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Vidor girl killed while driving ATV

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

A 12-year-old Vidor girl was killed Sunday night in an accident in which she was driving an off-road side-by-side utility vehicle. Three passengers on the vehicle were injured. Vidor police attributed the accident to the girl going to fast, losing control, and running off the roadway.

Vidor police said the girl is Kaylee Woodward, a student at Vidor Junior High. Counselors at the school were helping students with their grief on Tuesday morning after the Labor Day holiday.

Police said the accident was about 7:30 p.m. Sunday near the intersection of South Lakeside and Springdale. The girl was taken by family members to Best Med Emergency Clinic in Vidor. Medical personnel there called for Acadian Ambulance and the child was then taken to the Trauma Center at

St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, where she died.

Off-road vehicles include All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) which are described by the industry as having three wheels and a seat for one person, the driver. A Utility Task Vehicle, also known as a side-by-side, or SxS, has seats for passengers.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that no child under the age of 16 without a driver's license should be driving an off-road vehicle.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says the off-road vehicles should never be driven on public roads. The department reports children younger than six should not ride or drive the vehicles. ATVs or UTVs of 70 cc are appropriate for ages 6 and older. Children ages 12 through 15 should stick to vehicles of 70 to 90 cc. Teens age 16 and up

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Big Bass anglers return to the Sabine in 2023

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

The professionals are returning to Orange to show us their big basses.

The Bassmaster Elite schedule for 2023 has the anglers returning to the Orange Boat Ramp June 1-4 to fish the Sabine River. It will be the fifth time in 10 years the professional tour has come to Orange.

In April 2021, the tournament and Sabine River Festival here drew 41,000 during four days. Orange has set Bassmaster attendance records, or come close to breaking other ones, ever since the first one was held here in March 2013.

The professional anglers come to Orange in their bright-colored boats and pickup trucks covered in sponsorship logos. The anglers vie for tens of thousands of dollars in prize money.

The Bassmasters organization said about Orange, "Anglers's skills will

be on display for enthusiastic fans as they weigh-in among a festival-like atmosphere featuring some of the largest crowds the Elite Series has ever seen."

Orange County and the city of Orange have used hotel occupancy tax money to help pay to attract the tournament here. The Stark Foundation and local businesses have also helped. According to Bassmaster, the 2021 tournament generated \$2.5 million for local businesses.

The city and the county have not announced their allocations for the 2022-23 hotel occupancy tax funds to know how much will be invested this year.

The tournament brings the Bassmaster organization's personnel, along with the professional anglers with their crews and families, to stay in local hotels. They also buy gas and fuel, plus eat in restaurants and shop.

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Each year, LSCO awards certain Faculty and Staff the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award. The award was established in 1991 to provide NISOD member colleges with an opportunity to recognize faculty and staff doing extraordinary work on their campuses. LSCO staff members receiving the award this year were Amy Brister, Alicia Lloyd, Jennifer Petitjean and Elizabeth Pressler. Faculty members receiving the award were Stacy DeMontmolin, Aubrey Ewer and seen above receiving her certificate from LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson is Cheryl January.

UW to help feed hungry OC families

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Air conditioners churned all summer to keep people cool, at least until their electric bills arrived. Gasoline prices soared during the summer. And grocery stores weekly raised prices on staples and all kinds of foods.

As people have been hit with inflation, they have cut back on their giving as they are paying more for the cost of living. Plus inflation coming after the Covid pandemic has edged more families and individuals into food insecurity. The food shelves in homes

and charities are growing empty around Orange County as local aid groups struggle to keep people from being hungry.

The inflation also comes as the United States Department of Agriculture is ending a pandemic policy of providing free school meals at breakfast and lunch to all students, not just the ones from low-income families.

The United Way of Orange County is trying to help out by having a countywide food drive to collect non-perishable foods to distribute to five groups in all areas of the county.

The food drive will be Friday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 1950 Martin Luther King Drive in Orange, and United Christian Care Center, 293 Wilson Street in Orange. Anyone may drive up to one of the two sites and leave food donations.

After the donations are collected, the food will be distributed to the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance, the Mission Office of First Baptist Church Orange, Orange Christian Services, Salvation Army, and United Christian Care Center in Vidor.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports food prices are up across the country an average of 8.5 to 9.5 percent. The July average food prices this year were an overall 10.9 percent more than July 2021. The food prices include groceries and restaurant foods. Grocery foods are up 13.1 percent in July this year compared to July last year.

As consumers are having to pay more out of their wallets for foods, they have slowed down on giving to food banks and other services to help people who are having financial problems.

Upcoming projects include Waffle House in Orange

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Commercial and residential construction projects in the city of Orange during August stayed strong with building permits including a \$350,000 remodeling project at the Waffle House on Texas Highway 62.

Pine Woods Sanitation, however, led the way in city building permits during August with a permit for a \$450,000 new building at 2004 DuPont Drive. The company provides garbage pickup across the region and has contracts with some Orange County cities.

In addition, the national homebuilding firms of

DSLH Homes and DR Horton continued to build new homes in the Cypresswood and Mallard Lakes subdivisions in different areas of the city.

The Piney Woods Sanitation building is another new building in the Cove neighborhood in Orange, one of the oldest in the city. The neighborhood is currently going through an improvement phase as old, dilapidated buildings are torn down and new ones are going up.

Last year, Tarver Performance Marine, 2112 Dupont Drive, constructed a new building valued at about \$440,000.

The one commercial building demolition permit issued during August

went to bring down a building at 1411 Dupont Drive and clear the lot.

The Waffle House at 2310 Texas Highway 62 south of Interstate 10 has the remodeling project that will include concrete work in the parking lot.

Other commercial projects are for a \$500 handicap roof at 1111 Green Avenue, plus a cell tower modification valued at \$15,000 for 2910 Enner Road.

DSLH Homes received three permits for new houses in Cypresswood Village Phase II subdivision for 703 Cottonwood Drive, 4502 Mimosa Drive and 4513 Mimosa Drive.

The subdivision is between Texas Highway 87

and FM 105 (Orangefield Road). Though the city does not list values of residential projects on building permits, the company advertises houses in the subdivision as costing between \$219,000 and \$267,000.

New house permits were also issued for 1105 Third Street and 1110 Fourth Street.

Permits for electricity to be installed went to four DSLH houses in Cypresswood Village at 4513 Mimosa, 4515 Mimosa, 703 Cottonwood Drive, and 4502 Mimosa.

D.R. Horton Homes is building new houses off Allie Payne Road in the

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Mayor Rutledge For The Record

I wasn't sure August was ever going to get over. It seems like it must've rained somewhere in the city every day.

The unsettled weather sure reminds me that "H" season is here. (I don't even want to say the word!) And those of us who have lived here very long know that September is usually the most active month of the Atlantic Basin "H" season for us.

For the last couple of months, the City and the School District folks have been going over plans for how we respond to a storm and what it takes to recover from one. Unfortunately, we've gotten fairly good at this due to a lot of practice over the last few years. We're in the process of solidifying those plans with the School and City, hoping that it's all going to be unnecessary this year. And as I've stated here several times, I would encourage everyone to sign up for the Southeast Texas Alerting Network (STAN) to be able to get factual, up-to-



Mayor Rutledge

date information in the event of emergencies and evacuations. Go to their website at www.theSTAN.com and sign up today.

Down at City Hall, we've completed work on and adopted our budget for the coming year that begins

opted. One thing that has helped us reduce our tax rate is the continued strong growth the City is experiencing. The biggest obstacle to holding the line on our budget will be the inflation rate in the coming year. For a lot of this year, higher prices and contract costs have been challenging. We tightened our belt and held the line where we could to reduce the impact of this inflationary period. City Staff and City Council will continue to work hard to provide those essential services to our citizens at a reasonable cost.

Speaking of providing services to our citizens, have you noticed the activ-

ity going on around the water tower on Sunnyside? That's where our contractor is drilling a new water well to increase our capacity and help us sustain our City growth rate. It's a long and time-consuming project, but it is part of a comprehensive plan for City infrastruc-

ture. It also gives us more flexibility and reliability in providing water to our houses and businesses. Just like in the rest of the country, the "supply chain" is making it challenging to get all the equipment we need to complete this as quickly as I'd like. However, when it finally gets installed and is operational, it will all be worth it. Another part of the City infrastructure plan has us working with our engineering team to develop a comprehensive street evaluation program. Over the next weeks and months, this team will determine the condition of all the streets in the City and their expected life cycles. From this we'll develop a systematic plan for repairing/resurfacing all our streets on a continuing basis. Stay tuned, you'll hear more about this as we get further into the program.

Be on the lookout later this month in the Penny Record for information on "National Night Out" taking place at the City Park on Tuesday, October 4th.

That's about it for now. See you around town. Take good care of "Bridge City, the Gateway to Lake Sabine."

"We've been able to reduce the ad valorem tax rate by 7.9% from last year."

October 1st. For this year's tax rate, we've been able to reduce the ad valorem tax rate by 7.9% from last year. It took a lot of budget trimming and watching all expected expenditures, but we feel confident that we can still serve our citizens and reduce our tax rate with the numbers we've ad-

ity going on around the water tower on Sunnyside? That's where our contractor is drilling a new water well to increase our capacity and help us sustain our City growth rate.

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American Legion, Post #49 Fish Fry

The American Legion, Post #49 located at 108 Green Ave. in Orange will be having a fish Fry lunch on Thursday, September 8th. The meal will consist of Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans with Pickles, Onions, Bread and Dessert for \$10.00 each.

If you wish to place an order, please do so on Wednesday, September 7th or for orders to go on Thursday, September 8th call before 9 am. The number to call is 409-886-1241.

Holiday in the Park booth space

Booth registrations are now being accepted for the City of West Orange's 2022 "Holiday in the Park" festival.

The festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 in the park next door to West Orange City Hall (2700 Western Avenue; West Orange, Texas).

