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Orange County approves plan to make voting easier

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Orange County voters have a good chance of soon being able to vote at any polling site, no matter where they live.

Orange County Commissioners Court agreed to a that plan, but County Judge John Gothia said it has to be approved by the Texas Secretary of State.

Commissioners Court held a public hearing on the proposed changes and heard nothing but approvals from people, including Vidor ISD Superintendent Dr. Jay Kilgo, Orange City Councillor Terrie Turner, and representatives from the City of Vidor.

Salter said she has heard a lot of people complaining about going to vote at one site and then being told they had to go somewhere else. "Thank you. This is a wonderful, wonderful thing," she told the court.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Robert Viator said he visited with Rose City and Pine Forest officials and they are enthusiastic about the plan.

Elections Administrator Donna Alford outlined the ways the voting will work



Judge Gothia

and how the county has bought the equipment that will allow the changes.

County Judge John Gothia said in the past, the county could not afford to buy the equipment to allow the open voting. However, federal grants issued during the pandemic gave the county \$600,000 to spend.

Currently, state law requires that early voting sites allow any registered voter in the county. Alford said that has been a success with a big majority of people casting early ballots. In the November general election, 69 percent of the ballots came in early voting, with 31 percent on Election Day. In May, 76 percent voted early with only 24 percent on Election Day.

The change will allow the county to go from 34 boxes down to 23 voting boxes. The decrease will help move balloting sites from schools, which now do not want to host elections be-

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Theresa Beauchamp poses with other members of Orange County Commissioners Court as she was honored for serving as Precinct 2 commissioner. She is retiring when her term ends December 31.

Theresa Beauchamp retires after term on Commissioners Court

PENNY LELEUX For The Record

Theresa Adams Beauchamp has spent the past four years walking along rural roads and stomping through ditches. But she's ending her term as Orange County Precinct 2 Commissioner in a wheelchair.

Instead of sitting up with the rest of the court, she sat in the wheelchair at a staff table.

On December 7, she fell and fractured a hip. Her first few weeks of retirement will be spent in physical therapy and rehab, she said.

Orange County Commissioners Court honored Beauchamp with a plaque and reception. She plans to attend her last meeting on December 27.

Beauchamp served one term as Precinct 2 commissioner, a seat her moth-

er, Marcelle Adams, held in the 1980s. Adams was the first woman to serve as an Orange County commissioner. They made the first mother-daughter team to serve on the court. Marcelle Adams turned 99 earlier this year.

In the past 150 years, the county has had a couple of fathers and sons serving at different times.

Commissioners Court wasn't the first elected of-

fice for Beauchamp. She served ten years on the Orange City Council, where she learned that if you want to win public office, you have to knock on a lot of doors to talk to people.

Her motto as an elected official has been "Work Hard, Be Nice." With her soft Texas drawl and Ann Richards hair, it's hard to imagine her not being nice,

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Roberts Ford celebrates the Christmas season with event to help children

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Santy Roberts, owner of Roberts Ford on Green Avenue, wanted to help for the Christmas season this year and decided to have a festival dubbed Jingle Bell Rock Out. She didn't realize the Saturday event marked her first anniversary of assuming the dealership.

"It's the holiday season and we wanted to get the community together," she said.

It was also a time for the community to meet the Roberts "family" at the dealership, the employees who help keep it running.

Will Palasota, general manager of the dealership, said everyone at the business loved the idea and got involved. They solicited vendors with all sorts of handmade goods, treats like kettle corn, and food trucks. The "charge" for a



The staff at Roberts Ford gathers for a photo during the first 'Jingle Bell Rock-Out held on Saturday.

booth at the Jingle Bell Rock Out was a new toy.

Music played as people wandered the lot looking at booths. People from the community also brought

toys and the event filled a big Ford truck with gifts that will go to local charities helping families in need. This year, the toys are appreciated even more

because donations are down and requests are up because of inflation.

"We hope we can bring

ROBERTS FORD Page 3A



Orange Mayor Larry Spears competes in the Red Kettle Ring-Off.

LCM, Dow, WO mayor win Red Kettle Ring-Off

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

The competition was fierce this past Friday between football coaches, mayors, chemical plants, and captains. They rang bells for the Orange County Salvation Army's first Red Kettle Ring-Off.

Winners were Little Cypress-Mauriceville Coach Eric Peevy over West Orange-Stark Coach Hiawatha Hickman, West Orange Mayor Randy Branch assisted by Robert Currie over

Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr., and Chevron over Dow.

"Who won overall? The people of Orange County," said Captain Jan Zuniga. The Red Kettle Ring-Off raised \$6,969.40 in four hours as the four competition groups stood outside doors at the West Orange Wal-Mart. That will all be used locally to help people throughout the year.

The fourth competition was between the two Salvation Army captains for Or-

RED KETTLE Page 2A



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Chevron and Dow faced each other this past week in the Red Kettle Ring-Off for the Orange County Salvation Army, with Chevron collecting the most money in an hour. West Orange Mayor Randy Branch, assisted by Robert Currie, beat Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr. for the mayors challenge in the Ring-Off. Other winners were LCM Coach Eric Peevy over WOS Coach Hiawatha Hickman, and Captain Jan Zuniga over her husband, Captain Frankie Zuniga.

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ange County, Frankie and Jan Zuniga. Two years ago, they had a friendly competition with Captain Jan coming out ahead and Captain Frankie getting a pie in his face.

Looks like he's going to be hit with a pie again this year. She came out the winner and bragged that it wasn't even close this year, like in 2020. She raised \$2,358 while he got \$738. All in an hour.

Totals for the other competitions were not listed.

It all was in fun for a good cause. LC-M even had the high school cheerleaders show up to cheer each donation. And as a bonus, the coach had his football players choose 17 Salvation Army angels to fulfill wishes. The angels are cards

filled out for what kids want for Christmas. Most of the nearly 400 had been filled, and some of the ones left are now filled thanks to the football players.

Captain Jan said everyone had so much fun ringing and competing that they have already signed up to do the competition again next year.

In announcing the winners, Captain Jan pointed out that Dow had the heaviest kettle of the day with 50 pounds of change. And even though it all adds up, Chevron came out ahead.

The Ring-Off was only part of a community wide effort to help stock the shelves and coffers of the local Salvation Army. The donations help carry the Army through the year.

And even though they weren't part of the competition, WO-C Superintendent Dr. Rickie Harris and his wife manned a kettle on Saturday.

The Orange Service League with its annual Toy Coffee raised \$8,719 last week and collected hundreds of toys.

The annual Granger Chevrolet-KOGT.com food drive, also last week, collected hundreds of pounds of non-perishable foods that will be shared between the Salvation Army and Orange Christian Services. West Orange-Stark Elementary School won the special cup for bringing in the most food.

Orange City Councilor Paul Burch, who is also a member of the local Salva-

tion Army advisory board, announced the pantry still needs more food. So he and his husband, Raul, are opening their elaborately decorated house in the Old Orange District this Friday, December 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. The house was the site of the Service League Toy Coffee last year. The address is 703 Eighth Street.

The couple is asking all visitors to bring non-perishable food as a donation to the Salvation Army.

Christmas food donations help keep the local Army's food pantries stocked until spring. Captain Jan has reported that the economy with inflation has brought more people seeking food and less food to give out.

Why I Believe the State Should Offer Paid Maternity Leave

SEN. ROBERT NICHOLS
For The Record

As we look ahead toward the 88th Legislative Session, I believe that one thing we as Legislators should be focused on is supporting children and families. As a parent and grandparent myself, I know the importance of the first days and weeks of a new child's life, and the physical impact that childbirth has on a mother. Research indicates that the postpartum period is critical for allowing bonding between parents and children, reducing maternal and infant mortality and morbidity, and setting the stage for healthy child

development.

In fact, this period has far reaching effects on a child's long term development and health. However, despite this knowledge current statistics indicate that only 19 percent of women have access to a paid parental leave benefit, and roughly 1 in 4 women return to work 10 to 14 days after giving birth. For those women in lower income jobs the numbers are even worse, with only 6 percent being offered a paid leave benefit.

I believe that paid paren-



Sen. Nichols

tal leave should not be a luxury for the highest paid workers, but should be more widely available for women of all income brackets. As someone who believes in free market principles, I shy away from the notion that government should put mandates on business owners to offer paid parental leave. However, as one of the largest employers in the State, I believe the State of Texas should lead by example and begin to offer paid parental leave to all state employees.

Offering this benefit will play a part in attracting and

retaining talent to combat the workforce shortage that our State is facing. In fact research indicates that women who are offered paid parental leave are much more likely to return to the workforce after having a child. However, the passage of such a bill would do far more than just that -- it highlights the necessity of paid leave for new mothers and will encourage other private employers to fol-

low suit. Texas should be a leader in supporting mothers and their babies, and one part of this is allowing mothers paid time off in that critical window following birth. Long term, this type of policy will promote maternal mental and physical health and reduce health care costs for the State, while promoting healthy child development -- a cornerstone for a strong state and a robust economy.

