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## LSCO unveils designs for new academic building

**MARGARET TOAL**  
For The Record

Green Avenue in downtown Orange will have an eye-catching two-story building with a glass tower in front as Lamar State College Orange constructs a new, \$38.15 million Academic Building.

The college this week released architectural drawings of the building, which will be along Green between Fifth and Fourth streets where the old glass Orange National Bank, later Capital One, stood for some 40 years.

The Texas Legislature in 2021 approved the money. The legislature was led by Speaker of the House Dade Phelan, who represents Orange County.

Earlier this month, the Texas State University System Board of Regents approved the architectural designs for the 54,900 square foot building. PBK Architects based in Houston designed the building.

Construction is set to begin in March with basic completion scheduled in August 2023.

Emily Mellon, LSCO director of public relations, said the first-floor plan includes the administrative

office suites, anatomy and physiology laboratories, two classrooms, a large classroom with an operable partition, a computer laboratory, flexible laboratories and preparation spaces, and building support spaces.

The second floor will have additional classrooms and computer laboratories, geology, microbiology, biology, physics, and chemistry laboratories with associated preparation rooms, faculty resource areas, the Information Technology Services department suite, building support spaces, and a medical privacy room.

Both floors feature large student gathering and lobby spaces, as well as men's and women's restrooms. The front lobby space will be viewable via the second floor from an open concept mezzanine. The second floor will open up to an approximately 730 square foot terrace, providing views along Gatemouth Brown plaza. The building will include a glass stair tower visible from both directions of Green Avenue, showcasing how the future of LSCO is bright orange, she said.

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## Go-ahead given for new Entergy plant adding more jobs here

**MARGARET TOAL**  
For The Record

The Texas Public Utilities Commission has approved Entergy's plans for a new power plant in Bridge City, clearing the way for construction to start in the upcoming year. Entergy said the project should have 7,000 construction jobs and 26 permanent jobs.

The new plant will replace the plant built in the early 1960s that uses natural gas to make electricity. Current estimates call for it to be finished in 2026.

The addition of more construction jobs in the next couple of years will lead to a big increase of new jobs unseen in Orange

County since the population boom during World War II for the defense ship-building industry.

Chevron Phillips-QtarEnergy earlier this month confirmed the construction of an \$8.5 billion chemical plant for plastics. The project is expected to need 3,500 construction jobs and 500 permanent jobs. The Chevron Phillips plant is expected to be online in 2026.

In addition, Lamar State-College Orange is building a \$37.5 million academic building in downtown Orange. The number of construction jobs for that project has not been re-

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Adam Conrad returns to live theater as Buddy the elf in "Elf the Musical" on the Beaumont Community Players stage, opening this weekend. He is pictured with "Jovie" and elves in the ensemble. (Pictured left to right. Top: Hope Nielson, Christina Maldonado, Adam Conrad, Cara Scardino, Meilyn Whitmire and Sadie Short. Bottom: Gideon Burns, Emma Brown, Gloria Burns, Ireland Mayfield, Jenna Downs and Abigail Rollins.) RECORD PHOTO: Penny LeLeux

## Adam Conrad IS Buddy the "Elf"

### "Elf the Musical" premieres at BCP this weekend

**PENNYLELEUX**  
For The Record

There is not a better role on the planet for Adam Conrad's return to the live stage after a 12-year hiatus than Buddy in "Elf the Musical." He is excited to be cast as the lead character in Beaumont Community Player's newest musical offering that opens this weekend for a three-week run.

Those that know him are familiar with his over-animated antics which are the perfect embodiment of Buddy's character.

"I'm goofy and I'm crazy and this part is so much energy, so much fun (clears throat) ...and it was in my age range," said Conrad. "It was one of those that when I listened to the music I said, 'Oh, I can play that

role. I really want to play that role. It kinda felt right."

Conrad lives in Bridge City, spent years involved in Orange Community Players, but has been absent from the stage for some time because he has been teaching upcoming thespians on the high school level.

"I haven't performed in 12 years. My last show was at OCP in 2012, so I was really kind of nervous to do it," said Conrad. "I'm really happy I did because it gave me a glimpse into what I've expected of my students all these years."

He has enjoyed playing with the kids cast in roles of elves and teenagers in the production, as Buddy has

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Christina Maldonado (L) and Adam Conrad (R) take the stage this weekend in "Elf the Musical" at Beaumont Community Players' Betty Greenburg Center for the Performing Arts. Conrad plays the lead character of Buddy the elf. RECORD PHOTO: Penny LeLeux

## Wrapping-up Christmas in Orange area

**STAFF REPORT**  
For The Record

Here comes Santa Claus, and Santa Claus, and Santa Claus. The Jolly Old Elf will be spending lots of time in Orange and West Orange the next couple of weeks as the Christmas season spreads wide.

The longest-lasting com-

munity event, the 73rd Annual Orange Christmas Parade through downtown will be on Saturday, December 3, starting at 6 p.m. The Orange Kiwanis Club took over sponsorship of the parade which includes marching bands, floats, drill teams, and, of course, Santa at the end.

This year the them is

"Christmas Through the Decades," though there probably won't be a repeat of the early 1950s when the late Luther Stark arranged for real reindeer to travel down Green Avenue with Santa in his sleigh.

The parade route will skip MacArthur Drive and circle around the downtown area. Participants will

stage on Front Street behind the Lutchter Theater. From there, they will travel west down Front to 10th Street, and then turn right (or north) on 10th. When they reach Green Avenue, they will turn east and travel on Green until First Street. Then the parade will

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# Wrapping-up Christmas From Page 1

turn right again (or north), and go to Front. Then the participants will turn right again to travel west along Front until ending at the staging area.

First Presbyterian Church will have its annual open house before the parade. Hot chocolate, coffee, cookies, and popcorn will be offered free to the public. Also tours of the 1912 church, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, will be given. The front of the church property is the perfect place to watch the parade as it goes by.

The Kiwanis, and Santa, have a busy day on Saturday. The civic group is having a fundraiser for its charitable causes on Saturday morning from 7:30 to 10 with Breakfast with Santa. The event at Spanky's Bar and Grill on 16th Street, will offer a breakfast buffet and a chance for children to meet with Santa. The \$12

tickets include the breakfast and Santa, along with photos with Santa that will be downloadable for printing.

Saturday morning the Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau is holding its first Gumdrop Shop in Stark Park along Green Avenue. The all-day event will feature local vendors along with food and drink. It will end in time for the parade to begin. The park will also give a view of the parade as it passes by after dark.

For those wanting to give, rather than receive, during the holiday season, two of traditions of giving are on Thursday. The 13th annual Granger-KOGT.com annual food drive to benefit the Orange County Salvation Army and Orange Christian Services will run from 7 to 9 a.m. at Granger Chevrolet on MacArthur Drive.

All the non-perishable foods and cash donated will stay in Orange County to

help feed people who are having trouble buying food. The two organizations say the drive helps keep their pantries stocked for several months.

The Service League of Orange will hold its 66th Annual Toy Coffee to benefit the Orange County Salvation Army. The traditional event features a selected open house decorated for the season. Admission for a tour of the house along with refreshments is an unwrapped toy or cash donation for the Salvation Army to provide Christmas cheer for those who might not have any. This year, the Salvation Army is also asking for blankets and bed sets for children because they often ask Santa for nice bedding.

This year's house is the Brown Estate on Old Highway 90. The mansion was built in the 1940s by the late timber heir-industrialist Edgar Brown Jr. and is now

owned by Lamar State College Orange. The mansion was Brown's home for some 30 years until his death. He added the glassed solarium in the 1960s and quipped to friends that the solarium cost as much as the Astro-dome.

The Orange Train Depot on Green Avenue will have its annual Christmas fundraiser on Sunday, December 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. with Mingle and Jingle. A \$25 donation allows people to see items from select vendors as they enjoy mimosa drinks and nibbles. The Orange Community Players will sing Christmas Carols.

The next week, Sunday, December 11, the Train Depot will have its annual children's visit with Santa from 3 to 5 p.m. Elves will help Santa pass out candy canes and other treats.

The city of West Orange will have its annual visit with Santa and tree-lighting ceremony on Monday, October 5, at 6 p.m. Santa will be in the community center off Austin Avenue in

the back of City Hall, which faces Western Avenue.

Heritage House Museum on Division Avenue has hosted Santa Claus for nearly 50 years, except for a couple of hurricane years. The historic house has been closed for tours since Hurricane Harvey in 2017, but will be opening again on Wednesday, December 7.

The museum will have a Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce rib-

bon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. December 7. Santa will be at the house on Wednesday, December 7, and Thursday, December 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. Children will be able to visit Santa and parents will be able to take photographs in the early 1900s house set with antiques. Tours of the house filled with memorabilia from Orange's history will be available. Refreshments will also be served.

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### In Memoriam of Nanalee Faye Williams Barnett



Nanalee Barnett

Our mother joined her heavenly family in March of this year. She was 94 years old and passed peacefully.

Mother was buried in a private ceremony with her family in attendance and laid to rest next to our Dad, Jack Barnett at Claybar Hillcrest Cemetery.

Our family lived in Bridge City from 1954 to 1996. After our father died in 1990 mother continued to live in Bridge City until 1996

when she moved to Austin, Texas. Family includes Daughter Karen Taylor, husband Terry Taylor of Austin. Their children Ryan Taylor, wife Amanda, their three daughters, Hailey, Natalee, and Jackie of Richmond, Texas. Reagan Taylor of Austin and Daughter Jackie Logan, husband Cliff Logan of Austin. Other family members are from southern Illinois where mother was born and raised.