This home-town, community festival brings in people from around the area wanting to kick off the holiday season. The event will have food booths, craft booths, children's activities and will feature local entertainment.

Non-electrical booth spaces (14' x 14') are available for \$40 each, while electrical booth spaces (20' x 14') are \$65 each. Booths are rented on a first-come, first-served basis. The City of West Orange reserves the right to the sale of all carbonated beverages. NO alcohol of any kind will be sold at, or allowed on, the festival grounds. Rules and regulations, as well as a site map and registration form can be found on the City's website located at www.cityofwestorange.com. For further information, or to reserve a booth space, contact West Orange City Hall at 409-883-3468.

BOOKS

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

While I was in the state Senate, I was invited and attended a Roundtable at Oxford on education. It was attended by educators from all over the world. Many were from countries just emerging from the dominance of the Soviet Union.

One thing that all the emerging nations shared was the fact that the previous government had placed limits on what they could teach in their schools. Social studies were no more than propaganda and even some theories of math had



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.

a bias. I am seriously concerned the same thing could be creeping into our own education system here in the United States.

Politicians in several states including Florida, Texas and others have decided they know more about teaching than educators. Several laws have been passed providing what subjects may or may not be taught in our public schools. Some even forbid the mention of race, racial bias, gender. It makes me wonder what's next. Perhaps your prayer book or your version of the Bible. Book burning through-

out history has been a threat to freedom of thought and democracy.

This is constitutional month celebrated in our nation. We should be pleased our nation's founding fathers have put in the document many freedoms including by implication the freedom of thought.

I seriously doubt that many of our teachers are attempting to indoctrinate children in a way of thought rather than simply teaching.

Good teachers don't teach children what to think; they teach them how to think.

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Grants available to Texas landowners for prescribed burning

Staff Report
For The Record

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M Forest Service is accepting applications for grants to help eligible Texas property owners with the cost of prescribed burning on their land.

The grants will reimburse landowners to offset the cost of having a prescribed burn conducted on their property by certified and insured prescribed burn managers. Last year, these grant programs provided more than \$322,000 to landowners for a total of 11,667 acres treated.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 30. Interested landowners can determine eligibility and find an application at tfsweb.tamu.edu/cppgrant.

"Prescribed burning can be an important and effective tool for landowners to reduce wildfire risk, while enhancing wildlife habitat and promoting a healthier forest ecosystem," said Weldon Dent, Texas A&M Forest Service Fuels Specialist.

Prescribed fire is a land management practice that eliminates brush, weeds, dried vegetation and downed trees. Prescribed fire also fosters seed and plant regeneration, reduces invasive plants and restores soil nutrients.

Texas A&M Forest Service offers grants to landowners to complete prescribed fires on private lands across the state, each with their own goals.

The Community Protection Program - Prescribed Fire Grant is available for property owners within 10 miles of a national forest in East Texas as well as property owners within 10 miles of the Caddo and LBJ national grasslands.

The State Fire Assistance for Mitigation Central and East Texas - Prescribed Fire Grant is available to all counties in the eastern part of the state, from Goliad County in South Texas to Cooke County along the Red River.

For residents in parts of the Panhandle, West Texas and South Texas, applications for the State Fire Assistance Mitigation - Plains Prescribed Fire Grant are available each June 15 through August 15.

Texas A&M Forest Service does not conduct these prescribed burns. Grant recipients must select a certified and insured prescribed burn manager to be eligible for reimbursement.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and an application, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/cppgrant/>.

permits were issued for 4201A White Oak Drive, 2912 17th Street, 1110 Fourth Street, 1502 Sholars Drive, and 5622 Meeks Drive.

One homeowner got an electrical permit for a solar panel system and four houses had electrical permits to hook up generators.

Permits for construction of swimming pools were issued for 3300 Chasse Ridge Drive, 1102 Allie Payne Road, and 4844 White Oak Road.

Residential demolition

Bridge City-Orangefield Rotary Student Awards



The Bridge City / Orangefield Rotary Club awarded Grant Hale Bridge City September Student of the Month. Pictured with Grant are BCHS Principal Tim Woolley, BCHS Counselor Lisa Huckaby, BC Superintendent Dr. Mike Kelly, his parents, Amanda and Ryan Hale, grandmother, Vonnie Tyler and Rotary President Dr. Mark Messer.



The Bridge City / Orangefield Rotary Club awarded Orangefield student Mackenzie Haley Orangefield's September Student of the Month. Accompanying Mackenzie are grandparents, Dennis O'Quinn, Larry and Kathy Perio, OF Superintendent Shawn McAlpin, OFHS Principal Ray Wrinkle, OFHS Counselor Crissa Bonnin and Rotary President Dr. Mark Messer.

Building projects From Page 1

Mallard Lake subdivision west of the Velma Jeter Apartments. The company got electrical permits to install at homes at 3513 Allie Payne Road, 3511 Allie Payne, 3515 Allie Payne, and 3517 Allie Payne.

Residential demolition

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through adults may be able to use 90cc-plus power.

TP&WD said state law requires helmets be worn in off-road vehicles along with appropriate seat belts.

The vehicles are not allowed to be operated in Texas by anyone younger than 14 and then accompanied by a parent or responsible adult with a driver's license.

Some UTV side-by-sides are allowed on public streets with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. However, they must meet vehicle standards and include an eight-foot-tall flag pole with an orange triangle at the top be attached to the back. A UTV on a public street must also have working taillights and headlights.

Even with meeting the qualifications for being on

a public street, the off-road vehicles are prohibited on Texas highways.

Some public beaches allow off-road vehicles and Texas requires those drivers to complete a safety certification course.

Exceptions for operating the off-road vehicles are allowed for farmers or ranches traveling less than 25 miles, and for public utility workers and law enforcement officers.

Bassmaster Elite return From Page 1

Area Chamber of Commerce, which also sponsors the tournaments, holds a festival at the Boat Ramp. The festival usually includes carnival rides,

food trucks, beverage booths, games, and family-oriented activities. Live entertainers perform concerts after the daily weigh-ins for the anglers.

The city of Orange built a covered pavilion with stage for events at the Sabine River and it was used at the 2021 Bassmaster Elite.

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From the Creaux's Nest WATCHING 9-11 AS IT UNFOLDED 21 YEARS AGO

As I sit here on the 21st anniversary of 9-11, my mind goes back to that moment. I was sitting in the office, my feet propped on the desk, the paper for that week was running late and Dwayne Marsh and I were just waiting on the truck. We were watching on what had been Uncle Jim McKay's old black and white television when Katie Couric, on the Today Show, made the announcement and showed a picture of a plane hitting the first of the Twin Towers. Shortly after, as we sat stunned, we watched a second plane slam into the other Tower. That's when the realization hit that this was something really bad. Then came the plane crashing into the Pentagon and another plane, headed for the White House, was forced down by some brave passengers into a vacant field. Passengers on all four planes were killed and both Towers had crashed down. We learned that thousands were killed. Dwayne put his head in his hands and sobbed openly. My feelings were hate and mad, very mad. Bin Laden took credit for engineering the successful attack on the World Trade Center. I knew right then he would have to die. As a youngster of Pearl Harbor, I knew he couldn't get away with this. We had to get him at all cost for this country's closure and to send the message that we will track any foe that attacks us down, no matter how long it takes. Fifty billion was spent in Afghanistan to capture Osama bin Laden. President Geo. W. Bush had pledged that Bin Laden was the USA's first priority. It took many years to get him. President Obama ordered Osama's capture or killing. Osama bin Laden was finally killed by Navy Seals in Pakistan. Today, Bin Laden lies at the bottom of the ocean. (Witness to history, September 11, 2001.)*****I gotta get going. Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

U.S. IS THREATENED BY ITS OWN CITIZENS

According to recent polls 53 percent to 56 percent of all Americans list their number one concern as our democracy. If you are not one of those Americans you haven't been paying attention. When President Joe Biden stood before Independence Hall in Philadelphia on Thursday night, he warned that American democracy stands at the precipice because of a decidedly different threat, one that, he said, comes from within the country's borders. The president of the United States was identifying his predecessor and some of his followers. Not since the Civil War has an American president issued such a stark warning about the behavior and menace posed by fellow Americans. "Not every Republican, not even the majority of Republicans, are MAGA Republicans," Biden said, "Not every Republican embraces their extreme ideology. He added, "I do think anyone who calls for the use of violence, fails to condemn violence when it's used, refuses to acknowledge that an election has been won, insists on changing the way in which you count votes, promising pardons for those who attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, that is a threat to democracy." Michael Beschloss, a presidential historian, who was among a group of academics who met with Biden last month to warn that American democracy is teetering, said it was not surprising that those who were the target of Biden's rhetoric would respond by dismissing it. "They would have to say the same thing about what Lincoln said in 1861 and what FDR warned about in 1938, Beschloss said." For God's sake, you cannot be afraid to critique your fellow man if they are doing something that is a threat to this country.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2012

We were sorry to learn of the death of Betty Drake, age 88, who passed away Sept. 4. We had known Betty, husband Earl and daughter Vickie since the 1960's. Betty was a native of Pineville, Ky. and enjoyed telling the story of being raised with the descendants of the feuding Hatfield's and McCoy's. Betty lived an interesting and full life. She loved people and loved talking.*****Ray and Tina Cotton are putting on a rare and unique show at the Longhorn on Sept. 14. It's called the Bayou Boys Reunion but it's much more than that. It's three of the most talented Cajun artists, starring Louisiana Man Doug Kershaw and his cousin Eddy Raven. I believe Eddy's mom and Doug's dad were brother and sister. What Doug does with a fiddle, Jo-El Sonnier does with an accordion. The three Cajuns together will be a show you never have seen before and will probably never see again.*****Speaking of things to do, Bruce and Donna Self, after many months, have moved into their new Burger Town, on Hwy. 1442. The restaurant is really nice, the menu is great. For many years they have been serving their famous hamburgers and fish burgers. Every Bridge City school grad remembers when Burger Town was their first, favorite eating spot. Today, they offer a large menu of fine foods. I'll be there this week. Hope you will join me. You will

never have friendlier service. I'll also walk next door and pick up some fresh pork cracklins at Paw Paws. They make good products.*****In the wake of the 9-11 terrorist attack, Orange County received it's own awakening to security issues. A hostage situation at the court house was quickly resolved by Constable Parker Thompson on Oct. 24, 2001.*****Thursday night in the first game of the NFL season, Matt Bryant, of Bridge City, scored the first three points of the season for the New York Giants. He kicked two field goals and one extra point in his first pro game. Prior to joining the Giants, Matt worked at K.C. Pawn Shop, in Orange.*****The Navarro brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Navarro, are in service to their country. Jonathan, a senior airman, is stationed in Sato Cana Air Force base, Honduras. His brother, Justin, is stationed at Otis Air Force station, Cape Cod.*****Roy Dunn faced bad weather to attend the open heart surgery of his nephew, Troy Sorbert, in New Orleans. The surgery took nearly five hours. (Editor's note: Troy recovered. Roy de-toured to visit his mom at a nursing home in Covington and later wrote a Down Life's Highway column about his visit with his mom.)*****The West Orange-Stark Mustangs beat the number four state ranked Bay City Black Cats 53-35. Kerry Franks ran back a kick off for an 80-yard touchdown. The Mustangs defense scored twice before the WO-S offense even touched the ball.