This is why I recently filed SB 222, requiring that all state employees be given mandatory paid time off after the birth or adoption of a child. The details of this proposal will undoubtedly be debated and refined over the session, but my guiding principle is this: the State of Texas should be exploring ways to better support mothers and children, and parental leave is an important part of that conversation.

CHANGING NAMES

Sen. Carl Parker
For The Record

I think the Texas State Board of Regents is making a poor trade. They seem ready to change the name of the Montagne Center to that of a credit union in exchange for a one-time gift of 3.6 million dollars.

The reason the Center exists is because Bob Montagne of Orange, Texas clearly saw the value of a higher education degree, even though he didn't own one. Also, a first-class center added value to a university. Bob Montagne was a member of the Lamar Board of Regents and always on the lookout for ways to benefit our university here in Southeast Texas. Bob discovered along the way that when the Legislature had repealed the state property tax, there was a 15-million-dollar fund left over



Former State Senator Carl Parker

Carl Parker 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.

and unappropriated. He quickly began efforts to get all or part of the money for Lamar. He used his political skills to promote a new facility such as our basketball arena and along with several others in the area we were successful. Having people who have

played such a role in making Lamar what it is today, to me is of a greater value than a one-time gift to the University, even though a large one. Bob Montagne's contribution to making Lamar such a fine institution is lasting so should the honor that accompanied his efforts.

If we start selling names around our university, where would we stop? Maybe we could look forward to attending "Musk Technical Institute" instead of Lamar University.

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Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp retirement party.

Beauchamp retires

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even to an irate taxpayer with a drainage problem.

When she was in the hospital last week after the hip injury, a doctor told her she sure was strong. She replied about all the walking and ditch work. The medical crew was puzzled. Then she revealed she is a county commissioner. However, she couldn't fix their problems in another county.

Beauchamp is a native of Orange and has long roots through her father, the late Albert "Cowboy" Adams. She married a fellow Stark High graduate, Frank Beauchamp and moved away for some years, before coming back.

She served many years as an educator, including times with the Bridge City ISD and the West Orange-Cove CISD. She served on the Orange City Council while working with WO-C.

In 2018, she filed to run for county commissioner against an incumbent. She won the nomination by two votes, with the margin determined after a recount. No one ran against her in the general election.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan said he will not be at the December 27 meeting; so he had to tell her goodbye publicly this week. He poked fun at her taking so long to write out in cursive 'Theresa Adams Beauchamp' on documents. His gift was a framed blow-up of her signature on a legal document.

Beauchamp has one son and three granddaughters who live in the Houston area. After her hip heals, she plans to spend more time with them and get to see their plays and performances. She even has an apartment at their house, except it's upstairs. An incentive for rehab.

Otherwise, she hopes to continue her "fun" activities like working with the garden club and playing bridge. That's a card game. Not part of the Road and Bridge Department. After all, she won't have to stomp through ditches any longer.

Roberts Ford hosts Jingle Bell Rock-Out From Page 1

some smiles to their faces," Roberts said about the toys.

The Jingle Bell Rock Out brought a lot of smiles to the children attending. "Look, I made a snowball," one boy proudly told his parents at the "snow" machine. Santa and his elves also made an appearance.

Roberts is a veteran of the used car business and acquired the dealership that has been at Green and 16th Street since the 1960s. "I see a lot of potential in Orange County," she said.

The new owner took over at one of the strangest periods of the business. After the Covid 19 pandemic shut down the world in 2020, car parts and new cars were not made. A shortage of new cars made used vehicles even more valuable. Palasota said prices on a used pickup truck could fluctuate \$10,000 in days.

Roberts Ford has managed to keep a large inven-

tory of used cars and the new ones are coming in steadily now. "Last week, we had 24 new cars come in," he said. "There's still a shortage, but it's not as bad as it was."

Palasota pointed out a large blue pickup truck in the showroom. He said they wanted to advertise a lifetime supply of gasoline with the purchase. Then he grins. The truck is electric.

He said the dealership is operating with the concept of serving the local community and region. People do not need to go to Beaumont or Louisiana to shop for vehicles and good deals, he said. The dealership also has a full service center and a quick service center.

Business has been good at the business the past 12 months. "We are getting focused on growing and serving," Palasota said.

Roberts said she enjoys being in Orange she wants to meet more people. And



Roberts Ford General Manager Will Palasota and dealership owner Santy Roberts during the Jingle Bell Rock-Out event to help less fortunate children in Orange County.

expect more events this upcoming year. Plus, expect the Jingle Bell Rock Out to be back next year.

"We're hoping as time goes, it will grow more and more," she said.

Voting made easier

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cause of safety concerns.

Much of the computerized equipment has been used for early voting already. Each box will have a kiosk computer for a voter to check in. They vote on a screen and at the end of the ballot, the individual voter gets a paper copy to check. Alford said if the voter has a mistake, they can then go to the election official to void it and they can vote again. All votes will be in a computer and on a paper ballot.

Alford said the kiosk check-in computers will be connected to communicate. When a voter checks into one box, that name will be sent to other boxes letting them know

the person has voted. She said none of the computers used in the voting are connected to the internet to eliminate the possibility of hackers.

"The system can't be hacked and there's a lot of safety measures," Gothia said.

If the secretary of state approves the new plans, Orange County may get the new voting changes in time for the May city, school board, and special districts elections.

In other business, the court accepted the gift of 702 Elm Avenue from the First United Methodist Church, which is across the street. The one-story building was used by the

church as a spiritual retreat. The county plans to use it to house first responders and volunteers coming to Orange after a disaster.

An earlier hold-up on the gift concerned the use of a parking lot. The county had asked the Stark Foundation for use of one of its parking lots catcorner to the Elm building. But the county could not agree to the foundation's insurance requirements.

Instead, the church guaranteed the use of its parking lot, which is only yards further than the Stark Foundation parking lot.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan said the building needs maintenance work, but will be an asset for the county.

Christmas in Orangefield returns Sat.

The Orangefield Fine Arts Boosters will reintroduce the "Christmas in Orangefield" event Saturday.

All funds raised by the boosters will benefit their scholarship fund.

the museum will open early at 9:30 a.m. with local Cajun musicians Adrian Hebert, Larry Schexnider and Brayden Lambert jamming on site. The museum will be open until 2 p.m.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. in the lot adjacent to First Baptist Church-Orangefield then heads down 105.

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From the Creaux's Nest 2022 HEISMAN WINNER

In case you lost track of a major happening in the sports world, the **Heisman Trophy** was handed out on Saturday night and we're here to report to you that **Ohio State** quarterback **C.J. Stroud** came short to **Caleb Williams** of **USC** in winning the bronze statue for 2022. The voting wasn't even all that close with **Williams** running away with it all, ahead of a distant **Max Duggan** of **TCU** in second place. **Stroud**, the frontrunner most of the season, finished a distant third after the **Buckeyes** bit the bullet against **Michigan**.