This Thanksgiving we celebrated and remembered our mother as we did when she was here with us, her Birthday was the 27th of November!

#### God's Promises

God hath not promised  
skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn Pathways  
All our lives through.  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
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Peace without pain.

But, God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light on the way,  
Grace for the trial,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing Sympathy,  
Undying love.

by Nanalee Barnett

## VOTING

### Sen. Carl Parker For The Record



Former State Senator Carl Parker

I am absolutely convinced that some of us were born with an extra gene that commits us to following politics in great detail. As a victim of such plague, you may be assured that I always look forward to enjoying the privilege of casting my vote. I always do so as early as possible because I would be greatly disappointed to pass on to the next world without having expressed my view of who should be running the country in my absence.

Recent elections have involved various claims of fraud. The few items of fraud that have been discovered would not have changed any election. There were claims of ballot stuffing, illegal absentee voting, rigged machines and even one claim that some voting machines were manipulated by aliens. No fraud could be shown in over sixty trips to federal courts. There seems to be no doubt, however, that there is a Republican effort to reduce the number of voters. The efforts of this strategy are having little, or no effect because people are voting in higher numbers anyway. Some of those efforts include providing fewer voting places, stricter requirements to cast an absentee ballot and requiring a picture ID for the first time. One of the latest efforts was abolishing the ability to cast one vote by voting for all members nominat-

ed by a particular party. The theory as explained to me is that the Democratic Party was composed of lesser educated members who would have a harder time sorting out candidates individually in a long list of Democratic nominees; this too has little or no effect.

Finally, the most harmful thing having a devastating and anti-democratic effect on voting is gerrymandering. Both parties are guilty. After a census, states are required by the U. S. Supreme Court to draw districts in a compact, contiguous manner with approximately equal population. The following election after the census the winning party will draw the districts in a manner that assures members of that party are elected. This, in fact, cuts off the discussion of competing ideas and often has a result of electing a repre-

sentative to a district whose views do not square with a majority of the district. One bad example of gerrymandering was with the Fourth Senatorial District which I once represented. In order to assure the election of one of my Republican successors the district was altered to the point that the Speaker of the House claimed the outline of the district looked a lot like an amoeba under a microscope. The Fourth Senatorial District at that time began northwest of Houston on the north side of I-10, stretched to the coast, ran along the coast including a portion of Chambers County in which there were no people and took in Jefferson County.

While in the Legislature I proposed creating commissions to reapportion districts, fairly and in compliance with the Supreme Court guidelines,

but have since changed my mind. I believe there is room for computerized drawing of districts fairly composed of roughly the same number of people and in a compact way associating folks with a common interest in so far as possible.

There is one area which I do without reservation believe that party voting be abolished and that is the case of judicial elections. Judges are prohibited in participating in partisan politics and their job is supposed to be based purely on the law, not on political considerations. Judges should be voted on individually. When we lose sight of the job, we would like to have judges to do, free from partisan politics, we only need to look as far as the U. S. Supreme Court to see how bad some of the results can be.

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Above: An eye-catching two-story building with a glass tower in front as Lamar State College Orange constructs a new, \$38.15 million Academic Building.

## LSCO unveils future growth From Page 1

The new Academic Building will feature also tie into the Gatemouth Brown Plaza opened last year in honor of the late Grammy-winning musician who grew up in Orange.

The plaza ties will tie in pedestrian walkways between the Academic Building and the Ron E. Lewis Library. The walkways include part of what was once Fourth Street. The city of Orange agreed to shut off the street for expansion of the college campus.

The new building would have been only a dream to the Orange citizens who helped start the two-year college more than 50 years ago. The college's first classes in 1969 were held in a vacated elementary school built during World

War II in the Riverside housing project for defense workers off Simons Drive.

LSCO has been under President Dr. Tom Johnson for four years. He has been developing the campus and starting educational programs to help students get industrial jobs and other training for vocations.

The campus offers 30 career-oriented degrees and certificates, along with academic courses that can transfer to a four-year university. Career education includes nursing, dental assisting, industrial technology, and information technology. The educational training will help as industries, especially the petrochemical industry, expand across South-east Texas and Orange

County.

The Texas Legislature approved money to allow Johnson to lower tuition, fees, and books for students enrolling in the college. The reduction has led to increased enrollment.

Dr. Johnson, who is a first generation college graduate, has bragged about bringing more students who are the first in their families to go to college. LSCO statistics show 78 percent of the spring 2022 graduates are first generation college students.

The expansion of LSCO has not been kept to Orange.

The college recently opened a branch in Lumberton as a way to increase higher education in rural areas.

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leased. Also, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in the design phase of a 26-mile levee-seawall and pumping system that will need an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 jobs. The project will move an estimated five million cubic feet of dirt, enough to fill the old Astrodome three times. Construction is anticipated to start in 2024 and finish in 2028.

In October, the Orange County Commissioners Court agreed to a tax abatement contract with Enterprise Products Operating for an \$850 million ethane shipping terminal on the Neches River side of Orange County. Though the corporation has not announced construction, if approved, it

will have an estimated 1,400 to 3,200 construction jobs. Ethane is a crucial product for the petrochemical industry to make plastics.

The new Entergy power plant will help to accommodate the electrical demands for the new industry and new residents coming to the area. The company said the plant will provide enough power for 250,000 homes.

The new plant will be able to use hydrogen and natural gas for making electricity. The use of hydrogen will cut back on the amount of natural gas the company uses. That cutback will eliminate some of the carbon admissions into the air brought by natural gas. In addition, the use of hydrogen will

cut the fuel cost prices passed on to consumers. According to the company, the plant could save \$100 million in fuel costs the first year it is in operation.

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## From the Creaux's Nest

### ORANGE COUNTY ADVANCED POWER STATION STATE OF THE ART

The new power station in Orange County, near Bridge City, at the present Entergy location, will be in the city of Port Arthur. However, the advanced power station will continue to be in the Bridge City school district. The power station will provide critical power to Southeast Texas with a significantly lower emissions rate than the legacy generation it replaces. An outside analysis conducted by TXP, Inc. determined that construction of The Orange County Advanced Power Station will create nearly \$1.8 billion in total economic activity in Southeast Texas. Construction of the facility will result in more than 7,000 direct jobs and approximately 27 permanent jobs once operational. Entergy Texas is committed to working with local vendors to maximize the economic impact to the community. Construction of the power station is expected to start in 2023 and be completed by 2026.

### TRUMP DINES WITH WHITE SUPREMACIST

On Tuesday President Donald Trump had dinner at his private club in Florida with Nick Fuentes, an outspoken anti-semitic and racist who is one of the country's most prominent young white supremacists. Also at the dinner was performer Ye, who has changed his name from Kanye West and has also been condemned for making anti-Semitic statements. Ye traveled to meet with Trump at the club, Mar-a-Lago, brought Fuentes along. In recent years, Fuentes, 24, has developed a high profile on the far right and forged ties with such Republican lawmakers as Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, of Georgia, Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona, largely through his leadership of an annual white supremacist event called the America First Political Action Conference. A Holocaust denier and unabashed racist, Fuentes openly uses hateful language on his podcast, in recent weeks calling for military to be sent into Black neighborhoods and demanding that Jews leave the country. Trump knew of Fuentes' well-documented bigotry and extremism before their dinner. Jonathan Greenblatt, the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, condemned Trump's meeting with Fuentes. Sharing a meal and spending time is appalling. And really, you can't say that you oppose hate and break bread with haters. It's that simple. Trump claims he didn't know the dinner guest. Seven years ago, after meeting with David Duke, Trump claimed he didn't know Duke was a longtime KKK leader. Trump is a longtime fool and liar. It didn't just happen. I have to move on. Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2012

Friday, Dec. 7, the Orange Jaycees sponsor their 64th annual Christmas parade starting at 6:30 p.m. The parade theme is "A Cajun Christmas." I bet there will be a lot of real Cajuns in it. On Dec. 8, at 10 a.m., the Orangefield Christmas parade will take place. Don't miss Uncle Jesse's Farm at the Cormier Museum. On Saturday night, Dec. 8, the fourth annual Bridge City nighttime, light Christmas parade will start at 7 p.m. Also Saturday evening, will be the Christmas Stroll at Shangri La. The annual Mauriceville Senior Citizen Supper will be held Saturday, 5 p.m. at the Mauriceville Elementary School. Swamp Gold Christmas Album. The area boys who made the Gulf Coast Sound famous and became the artist who popularized Swamp Pop, have put together a totally different Christmas album with that special beat. Some of those youngsters, still popular today when they appear on a gig, wrote the songs they perform on the album. Performing on the album are Jivin' Gene, Don Rice, Lynn August, Johnnie Allen, Warren Storm, Tommy McLain, Willie Tee, Ken Marvel, V.J. Boulet and Charles Mann. The album is available by calling 409-548-1837 or [jiving@at.rr.com](mailto:jiving@at.rr.com). It's a good Christmas gift for yourself or to give. It's a collectors treasure. These guys will probably never get together again. I received a letter from friend, Jeanne Wood Kern, a longtime Bridge City teacher who I'm sure many students will remember. A dozen years ago Jeanne moved to Lincoln Nebraska and since then she has been involved in several publishing projects. Swing Bridge gets historical marker. A bunch of great, community heritage minded folks turned out for the unveiling and ceremony for the Cow Bayou, Hwy. 87 Bridge that is now on the national regis-