20 Years Ago-2002

Orange County boys in the NFL had a good day. On the 10th anniversary of Matt Bryant's first field goal with the New York Giants on opening day 2002, Sunday he kicked four field goals and four extra points in the Atlanta Falcons 40-24 win over the Chiefs.***Orange native Coach Wade Phillips' Texan defense hasn't given up a touchdown and beat Miami 30-10. Miami's TD came on a pass interception.*****The Wednesday Lunch Bunch met at Robert's last week. Christy Khoury invited three beautiful ladies. Dining with the group were Dayle Forman, Naomi "Aunt Sue" Stevens and Frances Collins, who has written a book on her flight to Honduras with her grandchild, Nocona and the events that followed.

45 Years Ago-1977

The cutest, sexiest little gal in Orange County is the new body in the 163rd District Court. Mickey Litton, of Bridge City, was hired to fill for Bobbie Burgess, who has taken time out to have a little one. Mickey formerly worked for State Rep. Wayne Peveto in his Austin office. Mickey will work through December, then she plans to attend court reporting school when Bobbie returns to work.*****Our Justice of the Peace at work J.P. Pat Brown, Pct. 4, handled 195 cases last month and collected \$3,642 in fines; Pct. 3 JP, Martin Ardoin, 86 cases, \$1,950 in fines; Pct. 1 JP, Claude Wimberley, 95 cases, \$1,393 in fines.*****Sheriff Ed Parker is selected to attend FBI Academy, in Quantico, Va. This makes first time anyone from the Orange County Sheriff's Department has been invited to attend. Eleven weeks, Sept. 21-Dec. 9.*****Ronnie Herman is killed by three shotgun blasts and dumped in a canal in Newton County. This murder is far reaching. Newton investigators say it likely will not be solved anytime soon, if ever. (Editor's note: Twenty-five years later, Thomas Teal confessed that he and his brother, Donald, shot and killed Ronnie.)*****Employees of the Beaumont Enterprise merge to vote on unionizing on Sept. 22. International Typographical Union Local 87 has called for the vote. If successful, the Enterprise will be the first news-editorial department in the area to be represented by a union.*****Marshall Gray turned 55 last weekend.*****Sharon Gregory, chosen Miss Teenager USA takes a stand against the pageant and rejects the title of Miss Teenager USA.*****Inez Hearn is honored for 26 years of employment with Montgomery Ward. (Editor's note: Monkey Wards should have been congratulated for putting up with her all those year.)*****James Linscomb, an Orange Countian who has been in business in Huntsville for several years, has returned and bought thousands of acres in the Mauriceville area and has made it available to the public in up to 10-acre tracts in Woodridge Country.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

I understand Danny Cole gave himself a birthday present by going on a cruise.*****I recall when attorney Sharon Bearden had two boys Jim Sharon and Tyler playing high school sports. His friends had to listen to blow by blow of the boys actions. Today Bearden has two grandsons, Jim Sharon's boys, J.S. and Hutch playing Bridge City football. I'm sure granddad Bearden is not missing a blow. Sorry I'm not around to hear about it. I think they are doing pretty good.*****Cowboy Harley-Davidson of Beaumont, originally owned by Walter Umphrey, has been sold to a Florida company. Ed Morse Automotive Group purchased three Cowboy Harley-Davidson locations in Texas.*****Bridge City High School showed neighborly love this week by letting their cross-county rivals play their big showdown on the Cardinals new field. West Orange-Stark Mustangs and Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears renewed their Orange Bowl game, however, the new Battlin' Bear Stadium was not ready for Friday's game. So Bridge City hosted the two teams in a Thursday night game at their newly-remodeled stadium. The Mustangs won a squeaker that many say is the best game played in the long-running series between the two. The Cardinals were ready to Rock the Moe on Friday night and beat Buna with another good game on the new turf. Music lovers appreciated the Bridge City High School choir opening with the Star Spangled Banner. However, the Cardinals were a big "out of this world" on Friday. Who were the giant green space aliens appearing at the pep rally and who were they carrying? And one young Cardinal drew extra attention this week. Bridge City Intermediate student Braxton Burch was seen by parents holding the door open for students at the drop-off lane. A good report like that earned him a certificate.*****Former Orange mayor Brown Claybar and wife, Linda, celebrated their Golden Anniversary for 50 years of

marriage.*****Julie and Iain Hurn marked 56 years of being married.*****Suzie and Frank Wallace went across the river to the Golden Nugget for a cozy 45th anniversary at Vic and Anthony's Steakhouse.*****Lots of birthdays were celebrated during the first week of September, including one for Alma Thibodeaux, who turned 96. She got a few dance steps in with a bit of help from grown grandchildren. She still has the moves.*****Ambrose Claybar with wife Cindy and grandsons went out for his birthday and he received a green Polo shirt with yellow-gold trim. Perfect for the LC-M Bear fan.*****Judy Prudhomme is telling people she is now 50 "plus shipping and handling" after her latest birthday.*****Beverly Roberts Hanes turned 79 and former Sheriff Keith Merritt is now 71.*****Phillip Caillavet marked his 68th birthday with wife, Pat, at the Bolivar Beach Club.*****Francisca Garza enjoyed a birthday lunch in Beaumont with friends Rosalie Eason, Pam Burrow, and Sarah Berryman.*****Colette Adcock along with husband, Ron, and family had a birthday dinner at the Neches River Wheelhouse.*****Keller Claybar turned 11 and partied at La Cantina with friends and family. He had a big cake, but no margaritas for the youngster.*****Other birthday celebrants during the week included the ageless Debbie Townsend, Angie Vincent, Blake Hamilton, and 8-year-old Kiley Griggs.*****Recently retired Lacey Gunn Hale, Meri Elen Jacobs, and Kim Bonnin Smith played ladies who lunch and shop in Lake Charles. Heard there was a stop at a wine shop.*****Rita Monson and Della Gallien traveled to Carlyss, Louisiana, for an outing.*****Aaron and LaTouia DuBois got to leave the little ones home for a date night.*****Melissa Anne Rushing says she's got a relationship going with the Buccie mascot after all the stops during trips back and forth to Houston to see her granddaughter.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know who will be celebrating in the next few days. Sept. 7: Happy Birthday to Gerald LeLeux, Colton Cockerel, Jessica Miller, Terri Childs, Karen Morse and Eric Cox.*****Sept. 8: On this day in 1938, some 84 years ago, the ribbon cutting and opening to the public of the Rainbow Bridge was held. It was deemed the tallest bridge in the South. The two-lane, narrow bridge ran in both directions. Happy Birthday Rainbow. Also celebrating today are Charlie Bollich, Julie Bock, Janice James, Darla Cricchio and Ronnie Bullion.*****Sept. 9: Happy Birthday Pam Smith, Sharon Gearhart, I can't believe that pretty lady turns 69. Also celebrating are Janet LeLeux, Lisa Wilson, Brent Sherrill, and Jesse Thurman. Our late friend Millard "Neighbor" Cox celebrated on this day. We miss him every day.*****Sept. 10: A special lady and great friend, Tanya Birdwell celebrates today. Also Lisa Whitman, Laura Womack, Jamie Oliphint, Dena Bates and Manson Pruett. Happy Anniversary to Kelly and John Kimbrough. Best wishes for many more.*****Sept. 11: Today is the 21st anniversary of 9-11. Happy Birthday to Chris Kovatch, Billy Fontenot, Donna Lanthier and Shannon Sparks.*****Sept. 12: Happy Birthday to Bubba's other half, "Girl Friday" at the Record Newspapers, Brenda Lund. Also celebrating Charlene Warren, Greg Ball, Karen Warner, Bryan Riedel, Buffy Bean, Cynthia Claybar and Tiffany Higgs.*****Sept. 13: Celebrating today is Mark's youngest daughter Jenna Dunn Ballou, mother of four of his grandkids. Happy Birthday to Janet Danna, Paige Psencik, Kade Hanks, Connie Swops and Margaret Jeffcote. Happy Anniversary to Barbara and Tommy Harmon. Tommy married that Cajun girl many years ago. On this day also is the 14th anniversary of Hurricane Ike hitting Orange County.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Carl Bigneaux walked into Tee-Boy's Bar and Gill at 9:45 p.m. and sits at da bar next to Norris Comeaux. Norris is not the brightest guy in the joint no. Da 10 p.m. news came on da TV and da news crew was covering a story of a man on da ledge of a large building preparing to jump him. Bigneaux turn to Comeaux and he say, "You know, I bet he'll jump him." Comeaux answer, "Well, I bet he won't." Bigneaux put a \$20 bill on da bar and he say, "You on." Jus as Comeaux was put his money on da bar, da guy on da TV did a swan dive off of da building, falling to his death. Comeaux him got very upset and handed da \$20 to Bigneaux and said, "All is fair, here is you money." Bigneaux say, "I can't take you money me, I saw dis earlier on da 6 o'clock news and knew dat he would jump." Comeaux say, "Me too, but I don't tink da fool would do it again, him."

