, **GOP** candidates will be trying to take credit for **Biden's** public works measure that they voted against.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 17: Actor **Danny DeVito**, 77; Director **Martin Scorsese**, 79; TV Host **RuPaul**, 61.******Nov. 18:** Baseball Player **David Ortiz**, 46; News Anchor **Megan Kelly**, 51; Actor **Damon Wayans, Jr.**, 39.******Nov. 19:** Fashion Designer **Calvin Klein**, 79; Actors **Jodie Foster**, 59; **Meg Ryan**, 60.******Nov. 20:** United States President **Joe Biden**, 79; Country Singer **Josh Turner**, 44; Rock Singer **Joe Walsh**, 74.******Nov. 21:** Actress **Goldie Hawn**, 76; Football Players **Michael Strahan**, 50; **Troy Aikman**, 55.******Nov. 22:** Actors **Scarlett Johansson**, 37; **Mark Ruffalo**, 54; **Jamie Lee Curtis**, 63; Tennis Player **Billy Jean King**, 78.******Nov. 23:** Pop Singer **Miley Cyrus**, 29; TV Host **Robin Roberts**, 61; Actor **Page Kennedy**, 45.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Oris Comeaux's boy, Joseph, went to da cemenary to become a priest him. Wen he was ordained, he was sent to da Catholic parish in New Orleans. He was nervous bout hearing confessions for da first time so he axe Father Broussard, an older priest, to sit in on his sessions.

Father Comeaux him, hears a couple of confessions, den Father Broussard axe him to step out of the confessional for him to give a few suggestions.

Father Broussard suggests, "Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin wit one hand and try saying tings like "Yes, "I see," "Go on" and "I understand."

Da new priest, Father Comeaux him, crosses his arms, rubs his chin wit one hand and repeats all da suggested remarks to da old priest.

Father Broussard say to da young priest, "Now, don't you tink dats a little better dan slappin your knee and saying, "Keyaw, wat happened next hanh?"

C'EST TOUT

AGAINSTERS NOW WANT PIECE OF THE PIE

U.S. congressmen, who voted against **President Biden's** infrastructure bill, passed by a bipartisan vote in both houses, ironically are now urging **Chairman Buttigieg** to lift the pause on **I-45** expansion and use some of the infrastructure funds for the project. The U.S. Representatives making the request are **Brian Babin**, **Randy Weber**, **Kevin Brady**, **Michael Cloud** and **Dan Crenshaw**. The Representatives sent a letter to **Sec. Buttigieg** requesting him to release the funds. I believe it says a lot about integrity after fighting to defeat the bill these **Republicans** are the first to jump out there soliciting funds after fighting policies that benefit all Americans. I would like to have seen **Babin** and **Weber** at least make an attempt at getting funds to dredge the Orange ship channel to the Port of Orange even though they don't have the stroke. I believe the only **Texas Republican** that can possibly help is **Sen. John Cornyn**. He voted for the bill. Actually he's the only **Texas Republican** who has the qualifications and integrity to be a candidate for president. **Ted Cruz** is far off the board. He's a nightmare. He again has failed **Texas**, even criticizing **Big Bird** for promoting **COVID-19** vaccines. **Ted** is for **Ted**. We have already had far too much of that.****My time is up for this week. Thanks for coming along. **Stay safe, take care and God bless.**

Remembering JFK and the day that changed history

DOWN LIFE'S HIGHWAY
ROY DUNN
For The Record

For more than a year, President John F. Kennedy had sought the trip to Texas that ended tragically the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963.

The national pain and trauma that followed his assassination produced the Kennedy legend. Kennedy had two distinct purposes in mind, and wanted the visit to Texas to achieve them. The first was to raise money. The second was to improve his own political position in a state that promised to be critical in the presidential election of 1964. Nationwide, his popularity was at its lowest point.

The president had threatened that if he didn't carry any other states, he wanted to carry his home state of Massachusetts and that of vice president Lyndon Johnson: Texas.



Roy Dunn

It was a point of pride.

Texas had 25 electoral votes at this time, and he had just barely carried the 24 in the election of 1960, winning the state by a mere 46,000 votes. Texas had supported Kennedy strongly in 1956 for the vice presidential nomination that he didn't get. Then, in 1960 Kennedy became tied to Texas when he offered Johnson the second position on the ticket. There isn't much doubt in my mind that Kennedy would have lost Texas without Johnson.

In fact, LBJ ran two races in 1960 for the vice presidency and also for his old Senate seat. Ironically, he polled 140,000 more voters for the Senate than he did for vice president. In 1961, for the first time in 84 years, Texas sent a Republican to the Senate: John Tower was elected. Both in 1952 and 1956, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower carried the state of Texas. The state was conservative, and only Johnson on the ticket pulled the Kennedy team over Richard Nixon in this state. John Connally was Texas' governor. He too was a conservative, and not much could be gained for him in the president's visit to Texas. But he had been pressured into the move, and it was decided

that Kennedy would visit San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas and end his trip with a big \$100-a-plate rally in Austin the night of Nov. 22.