ter as one of our historical treasures. Dr. Howard Williams, who has spent over 40 years promoting Orange County history and is past president of the Orange County Historical committee attended the unveiling. Attorney Jerry Pennington, new president presided. Commissioner John Dubose took part as well as both Orange and Bridge City chambers. Mark Dunn, the driving force to establish the bridge as a national treasure was present. A few spotted at the ceremony were Betty Harmon, Geslia Houseman, Christy Kourey and Corey, Shirley Zimmerman, Brandy Slaughter, Margaret Toal, Butch Thurman and a host of others. Bridge City's Matt Bryant booted three field goals, including a 55 yarder, in a 23-13 win over the New Orleans Saints. Bryant's two other kicks were for 45 yards and 29 yards. His two extra points gave him 11 points in the Falcons win. They are now 11-1 for the season. Orange native, Carrie Joiner Woliver, will have a reception and book signing Sat. Dec. 8, at the Old Orange Café. "The Train Stopped in Orange" is written from the diaries of her grandparents, Will and Pearl Joiner, in 1917 and 1918. Carrie covers life in Orange during the buggy days through the 1950's. Carrie, a 1959 Stark High grad hopes to see many of her classmates at the reception If you are a history buff, don't miss it. Three finalist are in the running for the Heisman trophy, Johnny Manziel, a freshman quarterback with Texas A&M; Manti Te'o, linebacker with Notre Dame and Collin Klein, quarterback with Kansas State. My guess is that Manziel will get it. Our friend Wayne Peveto, the AT&T telephone man, is retiring from the telephone company on Dec. 21 after 40 years.

### 44 Years Ago-1978

Last week for the first time in over 100 years, the voters of Texas elected a Republican governor. Bill Clements upset John Hill, who had successfully defeated incumbent Governor Dolph Briscoe in the primaries. The Republicans spent over \$12 million, a large amount for the times. Also, it's speculated that Briscoe supporters crossed over and voted for Clements. Dr. Mark Messer was recognized by the Bridge City Rotary Club. Vivian Morrow passed away Nov. 25. Vivian and Leland first came to Orange in 1940. She met her death after being involved in an auto accident near Longview. She had been to Oklahoma to visit her mother and to spend Thanksgiving with her family. Leland was suppose to meet her in Oklahoma but the weather prevented him flying in. David Fusilier celebrated a birthday Nov. 28. Celebrating birthdays are Kim Daniels, who is 19 and John Lapeyrolerie, who is 4 years old. Brad and Brenda Lapeyrolerie celebrate 11 wedded years on Nov. 25.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

Alex Townsend shows you can go from Bridge City to London, England, and earn a fancy degree. The daughter of Rodney and Dr. Amy Townsend has earned a master's of science degree in archeological science technology and materials. She is graduating from University College in London. Collin Gros, girlfriend Morgan Shaw and the Shaw clan left early Friday to catch a plane to Vegas to attend Ried Whaley and Jack Dallas' wedding. Morgan served as an attendant in the wedding. Sunday she made it to bed at midnight in Nederland, was up at 4 p.m. for a 7:30 a.m. class in Baton Rouge. She made it with eight minutes to spare. Jack, of course, is the former West Orange-Stark quarterback who led the Mustangs to state championship titles. He and his bride met at Lamar University, where he ended up setting pitching records for the Cardinals baseball team and earned an engineering degree. He's now in minor league baseball. The couple has a 1-year-old daughter, Drue, who also attended the wedding ceremony. Ryan Ragsdale, son of Randy and Paula, grew up down the street playing barefoot ball with the Dallas brothers, Jack and Chad. Now he's officially engaged to girlfriend Kennedie Schexnayder. The Ragsdale family had a Cow Creek Thanksgiving at the old McClelland camp. Of course there was a bonfire on the sandbar. Wonder if they gave a toasted marshmallow toast to Paula, who had a birthday last week. Lots of people were marking Thanksgiving week birthdays including the legendary Mickey Litton Gisclar, who is ageless. Also, our favorite twirler Cecil Broom marked another year older. She learned her baton skills decades ago when she was a little mascot for the Bengal Guards girls drum and bugle corps. Don't ask who is the tallest of the two. Ricky Jacobs hit 60 years old this week. The Record's ace sports and news reporter Dan Perrine is a bit older. The youngster of the week was Eric Elison's 3-year-old grandson, Keagan, who celebrated with a Shrek-themed party. Others with recent birthdays include Betty Vail, Karen Colburn, Rick Bridgers, Bob Manning, Mary "Coach" Anderson, Sherry Hommel, Jason Burch, Wayne Guidry, Ann Caples and recent bride Leigh Anne Dallas Harrell. Debbie Hughes also turned another year older and got to visit with grandchildren during Thanksgiving. Michael and Janey Schwegel had their 17th wedding anniversary. Country star Cody Johnson performed at Ford Park in Beaumont and drew a lot of people from Orange, including Gary and Angie Stelly. Al Granger was in the crowd, as were Lori and Joel Ardoin, Staci Eatman, Duane Lormand, Mackenzie Decker, Leis Hogan and Bobby Walker. You know CoJo is great if country music lovers Stelly and Granger go. Gina and Skipper Yeaman were on another cruise. Seems like they travel so much all they have time to do is wash their clothes before packing up for another trip. Skipper has been wearing some stylish duds, like the yellow duckie matching outfit that included shirt, shorts, and hat. Plus, he still has a Lutch Stark High School shirt to

model. MaQuettia Ledet took time from planning the Blossoming Minds events for MLK weekend to travel with West Orange City Councilor Lanie Brown to Monroe, Louisiana, to watch the Warhawks play football featuring their favorite player, Quincy Ledet from WO-S. Thousands of people traveled for the Thanksgiving holidays, some coming, some going. Roy and Phyl had all of the kids home, with the exception of Jenna and her tribe from Massachusetts. Mark's other daughter Amber and husband Clay Greeson were here from Vero Beach, Florida. They drove with the three boys, Luke, 6; Liam, 4 and Rowan, age 2. They left Saturday morning in the middle of a real Texas rainstorm. Next year they may choose to fly. Clay prepared most of the delicious food shared by the Dunn clan. For many years Betty Harmon was the most active voice for the Great Orange Area from chamber president to bank board member. Since husband Corky Harmon's death she sold her Sunset Drive home and she and daughter Deborah bought a home in Dishon Addition in Bridge City. Both seem to love it.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks celebrating their special day in the next week. Nov. 30: Happy Birthday to Evelyn Brandon, Sandra Smith, Tish Garrett, Ryan Anderson, Vance Chauvin, Sydney Burrows and Kirk Ellender. Dec. 1: Celebrating today are Jamey Doguet, Ashley Mott, Bill Hare, Kelsey Dardeau and Amanda George. This would also have been our late friend Gene Edgerly's birthday. We miss him. Dec. 2: Cheryl Fornois, Jake Glazner, Lisa Walker, and Beverly Blalack celebrate. Dec. 3: Happy Birthday to Annalise Borg, Dawn Hartman, Wayne Scales, Todd Wilson, Trisha Anderson, Amber Franklin, Carolyn Andrus, Chris DeCuir and Ms. Phyl's sister, Jo Ann Huard, turns 90 on this day. Dec. 4: Birthday wishes to Dana Simmons, Gwen Tallant, Stephanie Kreger and celebrating 34 years of wedded bliss are Tommy and Sue Simar. Dec. 5: Leslie Dishon, Rene Hanks, Belinda Force, Susie Collins, Mary Bridges, Shea Bolton and Steve Hightower celebrate birthdays today. Dec. 6: Rosalyn Potter, Debbie Bishop, Cheryl Jones, Mayme Bock, Richard Briggs and Channing Larkin celebrate. Happy Birthday to all.

### CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 30: Tiger Woods, 47 Golfer; Laili Ali, 45 Boxer; Caity Lotz 36 TV Actress. Dec. 1: Woody Allen 87 Director; Janell Monae 37 Soul Singer; Bette Midler 77 Pop Singer. Dec. 2: Britney Spears 32 Pop Singer; Aaron Rodgers 39 Football Player; Jana Kramer 39 Country Singer; Nelly Furtado 44 Pop Singer. Dec. 3: Ozzy Osbourne 74 Metal Singer; Julianne Moore 62 Movie Actress; Brendan Fraser 54 Movie Actor. Dec. 4: Tyra Banks 49 TV Show Host; Orlando Brown 35 TV Actor; Marisa Tomei 58 Movie Actress; Jeff Bridges 73 Movie Actor. Dec. 5: Frankie Muniz 37 TV Actor; Paula Patton 47 Movie Actress; Kali Rocha 51 TV Actress. Dec. 6: Johnny Manziel 30 Football Player; Millie Davis 16 TV Actress; Stefanie Scott 26 TV Actress

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

GoSleaux Comeaux's turd grade son, Elray, come home from school in da middle of da day him. His papa axe him why? Elray say, "Well Papa, it's like dis, our new young teacher Ms. Alice, yesterday, axe wat my favorite animal was and I said, fried chicken."

Ms. Alice said dat wasn't funny but she couldn't have been right because everyone laughed dem. GoSleaux said, "Elray, you teacher is probably a member of PETA, dey love animals very much." "I do too Papa, especially chicken."

Anyway she send me to the principal's office. I told Mr. Premeaux wat happen. He laughed too but told me not to do it again." Da next day, today, Ms. Alice axe wat my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She axe me why?