C'EST TOUT THE NIGHT IKE CAME

Fourteen years ago, on this day, in 2008, we were watching a big storm that covered most of the Gulf. A large high hung over the area. I was convinced, as most observers were, that the storm was headed to the Corpus, South Texas area. Without notice, on the morning of Sept. 12, the high pressure protecting us backed up to the Dallas area and like a vacuum, on Sept. 13, Hurricane Ike turned and took dead aim at us. People scrambled to evacuate at the last minute. By 8 p.m., the winds were picking up but there was still time to leave. We chose to stay. The winds howled all night, the house shook and around 2:15 a.m. Lake Sabine was pouring into the house. By flashlight what I could see was that Bridge City was now part of the Lake. We were trapped and at daylight we found others who were in the same boat. A lady two houses down sat on her roof. Snakes, alligators, dead animals and some live dogs, that had been swimming for hours, came by. For days we depended on outside help. For months we rebuilt our homes and our lives. I'm glad to report that as a people and a community, Orange County is doing just fine and Bridge City continues to grow but I don't believe I'll ever stay to welcome another hurricane.*****Again I want to thank you for your time. Please patronize our family of advertisers, read us cover to cover and check us out regularly on our website, therecordlive.com. My time is up. Until next time, take care and God bless.

Trees: transplant during Autumn

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Can you believe we are now more than halfway thru hurricane season 2022? Fortunately, there have been no tropical storm developments within the Gulf of Mexico so far and I'm going to "knock on wood", ancient superstition or not! Hurricanes not only damage homes, buildings, and other structures but severely damage plants, especially trees. Often, trees appear to weather tropical storms and hurricanes with minimal damage from high winds and excessive rainfall, then a year or two afterward, trees simply die off, I can attest to losing approximately thirty percent of trees which were toppled over from a combination of saturated soil and high winds, or large branches broken during high winds which allowed disease to manifest. Fall is the perfect opportunity to transplant trees; it's time to recoup what we have lost!

Live oak tree with an enormous crown spreading more than two hundred feet. (Image courtesy Pintrest.com)

Trees are an incredibly important aspect of our environment, providing food, such as fruit and nuts, lumber for building, pulp for paper, but also habitats for thousands of insect, bird, and animal species. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, "a mature tree extracts more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and releases oxygen in exchange". Trees do more for us than give us food, building material and oxygen. They provide us shade, which helps cool the earth.

Most of a trees' growth occurs during the spring and summer months, while there is an abundance of sunshine. As days grow shorter in fall, trees are alerted and begin making ready for winter with leaves changing color from green turning red, orange, gold and brown, because with less sunlight and water for photosynthesis, the green chlorophyll begins to disappear.

As winter approaches, trees use less food stored



Live Oak trees are among those with the highest wind resistance.

from summer entering a rest period (dormancy). There are two different types of trees, deciduous and evergreen. Deciduous trees, such as oak trees, lose their leaves in fall and remain bare throughout winter. Evergreen trees, such as pine trees, don't lose their leaves simultaneously, but always keep some leaves on their branches, so they look like they are full. They lose a few everyday with new leaves replacing the old, almost immediately.

Parts of a Tree: Crown, Trunk and Roots

The top of the tree or crown is made up of branches and leaves. Branches provide support and distribute leaves efficiently for tree type. They are also conduits for water, nutrients, and storage of extra sugar (carbohydrates). Leaves take the energy from the sun and convert it into sugar (food) for the tree. Leaves are the "food factories" for the tree, containing chlorophyll, which gives the leaves their green color. It is very important in photosynthesis, as the leaves use the sun's energy to convert carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and water from the soil into sugar and oxygen. The sugar is stored in the tree's branches, trunks and roots and the oxygen is released back into the atmosphere.

The roots are the parts of the tree growing beneath the soil. Trees have enormous number of root systems; in fact, the number of roots is similar the number of leaves, limbs and branches combined. It requires a lot of roots to hold upright a 100-foot tree. Roots have three purposes:

structure (hold tree upright), collection (water and nutrients from the soil), and storage (water and nutrients for later use).

The trunk of the tree is an integrated structure anchored by the roots while supporting the crown. It also transports water and nutrients to and from the soil and sugar from the leaves. A tree's trunk is comprised of 5 parts: bark (inner & outer), cambium, sapwood (xylem), heartwood and pith.

Trees with the highest wind resistance (University of Florida 10-year study)

The University of Florida researched wind tolerant trees in communities that received hurricane force winds between 1992-2005, identifying several trees which appear to be somewhat resistant to wind damage. It is thought that the growth (form) of the trees helped them resist wind better.

Plant trees in groups of five rather than individual trees and plant a diversity of species and sizes/age groups. Creating a wind resistant tree canopy includes planting more of the wind tolerant trees and removal of the wind intolerant trees, especially if they are likely to cause property damage.

Fellow gardeners let's grow ourselves a greener, more sustainable world, one plant (or tree), at a time!

If you have specific gardening questions or would like more information, contact the Orange County Master Gardeners Helpline: (409) 882-7010 or visit our website: <https://txmg.org/orange>, Facebook: Orange County Texas Master Gardeners Association or Email: extension@co.orange.tx.us.



Stark Museum of Art Playdate is Back

(ORANGE, TX) – The Stark Museum of Art is excited to announce the return of our SMA Playdate program for children ages 5 and under and their grown-ups beginning Friday, September 9, 2022! This FREE monthly program is held on the first Friday of the month from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Walter G. Riedel III Education Center at the Stark Museum of Art.

Little artists and their grown-ups will enjoy hands-on learning opportunities during this program, including storytelling, imaginative play, and art-making with an emphasis on building fine motor skills. Each month features a new art-inspired story and activity to help little artists and their grown-ups engage with a work of art at the Stark Museum of Art.

"We are delighted to announce the return of our SMA Playdate program on Friday, September 9, 2022!" comments Jennifer Dickinson, Director, Education, "This is a beloved program that we shifted to

a kit-based model during the height of the pandemic for the safety of the children and their families. We cannot wait to welcome our little artists and their grown-ups back into the studio for monthly art-making and art-inspired play!"

SMA Playdates will be held on the second Friday of the month from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. September 2022 through May 2023. Admission to SMA Playdate is free. For more information, please visit starkmuseum.org.

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September is 'H' season, reduced taxes for BC

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Mayor Rutledge For The Record

I wasn't sure August was ever going to get over. It seems like it must've rained somewhere in the city every day.

The unsettled weather sure reminds me that "H" season is here. (I don't even want to say the word!) And those of us who have lived here very long know that September is usually the most active month of the Atlantic Basin "H" season for us.

For the last couple of months, the City and the School District folks have been going over plans for how we respond to a storm and what it takes to recover from one. Unfortunately, we've gotten fairly good at this due to a lot of practice over the last few years. We're in the process of solidifying those plans with the School and City, hoping that it's all going to be unnecessary this year. And as I've stated here several times, I would encourage everyone to sign up for the Southeast Texas Alerting Network (STAN) to be able to get factual, up-to-



Mayor Rutledge

date information in the event of emergencies and evacuations. Go to their website at www.theSTAN.com and sign up today.

Down at City Hall, we've completed work on and adopted our budget for the coming year that begins

opted. One thing that has helped us reduce our tax rate is the continued strong growth the City is experiencing. The biggest obstacle to holding the line on our budget will be the inflation rate in the coming year. For a lot of this year, higher prices and contract costs have been challenging. We tightened our belt and held the line where we could to reduce the impact of this inflationary period. City Staff and City Council will continue to work hard to provide those essential services to our citizens at a reasonable cost.

Speaking of providing services to our citizens, have you noticed the activ-

ture. It also gives us more flexibility and reliability in providing water to our houses and businesses. Just like in the rest of the country, the "supply chain" is making it challenging to get all the equipment we need to complete this as quickly as I'd like. However, when it finally gets installed and is operational, it will all be worth it.

Another part of the City infrastructure plan has us working with our engineering team to develop a comprehensive street evaluation program. Over the next weeks and months, this team will determine the condition of all the streets in the City and their expected life cycles. From this we'll develop a systematic plan for repairing/resurfacing all our streets on a continuing basis. Stay tuned, you'll hear more about this as we get further into the program.

Be on the lookout later this month in the Penny Record for information on "National Night Out" taking place at the City Park on Tuesday, October 4th.

That's about it for now. See you around town. Take good care of "Bridge City, the Gateway to Lake Sabine."

"We've been able to reduce the ad valorem tax rate by 7.9% from last year."

October 1st. For this year's tax rate, we've been able to reduce the ad valorem tax rate by 7.9% from last year. It took a lot of budget trimming and watching all expected expenditures, but we feel confident that we can still serve our citizens and reduce our tax rate with the numbers we've ad-

ity going on around the water tower on Sunnyside? That's where our contractor is drilling a new water well to increase our capacity and help us sustain our City growth rate.

It's a long and time-consuming project, but it is part of a comprehensive plan for City infrastruc-

American Legion, Post #49 Fish Fry

The American Legion, Post #49 located at 108 Green Ave. in Orange will be having a fish Fry lunch on Thursday, September 8th. The meal will consist of Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans with Pickles, Onions, Bread and Dessert for \$10.00 each.

If you wish to place an order, please do so on Wednesday, September 7th or for orders to go on Thursday, September 8th call before 9 am. The number to call is 409-886-1241.