Business people feared Kennedy. His roll back of steel prices had not helped him. He needed to gain their support. Kennedy partisans usually would support a Connally opponent. There wasn't much to be accomplished by the governor playing host to the president's visit. Senior senator from Texas Ralph Yarborough and vice president Johnson were verbally at odds.

The senator's support generally came from arch liberals and labor. He had run three expensive campaigns for governor in the 1950s before finally being elected to the Senate. He wasn't in favor with the state Democratic leadership, and thus Yarborough remained the enemy of Johnson, both in the Senate and after LBJ became VP. A constant clash between the two on patronage existed. The president was aware of this situation. On Thursday, Nov. 21, Kennedy dedicated the Aero-Space Medical Center at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, followed with a motorcade to the downtown section. He spoke at an appreciation dinner for Albert Thomas in Houston that evening.

Then Friday morning, he was the speaker at a Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting. The Texas visit at this point had been very successful. The only hitch was that Sen. Yarborough had refused to ride in the San Antonio and Houston motorcades with Johnson. The morning papers had made an issue of the Yarborough-Johnson clash. But on this day, the two would ride together, the president instructed, which they did both leaving Fort Worth and in the Dallas motorcade.

An ugly advertisement appeared Thursday night in the Dallas Morning News. Also on the previous Tuesday, the paper had run the route the motorcade in Dallas would take. Dallas was a potentially dangerous place for the president to appear because of its past. United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson had recently been hit on the head with a picket sign. And in 1960, then-Sen. Lyndon Johnson had been spit on by Nixon supporters. People spoke openly about Dallas being a dangerous

place for Kennedy to go, but no one really believed anything would happen. Four of us: then District Attorney Jim Morris, attorney Louis Dugas, attorney Jerry Zunker, and I, had left the Orange County courthouse and arrived at The Marine Room, a location on Second Street that I owned, in Orange, where we made arrangements to have raw oysters on the half shell. As we emerged from our car, the motorcade was entering Dallas.

Up to this point, everything had gone well. Sometime about 12:30 p.m., one of the waitresses came to the private room where we were dining and announced that the president had been shot in Dallas. We half suspected it was rumor, but still openly discussed the possibilities. Upon re-entering the automobile, all that could be heard on the dial was that the president had indeed been shot. After arriving back at the courthouse, I visited Sheriff Chester Holts who lived in the quarters below the jail. It was soon announced on his television that the president had died. I saw bitterness on the sheriff's face, and I later saw this strong man shed tears during the funeral procession. The rest is history.

Lee Harvey Oswald was accused of shooting the president and mortally wounding him. We saw vice president Lyndon Johnson be sworn in by Judge Hughes as the new president of the United States. Every American, regardless of his political philosophy, felt grief and bitterness that comes in the wake of the assassination of one of its leaders. Marlin Shelton, Nolton Brown and others had left Orange for Austin where President Kennedy was scheduled to make a big Texas Speech that Friday evening at the "Texas Welcome Dinner." They were halfway to Austin when they heard the President was dead. They turned around and came home. Just the day before JFK had been in San Antonio and Houston. Gus Garza, a photographer from Bridge City had taken pictures of the president in Houston.

The course of history was changed on this day by an assassin's bullet. I remember it as if it had only recently happened. Chances are, if you are 65 years of age, you too will recall where you were at that precise moment: November 22, 1963.

Deaths & Memorials

Dorothy Evelyn Atkins Harris Luther, 95

Dorothy Evelyn Atkins Harris Luther, 95, of Orange, passed away at her home in Orange on November 10, 2021. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 20, 2021, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Mark Bunch. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 20, 2021, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bridge City. Born in Greenwood Springs, Mississippi, on March 24th, 1926, she was the daughter of Daniel Atkins and Ethel Florine (Nixon) Atkins Huskey. Dorothy graduated from American High School in Orange Tx, and went on to attend Mim's Beauty College in Port Arthur and later attended beauty school in Detroit, Michigan. She was a loyal member of American Business Women's Association and United Methodist Women. Dorothy worked diligently as a beautician for 35 years and owned Luther's Bus Charter. She loved quilting, gardening in her spa, and attending church to visit with her church family and worship her Lord. She adored her cat, New Love, deeply. They were



Dorothy Luther

truly the best buddies. She was preceded in death by her father, Daniel Atkins; mother, Ethel Huskey and husband Oliver; first husband, Houston Gay Harris; second husband, Arthur G. "Jack" Luther; children, Danny Wayne Harris and George Luther, Jr., and siblings, Stanley Atkins, William Jerome Huskey and Douglas Huskey. She is survived by her daughters, Stacy Brown and husband Carl of Gurley, Alabama, Janis (Jan) Harris Davidson Peveto and husband Edward of Orange, and Phyllis Harris Chatelain and husband Jerry of Beaufort, South Carolina; grandchildren, Christopher Chatelain and wife Mary Katherine of Tallahassee, Florida, Brian Chatelain of Columbia, South Carolina, Brandie Chatelain Steen and husband Matthew of Columbia, South Carolina, Douglas Harris and wife Jennifer of Phoenix, Arizona, Richard Austin Brown and wife Reagan of Nashville, Tennessee, and Emily Annelise Brown of Birmingham, Alabama; step-grandchildren, Brandon Luther and Nicky Luther both of Dallas; and great-grandchildren, Christopher T. Chatelain, and Katherine Kepper Chatelain of Tallahassee, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Habitat for Hu-