RECALLING A LIFETIME OF HEISMAN WINNERS

Aggie Johnny Manziel wins 2012 Heisman Trophy Two days after he turned 20 years old **Manziel** was named 2012 Heisman Trophy winner. He became the first freshman to ever receive the award and only the second **Texas A&M** player. **John David Crow**, a Louisiana native, won the Heisman for A&M in 1957. The Heisman brotherhood has been dubbed the most exclusive fraternity in the world. It's also said that a Heisman winner's life will never again be the same. A lot of pressure and constant attention goes with the honor. "Johnny Football," the Aggie quarterback was very young. Life in the pros didn't go too well for Johnny. Many of the former Heisman winners capitalized on the notoriety and became very wealthy. Others, like **O.J. Simpson** (1968) reached celebrity status and great wealth only to see it all slip away. My first memory of a Heisman was **Davy O'Brien**, TCU (1938). I don't know if it was because of the name Davy, but his popularity lasted into the 1950's. **John Kimbrough**, (don't know if he's kin to our **D.A. John**) led the Aggies to a national championship in 1939, was a sure winner of the Heisman but when the 1940 ballots were all in **Tom Harmon**, of **Michigan** won. Going back over the years, several past award winners stand out in my mind. **Johnny Lujack**, (1947), was a quarterback. I recall high school quarterbacks in the early 1950's trying to imitate his style by jumping up in the air while running and throwing the ball down field. One of the most famous was **Doak Walker**, (1948), from **SMU**. The most natural runner was **Billy Cannon**, (1959), **LSU**. Billy had it all; the award paid off but like **O.J.**, Billy also ended up in prison. **Roger Staubach**, (1963), of **Navy**, is probably one of the smartest of all former winners. He served four years in the **Navy** and became the franchise player of the **Dallas Cowboy** and is very, very wealthy. **Jim Plunkett**, (1970), of **Stanford**, played in the **NFL** and was very popular. **Steve Worster**, **U.T.** and **Bridge City**, was a Heisman finalist. He was on the cover of **Sports Illustrated** and a two-time **All American** in (1969-70). **Archie Griffin**, (1974- 75), is the only player to have won the award twice. **Tony Dorsett**, (1976), **Pittsburgh** became one of the **Dallas Cowboys** most popular running backs. **Earl Campbell**, (1977), from **Texas**, made "Luv You Blue," **Bum Phillips** and the **Houston Oilers** famous. Today, his legs are useless and he's in a wheel chair. The "Tyler Rose" was the first **U of Texas** Heisman winner. **Tyler Texas** is also **Johnny Manziel's** hometown but he played at **Kerrville**. **Hershel Walker of Georgia** was winner in (1982). One of my favorites was **Marcus Allen**, (1984), from **Southern Cal.** I'll never forget **Doug Flutie's** Hail Mary pass for **Boston College**. He was 1984's award winner. **Bo Jackson**, (1985), **Auburn**, was the most natural athlete of them all. He could do it all and worked less at it. Just a God given talent. He played both pro football and major league baseball at the same time. **Barry Sanders**, from **Oklahoma State**, received the Heisman in 1988. **Charles Woodson**, (1997), was one of the few defensive backs to win. He was a stand-out from **Michigan**. Running back **Ricky Williams**, (1998), was the only other Longhorn to win the Heisman. He threw away most of the capital the award brought him. I'm surprised that with all of **Texas'** talent, only two, **Campbell** and **Williams** won the award. **Tim Tebow**, (2007), **Florida**, **Sam Bradford**, (2008), **Oklahoma** and **Cam Newton**, **Auburn**, (2010), are in a class of their own but none of all of the winners since it began in 1935 held more promise than **Robert Griffin III**, (2012), **Baylor**. The best of the best would be hard to pick. **Paul Horning**, (1956) **Notre Dame** quarterback, is one of the great Irish winners, seven in all. A tough guy was **Alan Ameche**, (1954), **Wisconsin** fullback. I don't remember any ends ever winning the Heisman. That's my views and recollections of my many years of following college football and the Heisman award. One story I didn't tell is meeting **John David Crow** when he was a junior at **A&M** and about the time **Bear Bryant** retrieved him from the police station, turned on the stadium lights and ran him around the track till daylight when he finally dropped. Heisman Trophy winners 2013 to 2021 are 2013: **James Winston**-Florida State; 2014: **Marcus Mariota**-Oregon; 2015: **Derrick Henry**-Alabama; 2016: **Lamar Jackson**-Louisville; 2017: **Baker Mayfield**-Oklahoma; 2018: **Kyler Murray**-Oklahoma; 2019: **Joe Burrow**-LSU; 2020: **DeVonta Smith**-Alabama; 2021: **Bryce Young**-Alabama.

Heisman 2022 winner is **Caleb Williams-USC**.

BIDEN SIGNS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BILL

President **Joe Biden** signed the **Respect for Marriage Act** into law on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, "Today's a good day," said Biden at a ceremony on the South Lawn that was also attended by singer and LGBT activist **Cyndi Lauper** and musical artist **Sam Smith**. "A day America takes a vital step toward equality. Toward liberty and justice. Not just for some, but for everyone." The new law, designed to protect same-sex and interracial marriage, formally repeals the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defined marriage at the federal level as being solely between a man and a woman. It will also require states to recognize marriages performed in other states.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 11 Years Ago-2011

Major **Brad Frye**, with the **Bridge City Police Department**, has been elevated in rank to assistant chief by the **B.C. City Council** ***** **Orangefield** held it's first annual parade, lighting of the derrick and museum visitation. **Judge Carl Thibodeaux** read his "Cajun Night Before Christmas." ***** **Judge Courtney** wasn't leading the parade. She was in a pickup throwing candy however.***** **Army PFC Micah "Big Mike" Ellender**, son of **Kirk** and **Brenda Ellender**, is home on leave from **Afghanistan**. The 2009 **Bridge City grad** will return to his unit Dec. 18.*******The Masons** will lay the cornerstone for the new **Orange fire station**, which will be quite a show place. Ceremonies will be held Thursday. Among the dignitaries will be **Con. Kevin Brady**, who will still represent this area with redistricting returning to its original plan, for now at least. **Brady** has endorsed **Rick Perry** for president. Saturday, in a debate, **Perry** said, "All congressmen should be part-time, with half pay." ***** **Bridge City** native **Matt Bryant** continues to shine as place kicker for the **Atlanta Falcons**. Today **Matt** is one of the **NFL's best**. *****For some of you who have observed our county clerk **Karen Jo Vance** wearing a boot cast, it's not because she has been kicking ass. She fell back in **October** and a specialist later discovered she had torn ligaments, tendons and some fractures.

44 Years Ago-1978

Some of the folks spotted at the **Jack Tar Sugar and Spice** coffee ship were **Judge Sid Caillavet**, **Judge James Neff**, **Mead Graves**, **Father Joe Berberich**, **Henry Stanfield**, **Joe Blanda**, **Ovie Harmon**, **Tony Giarratano**, **Rev. W.W. Kennedy**, **Jimmy Conn**, **Joe Runnels**, **Chip Trahan**, **Sheriff Chester Holts**, **Joe Burke**, **Bill Stringer** and **Cecil Beeson**. (Editor's note: Those good and colorful men were some of the greatest characters I've ever known. I believe former waitress at the time **Milly Harper** would agree.)*****The smell of fresh roasted peanuts comes from **Farmer's Mercantile**. It's an annual cold weather tradition **Gus Harris** keeps a pan of peanuts roasting on the stove and invites anyone to grab up a handful.*******St. Mary Catholic Church** float was awarded first place at the annual **Jaycee Christmas Parade**.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Christmas festivities keep on coming and **Bridge City's** lighted boat parade on **Cow Bayou** added to the spirit of the season. The colorful lights traveling along the bayou was a big hit. **Dayle Foreman** is one of the fortunate ones living along the bayou and she shared her view with friends. They included **Bill Hudson**, **Maggie Reynolds**, **Rick Bridgers**, **Danny Russell**, **Shera Garber**, **William Ferguson** and **Mischelle Russell**.*******Shangri La's** lighted night garden tours have been drawing crowds. More lights than ever are spread throughout the garden area along with lighted decorations perfect for posing. Last week was **Christmas pajama week** and a number of families dressed in colorful PJs. They included **Betty Harmon** with grandson **Josh Harmon** wearing red striped onesie pajamas. **Cecil Broom** didn't wear pajamas, but made the walk with daughter **Dianne Stephenson** and her family. The lighted strolls will continue this Tuesday through Saturday and again December 20 and 21. This week is **ugly Christmas sweater** with people wearing appropriate attire, if they choose. Strolls begin at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Last admission is at 8:30. The strolls are free with a nonperishable food donation for **Orange Christian Services**.*****College graduates with local ties this past week included **Marlee Bird** from **Lamar University**. Grandparents **T.W.** and **Lyndia Permenter**, along with her mom, **Parrish Bird**. **Sydney Brittain** earned a master's degree with parents **Kevin** and **Angie Williams** watching. Of course her adorable toddler daughter **Collins Ruth** was along to see her momma walk across the stage. All the way over at **Auburn University**, **Elisa Domas Burgamy** earned a doctorate degree in nurse practitioner.***** **Travelers Gina** and **Skipper Yeaman** didn't have to go far to see a bald eagle. There was one right on the shore of their lake house.*******Orange County Commissioner Johnny Trahan** went to popular **Fredericksburg** with family and enjoyed a German beer with daughter **Cody Tant**. He's taking the whole family with grands to **Disney World**. Speaking of **Disney World**, **Debbie Hughes** had a long outing there with grandbabies plus daughter **Kayla Cheek** and her husband, **Nick**, and **Nick's** mom, **Pam**.***** **Heritage House Museum** is open once again for tours and research. The ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by tours drew a crowd that included **Stephanie Roberts**, **Sherry Hommel**, **Barbara Dardeau**, and of course, **Ida Schossow**. Lots of city of **Orange** people came and toured, including **City Manager Mike Kunst**, **Police Chief Lane Martin**, **Fire Chief John Bilbo**, new **Public Works Director Adam Jack**, **Events Planner Leigh Anne Harrell**, **Social Media Director Hillary Gravett**, and **Convention and Visitors Director Brandi Justice**. **Heritage House Director Charlotte Alford** and crew have been working hard to get everything clean and organized after five years of damage from storms and ongoing repairs. **Board President Adam Conrad** and **Vice President Geraldyn Vine** have been doing extra hours with help. **Kimberly Manning** had