Holiday in the Park booth space

Booth registrations are now being accepted for the City of West Orange's 2022 "Holiday in the Park" festival.

The festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 in the park next door to West Orange City Hall (2700 Western Avenue, West Orange, Texas).

This home-town, community festival brings in people from around the area wanting to kick off the holiday season. The event will have food booths, craft booths, children's activities and will feature local entertainment.

Non-electrical booth spaces (14' x 14') are available for \$40 each, while electrical booth spaces (20' x 14') are \$65 each. Booths are rented on a first-come, first-served basis. The City of West Orange reserves the right to the sale of all carbonated beverages. NO alcohol of any kind will be sold at, or allowed on, the festival grounds. Rules and regulations, as well as a site map and registration form can be found on the City's website located at www.cityofwestorange.com. For further information, or to reserve a booth space, contact West Orange City Hall at 409-883-3468.

BOOKS

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

While I was in the state Senate, I was invited and attended a Roundtable at Oxford on education. It was attended by educators from all over the world. Many were from countries just emerging from the dominance of the Soviet Union.

One thing that all the emerging nations shared was the fact that the previous government had placed limits on what they could teach in their schools. Social studies were no more than propaganda and even some theories of math had



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.

a bias. I am seriously concerned the same thing could be creeping into our own education system here in the United States.

Politicians in several states including Florida, Texas and others have decided they know more about teaching than educators. Several laws have been passed providing what subjects may or may not be taught in our public schools. Some even forbid the mention of race, racial bias, gender. It makes me wonder what's next. Perhaps your prayer book or your version of the Bible.

Book burning through-

out history has been a threat to freedom of thought and democracy.

This is constitutional month celebrated in our nation. We should be pleased our nation's founding fathers have put in the document many freedoms including by implication the freedom of thought.

I seriously doubt that many of our teachers are attempting to indoctrinate children in a way of thought rather than simply teaching.

Good teachers don't teach children what to think; they teach them how to think.

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Bridge City defeats Buna in thriller

OC SPORTS BEAT
DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Bridge City Cardinals and their fans celebrated their first game on the new field at Larry Ward Stadium on Friday night. The celebration was almost curtailed by a spirited comeback by the visiting Buna Cougars, but the Cardinals prevailed 23-20 for their first win of the season.

The Bridge City School District held a special ceremony prior to the kickoff including a ribbon cutting in recognition of the new synthetic surface installed on Mo Litton Field at Larry Ward Stadium. It was first game for the Bridge City varsity team to play on the artificial turf.

The Cardinals played hard and with great emotion taking a 23-6 lead at halftime. In the second half Bridge City struggled to find any offense and were fortunate to hold on at the end to the victory.

Sophomore quarterback Hutch Bearden played wonderfully for the Cardinals in the first two quarters completing 6 of 9 passes for 108 yards. Hutch also ran the ball 12 times for 63 yards including a touchdown.

Bridge City and Buna were scoreless after one quarter. Early in the second period the Cardinals started a drive at their 43. Bearden completed a 14-yard pass to Noah Broussard for a first down to the Buna 40.

Bearden broke loose on a 20-yard run to the 20. After a short carry by Hutch, big brother JS Bearden took over and ran four yards to the 13 before scoring the initial touchdown of the game from there. Victor Hernandez made his kick to give Bridge City a 7-0 lead with 8:10 before halftime.

Next possession the Cardinals repeated the previous drive. Hutch completed first down passes of 12 and 10 yards to Gavin Bodin. Hutch ran 14 yards for a third first down to the Buna 11.

Another run by Hutch moved the ball to the three where JS punched it into the end zone for his second touchdown of the game. Hernandez made the score 14-0 with 4:19 to play in the second quarter.

The Cardinal defense had limited the Cougar offense to just two first downs to that point in the game. Quarterback Toby Marse completed three straight passes for first downs. The third was good for 27 yards to Gavin Theriot and a touchdown.

The point after kick was blocked by the Cardinals' Mason Pruitt who picked up the bouncing football and returned it for two points for Bridge City. The score was 16-6 with 2:11 left before halftime.

The ensuing kickoff went to Bridge City which started at its 37. On the first play Bearden passed to Bodin who made a very nifty run after the catch and the play netted 48 yards to the Buna 15.

JS Bearden carried the ball for 9 yards to the 6 from where Hutch executed the quarterback draw to perfection and scored with a 1:21 still to play in the half. The Cardinals went to the locker room in control 23-6 having scored on their last three possessions of the half, and they



Dan Perrine

would receive the second half kickoff.

Things immediately went awry to start the third quarter. On the first play from scrimmage

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Bridge City Cardinal quarterback Hutch Bearden finds running room in Big Red's home opener defeating Buna 23-20. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson



Bridge City Cardinal running back JS Bearden breaks loose to score in the 23-20 victory over the Buna Cougars. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson

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College football teams want bigger paydays; some will get it

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

While driving home from the grocery store in the rain Sunday after the handicapped and elderly customers like myself had to march back from the store into the parking lot in the rain to fetch an empty basket so we could spend our good money for that incompetent store manager's paycheck, I heard an interesting conversation on the car radio.

This was a national sportscast about the Big Ten Conference expanding to match the numbers that the Southeastern Conference will have in a couple of years by luring West Coast football teams into their fold.

The conversation was predicated on the fact that the two highest-ranked teams on the West Coast—Oregon and Utah—both were upset last weekend.

"I don't even think the Big Ten would want Oregon after the way defending national champion Georgia annihilated them 49-3 Saturday," the lead sportscaster quipped.

"Wait a minute," his comrade interrupted obviously somewhat bent out of shape. "You must remember the old adage that one game doesn't make a football season. My Ducks still have a chance to play well enough to have a good year—even a championship season."

All this kind of bantering has taken place the last few days, especially after university presidents who oversee the college football playoff (CFP) voted to expand the postseason event from eight teams to 12.

The top four seeds would be conference champions and would receive byes into the second round. First-round games would be played on campus and the rest at bowl sites, according to the Associated Press.

"A 12-team, 11-game postseason system to crown a champion could be worth as much as \$2 billion in media rights to the conferences that play major college football starting in 2026.

"If the new format can be implemented before the current 12-year contract with ESPN expires after the 2025 season, the conferences could make an additional \$450 million over the final two years. The current deal pays about \$470 million per year," the AP article pointed out.

This idea has been cussed and discussed since June 2021 and finally came to fruition on Friday when the news broke that the CFP's Board of Managers approved the idea which will begin in 2026. Several entities believe the 12-team playoff system can go into effect as soon as 2024.

College football didn't

make this move simply to be nice to four other teams—it's the extra bucks the additional playoff games will bring in. Of course, the NCAA didn't object because they get a cut out of each and every playoff game.

And big money is what lured the Texas Longhorns and Oklahoma Sooners to say goodbye to the Big-12 and join the Southeastern Conference where the big bucks are flowing. And that's the same reason USC and UCLA are vamoosing from the Pac-12 and heading to the Big Ten.

I think the four additional teams will definitely weaken the CFP. But it will also enable mediocre teams having a great season an opportunity to cash in on the money tree.

This should eliminate the idea of having to watch Alabama, Georgia, Notre Dame and Ohio State play in the same playoff games every year, Sunday's article in the Houston Chronicle pointed out.

"If you can't make a 12-team CFP, then how good are you, really?" the article asks.

KWICKIES...

The Houston Astros returned home for a Labor Day game with the state rival Texas Rangers which began a three-game series at Minute Maid Park. The Astros still have a comfortable lead in the AL West Division and have a "magic number" that just dipped under the 20-mark. That means the number drops by one each time Houston wins or Seattle loses.

The San Francisco 49ers are putting all their trust in young quarterback Trey Lance, who beat out veteran Jimmy Garoppolo to start the new season on Sunday. But the team still wanted Garoppolo around as an insurance policy and negotiated a new contract with him.

Ageless St. Louis Cardinals' slugger Albert Pujols continues to do what he does best in September and October—hits home runs. He hit a pinch homer Sunday which was career number 695, just one shy of A-Rod, who is in fourth place all-time.

For anyone who really cares, Dustin Johnson eagled the first playoff hole to win the LIV Golf Invitational-Boston Sunday and pocketed \$4 million. His 35-foot putt defeated Joaquin Niemann and Anirban Lahiri (not exactly household names).

Orange native R.C. Slocum recalls the memorable evening in April 2001 when he was the head coach at



Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast

★ WEST ORANGE-STARK OVER PORT NECHES GROVES

The Mustangs had a real "gut check" last week against the LCM Bears with many of their fans believing they were very lucky to escape with a win. This week's match-up with the Indians looks even tougher. The 'Stangs had better remember the "good ole days" when complacency was just a hard word to spell.

★ LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURICEVILLE OVER BRIDGE CITY

Both teams played very well last week with the Battlin' Bears almost pulling off the upset over the Mighty Mustangs and the Cardinals presenting Head Coach Cody McGuire with his first Bridge City victory. This game could be close, but probably won't be.

★ ORANGFIELD OVER SHEPHERD

The Bobcats ran into a buzz-saw last week, getting their early-season reality check. And they had better be careful this week to avoid back-to-back losses. I look for Head Coach Josh Smalley to see that does not happen.

★ VIDOR OVER BRAZOSPORT

The Pirates need to hit the victory column for the first time this season and play like the defending district champions they are.

★ DEWEYVILLE OVER WEST HARDIN

This looks like a tough opponent on the road

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Texas A&M and he ate tacos at a local College station restaurant with Russian president Mikhail Gorbachev and George H. W. Bush plus a bunch of Secret service agents. He said that Gorbachev also had a couple of bodyguards with him, according to Sunday's issue of the Houston Chronicle.

It seems like good things happen to nice guys like Russell Wilson. The new Denver Broncos' quarterback recently signed a five-year, \$245 million contract extension that includes a \$50 million signing bonus, \$77 million in the first eight months and \$165 million in guarantees. And some of the contract evaluators believe he left plenty of money

on the table. But Wilson is happy and that's all that counts.