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The Hardest Word to Obey

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The most morally beautiful, winsomely attractive command Jesus ever uttered also happens to be the most difficult to obey:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

It's a breathtaking statement. All that God requires of us, everything Scripture contains regarding "life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3), summed up in two simple commands.

In that simplicity, these two commands encompass everything. Obeying them, however, is anything but simple. And there's the rub. Because these commands are so sweeping, they can feel overwhelming — in fact, impossible. As a result, we can assume that we're not required to take them all that seriously. This is a serious mistake.

Is Love Even Possible?

We might wrongly assume that while obeying these commands was once humanly possible in Eden, and will once again be humanly possible in our glorified state, they are humanly impossible now in our fallen state. And so they're really more like lofty ideals, ones we don't need to think hard



about. We might even assume their purpose is to merely reveal our inability to fulfill them and our need for Christ (Romans 7:22-25), and that as part of Christ's righteousness imputed to us, Jesus obeyed these commands perfectly on our behalf (Romans 8:3-4). Therefore, Jesus doesn't really expect us to obey them now.

While it's true that Jesus purchased our justification through his perfect obedience, what Paul wrote in Romans 13:9 and Galatians 5:14, and what James wrote in James 2:8, make it clear that the apostles believed Jesus expects us to seriously seek to love God with our whole being and love our neighbor as ourselves — now, in this age, even today.

Who Models Discipleship for You?

The community around us either confirms or confronts our faulty assumptions about love. We often allow our peers to inordinately determine for us what discipleship looks like. If many Chris-

tians around us assent to but don't rigorously apply these two great commands, their example can influence us to implicitly assume Jesus wants us to affirm his commands' ideal rightness, but doesn't really expect us to work hard in consistently living them out.

But as Paul's rebuke of Peter in Galatians 2 illustrates, peer influence can lead us into serious disobedience. The whole New Testament witness bears out that it's precisely the radical way we live out Jesus's love commands, all of which are essentially expositions of these Great Commandments, that demonstrate we are his disciples (John 13:35).

No, we must not allow these facts — that these commands are difficult to obey, that we aren't ultimately justified by our obedience, or that others around us fail to obey them — to form our assumption that Jesus doesn't expect us to seriously obey them. Because he does. In fact, he expects us to structure our lives around obeying them.

How in the World?

This brings us back to how overwhelming these commandments can feel. If we take them seriously, they force us to ask, How in the world am I supposed to obey them? That's exactly the right question to ask ourselves.

Have you ever spent serious time meditating on these commands to love?

I don't mean merely listening to sermons, lectures, and podcasts about them, or reading numerous books and articles about them, and forming the right theological answers. For Christian teachers who produce such resources (I'm preaching to myself as I write this), I don't mean merely putting in the arduous work of historical-grammatical and hermeneutical research and developing effective homiletical or literary communication skills in order to accurately understand and teach this text within your systematic theological framework. Don't misunderstand me: these are important. But they don't necessarily result in rigorous real-life obedience.

I mean, have you ever spent hours seriously pondering and working out specifically what it means for you to intentionally pursue loving God with your whole being in the tiny part of the world where God has placed you, and loving your neighbor as yourself among the eternally significant souls whom God has placed there too — especially needy ones, perhaps even an "enemy" (Matthew 5:44), maybe one you come upon along the road, so to speak (Luke 10:25-37)? Jesus doesn't mean for us to be paralyzed by these all-en-

compassing commandments; he means for them to form our fundamental approach to life. He means for each of us to seriously ask how in the world we are to obey them and put in the rigorous effort of prayerfully discerning what obedience might specifically mean for us.

And he has by no means left us without help. He has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us (John 16:13), the gift of the New Testament to provide plenty of examples of breaking down these sweeping commands into specific applications, and the gift of one another in the church to assist us in pursuing this "more excellent way" of life (1 Corinthians 12:31).

Count the Cost

It isn't until we have pondered what these commandments truly demand of us that we can determine if we're truly willing to pay what it costs. Jesus says as much:

Which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? (Luke 14:28)

Jesus said this after declaring what his commandments cost his disciples: they must renounce everything. It's a high cost.

But the cost itself is an expression of love. Our renunciation isn't primarily about how much asceticism we're willing to endure for Jesus's sake; it's about where our treasure is and how much we love it (Matthew 6:21). Which is why Paul wrote, "If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be

burned, but have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). Jesus's call, to paraphrase Jim Elliott, is for us to give up what we cannot keep, to gain what we cannot lose.