three roles at the opening. She's a **Heritage House** board member plus a chamber ambassador. She wore a dress with a print of oranges to go with her orange chamber jacket. As a professional photographer, she also took lots of pictures. Other board members included **Leslie Williams**, **Peggy Wells**, **Jill Kunst**, and **Grace Hernandez**. **Santa** in the evenings drew a few grandparents who had their pictures with **Santa** at **Heritage House** when they were kids. Three generations now and continuing. The youngest **Santa** visitor was little **Luna Harvey** with grandmother **Bridget Trawhon**. **Janie Nash** also had her first **Christmas at Heritage House** along with her parents and grandparents, **Randy** and **Paula Ragsdale**.*****We received our **Christmas** cards from **Bridge City ISD** and **Orangefield ISD**. The artwork on the **Bridge City** card, by **Adalyn Jones**, 9th grader, was impressive. The **Orangefield** card, designed by 11th grader **Kaitlyn Jenkins**, also beautiful. Both cards were much appreciated.*****We haven't head from **Roccaforte** since the honeymoon. We hear he is nearly recovered.***** Next time any of you who are patients of **Dr. Morbia** at **Gulf Coast Cardiology** go for a visit ask him about his oatmeal recipe. He uses blade cut oats only and ingredients I've never heard of before. He eats this three times a week. The rest of the time he eats a lot of fried jalapenos fried in peanut oil. He also eats a lot of grass.*****I learned from **Clint Landry** why he has so many kinfolks. There were 13 children in his dad's family. He was raised with 12 girls on 12th Street in **Orange**. One of those sisters is **Sam Moore's** mother. There are plenty of others around but not many **Landry's**.*******Dr. Johnson** called last week from **Austin**. He was very excited about all the attention **Lamar Orange** is getting in **Austin**. He said they had heard of that little college in **Orange** and its progress.***** Wednesday **December 14, 2022**, marks the 10th anniversary of the massacre at **Sandy Hook Elementary School** in **Newtown, Connecticut**. The town opened a new memorial to the 20 first-graders and six educators killed in the attack. There are no official town or family ceremonies, keeping with **Newtown's** tradition of marking anniversaries of the shooting with quiet reflection.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few friends celebrating their special day in the next week. **Dec. 14: Keri Michutka**, **Diane Bertrand**, **Kandy Sartin**, **Danny Blacksher**, **Danny Prosperie**, **Dorothy Jenkins** and **Hannah Carpenter**.*******Dec. 15: Kenneth Pittman**, **Katie Hunt**, **Maac Hughes**, **Belinda Broom**, **Brent Burns** and **Donnie Stanton**, who turns 55 today.*******Dec. 16: Liz Brown**, **Shayla Stances**, **Michelle Gephart**, **Elizabeth** celebrate today.*******Dec. 17: Brown Claybar**, **Terry Kerr**, **Beatrice Cortez**, **Jeremie Delano**, **Nathan Applebach**, **Chris Chambless**, **Martha Taylor**. **Bridge City** won the **State Championship** on this date in 1966.)*******Dec. 18: Mandy Hoffman**, **Tracey Lynn Broussard**, **Dyann Schiler**, **Gloria Brown**, **Jill Vaughn** and **Julia Alleman**.*******Dec. 19: Jill Mahan**, **Kristen Broussard**, **Gina Cessac**, **Christina Carpenter**, **Mitch Hidalgo**, **Raymond Hughes**, **Bill Cardner**, **Stacey Bates** and **Andrew Havens**.*******Dec. 20: Joy Boyd**, **Maddison Bouget**, **Jeremy Granger**, **Kenneth Pigg**, **Majed Jaarah**, **Marion Martin** and **Matt Reeves**. To announce birthdays or anniversaries give us a call at 409-886-7183 or email news@therecordlive.com.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Clovis Thibodeaux stuck a splinter deep, deep under his fingernail so he went to see **Doctor Goslow Comeaux**. Da doctor him said, "Clovis, I know dat must hurt bad." "I'm gonna have to stick a needle in you finger to deaden so I can dig dat outta dere." **Thibodeaux** say, "Doc, just pull it out." Da doctor answer, "Mais Clovis, dats gonna hurt bad, bad." Clovis tell him, "Dats o.k. doc, me I done already had da two worse pains dere is in da world, just get it out." **Doc Comeaux** say, "O.k. but you don't understand how bad it's gonna hurt." **Thibodeaux** holds still him, sweating buckshot. **Doc Comeaux** finally dig dat big splinter out den he say, "Clovis, I just wouldn't believe it dat you could stand dat much pain. I just gotta know me, wat was da two worst pains in da world?" **Thibodeaux** say, "Well doc, I was duck huntin awhile back in da swamp when here come some of dem ducks. I stoop down in dat water to hide wen one of dem nutria traps got me right in da groin." "Boy, doc, dat was da second worse pain in da world." Da doc say, "Keyaw, dat must of hurt bad, but wat could be worse dan dat, hanh?" Clovis say, "Doc, da worse pain was when I got to da end of dat chain."

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Deaths & Memorials

Ruth Ann King, 76, Bridge City

It is with great sorrow that we announce the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Ruth Ann King, 76, of Bridge City, Texas, who passed in the early morning hours of Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at her home.



Ruth King

Visitation will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange, with a Rosary service to take place at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2022, with a brief visitation beforehand beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Mrs. King was born on December 27, 1945, in Zwolle, Louisiana, to Jack and Mary Remedies. Throughout her life, she was a private home health care worker and a long-time resident of Bridge City, Texas. Ruth enjoyed spending her time outdoors, where she could be surrounded by her flowers and birds. She had a love like no other for all stray animals, whom she happily took in and cared for.

Ruth was a truly incredible woman, who touched the hearts of many and will be

dearly missed by all who loved and knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry King; son, Gerald King; daughter, Daphne Breaux; parents, Jack and Mary Remedies; brother, James W. Remedies; sisters, Jeannie Sepulvado, Mira Rene Sepulvado, and Nancy Cook; mother and father-in-law, Frank and Melownee King; brother-in-law, Harry King; and sister-in-law, Annabel Kelder

She is survived by her children, Jeri Savant of Kerrville, Texas, Dorene Smith and husband Tom of Delta, Ohio, Christopher J. King and wife Connie of Satellite Beach, Florida, Stephanie Meads and husband Lance of Bridge City, Texas, and Christopher F. King of Bridge City, Texas; sisters, LaRhonda Seymore and husband Cecil of Alabama, Margaret Sepulvado of Zwolle, Louisiana, Joann Collins of Zwolle, Louisiana, and Lucille Sepulvado of Zwolle, Louisiana; brother, Jack Remedies Jr. and wife Sally of Florien, Louisiana; along with 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and numerous other loving friends and family.

Serving as pallbearers will be James Broussard, Eric Richard, Jacob Roy, Michael Abbott, and Matthew King. Honorary pallbearers are Fernando Meshell and Larry Sepulvado.

Bridge City Chamber announces student awards



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the December Student of the Month for Orangefield is Bryce Blacksher. Bryce is ranked 41 of 120 GPA 3.64. Pictured are: Crissa Bonnin, Wanda McGraw, Bryce Blacksher, Ronnie Blacksher, Angie Blacksher, Bree Bagley and Rea Wrinkle.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the December Student of the Month for Bridge City is Katie Carcerano. Katie is ranked 9 of 181 with a GPA of 4.64. Pictured are: Rani Dillow, Tim Woolley, Eric Carcerano, Katie Carcerano, Christine Carcerano, Judy Rosendale and Alisa Huckaby.



Each district in the Texas House of Representatives has a student from their district create an ornament to put on the tree at the State House of Representatives. This year, Orangefield High School student, Kaitlyn Jenkins, won the honors of creating an ornament that represents our area.