JUST BETWEEN US...

ESPN's "Get Up" show Monday morning predicted some of the individual awards they expect the NFL to hand out at the end of the 2022 season. Two of the four commentators chose Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert as the MVP while Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes and Buffalo's Josh Allen received the other two votes. One of the geniuses pointed that when the NFL media votes for anything, it's similar the Heisman Award voters "who are a bunch of crochety old men that don't like repeat winners".



West Orange Stark running back Dustin Helm takes the hand off against the LCM Bears in Orange Bowl football action. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

Mustangs defeat Bears in Orange Bowl

DAN PERRINE
FOR THE RECORD

One of the more entertaining Orange Bowls was played Thursday night in Bridge City's Larry Ward Stadium. The West Orange-Stark Mustangs continued their dominance in the series with a 38-32 win over their crosstown rivals the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears.

Both teams scored five touchdowns in the contest. The difference was the Mustangs were successful on four of five two-point conversions while the Bears only made two point after kicks on their five scores.

West Orange-Stark (2-0) only has two losses in the four decades of games with the Bears. The Mustangs remain undefeated on the season with both wins against schools from higher classifications.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville (1-1) had the early lead in the game. The Bears could not maintain the 12-point advantage against the Mustangs.

After stopping the Mustangs on a fourth down run on their first drive, the Bears drove forty yards to score just over two minutes into the first quarter.

Da'Marion Morris caught a pass for 20 yards that he took to the Mustangs' 10. Morris scored on the next play for a 7-0 Bears' lead after the point after by Dan-yan Craft.

West Orange-Stark responded by driving 55 yards in five plays for a score. Quarterback Keyshawn Robinson ran the ball three times for 43 yards the last 15 yards scoring the touchdown. Jailen Brown scored the two-point conversion from the Wildcat formation to give the Mustangs an 8-7 lead with 6:35 left in the initial quarter.

The Bears scored the third touchdown in consecutive possessions. This drive was 65 yards and eleven plays. Morris scored on a 4-yard run, and Craft kicked to make the score 14-8 with 54 seconds left in the first period.

LCM's defense forced another punt after three Mustang plays, and Morris returned the punt inside West Orange-Stark territory which was compounded by a major penalty on the Mustangs moving the ball to their 25.

It took Little Cypress-Mauriceville just two

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Bridge City Cardinal Noah Broussard carries the ball during the thrilling 23-20 victory over the Buna Cougars in Larry Ward Stadium. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson



Bridge City Cardinal runningback JS Bearden dives over the goal line for a touchdown in the 23-20 victory over Buna. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson



West Orange Stark Mustang ball carrier Jailen Brown crosses the goal line to score over the LCM Battlin' Bears. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs



West Orange Stark Mustang ball carrier Dustin Helm breaks away for a big gain against the LCM Bears. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

ORANGE COUNTY FOOTBALL PREVIEW: WEEK 3

OC SPORTS BEAT
DAN PERRINE
For The Record

LCM Bears collide with BC Cardinals

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears go from playing an intense rival last week to facing another one this week. The Bears are playing all their early season games on the road while artificial turf is being installed at their home field of Battlin' Bear Stadium.

Last week was the Orange Bowl between the Bears and crosstown rival the West Orange-Stark Mustangs. LCM came out strong taking a 20-8 lead early in the second quarter before the Mustangs rallied to take a 32-20 advantage at the half. Then it was the Bears who rallied to tie the game in the fourth quarter before falling 38-32 to the Mustangs.

Bears' Coach Eric Peevey expressed the quality of the game between the two intense rivals in the Orange Bowl. "West Orange-Stark is always a great football team. I'm just really proud the way our boys fought and battled not showing any kind of fear of the Mustangs. I think we came out there and went toe-to-toe with them. We definitely had some sophomores make sophomore mistakes that

ended up I believe costing us that game. I'm glad they made those mistakes because now we can learn from the mistakes and get better. Games like that will only make you better," Peevey summarized.

The Bears played the Mustangs at Bridge City last week and will return there to play the Bridge City Cardinals on Friday. This is a rivalry that goes back decades between the two schools.

Bridge City uses the Spread on offense and will throw the football predominantly. Sophomore quarterback Hutch Bearden is very athletic. Peevey evaluated, "You could tell his first game against Orangefield was a first game for a sophomore, he made some mistakes, but he looked a lot better against Buna. It looked like he grew up a whole year versus Buna. He started pulling the ball and running it. I think he's one of the main reasons that the Cards won that game."

Bearden tosses passes to several receivers including Gavin Bodin who had a big game against Buna last week with five catches for 94 yards. Another receiver is Noah Broussard who did not play in the opener against Orangefield but was a target for passes in the game with Buna.

Another Bearden that is a leader on offense for the

Cardinals is Jim Sharon Bearden who has returned from the injury list to play running back. JS had over a hundred yards rushing with two touchdowns in the Bridge City win over Buna.

On defense Bridge City aligns in a 3-4 front and will shift into a five-man front. The Cardinals front seven is the strength of their defense.

JS Bearden was all-state last season as an outside linebacker so his return to the lineup was very much welcomed by the Bridge City coaches. Bearden helps secure the outside for the Cardinals.

In the middle is linebacker Mason Pruitt who is a true playmaker on defense for Bridge City. Pruitt tackles ball carriers all over the field, can blitz quarterbacks

wanting to pass, or like he did against Buna block kicks on special teams. Peevey praised, "Mason Pruitt is what you want in a linebacker at any level, very aggressive, full speed, has a nose for the football. It seems like he gets faster as the game goes on. I really love the way he plays the game of football."

In the Bridge City defensive line Nick LeJeune is a leader at noseguard. Peevey indicated, "They are definitely a very aggressive front on defense. In my opinion the defense is the strength of their team. I feel like they run to the ball well, I feel like they put their team in good situations, and it's hard to get big plays on them. The Cardinals are aggressive to stop the run which we're usually pretty good at,

but you never know. This week we're going to have to block them especially Pruitt."

By October Little Cypress-Mauriceville will have played every other public school in Orange County. The Bears scrimmaged the Orangefield Bobcats prior to the regular season. They played the West Orange-Stark Mustangs last week and face the Bridge City Cardinals on Friday. LCM opens district action against the Vidor Pirates the first week in October.

Rivalries are what make high school football so exciting. Peevey elaborated, "We try to get the whole Orange flavor, we love playing local games against local teams. These are rivalries. Bridge City and Little Cypress-Mauriceville have been playing forever and this is when fans come out, and I promise you I feel it's

going to be a sold out crowd."

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears travel to Bridge City on Friday night to play the Cardinals. The kickoff will be at 7:00 in Larry Ward Stadium.

Bobcats face Shepherd

The Orangefield Bobcats played Legacy School of Sports Sciences last Friday night. The Bobcats had their hands full with the talented Titans dropping the game 40-30 at Orangefield.

Legacy is a private school from the Spring area that has won two state private school titles the most recent being last year. Orangefield stayed with Legacy until a late touchdown by the Titans opened up the final ten-point margin.

Orangefield Coach Josh
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Smalley was proud of the efforts given by his Bobcats against the very good Titans. "Legacy was a solid football which we thought watching them on film. They're big and fast, they've got two state championships since 2018. We went toe-to-toe with them for three and a half quarters. I thought our kids played well, and it'll do us good to see that speed and that kind of skill to get us ready for district," Smalley acknowledged.

The Orangefield offensive line showed a lot of improvement from Week One. The Bobcats rushed for 350 yards behind their young offensive linemen.

Leading the way was senior running back Cameron Dischler who carried the ball 21 times for 200 yards and three touchdowns. Dischler also returned a blocked Legacy point after kick for two points for the Bobcats.

Tailback Gavin Perry-Koci scored a touchdown for the second game in a row. Junior Mason Houghton had a 60-yard run for the Bobcats that set up the first Orangefield touchdown.

Orangefield's special team was better this past week too. Ty Butler was four for four on extra points and did a good job on kickoffs keeping the ball away from the dangerous Titan return men.

Linebacker Kyle Michael had his second interception of the season in the game. Defensive end Koen Maddox had a good game as well according to Smalley.

A question mark for this week's game will be two-way starter Morgan Sampson who had another player roll into his leg injuring a knee. Smalley said an MRI this week will show what the extent of Sampson's injury is.

The Bobcats will continue to play at home in Week Three this Friday against the Shepherd Pirates. Both teams are in the same classification Class 3A, Division 1, with identical 1-1 records.

Shepherd operates its offense out of the Shotgun usually with three backs. The Pirates are run heavy having thrown only seven passes with one completion in their first two games.

The Pirates want to get the ball in the hands of Hayden "HD" Green who normally lines up as the quarterback in the shotgun. Green is very fast and runs track in the 100-meter, but will shift to a wingback position in order to go out for passes from backup quarterback Devon Wyatt. Green is averaging 8.7 yards a carry and has two touchdowns on the season. Smalley warned, "He's a threat, anytime he touches the ball he could go the distance."

The other two Pirate backs are Preston Stephens and Tanner Lacey. Stephens has 79 yards rushing with two touchdowns. Lacey is averaging close to five yards a carry in the first two games.

The offensive line includes tight end Landen Robbins who is a good blocker. Offensive tackle Erick Najera impressed Smalley with his blocking skills on the films of early games for Shepherd.

Smalley summarized the Shepherd running attack. "They use a lot of counter, a lot of mis-direction type stuff, real similar to us but the Pirates just do it out of the shotgun set instead of under center like we do. They're well coached at what they do. You've got to have your eyes focused on your keys or you'll get lost with their backfield stuff, but containing number one (Green) and not letting him get in the open field is going to be priority number one for our defense," Smalley indicated.