If You Love Me

Jesus's commands to love — these most morally beautiful, winsome imperatives — are the most difficult, most costly words to obey.

That's why at the end of his Sermon on the Mount, after giving specific examples of what a life of love looks like, Jesus says, "The way is hard that leads to life" (Matthew 7:14). And it's why one of the last things Jesus said to his disciples before his crucifixion was John 15:12-13:

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

When we read that statement, especially in the light of something he said just minutes before — "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15) — we can hear both the echo of Jesus's two great commandments and his expectation that we take them with the utmost, life-shaping seriousness.

For those of us aspiring to pursue "radical discipleship," it really doesn't get more radical than Christlike love.

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Cream rising to the top in NFL second half

KAZ'S KORNER
JOE KAZMAR
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

The two National Football League's Lone Star State franchises, which have been headed in opposite directions after Week One back in September, both just completed great weeks with the Dallas Cowboys crucifying Atlanta 43-3 while the Houston Texans enjoyed the good feeling of not losing.

Dallas came off of its bye week when the Denver Broncos came to idiot owner Jerry Jones' Palace last week and scored at will while the Cowboys' offense—with quarterback Dak Prescott returning after being grounded with a leg injury—couldn't even score until they were behind 38-0 late in the game.

But Prescott lit it up early and often Sunday while the Cowboys' defense did a complete turn-around and held the hapless Falcons to an early field goal and played like they did before their bye week. Dallas looked like the NFL's top offense after taking a week off against Denver.

And after losing eight games in a row, the Texans' halted their losing streak by having a bye last week and didn't suffer loss No. 9.

But I bet they will look even worse than Dallas did in their

KAZ'S KORNER Page 3B

★ HOMETOWN FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS



West Orange-Stark Mustang Elijah Gales breaks the middle of the La Marque Cougars heading for the end zone. Gales finished the game with 74 yards on 8 carries and 2 touchdowns, plus a 35 yard half back pass to Darren Anderson for a touchdown.
(SEE ARTICLE AND PHOTOS NEXT PAGE) RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast...

★ WEST ORANGE STARK over JASPER

Game Time: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Beaumont ISD Memorial Stadium (The Butch) in Beaumont—The Mustangs outclassed La Marque so much (49-0) that the second half was played with a running clock. Jasper is not the same powerful team of the past and had to scramble to get past Waco Connally (23-20) just to get to play the 'Stangs. This game could be close, but don't bet on it.

★ LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURICEVILLE (9-2) over West Columbia (6-4)

Game Time: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Maddry Memorial Stadium in Channelview—The Battlin' Bears have a much better season record while their opponents were the fourth seed in their district. But WC pummeled No.1 seed North Forest 65-18 last week, so they can't be all bad. LC-M must continue to do what they have been doing and should get to the next round of the state playoffs.

★ McNEESE STATE over Northwestern

The Cowboys are hoping to finish the season with a win over the Demons Saturday night in Lake Charles after whipping winless Houston Baptist 44-3 Saturday.

★ HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF GAMES OF INTEREST TO AREA—

Montgomery (10-0) over Port Neches Groves (7-4), Barbers Hill (6-5) over A&M Consolidated (9-2), Carthage (10-0) over Hamshire-Fannett (8-3), Crosby (9-2) over Marshall (8-3), Hallettsville (9-2) over Diboll (8-3), East Chambers (8-3) over Little River Academy (10-1), Lorena (9-2) over Woodville (7-3), Columbus (9-2) over Anahuac (9-2), Newton (9-2) over DeKalb (8-3), Wortham (6-5) over West Sabine (4-6), Evadale (8-2) over Bremond (5-6), Shiner (11-0) over Three Rivers (7-4), Refugio (11-0) over Flatonia (6-4), Holland (9-2) over Shelbyville (7-4), Timpson (9-0) over Thorndale (8-3), Daingerfield (9-2) over Elysian Fields (9-2), West Rusk (11-0) over New Waverly (9-2), El Campo (10-1) over Lindale (7-4), China Spring (11-0) over

Sealy (8-3), Bellville (11-0) over Rusk (9-2), Texarkana Texas High (11-0) over Texas City (10-1), Houston C.E. King (9-2) over Alvin Shadow Creek (9-2), Katy (11-0)

over Houston Stratford (10-1), Galena Park North Shore (10-1) over Clear Springs (7-4).

COLLEGE PICKS: Ball State over Central Michigan,

Buffalo over Northern Illinois (both Today); Nicholls State over Southeastern Louisiana. Louisville over Duke (both Thursday); Louisiana Tech over Southern Missis-

issippi, Air Force over Nevada, Washington State over Arizona, Houston over Memphis (all Friday); Georgia over Charleston Southern, Alabama over Arkansas, Oregon over Utah, Ohio State over Michigan State, Cincinnati over SMU, Michigan over Maryland, Oklahoma over Iowa State, Notre Dame

over Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State over Texas Tech, Texas A&M over Prairie View, Clemson over Wake Forest (Upset Special), Baylor over Kansas State, BYU over Georgia Southern, Ole Miss over Vanderbilt, North

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★ Orange County Football Highlights ★

Four Orange County teams move on in state playoffs

Tommy Mann Jr. For The Record

The Bi-District round of the Texas UIL high school football playoffs were not very kind to several of our local teams as three had their seasons come to an end, while two managed to advance to the second round and have their seasons continue for at least one more week.