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7. Romanian monetary unit
8. Button on electrical outlet
9. *Frosty's nose
10. *Gingerbread Man, e.g.
11. Dranch
12. What a willow did?
13. Famous song by The Jackson 5
14. Cone-shaped quarters
15. *Snow mover
16. A bit of water
17. Pakistani language
18. Measured in knots
19. Tatted fabric
20. *A Visit from St. Nicholas" poet
21. Tropical edible
22. Paintings in Orthodox church

46. Not swim or swum
47. Frozen puddle accident
48. Small skullcap
49. Dresden's river
50. Captain's turf
51. Drop of sorrow
52. *Slippery" tree
53. *Three-horse sleigh ride
54. Caviar alternative
55. On D'Artagnan's hat
56. Group of wives
57. Boiling emotion
58. Furnish with a fund
59. Travelers' stops
60. Poetic "even"
61. Buy second-hand
62. Agha, alt. sp.
63. Artist Chagall's first name
64. Poet Pound's first name
65. Draws close
66. Fungus damage (2 words)
67. Shake's cousin?
68. * fishing
69. Two, in cards
70. Station finder button
71. Not final
72. Curved molding
73. Kind of nurse

15. Bouillons
16. Laudanum ingredient
17. Saturn's wife
18. As opposed to widow
19. Impromptu
20. Emergency pedal
21. *Hot treat
22. Major-leaguers
23. Prefers
24. Butcher shop offering, pl.
25. Ghostlike
26. Parkinson's drug
27. Philadelphia's Ivy League member
28. Russian mountain chain
29. *Fireplace globe
30. TV offering
31. Reef fish
32. Kind of bride
33. Eagle's home
34. Hundred Acre Wood creator
35. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit (2 words)
36. European Council for Nuclear Research, acr.
37. Bad day for Caesar
38. Not quite an adult
39. Spiral-horned African antelope
40. Singer-songwriter Tori
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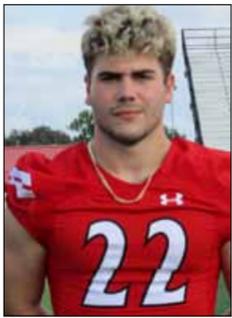
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Dean Reynolds of LCM was honored with second team Academic All-State.



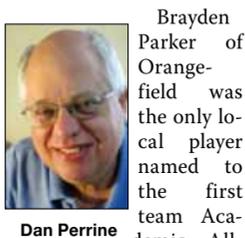
Coach Josh Smalley holds the trophy the Orangefield Bobcats got for winning the bi-district championship.

Watts, and Matt Livingston named to the Academic All-State second team. Noah Broussard and Shaun Hallman of the Cardinals got Honorable Mention.

Dean Reynolds of the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears made the second team Academic All-State. Honorable Mention went to Lucas Wright, Isaiah

Picard, and Brenner Portie of the Bears.

In other football news the Orangefield Bobcats received their trophy symbolic of their district championship and winning their bi-district play-off game. Coach Josh Smalley said the school will have a plaque engraved to go on the trophy.



Dan Perrine

OC SPORTS BEAT DAN PERRINE For The Record

This week the state high school football championships in all of the classifications will be played. The University Interscholastic League also released the names of the football players named to the Academic All-State Team. Bridge City, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, and Orangefield each had players so honored.

Brayden Parker of Orangefield was the only local player named to the first team Academic All-State. Other Bobcats receiving Honorable Mention were Cameron Dischler, Leyton Loft, Koen Maddox, and Morgan Sampson. Bridge City had three players JS Bearden, Keaton

Lady Bears rally past Lady Mustangs

Dan Perrine For The Record

The district opener on December 9 for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears and the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs was an exciting battle that went down to the final seconds. The Lady Bears made a late rally to pull out a 44-40 win at the Dr. Pauline Colburn Hargrove Gymnasium on the LCM campus.

Lady Mustang Marilynn Guillory scored the opening bucket to give West Orange-Stark the initial lead. The Lady Bears tied the game before Nathia Allison scored to give the Lady Mustangs another two-point advantage. It would be the last lead for WOS until the final 100 seconds of the game.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville led 8-4 after one quarter with four different Lady Bears chipping in with two points each. The second quarter belonged to Lady Bear sophomore Keylie Washburn with seven points to give her nine by half time.

The Lady Mustangs stayed close with their three go to girls Guillory and Carlysia Simien each scoring a bucket and Jordynn Patton sinking two field goals in the period. At the half the score was 17-12 in favor of LCM.

In the third stanza the Lady Bears got a little more breathing room. Coming off the bench Kenniya Champine scored four points. Starters Eden Frenzel and Washburn both tossed in two buckets as Little Cypress-Mauriceville went to the final quarter ahead 30-23.

As the fourth quarter started the Lady Bears pulled further ahead taking an eight-point lead before the Lady Mustangs started a comeback getting to within a point

when Simien sank two free throws to make the score 33-32. LCM's Annabelle Fisher answered with a three-point play and then another free throw to put the Lady Bears back up by five points.

The Lady Mustangs galloped to the next eight points when Guillory put two rebounds back in the goal sandwiched around two buckets by Simien to give WOS a 40-37 advantage. Less than a minute remained in the game. It was time for the Lady Bears to call on their two biggest stars. Fisher sank two clutch free throws to narrow the deficit to one point with just 33 seconds remaining to be played in regulation.

A turnover by the Lady Mustangs gave the ball to LCM for an inbound play in front of the WOS bench. Washburn made a long pass that Fisher ran down and then drove to the hoop for a layup to put the Lady Bears back in the lead 41-40 with only 15 seconds left.

Washburn closed out the scoring. She made a free throw and then had a put back basket just before the buzzer to make the final margin of victory four points for the Lady Bears.

LCM Coach Eddie Michalko was pleased with the success of Washburn and Fisher working the inbound pass for the go-ahead basket for the Lady Bears. "We have an out-of-bounds play we actually run. I was thrilled we actually ran it the way it's supposed to be run. Annabelle broke out, she was open, and she was able to finish," Michalko recalled.

Despite the loss Coach Jaden Spell of the Lady Mustangs was pleased with their superlative effort in the contest. "Our



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Coach Prime, Rossomando ink much different weekend pacts

KAZ'S KORNER

Joe Kazmar For The Record

Area college football fans who follow the firings and new hirings of head coaches observed two entirely different instances that captured the local media outlets last weekend.

On the local scene, the Lamar Cardinals wasted little time (19 days) in finding a new head coach to replace the fired Blane Morgan, who compiled a 5-23 record in the three seasons he coached the football team.

And this time it appears that Athletic Director Jeff O'Malley and Lamar president Dr. Jaime Taylor found a man with Division I and head coaching experience in Peter Rossomando, who has been coaching college football for the last 30 years.

However, this would be his first introduction to coaching in the Lone Star State, as he was born in Staten Island, New York and played his college football as an offensive and defensive lineman at Boston University.

Most of Rossomando's coaching was done at colleges and universities during his early career as an offensive and defensive assistant coach, but was an assistant head coach at Albany (NY) from 2005-2007 before getting his first crack as a head coach at New Haven (2008-2013) and Central Connecticut (2014-2018).

He left Central Connecticut to become an assistant at the Division I level at Rutgers (2019), Vanderbilt (2020) and Charlotte (2021) and was interim head coach in 2022.

The overall record of the teams on which he



Joe Kazmar

coached was 67-49 and included conference championships in 2011 and 2012, making the NCAA Division II quarterfinals and second round, respectively.

Rossomando promises the Cardinals will have an exciting offense, a defense that flies to the football and great special teams.

On the other side of the spectrum last weekend that made national news was at the University of Colorado, who hired Deion (Prime Time) Sanders, despite the fact he has only three years of experience at Jackson State--an HBCU (Historical Black College or University) institution.

Jackson State's athletic budget is miniscule compared to that of the Colorado Buffaloes. In fact, it wasn't unusual to see Coach Prime (Sanders) riding on a tractor mowing the team's practice field. In fact, a good portion of Coach Prime's annual salary was donated to the school's athletic budget to help the players have some of the same equipment as other schools.

According to Sunday's Houston Chronicle, "Sanders leaving Jackson State to take the head coaching job at the University of Colorado is the most talked about upward move in college football history."

Some folks believe Sanders is abandoning the SWAC (Southwest Athletic Conference), but in reality he's leaving it in much better shape than it was in three years ago.

"Not many would pass up a five-year contract



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with almost \$6 million a year for a job that had averaged \$350,000 a year," the article pointed out.

"That's just the cash. Facilities, infrastructure, conference affiliation (Pac 12) etc. all point to a job at CU being understandably more attractive to a football coach than one at Jackson State," the article continued.

And Sanders gave Jackson State something it could not have gotten from another coach--massive attention, new sponsors and major fundraising. He showed the school what could be done.

Coach Prime has never been shy about who he is and what he brings and his departure should not stop Jackson State from fielding a quality program.

"Sanders is great at being Sanders, and he is one heck of a football coach. But if the only way Jackson State can win at football with Prime Time on the sidelines, then perhaps it doesn't need a football program," the article concluded.

KWICKIES...

Dallas Cowboys fans couldn't believe what they

were seeing for nearly four quarters Sunday at Idiot Owner Jerry Jones' Palace--the worst team in the NFL (the Houston Texans) taking it to America's Team. But the Cowboys' vaunted defense rose to the occasion in the final minutes to stop the visiting Texans on four plays after Houston had a first-and-goal from the Dallas two-yard line. The Cowboys offense, which had been sluggish at best and lousy at worst, finally kicked into high gear and marched 98 yards in their two-minute drill to score the game-winning touchdown with a mere 41 seconds remaining in the game and burst the upset-minded Texans' bubble 27-23.