I told her because you can make dem into fried chicken and she sent me back to do principle. He laughed and told me if I did it again dey would suspend me. Papa, I don't understand. You taught me to be honest.

Today Ms. Alice axe me to tell her wat famous person I admire da most. I told her Colonel Sanders and Papa, dats why I'm home me."

### C'EST TOUT DAY OF INFAMY DEC. 7, 1941

President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that "Dec. 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy," on that terrible day when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, 81 years ago next week. I recall where I was when word came of the attack. I'm sure any of you who were old enough, also recalls that day. Three Orange County men who experienced the attack, Cedric Stout, 101 years old, was on the Utah when it was hit. He and wife Cherry make their home in Bridge City. Seaman McKinnley Bland, served on the USS Salt Lake City and Joseph Rougeau, Navy Seaman 1st. Class, served on the USS Medusa. The United States lost 2,390 lives that day, 1,999 Navy, 109 Marines and 233 from the Army Air Force and 49 civilians. We are fortunate to still have Cedric, who is active and in good health. Very few Pearl Harbor survivors, an estimated 3 percent, remain throughout the country. We honor them all on this Dec. 7, 2022. Rougeau and Bland have passed away. Gotta go. Thanks for your time. Please shop our family of advertisers. Until we meet again happy trails to you. Take care and God bless.

# Elf the Musical

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many childlike qualities.

"I've been teaching so long, making my kids go through the process... it's been fun going through the process with them," said Conrad. "To see the process through their eyes as an actor and not a director."

He started teaching in Nederland High School then switched to Vidor High School 10 years ago. As a drama teacher it did not leave much time for him to perform himself. He changed positions at Vidor this year.

"Now I'm a counselor," said Conrad. Leaving the drama department freed up his nights and weekends where he could return to the stage.

"With the rigorous schedule of directing at school I always had rehearsals after school and contest shows, I never had the time to get to a theater and rehearse without losing my sanity," said Conrad. After a moment of reflection, "Maybe I did lose my sanity. I don't know and that's really why I'm here. Now that I'm a counselor I have more time in the evenings to devote to having fun on this side of things."

There are several other members of Vidor ISD included in the production cast and crew. The assistant principal at Vidor High School, Bryan Brassard, is the director of the show. This is his eighth musical to direct at BCP. Brassard was brought on as director after "Elf the Musical" was

already selected to be part of the current season.

"It has become a show that I think is a great show for the season to get the people in the mood for Christmas. I'm glad I could be part of something BCP is bringing to the community," said Brassard. "It's a good show. I actually worked it when it came to the Lutcher and so I was familiar with the show already and John (Manfredi) asked me to do it."

The role of Santa is being played by Vidor Police Detective Jeff Courts.

"Santa wishes he was Jewish," said Courts. "That's actually in one of the songs." He proceeds to sing the lyrics.

This is not Courts' first rodeo playing Santa. In the past, he was asked to play Santa in a Port Arthur Little Theatre (PALT) children's production.

"It was years ago, I don't even remember the name of the show, but it was a kid's show and they needed a Santa," said Courts. "It was about Santa's workshop at the North Pole was damaged and they had to set up shop in Florida. I didn't have a real beard back then, it was fake."

He said auditioning for Elf was a hard decision because he also wanted to be part of the other production running concurrently in the black box theater at BCP, "It's a Wonderful Life: A 1940s Radio Play."

"I wanted to audition in this one and Andy's show



Vidor ISD assistant principal Bryan Brassard is the director of BCP's "Elf the Musical." He gives notes to the actors before rehearsal. "Elf the Musical" opens Friday in Beaumont at the Betty Greenburg Center for the Performing Arts. RECORD PHOTO: Penny LeLeux

and Santa won out."

Andy Coughlin, director of "It's a Wonderful Life" walked by in that instant and Courts said, "Sorry Andy."

To which Coughlin replied, "No problem, I wouldn't have cast you anyway." Courts is not the only one with a dry sense of humor roaming the halls of the Betty Greenburg Center.

Courts laughed, "I just wanted to do the Folley artist thing, that is just cool as all get out." Courts was referring to the sound effects used during radio shows and films.

Santa was not picture ready by press time because his hair appointment, which was made in the middle of the interview, was not

until Tuesday at 2 p.m. Patrick Anderson is the "hairdresser extraordinaire" according to Courts. Anderson also plays Walter Hobbs in the show.

"The show is like 'Mary Poppins,'" said Courts. "It was the redemption of Mr. Banks; this show is the redemption of Mr. Hobbs."

Krystal Sanchez, who plays Emily, graduated from Little Cypress-Mauriceville and grew up in Orange. She currently lives in Port Neches with her husband and children.

"I wasn't going to audition. I was in a show last season, 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' I was Truly Scrumptious. I loved it. It was so much fun and I wasn't going to do this at all," said Sanchez.

Sanchez says she plans her shows to fit with family and "Elf" was not included in her schedule, but her family had other plans. "Elf" happens to be her husband's favorite movie and her kids love it too.

"I have four children, so it's a family decision when I do shows," said Sanchez. The entire family was urging her to audition. "I don't know," she said.

Friends that auditioned for the show joined the family and she finally caved into the pleadings. "I'm so glad I did," Sanchez said.

Her character, Emily, is Buddy's stepmom that does not believe in Santa Claus and is very practical.

"She transforms throughout the show," said Sanchez. "She lightens up a little bit

and believes in the magic of Christmas, something she really hasn't allowed herself to do in her life."

Is Conrad ready for his return to the stage this weekend?

"I'm scared. I'm hoping by opening night I have all my lines and lyrics memorized," he said. "I over think it, then I twist all my words around. We'll see. Our first show is Friday at 7:30."

"This is a musical that can be enjoyed by all ages," said Sanchez. "I hope that it ignites some magic of Christmas in people."

"I think everyone should come out and see the show," said Conrad. "It's a fun, festive holiday treat."

The shows and times are Dec. 2-3, 8, 10, 16-17 at 7:30 p.m., with matinees Dec. 10 and 18 at 2 p.m. Ticket sales are brisk. Many shows are close to selling out.

Prices for all individual tickets: Adult - \$26; Senior and Student - \$24. There is a \$3 service charge per ticket.

If "Elf" is not to your taste, "It's a Wonderful Life: A 1940's Radio Play" is offered in their Black Box theater for the next two weeks. FYI: It is performed without an intermission.

Remaining dates for "It's a Wonderful Life": Dec 1 - 8 p.m., Dec 9 - 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3 - 4 and Dec. 11 - 2 p.m.

Tickets to both shows can be purchased online at Beaumont Community Players - Home Page (beaumontstages.com) or through the box office. The Betty Greenburg Center for the Performing Arts is located at 4155 Laurel Ave, Beaumont, TX 77707.

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## First Saturday give aways Dec. 3rd

First Saturday at First Baptist Church is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3rd. We will start giving away gently used toys, as well as new and used coats, jackets, sweaters and hoodies at 10 a.m. and stop at 12 noon. Bibles and other helpful literature will be available also to hand out as well as prayer for those who request it. Look for the blue canopy on the parking lot of the church at 200 West Roundbunch Rd in Bridge City. All are welcome.

## Shangri La Christmas Strolls, Community Food Drive

Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center will once again usher in the holiday season with the 2022 Christmas Strolls and Community Food Drive event. This FREE family-friendly event welcomes visitors with colorful displays throughout the Gardens, along with lighted community-decorated Christmas trees.

You are cordially invited to join us for a leisurely stroll through our illuminated landscapes to celebrate the holiday season. Christmas Strolls run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (last entry at 8:30 p.m.) during select evenings in December. This year, in addition to the International Paper sponsored Community Decorate-A-Tree event, each week of Christmas Strolls will feature a different theme. December 6-10 is PJ week! Wear your family-coordinated PJ's, and bring a pair to support the Lutcher Theater's PJ and Blanket drive. December 13-17 is the time to pull out those Ugly Christmas Sweaters! National Ugly Sweater Day is December 16 after all. For the finale of strolls, December 20 and 21, Crazy Christmas Hats will be the theme. Free State Cellars will be onsite selling seasonal offerings, and Orange Lions Club will be selling hot chocolate and sweets.

Admission to Shangri La Gardens is FREE. We do ask that you please consider donating non-perishable food items to Orange Christian Services to support those in greatest need throughout our community. We will be collecting non-perishable food items December 1-21 during normal garden hours, and during Christmas Strolls.

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- Title-holder
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## Orange County Boys Basketball Season Preview

### LCM Bears hope to repeat last year's playoff run

DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

Little Cypress-Mauriceville made the playoffs last year in basketball, and the Bears enjoyed their finest post season run ever. LCM is looking to improve on its district record and at least match its best previous performance in the playoffs this season.

The Bears were a little disappointed by adversity and were unhappy finishing third in their tough district last season. LCM landed in a nice spot though in the playoff bracket which led to victories in the first two rounds of the post season a first for boys basketball at Little Cypress-Mauriceville. The Bears were defeated by a very good Houston Washington team in the third round.

Bears' Coach Brad Jeff-



Brad Jeffcoat is the coach of the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears basketball team.

coat is excited about the finish to last season and the prospects for the new campaign. "Jumping forward to this year our goal is to take that a step or two further and get to the regional tournament. Of course we're really happy with last year, but last year is last year and it is time to

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think that are good varsity basketball players."

There are experienced Bobcats at every position. "We've got a mix with really good guards. We've got some post guys that have been really good.