Shepherd bases out of a four-man front on defense. The Pirates use two inside linebackers to anchor their defense. Sheldon Ferguson is a junior and senior Tanner Lacey are both very good.

Defensive end Roman Gonzalez is solid for Shepherd. Safety Devon Wyatt will be dropped into the box to help stop the run but really does play all over the field for the Pirates.

The defense for Shepherd is very physical. Smalley described, "Very aggressive up front, a lot of attacking. They don't sit on the line of scrimmage and try to read anything, it is just straight up field, and they're coming to get you approach."

The Orangefield young linemen will be tested again with the attacking style of defense used by Shepherd. "Our job as coaches is to show them the best we can in practice what they're going to see Friday. It'll be a different challenge for us than it was last week against Legacy. Shepherd is a team that's pretty familiar with us. We've played them fairly recently so they've seen our offense it's not like Legacy that had never seen us before and had trouble with the mis-direction. The Pirates will be well coached up on us. Our challenge is up front stopping that penetration and that attacking style they use on defense," Smalley emphasized.

The loss in Week Two for the Bobcats was against a superior Legacy team. Smalley evaluated, "Honestly, it wasn't lack of effort last week. We didn't turn the ball over offensively, we didn't have a whole lot of major penalties, so we played pretty well, we just played a pretty good football team that we couldn't keep up with their speed at times. We've just got to continue to improve."

This Friday night should be a game of two evenly matched teams in Orangefield and Shepherd. "Hopefully, we'll see a bigger improvement up front in the offensive line in Week Two to Week Three. Defensively, we've got to get off blocks and tackle better. If we can continue to get better up front, continue not to have turnovers, continue not to have penalties, we feel like we've got a really good shot to bounce back and get a win against Shepherd," Smalley concluded.

The Orangefield Bobcats will play its third home game in three weeks against the Shepherd Pirates on Friday. The kickoff will at 7:30 PM in F. L. McClain Stadium.

WOS Mustangs take on PNG

Through two weeks the West Orange-Stark Mustangs remain undefeated on the football season. This next week will be a tough challenge for the Mustangs against another larger school.

West Orange-Stark's first two wins were against Nederland from Class 5A in Week One and last Friday against Little Cypress-Mauriceville a Class 4A, Division One, school. This week the Mustangs face a second opponent from Class 5A in the Port Neches-Groves Indians.

Mustang Coach Hiawatha Hickman was excited with his team coming back from a twelve-point deficit to Little Cypress-Mauriceville and then scoring late after the Bears tied the game in the fourth quarter to capture another Orange Bowl. "They basically punched us in the mouth in the beginning, so we had to punch back. Our kids showed great grit to go down and then comeback to be up 32-20 at halftime. I saw what I've been thinking these guys would do when they got into a situation like that by the way we train by the way we practice. We talk about being poised in tough situations, and we've tried to put them in tough situations in the off season, and it showed on the field,"

Hickman responded.

There were a lot of stars for the Mustangs in their 38-32 win. One that stood out was Andrew Wilson at his normal defensive tackle position and as a wingback in the Mustangs' power formation he scored eight points.

Wilson has been used in multiple positions during his years at West Orange-Stark. Hickman elaborated, "Andrew can play offensive guard, offensive tackle, he was a center as a sophomore, he plays defensive tackle for us. He's a real smart kid, honor society kid, so we decided to put him at wing on that heavy set formation we use in short yardage."

Offensive Coordinator Justin Trahan suggested to Hickman directly snapping the ball to Wilson as he came in motion from his wing position. The Mustangs practiced the play about 50 times, and Wilson caught all the snaps which convinced Hickman to save the play for the right situation against Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

Wilson scored a two-point conversion in the second quarter and made the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter on fourth-and-goal using the improvised play. "That gave us the best advantage because the Bears were having to adjust to the other set we run down there," Hickman explained.

West Orange-Stark and Port Neches-Groves have a rivalry that may not be as intense as the one with Little Cypress-Mauriceville but may be slightly older. The Mustangs and the Indians were district rivals when both teams were in Class 5A and later in Class 4A together in the eighties. The two teams usually play either a scrimmage or a non-district game every year for about the last decade.

When you talk about Port Neches-Groves you start with the size of their offensive line. Hickman compared the Indians' O-line to the Dallas Cowboys adding that they are huge.

The theme this week for the Mustangs is speed. Hickman emphasized, "We've got to be fast, we can't sit in front of those guys they'll smash us. So we're going to work on mov-

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BC Cardinals From Page 1B

Bearden threw a pass directly into the arms of Buna linebacker Jaxson Sylvester for an interception.

The Cardinals appeared to have stopped Buna on its next drive but a personal foul penalty gave the Cougars a first down and new life. The Bridge City defense rose up again stopping Marse on a fourth down run one yard short of the first down marker at the Bridge City 33.

JS Bearden ran for 25 yards to move the Cardinals into Buna territory late in the third. Unfortunately, JS fumbled an exchange of a handoff and Buna recovered at its 15 yard line.

The Cougars used fourteen plays to drive 85 yards. Marse completed a 12-yard touchdown pass to Cayden Dill. Johnson ran the conversion in for two points and the Cardinal lead was down to three points with 8:48 to play in the game.

Bridge City got a nice run of 19 yards from Jerris Brown to the Buna 44 but the Cardinal drive stalled there and they had to punt back to Buna.

Taking over at their 31 the Cougars connected on a 27-yard pass from Marse to Stephens. Johnson ran 15 yards for another first down to the Cardinals' 27.

Pruitt of the Cardinals sacked Marse back to the 33. Two more plays had Buna facing a fourth-and-thirteen from the 30. That is when things got a little crazy.

Marse attempted to pass

and was sacked again by Pruitt, or so it appeared. The referees had signaled a procedure penalty on the Cougars before the play started and thus Bridge City could not even decline the penalty as the ball was moved to the 35 still fourth down for Buna.

An even weirder circumstance occurred next as Marse wandered towards the Buna sidelines to apparently question the Cougar coaches the ball was snapped anyway rolling all the way past the 50 where it was smothered by several players from both teams. It appeared it would be Bridge City's ball there.

No it would not be the Cardinals' taking position. The referees ruled a penalty on the Bridge City Band for having been playing their instruments when the ball was snapped apparently inadvertently.

The ball was moved back to the 30 for another try at fourth down for the Cougars. Marse completed a pass to Dill who was stopped less than a yard from the first down at the 18.

The Cardinals needed to run three and a half minutes off the clock to secure the win. JS Bearden broke another long run of 36 yards to the Buna 45. He carried on the next play for 9 yards and things were looking good for Bridge City.

Then it went haywire again for the Cardinals as Hutch Bearden fumbled the

long snap for a loss of seven yards. A short run by JS meant Bridge City would have to punt the ball back to Buna with still about 100 seconds left in the game.

The Cougars got the ball 69 yards away from a possible winning touchdown, and they almost got it on the first play. Marse threw a long pass to a wide open Carson Kondos who made the catch near the Cardinals' 30 with no one between him and the end zone. Kondos turned to run and literally fell down untouched.

Johnson ran the ball to the 26, but Buna committed penalties on the next two snaps moving the ball back to the 36 of the Cardinals. An incomplete pass and a short scramble by Marse had the Cougars facing another fourth down and fourteen at the 34.

Marse threw to Dill who made the catch near the sideline but could not cut up field and was stopped at the 21. Dill was one yard short of the first down again. This time the Cardinals were able to run out the remaining 22 seconds on the clock securing the thrilling 23-20 triumph.

JS Bearden was the leading rusher in the game with 116 yards on 13 carries with two touchdowns. His brother Hutch had 48 yards on 19 carries and one touchdown. Jerris Brown contributed 33 yards on six rushes.

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Orangefield Bobcat defensive back Kane Smith blocks a Legacy Titan extra point attempt in fierce football action at F.L. McClain Stadium. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Orangefield Bobcat running back Cameron Dischler who carried the ball 21 times for 200 yards and three touchdowns. Dischler also returned a blocked Legacy point after kick for two points for the Bobcats. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

Simple approach for best results

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

I have no idea why we as anglers are constantly trying to complicate things, always re-inventing the wheel and adding corners. In our never ending quest to catch more and bigger fish we often stray down the path which we think leads to discovery only to find that out that if we had just read the street signs we'd be in much better shape. Over the years it seems like we have become so detailed and specific that the average fisherman suffers from "paralysis by analysis". Fishing reports have be-



Chuck Uzzle

come "thesis like" statements so full details that instead of helping they now hinder the angler. A once simple task has now become so complex that many anglers doubt their own ability to catch fish. An extremely simple answer to this new "information overload phenomenon" can be summed up with 4 letters, "K.I.S.S.", and they stand for Keep It Simple Stupid. I am a firm believer in the concept and you

should be as well.

In our quest to become "fish catching machines" and "super anglers" many of the best things about the sport of fishing routinely take a backseat to the "newest, latest, and greatest". I usually get my own brand of wake up call from clients who share the boat with me, especially kids and anglers new to the sport.

Sometimes it takes seeing the sport through a different set of eyes to help you truly focus on what's good. If you stop for just a moment and think about what is the most basic and pure moment in the whole fishing equation it has to

be when a fish pulls on the other end of the line. At that moment it doesn't matter what lure or bait your using, what rod your casting, or even what kind of fish is doing the pulling. All that is good about the sport is compressed into that split second when excitement and anticipation meet, that's what keeps us coming back.

Now a lot of fisherman will scoff at the notion of simplifying the fishing process and they are certainly welcome to do that because the sport means different things to different people. I personally love to simplify things every now and again because it helps me gain perspective. Here recently I have taken to the notion of getting "uncomplicated"

and it's been a blast. For years when I first started guiding my security blanket if you will was a handful of Mansfield Maulers and a bag of glo cocahoe minnows. I spent hours drifting that slender rattling cork made by the legendary Bob Fuston and I caught the heck out of fish while doing so. I have come full circle and returned to my old ways it seems as I now reach for that rod with a cork on it more often. I don't care who you are or where you fall out on the angling scale everyone who fishes loves to see a cork dance and then plunge under water, it's the most basic of all scenes in the sport and something that every fisherman has in common with one another.