JUST BETWEEN US...

If you noticed for this week's high school state final championship games, many of those school are the same as in last year's lineup of division champions. It's great to see high school football programs that go far in the playoffs year-in and year-out and don't fall by the wayside with an under .500 record like some schools do.



The Orangefield Bobcats won all five of their games over the weekend to capture the Orangefield basketball tournament. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Bobcats win home tournament

Dan Perrine For The Record

The Orangefield Bobcats won all five of their games over the weekend in the Orangefield basketball tournament. The five victories earned the Bobcats the first place trophy.

Orangefield won two games on Thursday, one on Friday, and two more on Saturday to claim the tournament championship. It was a total team victory for the Bobcats as injuries to posts Morgan Sampson and Koen Maddox limited their ability to play during the tournament.

The championship game on Saturday pitted the only two teams who were undefeated in their first four games of the tournament the Bobcats from Class 3A and the Class 4A Vidor Pirates.

The Bobcats started their route to the final game by defeating the Evadale Rebels 58-36 in their opening game on Thursday morning with Pete Ragusa leading all scorers in the game with 29 points. Later that evening Orangefield ran over the Shepherd Pirates 82-40. Three Bobcats scored in double figures led by

Ragusa's 18 followed by Jaden Scales with 16 and Kane Smith scoring 11 points.

On Friday Orangefield jumped to a 24-9 first quarter advantage and won 67-45 over Legacy Christian. Ragusa led the Bobcats with 27 points and Brayden Parker tossed in 10 points. Maddox had 8 points before he hurt his ankle late in the fourth quarter which forced him to wear a brace on it and kept him on the bench the last two games.

The next opponent for Orangefield was the Jasper Bulldogs on Saturday who had won two of their first three games. With both Maddox and Sampson out of action the Bobcats called on Cameron Dischler to be their big guy in the middle.

Dischler responded to the role by leading the Bobcats in rebounds with 8 and added a team leading 4 steals to go with his 2 points as the Bobcats overcame a two-point half time deficit to win 63-50 over Jasper. Top scorers for Orangefield were 19 from Ragusa, Scales with 17, and Zane Wrinkle adding 13 points. The win put

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Lady Bobcats even their district record

Dan Perrine For The Record

Two games into the district schedule the Orangefield Lady Bobcats had a win and a loss. The district games started on Tuesday, December 6 for the Lady Bobcats.

The district opener was at Kountze and the Lionettes played a very good game. Kountze won 58-25 over Orangefield.

The second game was better news for the Lady Bobcats at home on Friday, December 9. Orangefield defeated the Kirbyville Lady Wildcats 56-22 to even their record (1-1) in district.

Post Greenlea Oldham was the leader for the Lady

Bobcats. Oldham had a double-double with 10 points to go with her 10 rebounds.

The Lady Bobcats had balanced scoring with four other players scoring at least six points. Harleigh Rawls dropped in 9 including a fourth quarter three pointer. Brianna Moore and Brooklyn Wagoner both had 8 points while Ava Dyer chipped in with 6 points.

Sterling Richard was strong on defense with 5 steals and 3 rebounds for the Lady Bobcats. She added 3 points to the scoring.

Coach Eric Girola expressed his satisfaction with the win over Kirbyville. "I'm excited to get

a district win. Our scoring was spread out which is a good thing with all but two of the Lady Bobcats getting in the scorebook," Girola elaborated. "We hit a few jump shots which is always welcomed and so it was good."

The next district game for the Orangefield Lady Bobcats will not be until the New Year when they play at Hardin on January 3. In the interim Orangefield will host the Bill Tension Tournament December 27-28.

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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports. Images of individual field notes are available upon request from the TPWD press office.

Does Your Mother Know That You're Out?

Tom Green County Game Wardens patrolled a city street late at night, when a white vehicle sped by in a 40-mph zone. The warden sped up to catch the vehicle and finally paced him at 60-mph. The warden attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver evaded. Once pursued, the suspect drove down a residential alley and crashed into a garage. The suspect abandoned their vehicle and fled on foot. No one on scene was injured. Multiple agencies responded to assist with the crash and search for the suspect. During the investigation, wardens could hear the suspect's cell phone ring over and over. Once in the vehicle, they found the cell phone connected via Bluetooth. The phone continued to ring as they gathered evidence. Eventually, wardens along with their city police counterparts answered the phone. The caller identified herself as the suspect's mother. Believing the officers were buddies of her adult child and playing a joke on her, she identified the suspect and demanded to speak with them. Wardens explained the situation and discovered that over the years, the suspect accumulated multiple felony warrants. Charges pending.

Don't Fence Me In

Local ranch managers notified local Polk County Game Wardens that an individual, well known in the area for stirring up trouble, trespassed on their property multiple times in the past few months. The landowner turned over footage from multiple game cameras showing the suspect riding through the property on a homemade ATV. Eventually, the ranch managers caught him in the act and tried to hold him at gunpoint.

They were unsuccessful and the suspect fled into the woods, leaving behind his homemade ATV. Concerned the trespasser was utilizing the unusual route to deal drugs in a neighboring subdivision, one of the wardens drove to the suspect's home. Once there, he spotted the suspect outside with two other males. The warden requested backup from a county deputy since the suspect had a track record of fleeing law enforcement. When the deputy arrived, the suspect was working on a vehicle in the yard. Together, they questioned the suspect, who stated he was unaware that he had been trespassing. The warden informed the suspect that he was trespassing because he crossed a fence as well as other barriers into a property that did not belong to him. The suspect was then arrested without incident and booked into the county jail. Case pending.

What Happens in Vegas ...

Patrolling for wildlife violations, Harris County Game Wardens observed a flashlight beam in the woods and a truck operating erratically on an adjacent private easement road. The wardens stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. Wearing full camouflage, the driver exited the vehicle immediately with his hands up. What appeared to be a potential road hunting case quickly changed when the driver and their partner stated that they lived nearby and were investigating a prowler after an alert from their farm dogs. The wardens confirmed their house was located just 200 yards away from where the couple stopped. While interviewing the driver, a loaded revolver was located on the center console. A serial number check revealed that the pistol was stolen during a 2006 burglary in

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LCM Lady Bears
Keylie Washburn



LCM Lady Bears
Annabelle Fisher



WOS Lady Mustang
Marilynn Guillory

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goal tonight was honestly just to work as hard as we absolutely could, to play with everything we had, and give it everything we had. All in that's the motto to this year, all in. The Lady Mustangs gave everything they had tonight, it's just a tough loss," Spell concluded.

The leading scorer for the Lady Bears was Washburn with 16 points. Fisher scored 9 points eight coming in the dramatic final period. Champine also had 9 points.

Guillory of the Lady Mustangs matched Washburn also scoring 16 points. Simien was in double figures with 11 points. Patton added 6 points and Vernicia Collins came off the bench to

score five points for WOS in the second half.

The West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs resumed district play on Tuesday, December 13, against the Bridge Lady Cardinals. Their next district game will be at home this Friday against the Vidor Lady Pirates.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears traveled to Silsbee to play the Lady Tigers on Tuesday. Their next district game will be Tuesday, January 3, at Bridge City.

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals opened district at home on Friday, December 9, against the Jasper Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Cardinals came out ice cold failing to score in the first quarter and trail-

ing 5-0 after the opening period.

The second quarter saw a change in momentum with the Lady Cardinals outscoring the Lady Bulldogs fifteen to eleven to trail by only one point 16-15 at the half. Jasper took control of the game in the third quarter and then pulled away in the fourth quarter winning 52-30 in the end.

Morgan Louvier led the Lady Cardinals in scoring with 10 points. Rylenn Thornton scored 3 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Bridge City played at West Orange-Stark this past Tuesday. The Lady Cardinals next game will be Friday, December 16, on the road against the Silsbee Lady Tigers.

American Legion Post 49 New Years Eve

The American Legion Post 49 presents "Blinging in the New Year" on Saturday, December 31 from 8:00 pm to 1 am at 108 Green Avenue in Orange. The event is a formal event but formal attire not mandatory and the entertainment will be provided by DJ Chevy. The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 a couple, if you want to reserve a table for 6 there is an additional \$20 charge. There will be a cash bar, no outside alcohol allowed, an ATM on site, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds will go to the American Legion Post for building upgrades. For more info please contact Macie Johnson at 409-221-7253 or the American Legion at 409-886-1241.

Orangefield tournament From Page 1B

the Bobcats into the championship game.

Vidor reached the title game with a dazzling display of outside shooting. The Pirates won their first four games averaging over 72 points per game using the great long-range marksmanship of Bryce Loftin and Zander Lindsey.