We've got some athletic kids coming from football that are really good defensively and can get after it. In summary this team has a chance to be one of the

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### WOS Mustangs look to rebuild with new faces

DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

This could be a rebuilding year for the West Orange-Stark Mustangs basketball team. Only one Mustang is back on the varsity that won a playoff game last season.

West Orange-Stark was up and down most of Coach Chris Castille's first year leading the Mustangs. They struggled ear-

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Chris Castille is the coach for the West Orange-Stark Mustangs basketball team.



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### Bridge City Cardinals resurgent in basketball

DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

A young Bridge City basketball team took its lumps last season. The Cardinals are more mature now and look to be a playoff contender this season.

Last year was a rebuilding campaign for Bridge City after a successful season two years ago. The Cardinals lost five seniors going into last season and played only two juniors, multiple sophomores, and a couple freshmen on the varsity.

Coach Randall Robertson analyzed the uphill battle his Cardinals had with a lack of varsity experience last year. "We were very young and inexperienced, but the Cardinals learned a lot about themselves and it's helped them mature for this season,"



Randall Robertson coaches the Bridge City Cardinals basketball team.

Robertson replied.

Nine players return from last season for Bridge City. Robertson evaluated, "When you return nine out of ten guys you've got to be a little better especially when they all have a varsity season under their belts. We anticipate being a lot more experienced

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### Orangefield Bobcats expecting strong season

DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

There are three reasons the Orangefield Bobcats should be outstanding in basketball this season. The first is the Bobcats return eight players from last year's team, second the junior varsity should supply several new players to the varsity for this campaign, and finally Orangefield moved to the lower 3A classification making it one of the largest schools in its district.

The Bobcat varsity was 25-11 last season finishing in second place in their district behind only the state ranked Silsbee Tigers, and the Orangefield junior varsity was the co-district champions for underclassmen. Orangefield was lowered to Class 3A by the University Interscholastic League for at least the next two seasons.

Coach Jake McDonald of Orangefield is happy with the progress of the basketball program. "Last year as a whole was a really good year for Bobcat basketball. Since last March we started playing in the spring and the summer and then obviously in our fall league. Our scrimmages and non-district schedule hopefully sets us up or gears us up to make a run and to compete to win some of the big games against the top schools and hopefully we can



Jake McDonald coaches the Orangefield Bobcats basketball team.

make another run deep into the playoffs, that's the plan," McDonald expressed.

The Bobcats returning to the varsity this season include four starters from last year. Guard Pete Ragusa was first team all-district as was Zane Wrinkle at guard. Inside Morgan Sampson and Koen Maddox are both really good post players who were all-district for Orangefield.

Other lettermen include Kane Smith, Brayden Parker, and Cameron Dischler. Leyton Loft and Brady Anderson were brought up to the varsity for the Bobcats' playoff game last season. McDonald analyzed, "We've got a lot coming back. On paper this should be a good team. I've never had a team with this much experience or depth. We've got ten to twelve guys I



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# Changing QBs or even head coaches does not assure future success

**KAZ'S KORNER**  
**Joe Kazmar**  
**For The Record**

Besides getting stuffed with turkey last week, we also had to tolerate some "major moves" in the world of football as college and the National Football League made changes either with their quarterbacks or even canning a few head coaches.

The most hilarious move was done by our feeble Houston Texans, who benched two-year quarterback Davis Mills for journeyman Kyle Allen, who was picked up in the free-agent marketplace last spring as the team's back-up quarterback.

Mills has thrown more interceptions (11) than touchdowns (9) in his last eight starts, his passer rating (78.1) ranks 34th among all qualified quarterbacks and he has stumbled to a 59.8 completion percentage on Houston's cumulative opening three drives this season. Head Coach Lovie Smith said Friday that this is a "short-term decision".

You must understand that Allen hasn't been in a real NFL game for two or three seasons and was probably very rusty, especially when trying to elude 375-pound defensive linemen breathing down his neck.

Lovie Smith—whose fans' love has dwindled to "just barely like"—announced this quarterback switch early last week—from probable to maybe to he's our man for Sunday's game—and put Mills on the bench where he should have been many losses before.

Smith made the change out of sheer desperation. His job was on a wobbly cliff as many fans—especially those who purchased season tickets—were calling for his scalp and begging the front office to make a change for anybody who knew how to win with the NFL's lousiest team.

And Smith's job wasn't the only one hanging by a loose fingernail—offensive coordinator and quarterback coach Pep Hamilton was in the same boat. Their only move was to substitute Allen for Mills and do a lot of hoping or even praying.

Compared to Mills' arm strength, it appeared that Allen was throwing change-ups to his receivers, who mostly had to wait for the rainbow-like pass would get there and then grab it with both hands so it wouldn't squirt away, which many of them did.

The headline Monday morning on the front page



Joe Kazmar

of the Houston Chronicle "Miami Vise" pretty much told the story about Sunday's game

against the Dolphins. Quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was eating up the incompetent Texans pass defense, completing passes at will and giving his team a 30-0 lead at half-time.

Whether the Dolphins felt sorry for Houston or was saving the starters for a "real" future opponent, the Texans got to operate against the second, third and fourth stringers. I saw the cheerleaders approach the Miami bench in the second half, probably because they wanted to get into the game, too, against the hapless Texans.

On a more serious note, early last week closer to home the Lamar Cardinals fired their head football coach Blane Morgan after a 1-10 season in 2022 and 5-23 record during his three-year stay at the Beaumont school. His record in conference games was a dismal 3-16.

But it must be remembered that the hiring of Morgan was just one of the many boneheaded moves made by then-athletic director March Born, who got on my bad side when he fired the two softball coaches as he was stepping off the plane to assume his new job.

It took a couple of years for the Regents to see things the way I first saw them and gave Born a one-way ticket out of Beaumont.

The school had better be very careful about who they hire to replace Morgan. There's an old saying my Grandpappy told me long ago—"You get what you pay for"—which means if Lamar really wants to continue its football program, they must win. And in college football, wins are based on the number of dollars each school is willing to pay their head coach.

Lamar dropped football for several years until the alumni and Beaumont college football fans begged the administration to re-start the football program.

They promised to show up for the home games—but they forgot to add the clause "as long as the Cardinals win"—and lately the number of fans at the stadium could be counted by a passing helicopter.

I'll give Lamar University five years to produce a winning football program or give it up entirely again.

Born's replacement Jeff O'Malley had better be very careful who he chooses to replace Morgan, because he very well could be the Cardinals' very last head football coach.

### KWICKIES...

Ohio State's head coach Ryan Day has plenty of Buckeye alums and fans wondering if he really is the right guy for that job. Although his Buckeyes rip through the first 11 games on their regular schedule usually unscathed, it's that final one against Michigan that has everyone up in arms. Why can't Day's team win the most important game on his schedule? For the second straight year Michigan's coach Jim Harbaugh has pummeled the Buckeyes. Day is 45-5 as Urban Meyer's replacement, but he's 1-2 against Michigan.

Nick Chubb scored the game-winning touchdown on a three-yard run with 19 seconds left in the overtime period to give the Cleveland Browns a 23-17 come-from-behind victory over Tom Brady and his Tampa Bay Buccaneers Sunday. Chubb, who rushed for 116 yards on 26 carries, broke the 100-yard rushing mark for the 28th time in his career which is the second most in NFL history. The win leaves the Browns with a not-so-great 4-7 record as they await the first game for their savior Deshaun Watson, who is slated to start Sunday against his old team—the hapless Houston Texans at NRG Stadium.

Georgia barely retained its top spot in this week's Associated Press Top 25 Collegiate Poll over Michigan, who moved up one place with its upset win over Ohio State, who dropped three notches to No. 5. TCU and Southern Cal each moved up one place to No. 3 and No. 4, respectively, Alabama came up two notches to No. 6 as did Tennessee at No. 7, Penn State and Washington each jumped three places to No. 8 and No. 9, respectively, while Clemson dropped three spots to No. 10. LSU sunk from sixth place to No. 11

while Tulane moved up one place to No. 18 and Texas jumped three places to No. 21.

The autobiography of ESPN's "First Take" host Stephen A. Smith entitled "Straight Shooter" will be available for sale on Jan. 17, 2023. He is very opinionated and hates the Dallas Cowboys.

I would be very surprised if Nathaniel Hackett is still coaching the Denver Broncos at Christmas or maybe even when the paper hits the streets Wednesday. This is his first year as a head coach and he doesn't seem to do anything NFL-wise. For example, the organization put up big bucks to sign quarterback Russell Wilson after trading him from the Seattle Seahawks for several good players and then made him learn his offensive scheme. When you obtain a franchise quarterback who is probably headed for the Hall of Fame, you adjust your offense to the strengths of Wilson, not vice versa. And next to the Houston Texans, Denver is the worst team in the NFL.

### JUST BETWEEN US...

Talented wide receiver O'Dell Beckham, Jr. (OBJ) is shopping for another Super Bowl ring which will probably go to the most capable Super Bowl team that offers him the most money. But throughout his brilliant career, OBJ has had a difficult time following team rules and has been traded or released several times. Right now, he is a free agent after finally recovering from an injury he suffered making a touchdown in February's Super Bowl for the Los Angeles Rams and is ready to play again. But once again, OBJ had a difficult abiding by rules used by every airline in the world—fasten your seatbelt. His flight was getting ready to depart from Miami to Los Angeles, but he wouldn't—or couldn't—fasten his seatbelt. After several requests, the flight attendants called airport security to get him off the

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## Bridge City basketball

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and mature this year than we were last year."