The No. 4 state-ranked West Orange-Stark Mustangs (9-1) had no trouble in dispatching the La Marque Cougars this past weekend, 49-0. The Mustangs had a dominant defensive effort as the unit held the Cougars to under 50 yards of total offense for the game and an interception return by Jamaal Shaw. The WO-S offense jumped out to a 35-0 lead at halftime. Quarterback Keyshon Robinson tossed two touchdown passes to receiver Dakarion Judge, and running back Elijah Gales had two rushing scores on the night. Now the Mustangs face a familiar opponent in the Jasper Bulldogs (6-4). The last meeting was a WO-S 21-14 victory in 2018. Both non-district games in 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to Covid-related issues. The Bulldogs boast a stout defense in 2021, as this unit has been allowing just 11.3 points per game, including limiting high powered offenses like Vidor, LC-M and PN-G to 14 points or less. Ironically, these still all turned out to be losses for Jasper. The Bulldogs defense also limited defending state champion Carthage and district opponent to 28 points, its second lowest point output of the season. As good as the Jasper defense has been, its offense has not had the usual firepower of past seasons as the Bulldogs average 18.7 points per game. The unit has only scored 20 points or more in a game four times this year and will find points more difficult to score against the Mustangs defense.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Battlin' Bears (9-2) claimed a come-from-behind 34-24 victory over the Palestine Wildcats in the Class 4A Div. I bi-district round. The Bears had to overcome a large number of penalties at inopportune times but still found a way to win as all good teams do. The Bears had over 500 total yards of offense as quarterback Ashton Landry passed for over 190 yards and one touchdown and rushed for another 190 yards and three touchdowns. Running back Da'Marion Morris had over 130 yards rushing to his credit and one touchdown reception, as well as an interception on defense. This week the Bears will face the Columbia Roughnecks (6-4), the fourth-place team from District 12-4A. The Roughnecks, which beat North Forest 65-18 in the first round, average 44.3 points per game on offense and all four of the team's season losses were to playoff teams Bellville, El Campo, Stafford and Brazosport. The Columbia defense has definitely been more of a bend, don't break type of unit as it allows 32.7 points per game and has only held five of its 10 opponents to less than 30 points this season.

The Orangefield Bobcats (7-4) sensational football season came to a sudden halt this past Friday courtesy of the Bellville Brahmas (11-0). The Bobcats kept the game close for a half as Bell-



The Mustang Chain Gang defense held LaMarque to 45 total offensive yards and only three first downs. Mustang Jalen Lewis leads the pack. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs



Some of the younger Mustangs got in on the action as Andrew Cooper catches an 8 yard pass from backup Chris Jones. The last quarter and a half were a running clock. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

ville lead 14-0 at the break. However, the Brahmas opened up the offense in the second half and roared to a 62-14 victory over Orangefield. The Bobcats scoring came in the third quarter as quarterback Brayden Parker connected with running back on a 51-yard touchdown pass, and, on the next drive, Parker punched it in from the 1-yard line. Unfortunately, the Bobcats could not contain the high powered Brahmas.

The No. 10 state ranked Vidor Pirates (8-2) claimed its first district title in five years but were unable to continue its dream season after a 25-20 loss to the Chapel Hill Bulldogs in the Bi-district round of the playoffs. The Pirates were flat for much of the game, and it could be attributed to the absence of Coach Jeff Mathews who was taken to the hospital for a medical issue while enroute to the game. Despite

the missing piece, Vidor still had a chance to win at the end. The Bulldogs quarterback Demetrius Brisbon powered the Bulldogs to a 13-0 halftime lead, which included a 68-yard scoring run and 25-yard touchdown pass. He added a 70-yard touchdown run in the third. Two separate times the Pirates trailed by 13 points but answered each time. The Pirates defense, lead by senior Jordan Smith, forced a three-and-out and gave Vidor's offense one last opportunity with two minutes remaining. The Pirates marched the ball down to the 25-yard line, but an interception on fourth-and-11 sealed the Bulldogs victory.

The Deweyville Pirates (5-5) had high expectations this year but entered the playoffs as a second seed. Unfortunately, the Pirates season came to an end on Friday at the hands of the West Sabine Tigers, 40-38.

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WO-S Jamaal Shaw was a thorn in Cougar Armand Robinson's side, as he picked off the quarterback twice in the second quarter, with the second one ending in a touchdown. Darren Anderson blocks for Shaw on the way to the end zone.

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Mustang Jailen Brown carried the ball twice for 9 yards but was able to get in for a touchdown in the Mustangs 49-0 win over the La Marque Cougars.

RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

first game back from their off-week Sunday because they will be facing the NFL's hottest team when they meet the Titans—who have won six straight games—in Tennessee Sunday afternoon.

The Titans continue to win without two-time NFL rushing champion Derrick Henry, who was well on his way to his third-straight title when he hurt his foot and won't be able to play until at least January.

Another red-hot team in the AFC is the surging New England Patriots with Bill Belichick really doing some coaching by improving his defense with each game and using rookie quarterback Mac Jones as a clone of Tom Brady by feeding him valuable information.

The Pats caught the Cleveland Browns when they were

down and even lost quarterback Baker Mayfield to a knee injury and tattooed them 35-7 for their fourth straight win, leaving them only one-half game behind the highly-favored Buffalo Bills in the AFC East Division.

After the Pittsburgh Steelers lost quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to COVID-19, Detroit came up with one of their best games of the year which ended in a 16-16 overtime tie and halted the Lions' eight-game losing streak.

Two divisions in the AFC have all team members with either five or six wins—the North Division and the South Division. Kansas City's victory Sunday night over the Las Vegas Raiders put the Chiefs at the top of the West while Baltimore leads the North Division, each with six

wins.

The Cowboys have a comfortable lead in the NFC East and Green Bay is ahead in the North Division also by a substantial margin. Arizona's 8-2 record leads the West Division with the Los Angeles Rams right on their tails.

The Packers had won seven games in a row until quarterback Aaron Rodgers missed a game due to a positive COVID-10 test and still looked a little rough Sunday when his defense blanked Seattle 17-0 as Seahawks' quarterback Russell Wilson returned after missing several weeks with a middle finger injury on his throwing hand.

Green Bay is 6-12-1 without Rodgers since he replaced Brett Favre as the Packers' starting quarterback in 2008.

I believe after the 17th

games are over in January, the Packers and Cowboys will be playing for the right to compete for the Super Bowl trophy in the NFC. And I think that Belichick will have his Patriots ready to play in the AFC championship game against Tennessee.

KWICKIES...

Orange still has two local teams in the state high school football playoffs with the West Orange-Stark Mustangs (9-1) favored to beat Jasper and Little Cypress-Mauriceville (9-2) slated to meet West Columbia this weekend. I believe both teams will still be around for the next round.

The Washington Huskies announced Sunday that they fired Head Coach Jimmy Lake for a variety of reasons both on and off the field.

Auburn's quarterback Bo

Nix will miss the rest of the season after suffering an ankle injury that will require surgery.

When Jacksonville lost 23-17 to the Indianapolis Colts Sunday, it marked the 13th straight road loss for the Jaguars, which is the longest streak in franchise history.

The Houston Astros' former ace starting pitcher Justin Verlander has rehabbed himself well enough to be throwing his fastball at 96-97 mph in an effort to lock up a multi-year contract with some contender. I don't believe the Astros will offer the major bucks Verlander thinks he will command, but one never knows about things like that.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The Texas Longhorns did the opposite thing in their game Saturday against 1-8 Kansas, but with the same

results. The 'Horns generally look like national champions in the first half and then die after the intermission, allowing the opponent to catch up and beat them in the late going. However, against the Jayhawks Saturday, the Longhorns fell way behind in the first half and then came roaring back to take the lead in the fourth period. But Kansas scored a late touchdown and two-point conversion to tie the game at 49-49 at the end of regulation. Texas scored first in the overtime period and led 56-49. Kansas also scored when it had the football, went for the two-point conversion and made it, winning 57-56 and sending the 'Horns to their fifth straight loss. I can't imagine why the "big-money" alums aren't asking for coach Steve Sarkisian's head on a platter and be willing to buy out his remaining contract.

Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast From Page 1B

Carolina State over Syracuse, Auburn over South Carolina, Wisconsin over Nebraska, Purdue over Northwestern, Iowa over Illinois, Pittsburgh over Virginia, San Diego State over UNLV, UTSA over UAB, Liberty over Louisiana-Lafayette, Western Kentucky over Florida Atlantic, Kent State over Akron, Kentucky over New Mexico State, Penn State over Rutgers, Tulane over South Florida, West Virginia over Texas, Mississippi State over Tennessee State, Army over Massachusetts, North Carolina over Wofford, Coastal Carolina over Texas State, Georgia State over Arkansas State, Sam Houston State over Abilene Christian, Incarnate Word over Houston Baptist, Washington over Colorado, Appalachian State

over Troy, Navy over East Carolina, Minnesota over Indiana, Marshall over Charlotte, Middle Tennessee State over Old Dominion, Florida over Missouri, TCU over Kansas, Rice over UTEP, Tulsa over Temple, UCLA over USC, Central Florida over Connecticut, North Texas over Florida International, Tennessee over South Alabama, Virginia Tech over Miami, Utah State over Wyoming, LSU over Louisiana-Monroe, Boise State over New Mexico, Arizona State over Oregon State, Hawaii over Colorado State (all Saturday).