The Pirates came out of the gate on fire jumping to a 6-0 lead on two baskets by Brayden Root and one by Lindsey. Wrinkle got the Bobcats on the board with a bucket before Ragusa reeled off the next 8 points in the game to put Orangefield on top 10-6.

Wrinkle added two more field goals that gave Orangefield a 14-11 advantage as the quarter was ending. The Pirates' Jose Guerrero-Evans put up a three-pointer that wrinkle the twine and tied the game after one period.

A free throw by Dischler, his only point of the game, broke the tie at the start of the second quarter giving the Bobcats a lead they

would never relinquish. The second quarter proved sweet to Pete as Ragusa poured in 9 points helping Orangefield pull ahead 31-23 at the half.

The third quarter saw Vidor narrow the lead to seven points 47-40 with Loftin pumping in 7 points and Root tacking on five for the Pirates. Ragusa had 7 more points and two assists for the Bobcats.

Orangefield actually opened up a double digit lead about midway through the final quarter 53-42 on a spectacular scoring play by Ragusa. The Pirates staged a comeback on the free throw shooting of Loftin and three-pointers by Lindsey and Guerrero-Evans that cut the lead to two 56-54 with a little over a minute to play in regulation.

The advantage was stretched to three on a free throw by Parker of the Bobcats. Ragusa closed with another beautiful basket and then two clutch free throws which the Pi-

rates could only answer with a lone field goal to bring the final score to 61-56 for Orangefield.

Ragusa had his highest scoring game of the tournament finishing with 30 points. Wrinkle and Parker both were in double figures with 14 and 10 points respectively. Loftin led the Pirates with 18 points hitting on 10 of 12 free throws. Lindsey scored 15 points for Vidor.

Orangefield Coach Jake McDonald was happy

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OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

Pardon me for just one moment while I steal a line from a great Texas country music drinking song by Roger Creager "It's the invisible intoxicant...it's call Everclear".

Ah, the wonders of clear liquid and what it can do to ones senses. Clear liquid doesn't have to come in a bottle, be a zillion proof, or cost 10 bucks at the bar to do a number on your senses. The water in your nearest bay during the winter months can easily have the same effect.

Catch clear water in your favorite fishing spot and you may be subjected to withdrawals, hangovers, and other maladies that plague those who indulge to the point of excess. I can only speak from personal experience and tell you that once you get the chance to watch your fish before, during, and after the strike you will never feel the same again. Upper coast bays that so rarely get the visibil-



Chuck Uzzle

ity that the lower coast venues thrive on will on occasion get so ridiculously clear that catching fish becomes next to impossible sometimes. That super clear water that happens during the winter months magnifies the need for a stealthy approach, pinpoint casts, and subtle lure presentations.

One cannot go barging across a gin clear flat like an overweight water buffalo on a unicycle and hope to achieve the desired result. Quiet and slow is the name of the game when chasing fish in this kind of water where even the most subtle movement could spook a fish that may change your fishing life. The clear stuff demands a different tactic but it also pays out big rewards when done properly.

I can remember the first time I really fished ultra clear winter time water on Sabine Lake like it was just

yesterday. Many years ago during a mild January mid week trip I had my eyes opened to just exactly how clear the water could get and I was truly amazed. My clients and I had worked our way south down the lake chasing schools of unmolested gulls as the crowds were no where to be found. One of those fantastic days on the water where the entire lake belonged to just us and nobody else. About 10 o'clock the tide had just about stopped and the fish turned off for the time being so we decided to make a little run to an area that held some structure and hopefully some fish. The big bay boat came down off plane and I marveled at how the prop wash seemed to be so clear.

We settled in to a stretch of water that was anywhere from 6 to 8 feet deep and began probing the area with soft plastics. One of my clients had a small backlash that required my attention so I put my rod on the deck and took care of the problem before making another cast. As I worked on the

backlash I happened to catch a glimpse of some color in the water and initially paid it no mind. While handing the rod back to the rightful owner I noticed the color again and this time decided to investigate. What I had been seeing were small patches of shell on the bottom in 7 feet of water, I couldn't believe it. I took my rod and dropped the jig beside the boat and watched as the soft plastic came to rest on the bottom as clear as it could be.

After winding up the slack I picked up the jig to judge the depth by how much line was still out and sure enough it was a good 7 feet. That type of visibility is almost unheard of in Sabine Lake and only happens a few times a year so I was more than shocked to see it first hand. The amount of knowledge I gained on that trip by being able to see first hand what the shell looked like and where it was located was invaluable, especially when the normal visibility returned. My clients and I spent the rest of the trip casting jigs to the



Fishing the shallows in clear water.

previously unknown structure and had a marvelous afternoon picking up trout and redfish that we may never have found otherwise.

Fast forward several years ahead, same time of year, same type of water and nearly identical results. My good friend Johnny Cormier and I were prowling around on Lake Calcasieu during a January day in search of a big fish and the species didn't really matter. We stopped a couple hundred yards from an area where we knew some fish had been hanging around were preparing to make a wade when we started seeing fish laying right next to

these scattered shell piles. From our vantage point of the front deck we could see so much better in the water that we decided to forego the wade in favor of a little sight fishing.

The majority of the fish we were seeing were upper end slot limit redfish and they were not bothered by our presence at all as they rooted around in search of a meal. It was absolute chaos for quite sometime as we just made long drifts and picked off these fish one by one on a variety of baits. The opportunity to watch these fish and how they re-

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Our weather has been great the past couple of weeks! That is if you like balmy, spring-like days with temperatures in the mid-80's.

It's a bit unusual and somewhat disappointing if you're a gardener who enjoys colder weather for the holiday season, though for me exceptionally enjoyable, even though the mosquito population is growing exponentially! Amazingly, I found myself mowing the yard Friday evening. Turfgrass has begun growing thanks to warmer weather but it's also a quick way to tidy lawn areas, corral fallen leaves, then shredding leaves into mulch. Fortu-

nately for us, a mild version of winter appears headed in our direction for a visit. For most of us, the holidays are hurried and stressful. We scurry about to search for the perfect Christmas gift, figure out travel plans (us or them), food to prepare, maximize comfort level in our home for family and friends, and the list goes on and on! Years ago, I decided I needed a simple way to remove holiday stress before "the festivities" begin, which I'll share with you now. No matter how busy you are, just STOP and take a day off, use it as your mental health day. Typically, I choose dreary or cold rainy days, as they are my personal favorites. Turn off the television, grab a pen or marker, then find the most

comfortable spot in your home because it's time for a much-needed distraction. You'll also want to grab the ever-increasing stack of garden and seed catalogues which you've stockpiled over the past several weeks (it's okay, we're gardeners that's what we do). Soon you feel relaxed, stress-free, and dreaming of new spring flower and vegetable gardens. Seed catalogues are filled with detailed, useful information for gardeners and reviewing them provides an opportunity to learn about new plant varieties available and figure out if they are a good match for our gardens. Perhaps you are searching for open-pollinated varieties of heirloom seed or maybe hybridized seed which are more robust? Most of you receive many seed catalogues beginning in October through the end of December. There are some good seed companies providing us with a plethora of seed varieties to choose from like: Seeds 'N Such, Totally Tomatoes, Jung Seeds & Plants, and Johnny's Selected Seeds, to name but a few providers.

In this gardener's opinion, two of my most favorite seed catalogues are distributed by the Baker Creek Heirloom Seed company.

They have a couple of seed catalogues which I eagerly anticipate yearly; one catalogue, the Rare Seed catalogue (containing approximately 90 beautifully illustrated pages) is a quick go-to and easily utilized

reference. But this gardeners' hands-down, all-time yearly favorite gardening catalogue is the "The Whole Seed Catalogue" also from Baker Creek which is known as the "world's largest seed cata-

logue", containing a whopping 530 beautifully illustrated, detailed, and informative pages. This catalogue is a limited-print edition and requires pur-

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Entertainment: Holiday season concerts begin



Trans-Siberian Orchestra will perform Dec. 29 at the Toyota Center in Houston.

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. 15**
Charley Crockett, Greyhounds, 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 Nug-

get 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 Cen-

ter, 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.

• **June 30**
Matchbox Twenty, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **July 8**
Blink-182, Turnstile, Toyota Center, Houston

• **July 22**
Shania Twain, Mickey Guyton, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **Aug. 12**
Foreigner, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Game Warden Field Notes From Page 3B

Las Vegas. The driver stated he couldn't remember if he was given the pistol or purchased it but denied any knowledge that it was stolen.