The returning Cardinals rotated from being starters on occasion to role players off the bench last season so all of them have gained experience doing just about everything on the court. The key returner is senior Walker Britten at point guard and shooting guard. "He's a knock down shooter. Walker can shoot it from 30 to 40 feet however far he needs, and he also transitions into a point guard role being a good facilitator for everybody else," Robertson described.

The only other senior is Fernando Rodriguez at guard. Rodriguez has played two years on the varsity. Robertson expects Rodriguez to help out the Cardinals with his experience as a senior.

Five juniors make up half of the varsity for Bridge City. Lincoln Breaux is a power forward who will also be a trailer for the Cardinals. Breaux will be counted on to score down low and for his rebounding.

Shooting guard Aiden Gutierrez will also handle the basketball as a point guard. Gutierrez has been a starter during the summer and in the early games this season for Bridge City. Robertson said, "He's a guy that's really matured over the last year and he's finding his role."

Steve Stone is a good player off the bench. Stone is a hustler that gives the team great minutes and gives everything he's got when he is on the court.

A junior who has really stepped up and transitioned into a strong player is Aaron Torres at center. "Aaron has found his way into the starting role. He's learning to score it low, he's a good rebounder as well," Robertson praised.

The fifth junior is Jeris Brown who has recently joined the basketball team. Brown was a starter on the Bridge City football team through

the early weeks of November.

Two sophomores returned from last year's Cardinals basketball team. Post Bryce Linder and point guard Jagger Carlin are transitioning like Brown from the football squad.

Linder made second team all-district as a freshman, and Coach Robertson is looking for big minutes from him this season. Robertson expressed, "Bryce is a great defender, he takes charges, he rebounds, and he does the dirty work down low."

Carlin adds depth to the guard position for Bridge City. He sees the floor well, is a great facilitator, and makes everybody else better. Robertson commented Jagger is a really smart kid.

The only player on the Bridge City varsity who was not on it last year is Aaden Bush a freshman. Bush has already found a spot in the starting lineup for the Cardinals. "He's going to be a really good player. I think he's got potential to end up being one of the best kids to come through Bridge City ever. Aaden had a great first game for us at Huffman scoring 21 points and 8 rebounds," Robertson added.

The Cardinals have challenged themselves in the early games to improve over last season. Bridge City won the opener against the Huffman Falcons 57-56 in a nail-biter. Robertson analyzed, "The kids played great. They played together and everybody got into the scorebook. That was a total team effort overall, a great defensive game for us, and a great road win to start the season."

The freshman Aaden Bush really stepped up and helped carry the Cardinals through the first half because senior Walker Britten was in foul trouble in the first quarter so he did not play much of the first period. Lincoln Breaux was also in early foul trouble and

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# Holiday Cacti: Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter

**John Green**  
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Many of you hosted neighbors, friends, and family (as did we) during the Thanksgiving holiday. Some family members drove considerable distances and others traveled greater distances, traveling from Europe to be with us. Thanksgiving 2022 is now a pleasant memory but one of pure enjoyment, as meaningful time spent with people in our lives who matter most! It's truly amazing how quickly this year is coming to an end, with the joy of Christmas a few short weeks away and the New Year rapidly approaching!

This week I will discuss the Easter cactus. Easter cacti have many similarities to Thanksgiving and



Christmas cacti, such as segmented leaves, soil conditions, light and water requirements. There are also a few differences between the three cacti.

The Easter cactus is another type of holiday cactus which is like the Christmas and Thanksgiving varieties. The main difference between these plants is that the Easter

cactus blooms during spring. Budding typically begins in March, and blooms can normally be enjoyed during April and May. The leaves also vary slightly from the other two plants that we've reviewed. Easter cactus leaves are also segmented and broad, but they have small bristles (which look like whiskers) at the ends

of the foliage that help to distinguish them. Additionally, the flower petal tips are more defined, have sharper details and are more star-shaped than the other cactus types.

Easter cactus blooms are brighter in coloration, and the color range is from vivid pinks, reds, to royal purple petals, which

are perfect for a bright addition to your Easter dinner dining area. There are a few variations which produce white blooms, though not as common and the bloom color is less vivid. These plants require the same indirect sunlight and well-drained soil, but they are especially sensitive to excess water! When I say to make certain you wait until the top of the soil is thoroughly dry before watering your Easter cactus, I'm speaking from years of personal experience and copious plant annihilations before finally learning! These plants are also somewhat stubborn, as too much shade or direct sunlight will cause detrimental issues such as root fungus (root rot) or sun burn (sun scald).

There are no tricks to getting an Easter cactus

to produce beautiful blooms, the simplest way is to place the plant outdoors from May through beginning of October. The perfect outdoor location is a shady spot, but which receives morning sun only. Once autumn arrives, for us this is sometime in October, return the plant indoors to rest during the winter months. Direct sunlight should be limited and reduce watering during the resting period. The optimal temperature range is between 45 to 59 degrees Fahrenheit, which for most gardeners is not achievable. These plants will flower quite nicely if the temperature can be maintained between 60 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Buds will begin to appear in late February or early March.

**See Holiday Cacti Differences**  
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had to sit for several minutes in the first half.

The first home game against the visiting Nederland Bulldogs brought Bridge City back down to earth as the Cardinals lost the contest. The loss will serve as a learning experience for Bridge City Robertson pledged.

Bridge City kept that pledge winning its next

two games during the Thanksgiving break at home. The Cardinals defeated the Evadale Rebels 65-52 on Monday, November 21, never trailing in the game. Britten stayed out of foul trouble and scored a team leading 21 points. Aiden Gutierrez shot well adding 16 points.

The next day the Cardinals played the Legacy

Christian Warriors in a much tighter game at the Bridge City High School gym.

The Cardinals fell behind briefly but came away with a 62-58 win. Britten was again the leading scorer with 22 points. Breaux and Aaron Torres both contributed 9 points to the victory.

Tournaments will take

up much of the Cardinals' schedule in early December. Bridge City plays in the Evadale Tournament December 1-3 and in the Orangefield Tournament December 8-10. The first district game for the Cardinals will be Friday, December 16, at home against the always tough Silsbee Tigers.

That opening district contest will set the stage for what will hopefully be a successful series of

games for the Bridge City Cardinals. "From last spring on to the summer time to the fall we've played a lot of games, and these guys have really jelled together in order to achieve one goal which is to be in one of the top four spots to make the playoffs in our district.

Like I've said our district is very good from top to bottom, but I do fully think we're just trying to take it one game at time

right now and prepare ourselves in the preseason for the district.

Hopefully, by the time district gets here we can take it one game at a time and get enough wins to be one of those top four teams. It's a very competitive district, but I know with the guys that we return they're capable of getting it done if we stick together and continue to play as a team," Robertson concluded.

## WOS Mustangs basketball From Page 1B

ly before finding their groove near the end of the district games and making the playoffs. The Mustangs pulled off a bit of an upset winning a playoff game for the first time in four years defeating the always tough Hardin-Jefferson Hawks in the opening round of the post season. Another big upset came up short by four points when WOS fell to Houston Yates in the second round.

Coach Castille evaluated his initial season with West Orange-Stark going into this his second year with the Mustangs. "It was a pretty good season. We're going to be young. We've only got one returner from last year, but we've got a good group of juniors and sophomores that are going to carry the load for us," Castille reminded.

The lone returning Mustang Darren Anderson saw a load of playing time on the court for West Orange-Stark and is one of the team's best defenders. Anderson is going to be the team captain of the Mustangs.

Castille responded, "He's going to be the head of the snake on our defense. Everything goes with our defense. So, we're going to be pressing and trapping. Darren will be very vocal letting everybody know where they need to go."

Another Mustang who at least saw some action on the varsity last season was Jailen Brown. Castille believes Brown will see significantly more time on the court this year. Brown's assignment will be to guard the best player on the other team each night according to Castille. His duty is straight defense and to be a lockdown defender. "We're looking at him as a Patrick Beverley type of player," Castille described.

A lot is expected of junior Ja'vaugnte Richard as the starting point guard. Richard will be counted on to provide much of the scoring load for the Mustangs.

Junior Andrew Cooper will back up Richard at point guard. The two of them will be good point producers for West Orange-Stark.

Sophomores will see plenty of playing time with so few senior and junior Mustangs on the varsity. Two sophomores in particular Jamar O'Neal and Jamikael Davis are talented on the scoring end. Castille predicted, "One of them might end up being the all-time leading scorer for West Orange-Stark by the time they graduate."

A freshman Geramich Davis is Jamikael's younger brother. Castille is grooming Geramich to be another scorer like his brother.

The Mustangs split two of their opening games of the season. Hamshire-Fannett a top 25 team in the state defeated West Orange-Stark in the first game. The Mustangs beat the Legacy Warriors in the second contest 65-44 to even their record. Ja'vaugnte Richard had the hot hand shooting the basketball and scored 22 points. Captain Darren Anderson led by his actions hitting for 20 points in the impressive win.

Over the Thanksgiving break the Mustangs played at Orangefield. Darren Anderson was sick and was unable to play in the game. His absence was significant especially on defense for WOS as the Bobcats poured in 87 points. Chadrick Lee was the high scorer for the Mustangs with 9 points. Richard tallied 8 points in the game.

As the season was starting the coach expressed his excitement about the prospects for the West Orange-Stark Mustangs. "I'm really excited about this season. I feel like we've got a good core group that can play and be very good at defense by pressing. I want to see if we're going to share the ball on offense more. I'm really going to look at the early games to see how we adjust and we

do especially against strong teams like Hamshire-Fannett. They gave us a lot to see and what we need to work on," Castille commented.