The idea of fishing with a

cork will certainly be met with resistance from those who believe themselves above such mundane types of fishing and that's okay because everyone has certain likes and dislikes. I have no problem slowing things down every now and again, taking a little time to just have some fun and get a bite. It's even better when those bites become big fish and it's great when they won't hit any of the "high tech" lures of those who look down upon the cork. Nothing like hearing a guy at the dock who is decked out in the latest high end clothes, glasses, boat, and truck tell his buddies "yeah they caught fish but they were using corks" while he puts an ice pack on his pride.

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ing around to try to use our speed and quickness to our advantage."

The Indians use their big offensive line to run the ball more under new head coach Jeff Joseph. Hickman said PNG uses about 60 percent run on offense compared to more recent years where the Indians relied on their passing game to move the football out of the Spread.

Quarterback Cole Crippen for the Indians has a good arm with great accuracy on his passes and uses play action effectively. Crippen does not run the ball much but has a tremendous pocket presence according to the Mustangs' scouts.

The running backs are Tommy Reed who follows his blockers very well and Brock Hebert who is used especially in short yardage situations like a bulldozer. "With the big offensive line they try to run the ball a lot more than they used to. They still have the capability of throwing it well," Hickman analyzed.

The PNG offense seems to get most of the attention, but the Indians do have a strong defense. They use an odd man front with three big downed linemen and two very athletic ends that serve as outside linebackers who will blitz or stay back to cover passes in the flat.

The two inside linebackers are big for Port Neches-Groves and must be accounted for by the Mustang blockers. Nick Gardiner is very physical and Seth Landry flies around making hits on opposing ball carriers.

Speed and quickness will be the key on offense just like on the defense for the Mustangs. Hickman stated, "We'll have to move and be quick and try to get on the edge against them. We'll have to prepare and attack them in certain spots. We'll need to complete some deep balls which we missed on last Thursday night against the Bears, but we've got to complete some of those."

West Orange-Stark wants to keep doing what it has been doing to win its first two games and that is primarily running the football on offense. Hickman be-

The coach admitted there were some blown assignments in the game against LCM last week that resulted in a couple touchdowns because of misalignment by the still mostly inexperienced Mustang defensive unit. Giving up 32 points to

the Bears left a bad taste in the Mustangs' mouths according to Hickman.

Hickman gave the keys for West Orange-Stark to stay undefeated when it plays Port Neches-Groves. "Being sound on defense and we've got to get better

in the kicking game. Our kicking game is not where it needs to be right now. We covered kicks well but the punt the other night they were able to run it back and we didn't cover it like we should. Again it's going to go back to blocking and

tackling and special teams," Hickman concluded.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs (2-0) play the Port Neches-Groves Indians (1-1) at Dan R. Hooks Stadium on Friday. The kickoff is at 7:30 PM.

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plays to put more points on the board as Dean Reynolds passed to Jacob Pollock for the 24-yard touchdown. The kick was just wide keeping the score 20-8 with 10:57 left in the second quarter.

The Mustangs rallied from that 12-point deficit to score their last three possessions of the first half. Raymond Mallett, Jr. returned the kickoff 33 yards after the Pollock touchdown to give WOS great field position at the Bears' 47.

A pass interference call against the Bears and a 21-yard pass reception by Nicholas Crosson gave the Mustangs a first down at the 15. Two runs by Jamaal Shaw gave them a touchdown with Brown converting the two-point run to narrow the LCM lead to four points with 9:16 left before halftime.

The only turnover of the game occurred when the Bears' fumbled on their second play of the next series, and Carlton Simien, Jr. recovered for the Mustangs. Two incompletions appeared to thwart the scoring opportunity, but Shaw ran for a first down before Justin Helm scored on the next play from the 12 for the Mustangs. Noseguard Andrew Wilson was inserted as a wingback and scored on the two-point conversion to give West Orange-Stark the lead again 24-20 with still eight minutes left in the second quarter.

The Bears threatened to score their next time with the ball driving inside the Mustangs' 30. Reynolds completed a pass to Elijah

Allison that gave the Bears a first down at the 26. Morris may have been injured previously on the drive and was not used on any of the next four plays which netted only one yard resulting in a turnover on downs to the Mustangs.

Robinson was superb in the closing drive of the half for West Orange-Stark. He completed three passes for 39 yards and ran three times for 38 yards the last 16 of which were for a touchdown that put the Mustangs up 32-20 at the half.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville answered the bell in the second half ready to make a game of it. A personal foul penalty on the Mustangs gave the Bears a first at the WOS 45. Reynolds passed 11 yards to Jacob Pollock for another first. Reynolds threw a pass to Allison for a first down, but Allison eluded a couple of Mustang defenders and sprinted the remaining twenty yards for a 33-yard touchdown. A bad snap foiled the point-after for the Bears keeping them behind by six points 32-26 with 9:31 left in the third quarter.

Morris asserted himself again late in the third when he returned a WOS punt 20 yards which had a penalty on the Mustangs tacked on that moved the ball to the Mustangs 11.

A bad snap on first down moved the Bears back to the 22. LCM got that back two plays later when the Mustangs were flagged for defensive holding and an automatic first down at the nine.

Three running plays set-up a fourth-and-goal at the

two for the Bears. After a timeout Reynolds took a snap and went in practically untouched on a quarter-back draw for the touchdown. With a chance to take the lead for LCM the point after kick was partially blocked keeping the score tied 32-32 with 9:42 left in the game.

The Mustangs got the ball and faced a fourth-and-two at their 44. The Wildcat which had been so successful on the two-point conversions was called and Brown broke loose for 12 yards and a huge first down.

Brown ran two more plays moving the ball 34 yards to the Bears' 10-yard-line. Mallett got a first down run to the six. A fumbled snapped by the Mustangs lost nine yards, but Shaw got it all back with a 9-yard run before he carried again for 5 yards to the one.

On fourth-and-goal the Mustangs called another of their two-point conversion plays snapping the ball directly to Wilson who was a wingback and he bulled into the endzone for the go ahead touchdown. The Mustangs were stopped on their try for two, but had the lead 38-32 with just 3:53 left to play.

Morris led all rushers for the two teams with 91 yards on 21 carries and his two touchdowns for the Bears. Robinson was the leading ground gainer for the Mustangs with 8 carries good for 88 yards also with two touchdowns. Robinson completed 5 of his 11 passes for 64 yards. Reynolds of LCM was 9 of 15 passing for 147 yards.

Kaz's Fearless Forecast From Page 2B

against this gritty Oiler squad. The Pirates must overcome their early-season mistakes.

• **SMU OVER LAMAR**—The Cardinals showed some positive signs of being a good team this season but they will more than have their hands full in this "sacrificial lamb" game against the Mustangs where the Redbirds make a humongous payday.

• **RICE over McNEESE STATE**—My Cowboys lost 40-17 to a good small college team in Montana State. This week they are playing their "sacrificial lamb" game against a not-so-good big school. The Owls probably prevail, but it certainly would be a feather in their helmets if the 'Pokes upset Rice.

• **HIGH SCHOOL**—Beaumont West Brook over deer Park, Alvin over Beaumont United, Silsbee over Nederland, East Chambers over Hardin-Jefferson, Hamshire-Fannett over Coldspring, Jasper over Newton, Huffman over Needville, Nacogdoches over Lumberton, Kountze over Evadale, Garrison over Warren, Woodville over Liberty, Trinity over Hardin,

New Waverly over Anahuac, Crockett over Buna, Corrigan-Camden over Kirbyville, Chester over mount Carmel, Apple Springs over High Island, KIPP Houston over Sabine Pass, Concordia Lutheran over Beaumont Kelly, Beaumont Legacy Christian over Brazos Valley Christian.

• **COLLEGE**—Alabama over Texas. Ohio State over Arkansas State, Notre Dame over Marshall, Texas A&M over Appalachian State, Utah over South Utah, Michigan over Hawaii, Oklahoma over Kent State, Baylor over BYU, Oregon over Eastern Washington, Oklahoma over Arizona State, North Carolina State over Charleston Southern, Southern Cal over Stanford, Michigan State over Akron, Miami over Southern Mississippi, Pittsburgh over Tennessee, Wisconsin over Washington State, Arkansas over South Carolina, Florida over Kentucky (Upset Special), Ole Miss over Central Arkansas, Wake Forest over Vanderbilt, Cincinnati over Kennesaw State, Houston over Texas Tech, Abilene Christian over Prairie View, Tulane over Alcorn State, Clemson over Furman, Grambling State over Northwestern State, Houston Baptist over Lind-erwood, Indiana over Ida-

ho, San Diego State over Idaho State, Nevada over Incarnate Word, Purdue over Indiana State, Temple over Lafayette, Villanova over Long Island, Louisiana-Monroe over Nicholls State, Sam Houston State over Northern Arizona, Wyoming over Northern Colorado, Washington over Portland State, Georgia over Samford, Louisiana Tech over Stephen F. Austin, Florida Atlantic over Southeastern Louisiana, TCU over Tarleton State, North Texas over Texas Southern, Rutgers over Wagner, Utah State over Weber State, Georgia Tech over Western Carolina, Minnesota over Western Illinois.

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

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The Orange County Master Gardener training classes will begin Thursday August 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Expo Center on 1442. The requirements for the certification are 50 hours of education and 50 hours of volunteer time. The classes will meet on Thursdays with speakers and programs about gardening that counts for the 50 hours of education. There are several field trips planned as well. The volunteer time can be done by working at the Master Gardener greenhouse, working at the yearly plant sale and other AgriLife programs throughout the year.

The cost of the class is \$150 which includes a book, background check, supplies, speaker fees and a banquet on the last day of class December 8, 2022.

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