With no independent charges to file or evidence that the driver was involved or had knowledge of the theft, the couple were released from the scene and the pistol was seized for return to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

When Doves Cry

While patrolling late at night, a Bastrop County Game Warden heard multiple shots from a nearby property. As he arrived, a truck exited the property, and he initiated a traffic stop. He immediately recognized the driver as a convicted felon he had previously arrested twice. The driver admitted to multiple guns in the truck and claimed they belonged to the passenger.

However, the passenger could not answer basic questions on the firearms like how many or what kind they were. The warden also recovered a fish shocker in the backseat and two freshly killed mourning doves in the bed of the truck. The individuals claimed the doves had somehow fallen out of a tree and into the truck. Altogether, the warden seized seven firearms, one shocking device and two mourning doves.

Dispatch confirmed one of the firearms was stolen. The male subject was arrested for unlawful possession of firearms by a felon and possessing a shocker within a half-mile

from public water. The female passenger was arrested on 11 outstanding warrants.

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

After assisting with a manhunt, a Falls County Game Warden was returning home when another vehicle changed lanes abruptly, almost striking his patrol vehicle. The warden initiated his emergency lights for a traffic stop but it took almost a mile for the driver to pull over to the shoulder.

Upon contact, he noticed the driver was under the influence. During the standard field sobriety test, the driver asked several times if he could just be taken home or if someone could pick him up. The warden explained that the test revealed an absolute level of intoxication (three times the legal limit) and he was going to be arrested for driving while intoxicated.

The driver became very emotional and sat down on the shoulder, refusing to be placed in the patrol vehicle. With the assistance of a deputy, the warden spoke with the driver for a few minutes and the driver finally agreed to get in the deputy's patrol vehicle.

Once at the jail, staff immediately recognized the driver. Just the week before, the driver had been arrested and released for another driving while intoxicated charge.

Baker's World Series title among best sports headlines in 2022

Staff Report

Dusty Baker's run to a World Series title win was one of the several memorable sports stories in 2022, on and off the field.

One of the most respected people in baseball, the one thing missing from Baker's resume: a World Series ring as a manager.

Baker finally got the elusive ring with the Houston Astros while erasing some of the taint of sign-stealing 2017 title in one of the best moments of the year in sports.

"Had this happened years ago, I might not even be here," Baker said. "So maybe it wasn't supposed to happen so that I could hopefully influence a few young men's lives and their families and a number of people in the country through showing what perseverance and character



can do for you in the long run."

Baker won a World Series with the Los Angeles Dodgers, but had gone 25 years without winning one as a manager. He had been to the Fall Classic twice before without winning and was the winningest manager without a title before the Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies in six games.

"To be the team that was able to pull it off for him, I know how much it means to him and it means so much to us," Astros pitcher Justin Verlander said.

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Orangefield tournament From Page 3B

with winning the tournament and the efforts by provided his Bobcats. "We were shorthanded today. Everybody stepped up and elevated their roles, and I thought they all did a great job to contribute to the win today," McDonald applauded.

The Bobcats could not rest on their laurels too long as the district schedule started on Tuesday against the Buna Cougars. McDonald commented, "We wanted to go into that game with some momentum, and I obviously think winning five games in three days will setup us for some success."

The Bridge City Cardinals played well in the Orangefield Tournament reaching the third place game. The Cardinals lost their opening game on Thursday 67-58 to the Woodville Eagles. Walker Britten dropped in five three-point baskets to finish the game with 34 points. Bryce Linder and Aaden Bush both scored 8 points.

Thursday evening Bridge City fared much better defeating the Liberty Panthers 62-54. Britten again led the Cardinals in scoring with 20 points followed by Bush with 9 and Fernando Rodriguez tallied 8 points.

The Cardinals played their best game of the tournament on Friday against the Onalaska Wildcats which had upset Jasper in their second game on Thursday. Balanced scoring saw Britten, Lincoln Breaux, and Aiden Gutierrez each score 17 points as Bridge City won 64-54 opening the door

for the Cardinals to play in the championship game if they could win their next game on Saturday morning.

Bridge City faced the Vidor Pirates with the winner advancing to the final game. The Cardinals got two threes and eight points from Britten to grab a 12-9 lead but a half court shot by the Pirates at the buzzer tied the game after the first quarter.

Vidor would hit fourteen threes in the game and made all six free throws. The Pirates cruised to a 72-46 triumph to earn their way to the final game against Orangefield.

In the third place game Bridge City played against Jasper. Linder was a monster inside for the Cardinals. Bryce scored 26 points and pulled down numerous rebounds against a bigger Jasper center.

The Bulldogs had an eight-point lead after three quarters but the Cardinals fought back with Gutierrez nailing a trio of threes in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to three.

A last second three-point shot by Jagger Carlin just missed which allowed Jasper to escape with a 59-56 win and third place in the tournament.

Pete Ragusa was named the MVP of the tournament. Three other Bobcats Jaden Scales, Zane Wrinkle, and Brayden Parker were named to the All-Tournament team. Walker Britten of the Cardinals also made the All-Tournament team.

Uzzle From Page 3B

acted to our presentations was eye opening and something very few anglers get the opportunity to witness. One thing we saw was how important the little things were in the clear water. For instance we compared using fluorocarbon leader to not using any at all and it was hands down better fishing with the clear leader material.

Another thing that seemed to fit in line with conventional thinking was using a smaller bait. We continuously changed plugs to see how they would work under those conditions and the smaller offerings won the battle. This is very similar to how we attack the same clear water in the summer, a Jr Spook or Spittin Image will often out fish a Super Spook or similar sized plug in that environment.

The biggest difference here was being

able to actually see the fish and how they reacted, it was incredible.

The winter months are not exactly what you would think of when the subject of clear water comes to mind but trust me when I tell you it's a mighty good time to check it out. For some reason the water seems to settle out quicker in the winter and the big fronts that empty the bay will help wash away most muddy runoff and usher in clean clear water in its place.

The potential to see things you never saw and catch fish in a way that was previously unthinkable is all you need to know to get yourself out there and see it for yourself.

It's well worth the time and effort to witness one of the coolest things you will see on the water or in the water.

Master Gardener From Page 3B

chase at a cost of \$15. Please don't think I'm a paid endorser for Baker Creek catalogues as this isn't the case but gardeners, this gardening enthusiast is simply stating if you have never experienced the pleasure of reading "The Whole Seed Catalogue" from Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company, cover to cover, try and locate or borrow a copy. Ask fellow gardening friends or

neighbors who have one, you will not be disappointed and what a fantastic resource it is!

If you have specific gardening questions or would like more information, send me an email: jongreene57@gmail.com or contact the Orange County Master Gardeners Helpline: (409) 882-7010 or visit our website: <https://txmg.org/orange>.

Kaz's Fearless Forecast From Page 1B

(11-4); Div. II—Poth (14-1) over Gunter (15-0).

• **Class 2A Div. I**—Refugio (14-1) over Hawley (15-0); Div. II—Mart (15-0) over Albany (13-2).

• **Class 1A (Six-Man) Div. I**—Abbott (14-0 over Westbrook (13-1); Div. II—Benjamin (13-0) over Loraine (13-1).

★ COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

• **Bahamas Bowl** 10:30 a.m.

Fri. at Nassau Bahamas (ESPN)—UAB (6-6) over Miami, Ohio (6-6).

• **Cure Bowl** 2 p.m. Fri. at Orlando, FL. (ESPN)—Troy (11-2) over UTSA (11-2).

• **Fenway Bowl** 10 a.m. Sat. at Boston, MA. (ESPN)—Cincinnati (9-3) over Louisville (7-5).

• **Celebration Bowl** 11 a.m. Sat. at Atlanta, Ga. (ABC)—Jackson State (12-0) over North Carolina Central (10-3).

• **New Mexico Bowl** 1:15 p.m. Sat. at Albuquerque, N.M. (ESPN)—BYU (7-5) over SMU (7-5).

• **LA Bowl** 2:30 p.m. Sat. at Inglewood, CA. (ABC)—Washington State (7-5) over Fresno State (9-4)

• **Lending Tree Bowl** 4:45 p.m. Sat. at Mobile, Ala. (ESPN)—Southern Mississippi (6-6) over Rice (5-7).

• **Las Vegas Bowl** 6:30 p.m. Sat. at Las Vegas (ABC)—Oregon State (9-3) over Florida (6-

6).

• **Frisco Bowl** 8:15 p.m. Sat. at Frisco, TX. (ESPN)—Boise State (9-4) over North Texas (7-5).

• **Myrtle Beach Bowl** 1:30 p.m. Monday at Conway, S.C. (ESPN)—Marshall (8-4) over UConn (6-6).

• **Potato Bowl** 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Boise, ID. (ESPN)—Eastern Michigan (8-4) over San Jose State (7-4).

• **Boca Raton Bowl** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Boca Raton, FL. (ESPN)—Toledo (8-5) over Liberty (8-4).

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