An intangible goal Coach Castille wants to achieve for the Mustangs is togetherness. Castille explained, "We're trying to build our brotherhood and our team spirit together before district comes so we can get it rolling. It took a little longer last year, so I'm hoping to build on that earlier this year because district starts December 16. We start out with Vidor."

West Orange-Stark plays in a very competitive district, but that does not

deter Castille from believing the Mustangs could win the district championship. "The goal is to be

on the top of the district, we're going to try to win it. We know Silsbee and LCM are going to be tough

tasks, but our goal is to win at the end of the day," Castille concluded.

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# Winter fishermen exercise plenty of patience

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December and January, two months that for a long time were rarely associated with fishing of any kind in this area, have now become almost like any other good month to wet a hook.

Techniques that were brought up from the lower coast of Texas have transformed the dismal winter months into a saltwater fisherman's paradise. Over the last several years Sabine Lake has suffered from the effects of floods, storms, and freezes which have greatly contributed to the lack of big trout being caught.

The resurgence we have seen this year has many people hoping that some of those better fish will begin to show up again.

If you are in the mood to do some fishing in the next few weeks for perhaps that fish of a lifetime, you definitely need a double helping of patience. It is no secret that lion's share of big trout are caught by wade fisher-



Chuck Uzzle

men, this is a given in the big fish equation. The unknowns for most anglers are where to be fishing and when do they need to be there.

On Sabine lake we have some areas that are really conducive to holding big fish, they all have shell in common. Areas of the lake that have either clam or oyster shell are prime places to start the hunt for a big fish. Any decent concentration of shell will be a gathering place for baitfish and a will also qualify as a good piece of fish holding structure.

Small patches of shell on or near shallow flats will not only hold bait, they will also hold heat. Much like bass in the springtime, speckled trout will be more active in warmer and shallower water.

During the fall and winter months big trout become sluggish and less ag-

gressive than normal until it comes time to eat. Big trout will move up on shallow flats or shell reefs and seek out a "full meal deal" and then retreat into deeper water until it comes time to feed again. Fishermen who can pattern movements like these major feeding periods can really cash in on some extraordinary fishing, this is where patience plays a huge part in the program.

Winter fishing for big trout is a game of stamina and endurance, this is why really hard-core saltwater fishermen are referred to as "grinders".

By logging many unfulfilling hours casting big topwaters or sub surface mullet imitations an angler can begin to form a pattern. For example, if you fish in the morning for a couple of days straight and have little or no success and then change to the afternoon where you enjoy terrific fishing you have found a pattern.

On good fishing days it is wise to check out all the conditions and try to duplicate them next time out.



Fishing during the winter months takes extra patience.

Tides, temps, and water conditions are extremely important factors to be considered, these all play big roles in successful winter fishing. Looking back at

notes from past winter trips one thing that I found that was constant on successful days was the presence of moving water, incoming or outgoing tides were always

helpful in catching fish while slack water conditions made it tough.

It seems that if you could find day when the time between the tide changes was short that the fishing on average was better, especially when the tides were changing from outgoing to incoming. Put all these factors together with the presence of mullet or shad and you increased your shot at some super fishing.

Winter fishing is by no means easy or predictable, but the rewards are well worth the effort. This trend toward chasing trophy fish is a tough grueling exercise that has captivated many really good fishermen from all over the state.

Any and all destinations along the Texas gulf coast will have their share of "grinders" out there chasing after the big one, Sabine lake has far more than her share of them right now. Hopefully the big fish will be respected enough to be released to fight another day, only time will tell.

Until the weather and the months change the winter fishing program will be the best bet in town, try it out and see what the fuss is all about.

# Texas Game Warden Drone Program Yields Positive Outcomes

## Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN – Three recent incidents requiring game warden drone support and successful coordination with local law enforcement led to an arrest in east Texas and two rescues of lost individuals in the hill country.

On the night of Nov. 3, Texas Game Warden Michael Hummert responded to an Erath County Sheriff's Office request for assistance. An elderly man had gone missing in Dublin, Texas. As the only law enforcement officer equipped with a thermal drone in the county, his services were necessary.

"The setting sun prevent-



Game warden drone support and successful coordination with local law enforcement led to an arrest in east Texas and two rescues of lost individuals in the hill country.

ed us from locating him through usual means," Hummert said. "The thermal drone picks up body heat, which is necessary to locate someone at night. With the cold creeping in, it

was imperative to find him quickly."

Using cell phone records, the sheriff's office determined a general location for the individual and Hum-

mert mapped out a search area. Working out of a control station attached to his vehicle, he located the individual through a thermal scan and led deputies to the location.

Just nine days later, in Bell County, federal officials reached out for assistance in another missing person case. Without another available drone operator in the area, Warden Hummert arrived on scene. In this case, family shared vital information to the person's location while federal support provided robust mapping systems. Again, the individual was found safe and secure.

Only in his second month of the Texas Game Warden Unmanned Aerial System

Program (UASP), Hummert has seen firsthand the benefit his skills and equipment bring to his community.

"The success is really about the right equipment. A helicopter is highly beneficial for any search and rescue but it's not always practical in rural areas. Responding with a drone cuts your response time and cost, allowing for more versatility. I respond to anything from car accidents to bomb threats."

Meanwhile, further east, Hummert's drone teammate Texas Game Warden Doug Williams received a request for assistance to locate a suspect who shot at and physically assaulted two individuals, then fled.

Using another thermal drone, Williams circled the residence and spotted a heat signature in the woods.

Due to the freezing temperatures, the suspect was hiding in the brush curled in the fetal position. He was arrested and later treated for hypothermia.

"Empowering our division with the drone program in cooperation with Gear Up for Game Wardens donations creates a lifeline where there wasn't," said UASP supervisor Lt. Matthew Bridgefarmer. "Game warden drone operators arrive first on scene to locate lost boaters and hikers. We search in the aftermath of natural disasters. At the end of the day, this program saves lives."



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## Entertainment: Holiday season concerts begin



Country music artist Cody Johnson returned to Southeast Texas for what has become a November tradition at Ford Park Arena in Beaumont.

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### Tommy Mann Jr. For The Record

The official start to the holiday season has begun and there are a bunch of great events on tap for the next several weeks. A few

big shows have been announced for 2023 already as well including Aaron Lewis at the Jefferson Theatre on Feb. 4, The Mavericks at the Jefferson Theatre on Feb. 10 and For King and Country at Ford Park Arena on May

6. Check out the shows below and visit the venue websites for more details.

• **Dec. 3**  
Jordan Davis, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **Dec. 5**  
Jason Bonham's Led Zepelin Evening, Revention Music Center, Houston

• **Dec. 8**  
Soen, Scout Bar, Houston

• **Dec. 9**  
REO Speedwagon, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Rodwave, Toosii, Mariah the Scientist, Toyota Center, Houston

• **Dec. 11**  
Zoe, House of Blues, Houston

• **Dec. 14**  
Jamie Lin Wilson, Courville's, Beaumont

• **Dec. 15**  
Charley Crockett, Grey-

hounds, House of Blues, Houston

• **Dec. 16**  
Geoff Tate, House of Blues, Houston

• **Dec. 27**  
Toadies, House of Blues, Houston

• **Dec. 29**  
Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Toyota Center, Houston

### IN 2023

• **Jan. 13**  
Air Supply, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **Jan. 19**  
Eden, House of Blues, Houston

• **Jan. 20**  
Cody Johnson, Randy Houser, Jesse Raub Jr., Cajun Dome, Lafayette, La.

• **Feb. 4**  
Aaron Lewis, Jefferson

Theatre, Beaumont

• **Feb. 10**  
The Mavericks, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

• **Feb. 11**  
Lainey Wilson, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Anthrax, Black Label Society, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• **Feb. 12**  
Danny Ocean, House of Blues, Houston

• **Feb. 14**  
Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band, Toyota Center, Houston

• **Feb. 17**  
Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **Feb. 23**  
Journey, Toto, Cajun Dome, Lafayette, La.

• **Feb. 25**  
John Mellencamp, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land

• **Feb. 25**  
Tracy Lawrence, Golden

Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **March 9**  
TobyMac, Crowder, Cochren & Co., Tasha Layton, Jon Reddick, Terrian, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.

• **March 12**  
Static-X, Fear Factory, Mushroomhead, Dope, House of Blues, Houston

• **March 14**  
Skillet, Theory of a Deadman, Saint Asonia, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• **March 31**  
Sammy Kershaw, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **April 22**  
Taylor Swift, NRG Stadium, Houston

• **May 6**  
For King and Country, Ford Arena, Beaumont

• **June 16**  
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, Nate Smith, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.

## Orangefield basketball From Page 1B

best teams to come through Orangefield and if things go our way it would be great to make a run in the post season," McDonald forecasted.

The successful football season at Orangefield delayed the inclusion of several Bobcats back on the basketball court. Kane Smith, Leyton Loft, Brayden Parker, Cameron Dischler, Kyle Michael, Morgan Sampson, and Koen Maddox were all football players who have only rejoined the basketball team after the Bobcats were eliminated from the state playoffs in the Area Round the third week in November.

The depth of the Bobcat basketball program carried them through the early games until the football players joined team. Griffin Thomas a freshman did a good job stepping in and

filling a void until the football season concluded. Another freshman Jaden Scales in particular contributed in that interim. Scales has been on the varsity from the very beginning of the season and is expected to stay up. McDonald described Scales, "He's a really good offensive player. He's going to be a key player for us even with the football players joining the team now."