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New England over Atlanta (Thursday Night); Tennessee over Houston, Baltimore

over Chicago, Cleveland over Detroit, Green Bay over Minnesota, Buffalo over Indianapolis, Miami over NY Jets, Philadelphia over New Orleans, San Francisco over Jacksonville, Carolina over Washington, Cincinnati over Las Vegas, Arizona over Seattle, Dallas over Kansas City (Upset Special), LA Chargers over Pittsburgh (all Sunday); Tampa Bay over NY Giants (Monday Night). Bye week for Denver, LA Rams.



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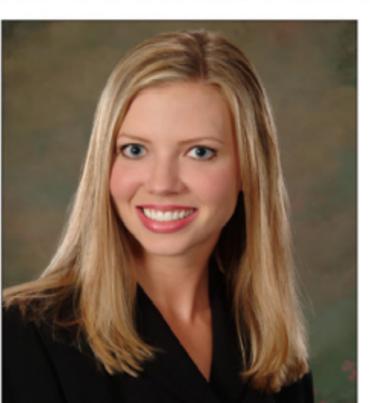
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just about anything, be sure you go prepared and watch for the signs.

Probably the last little piece of advice I might offer would be to use equipment or gear that fits the younger folks. Guns, bows, fishing rods and reels for smaller folks are readily accessible for anyone who wants to look. Many times its just as easy to find someone who has already been down that road and has some gear for younger outdoorsmen that they would be willing to lend. I have seen on several hunting and fishing websites people who share their gear with other parents in order to help out a youngster get started in the sport.

Keep all these things in mind when you head out with a new hunter or fisherman because they will truly help you be more successful while introducing the next generation to the outdoors.

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

Ask anyone who hunts or fishes about how they got started in the sport or what was the first thing they caught or killed and I'll bet you they can recite all the details about the experience without hesitation, because that's how important and memorable those times are. I can guarantee you that I shot a coffee can full of pellets into a giant red oak in the back yard of my grandfather's, Olin Mahfouz, house before I killed my first squirrel but I was as proud of that as I would have been if I had taken all of the "Big 5" dangerous game animals of Africa, it was a monumental moment for a kid and a fantastic memory.

As outdoorsmen and outdoor-women it's our duty to pass on that love for the sport and to do it in a way that is both respectful and ethical. At this juncture in my outdoor career I think I actually enjoy seeing other people succeed more than myself, especially kids. There are few things that are as rewarding as being there on the first trip, fishing or hunting that a kid or a beginner makes. Seeing them taking it

all in and just falling in love with the whole experience is truly what it's all about and something every outdoor enthusiast should experience at least one time.

I would love to commend anyone out there who has taken time to share the outdoors with a beginner, you should be proud of what you have done and I hope you continue to share your love for the sport every time you get a chance. Taking a young hunter or fisherman out for their first trip requires several things; the most important one is a huge helping of patience. Realizing the day or the trip is all about the new hunter or fisherman is the best place to start, in fact it's the most important place to start. Knowing that the trip you are on could conceivably make or break the new hunter or fisherman's love for the sport adds pressure to the trip but it doesn't have to if you follow some guidelines. Take a new hunter or fisherman on a trip where they are sure to see some game or catch some fish, the opportunity to in-

teract with the outdoors is often times enough to get the new hunters and fishermen to keep coming back. If you take a kid hunting think about going somewhere they will see plenty of animals or birds, same can be said for fishing, keep them interested.

As much as I hate them being used as a "babysitter" the electronic devices like an Ipad have saved many a deer hunt from being a bust because younger folks get bored in a hurry. Always consider weather as a factor as well, nothing ruins a day on the water or in the woods like being too cold or too hot. Snacks and food are high on the list of "must haves" for hunters and fishermen alike, a quality assortment of goodies in the blind bag or tackle bag will go a long way towards keeping young ones happy which leads to staying in the field or on the water longer. Never ever keep a young hunter or fisherman out too long, when they get cold, tired, bored, or anything like that you need to get them out of there so they won't associate going hunting or fishing with an all day affair they can't get away from. More kids get turned off of the outdoors by being forced to stay out there than

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The Bridge City/ Orangefield Rotary Club awarded Emily Camfield the Bridge City Student of the Month Award for November. Emily is a Cosmetology Student and plans to continue her training to become a licensed hair stylist. Emily was accompanied on stage to receive her award with BCHS Counselor Alisa Huckaby, father Patrick Camfield and Rotary President Meg Brown.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has named Energy Country Ford of Port Arthur as the November 'Business of the Month.' Larry and Patty King was presented the award by BCCC Ambassador and Board Member Lucy Fields at the November Networking Coffee hosted by Bridge City Bank. Pictured Left to Right: Brandy Slaughter, Patti King, Larry King, Lucy Fields.



Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club presented Kaydance Whitfield with the November Student of the Month for Orangefield Award. She is ranked 19th out of 138 seniors with a 4.4 GPA. She plans to attend Lamar University for a degree in Elementary Ed. Members of the family present were Janel Campbell, mother Nichole Menard, stepdad Justin Menard, father Robert Whitfield and wife Tiffany Whitfield, Cole Waguspack, Caroline Whitfield, Orangefield High School Principal Rea Wrinkle, Britni Briggs, Counselor and Meg Brown, Bridge City- Orangefield Rotary Club President.



Bridge City Elementary School has named their Kindergarten "Cardinals of Character" for the second semester. They are: Jose Hernandez, Claire Wisby, Briella Wheeler, Jackson Risinger, Liam Nguyen, Sebastian Barajas, Lakshmi De La Rosa, Zaylynn Dukes, Kendal Westbrooks, Victor Peterson, Lyla Stepherson and Keith Prosperie.

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GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale this Fri., 11/19 & Sat., 11/20 from 8 am to 2 pm at 4265 FM 1136, Mauriceville, 77632. Lots of new items including yarn, crafts, toys, Christmas, designer ladies clothes from Dillard's 1x, 2x, 3x (many new with tags). Cash Only.

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THANKSGIVING

ACROSS
 1. "If all ____ fails..."
 5. *Male Thanksgiving bird
 8. Yoko's last name
 11. Indian restaurant bread
 12. Carhop's carrier
 13. *"Kiss the Cook" garment
 15. Homer's "The Odyssey", e.g.
 16. *Grandpa or Grandma, often
 17. Moolah or dough
 18. *Pilgrim's colony
 20. Allah's cleric

21. Arranges into categories
 22. Chance's genre
 23. *"Plains, Trains and Automobiles" star
 26. Woven containers
 30. Kimono sash
 31. Aristotle's school
 34. Part of ideal
 35. Hurricane feature, pl.
 37. Comedian Schumer
 38. Teen worry
 39. Side of a ruler
 40. Left over
 42. *When will the guests be here?, acr.
 43. Rejuvenate
 45. Expression of agree-

ment (2 words)
 47. *What Turkey Trot participants did
 48. Outdoor entertainment area
 50. Messy substances
 52. *It makes Thanksgiving wishes come true?
 55. Half of diameter, pl.
 56. Flu symptom
 57. Accompanies relief
 59. Leaves out
 60. More than a talker?
 61. Isaac's firstborn
 62. Skin cyst
 63. "____ my party, and I'll cry if I want too..."
 64. Confederate or

Union, e.g.
DOWN
 1. Compass dir.
 2. Arctic native
 3. Go yachting
 4. Become enclosed in a cyst
 5. Freshwater fish
 6. Hop-drying kilns
 7. *Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
 8. Sea World's performer
 9. "Cheers" regular
 10. Top seed
 12. Like a rosebush
 13. Spy name
 14. *Kind of squash

19. Toils
 22. Truck brand motto: "Guts. Glory. ____"
 23. Lawn trimmer
 24. Toe the line
 25. Designs on lemur's tail
 26. Purchases
 27. #39 Across, pl.
 28. T in Ferrari TR
 29. Thai restaurant chicken staple
 32. Elder's support
 33. Flightless bird
 36. *Thanksgiving football game host city since 1934
 38. Impromptu
 40. Big coffee holder

41. Choice word
 44. Desert mirage
 46. Makes less tight
 48. Lace loop
 49. "Angela's _____," memoir
 50. *Raiders vs. Cowboys, e.g.
 51. Scandinavian war god
 52. Dry riverbed
 53. Not final or absolute
 54. Exclamation of surprise, archaic
 55. Propel your boat!
 58. Color wheel feature

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AAUW Schedules November Book-Ins
 The Orange Chapter of AAUW will discuss "Black Water Rising" at its next Book-Ins meeting on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m., using primarily the video conferencing platform of Zoom. Sarah Boehme, Book-Ins Chair, will lead the book discussion of the novel written by Attica Locke. For information on Book-Ins and membership in AAUW, contact Sarah Boehme, Book-Ins Chair, by leaving a message at (409) 883-4147. AAUW stands for the American Association of University Women.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **WALTER KYLE TURNER**, Deceased, were issued on **NOVEMBER 8, 2021**, in Cause No. P19232, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **JUDITH ANN TURNER**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Barron Law Office**
 P.O. Box 279
 Orange, TX
 77631-0279

Dated the 9th day of November, 2021.

George E. Barron
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 Judith Ann Turner
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 P.O. Box 279
 Orange, TX 77631-0279

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Henry Catholic Church will celebrate the feast of "Christ the King" on Sunday, November 21. This feast proclaims Christ being Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe. The celebration will begin with an outdoor procession at 9:30 am, followed by Mass at 10:30. Lunch will be served at 11:45 along with games and live music. All are welcome.

The American Legion Post #49 located at 108 Green Ave. will be selling Pork-K-Bobs and Links this Saturday, Nov., 20 in front of the building starting at 11am. All proceeds will be donated to the Blue Santa Program for the children for Christmas.

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