Other Bobcats playing roles on the varsity have been Kady Rucker, Kale Washington, Garrett Rawls, and Scotty Szakmeister who helped Orangefield win 73-59 in the season opener on November 12 at Onalaska.

Pete Ragusa was the leading scorer with 26 followed by Zane Wrinkle with 19 and Jaden Scales had 15

points. "We had three guys who had really good games. Ragusa, Wrinkle, Scales were all fantastic and Brady Anderson was too," McDonald replied.

Orangefield next defeated the Vidor Pirates 59-50 at the Orangefield gymnasium on November 15. Ragusa topped the Bobcats with 26 points adding 5 assists and 4 rebounds. Scales tallied 17 points, Anderson totaled 7 points with 7 rebounds, and Wrinkle led Orangefield with 10 rebounds.

The week of Thanksgiving the Bobcats played the Liberty Panthers and won handily 81-35 at home. Three Bobcats scored in double figures Ragusa had 23, Scales added 17, and Kane Smith tallied 11 points. The leading rebounders were Ragusa,

Wrinkle, and Kyle Michael each with 5 boards. Ragusa also dished out 5 assists in the game.

Four Bobcats scored in double figures on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in Orangefield's 87-36 win over West Orange-Stark. Ragusa was tops with 24, Leyton Loft totaled 16, Anderson made four threes for his 12 points including three straight shots in the third quarter, and Wrinkle scored 11 points.

The return of the football players to the basketball lineup will hopefully carry that playoff momentum on to the court. McDonald stated, "I've also learned that success kind of breeds success, so now those guys will hopefully just carry on the success they had on the football field onto the court with us."

Upcoming tournaments for the Orangefield Bobcats will be the Nederland Tournament on December 1-3

and the Orangefield Tournament the week of December 8-10. Later in December the Bobcats will play in a tournament which is December 27 through December 29 at Franklin.

The Orangefield Bobcats actually play their first district game on Tuesday, December 13, at Orangefield against Buna. The district schedule then resumes Tuesday, January 3, at Hardin.

Entering this season the prognosticators picked Orangefield in the top 25 teams for Class 3A in Texas. "In theory all this is on paper which is really cool, but it does put a target on our back. We have to make sure we bring our best effort every single night," McDonald responded.

Expectations are obviously high for Orangefield, and Coach McDonald shared what he is expecting from the Bobcats. McDonald promised, "I think this

year fighting for a district championship should be something that we're shooting for and hopefully compete for a chance to reach the regional tournament and hopefully even an opportunity to reach the final four in San Antonio. A lot of things have to go our way. We have to keep improving all year."

McDonald admitted dropping down to Class 3A has landed Orangefield playing some very tough teams in its new district. "Where we are right now is not what we can be in January because this district we're moving into is one of the best 3A districts in the state. East Chambers is fantastic, Kountze is fantastic, Buna's fantastic, Anahuac's been really good lately, Warren is a program on the rise. There's no break in competition just because we're dropping down from 4A to 3A," McDonald concluded.

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## LCM Bears From Page 1B

move on," Jeffcoat responded.

Fortunately, the top four scorers for Little Cypress-Mauriceville are back from last season. Point guard Da'Marion Morris is a four-year starter for the Bears' varsity basketball team. Ben Elliott is also a four-year starter and will probably become the all-time leading scorer for LCM this season.

Junior Alatheon Winn has been a starter since his freshman year but was injured much of that season. Jeffcoat believes Winn may be his most highly recruited college prospect when he graduates in two years.

Senior Noah Fuller started several games for the Bears last year. Jeffcoat added, "We're counting on some big things from Noah as well."

Another Fuller joins the varsity this season with sophomore Jonah Fuller making the team. Jonah was the best player on the freshman team for Little Cypress-Mauriceville. Jeffcoat expects him to be a difference maker for the varsity. In his first game after the football season Jonah played really well and gave the Bears a spark off the bench according to the coach.

Ty Blackmon spent half of last year on the junior

varsity but will be full-time on the varsity in this his senior year. "Ty's a really good defender and a really good shooter, and I think that he is going to give us something that nobody else does," Jeffcoat praised Blackmon.

Jeffcoat described Jayden Benton as the big wildcard for the Bears in the post position. Jeffcoat elaborated, "Jayden's not the biggest guy, he's not the most skilled guy, but he is the hardest playing guy you'll ever see and one of those guys other teams hate but we love that he's on our team."

The new season started for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears with scrimmages against Barbers Hill, New Caney, Port Arthur Memorial, and Sulphur. "The intent of that is to get us ready for district and the playoffs. Those are four really good basketball teams that are all going to have really good seasons, and I thought we competed well with those guys," Jeffcoat explained.

The first actual game was a win for the Bears against the Beaumont Kelly Bulldogs. Jeffcoat recalled, "Pretty big win for us. It was a good chance to get some guys some minutes, look at some new things, and kind of get some information

about our team."

Another victory followed as LCM prevailed 59-45 against the Port Neches-Groves Indians on November 15. "That was a good win for us. They're always very well coached, a tough team, and honestly I think the Indians are a play-off team in 5A," Jeffcoat added.

Alatheon Winn was the high scorer for the Bears with 19 points. Also scoring in double figures were Ben Elliott with 17 and Ty Blackmon tallying 12 points against the Indians.

After a win over Huffman, LCM beat the Buna Cougars 67-43. Winn scored 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in the game. Blackmon had 11 points and Noah Fuller tossed in 10 points for the Bears.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville won its fifth straight game to open the season with a 67-49 victory over the Kountze Lions. Winn tallied 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Elliott had 13 points to go with 11 rebounds. Noah Fuller and Blackmon finished in double figures with 13 and 10 points respectfully.

Non-district games and tournaments continue for LCM through December. The first district game for the Bears will be Tuesday, January 3, at the Dr. Pauline

Colburn Hargrove Gymnasium against the Bridge City Cardinals.

Coach Jeffcoat was asked for his expectations on the district race for the Bears in the always tough District 19-4A and the possibility of them advancing in the playoffs again. "I'm going to dodge your question. The expectation for us is to come out everyday and play harder than the opponent. We've emphasized being physical, we've emphasized being tough, and I think if we bring that everyday we're going to be really successful. You look at our district, obviously, Silsbee is the top dog and they've been there for a while. I think they're ranked number two in the state. We get to play those guys twice, and that's an opportunity we embrace, that's an opportunity we look forward to. Fortunately and unfortunately we're in Region III of Class 4A so we have the Houston schools, the Waco schools, Jacksonville's really good in our region. It's 'murderers row' and there's no easy outs so at this point we're taking it day by day. We're going to get better every day and hopefully come late February early March we are where we want to be and in a position to get to that regional tournament," Jeffcoat concluded.

## Holiday Cacti differences From Page 3B

While each of the holiday cactus plants tend to look similar, pay closer attention and look more carefully at the leaves, as this is the best way to tell the three plants apart from one another, other than the time of year that they bloom. If the plant has broad, thin leaves with three pointed edges on each side, it's a Thanksgiving cactus. A Christmas cactus also has segmented leaves, but they are rounder with small indentations and no pointy edges. Easter cactus leaf segments are thicker than the other two cacti's leaf segments but without pointy edges or indentations. Further, Easter cactus leaf segments will have small bristles on the edges which look like whiskers. So, the easiest way to remember the differences between the three holiday cacti are as follows:

- Thanksgiving cacti have the spikiest stem segment, and the bloom pollen is yellow
  - Christmas cactus leaf segments are rounder, less spiky and its bloom pollen is pink, and
  - Easter cacti have leaf segments with gently rounded edges which have bristles protruding from leaf segments.
- Cacti Growing Tips for Success**
- All Holiday cacti must be forced to bloom.
  - Start the process about two months before the blooming period, mark your calendar to know when to begin.
  - This requires a few weeks of less sunlight & water, and longer periods of uninterrupted darkness.
  - Do not overwater these plants as they are extremely sensitive to excess water, especially the Easter cactus.
  - Heat fluctuation (high temps & dry air) are not ideal for holiday cacti.

## Kaz's Korner From Page 2B

plane, and they did. I believe he just cost himself a trip to the Super Bowl with either the Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants, Philadelphia Eagles or the Miami Dolphins who have expressed an interest for the flaky—but real talented—pass catcher who had to use his attorney to tell the press why he wouldn't buckle up.

## Kaz's Fearless Forecast From Page 1B

(12-1), Timson (13-0) over Cooper (13-0), Mart (13-0) over Lovelady (12-0).

### COLLEGE PICKS

(Division I Conference Playoffs)— Buffalo (8-4) over Akron (8-4) and

UTSA (10-2) over North Texas (7-5) both Friday; Georgia (12-0) over LSU (9-3), Michigan 12-0 over Purdue (8-4), North Carolina (8-4) over Clemson (9-3) (Upset Special), Boise State (9-3) over Fresno State (8-4), Toledo (8-5)

over Ohio (7-5), Troy (10-2) over Coastal Carolina (9-2) all Saturday.

### PRO PICKS

Buffalo over New England Thursday Night; Cleveland over Houston,

Baltimore over Denver, Green Bay over Chicago, Jacksonville over Detroit, Minnesota over NY Jets, Atlanta over Pittsburgh, Philadelphia over Tennessee, Washington over NY Giants (Upset Special), San Francisco over Miami,

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