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County approves new stop signs in subdivisions

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Drivers traveling in the Waterwood subdivision outside of Bridge City will need to pay attention to the intersections soon. Orange County will be installing stop signs at five of the intersections.

In addition, a stop sign will be going up in the Wexford Park subdivision outside of Vidor at the intersection of Waterford Way and Leitrum Drive.

Orange County Commissioners Court Tuesday unanimously approved the new stop signs after conducting a public hearing on them before the meeting. The only people speaking at the hearing were residents in the Waterwood subdivision and they approve the signs as a way to slow down traffic.

The Waterwood subdivision is off Highway 62 South and has houses along Cow Bayou or along canals. The stop signs will be at Teal Drive and Widgion Drive, Teal Drive and Pintail Lane, Green Wing Lane and Waterwood Drive, Greenhead Point

and Green Wing Lane, and Greenhead Point (South) and Bluewing Court. The subdivision is in Precinct 3 with Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte.

Wexford Park subdivision is off FM 105 North in Vidor and near Smith Lake. It is in Precinct 4 with Commissioner Robert Viator.

Commissioners also set a public hearing for the upcoming fiscal year. The public hearing on the budget and the tax rate will be Tuesday, September 27, at 2 p.m. The proposed budget is online at the county's website under the county clerk's office section.

The proposed tax rate is 49.2 cents per \$100 valuation, a decrease from the current rate of 54.2 cents per \$100 valuation. However, that does not mean taxes will go down because most properties in Orange County had increased values set by the Orange County Appraisal District this year. The Appraisal District operates under state laws and regu-

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City of Orange going up on water bills in October

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Residents in the city of Orange will see higher bills when they open their monthly water-sewer-garbage statements starting in October.

The city will have a 3 percent increase in water and sewer rates, plus garbage contractor Waste Management will increase its rates 10 percent.

Property owners in the city have a slight decrease for their tax rate for the new fiscal year, but they might pay more based on whether their property appraisals went up. An increase in property assessment might offset a lower tax rate.

The Orange City Council voted on the proposed rates and budget Tuesday evening during a special called meeting.

The city's garbage pickup contract with Waste Management allows the company to pass along rising fuel costs of diesel for the trucks. The contract

also allows an increase for basic rates adjusted to the national Consumer Price Index.

City staff in a memo to council members said based on those figures, Waste Management could have asked for a total 14.8 percent rate increase. However, the city staff negotiated the rate increase to 10 percent.

The basic residential rate for single-family and individuals in apartments will now be \$29.84 a month for one cart plus an additional \$18.77 a month for each additional carts. Commercial and business costumers will pay \$37.77 a month for a cart plus \$25.77 cents each for additional carts.

The city's water and sewer department operates on a separate enterprise fund not related to the city's general operating budget. The water and sewer department does not use property taxes but operates on the income

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LCM Education Foundadttion raises more than \$350,000

For 20 years, the LCM Education Foundation has raised funds aimed toward enhancing the educational experience of students at LCMCISD. Established in 2002 by patrons of LCM, the Foundation hosts community wide events such as the annual Beary Merry Christmas Market, which will be held in November this year, and the Legacy 5K Color Run. This year's Grants to Educators totaled more than \$50,000.00, bringing the overall amount raised by the foundation to more than \$350,000.00.

Sheriff's drug team finds pounds of pot in totes

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

The Orange County Sheriff's Drug Interdiction Unit on Interstate 10 scored again by stopping an Italian vehicle that deputies said had 99 pounds of pot in plastic totes and suitcases.

According to a press release from the Sheriff's Office, the drug interdiction on September 15 stopped a 2019 Alfa Romeo on "several traffic violations." The release did not say where the stop was made or the time of the stop.

The release said the Drug Interdiction Unit detectives saw marijuana in plain sight in the car when they went to speak to the driver, Malika Patterson, who was alone inside.

After probable cause to search the vehicle, the deputies found wrapped



packages of marijuana stored in the totes and suitcases. The total weighed approximately 99 pounds, according to the press release.

Deputies gathered information that the pot was being transported to Georgia and Maryland. They also found identifications, credit cards, and checks with various names on them. The Sheriff's Office is passing along their information to law authorities in the other two states.

Patterson was arrested for second degree felony possession of marijuana and could face two to 20 years in a Texas state prison. She posted bond in Orange County and was released.

99 pounds of pot in plastic totes and suitcases intercepted on IH-10 by The Orange County Sheriff's Drug Interdiction Unit.

Vidor, Pinehurst go down in sales tax collections

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Sales taxes remained strong across Orange County during July, but some entities were not collecting enough to keep up with the increase in consumer prices. The cities of Pinehurst and Vidor had decreases in collections compared to last year.

Orange County was the only entity with a sales tax that had above the July

2022 Consumer Price Index. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics put the consumer price index for July 2022 at 8.5 percent more than the CPI for July 2021.

The Texas Comptroller's Office collects sales taxes and then sends the taxing entities their share. The Comptroller's Office reported the information.

The county has a 0.5 percent sales tax rate and in July collected \$594,637, up 15.28 percent from the

\$515,812 collected in July last year. The county is now at \$5.41 million for the year to date, up from 4.91 million for the year to date in 2021, an increase of 10.62.

The city of Bridge City has a 1.5 percent sales tax rate. July collections were \$162,790, up 3.92 percent from the \$156,642 collected in July last year.

The city has \$1.67 million from sales taxes for the year to date, an increase of 7.76 percent from the

same time in 2021.

The city of Orange has a 1.5 percent sales tax rate. The city's income for July was \$503,205, up 3.63 percent from July last year. The city has received \$5.55 million for the year to date, compared to \$5.12 million for the year to date in 2021, an increase of 8.39 percent.

The city of Pinehurst has a 1.5 percent sales tax rate. The city in July re-

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WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE?

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

I am beginning to suspect that aliens are taking over the world by replacing human beings with machines. I wouldn't complain so much if the machines were more accommodating.

As an example, I recently tried to reach one of my many doctors. First, I was greeted by the standard, "If this is an emergency, hang up and dial 911."

Next, I was told if I knew the extension number I could dial direct. Of course, I had no idea what my doctor's extension number was among the many I was presented with.

Following that routine, I was presented a long list of

various subjects that I might contact, none of which related to the matter



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.

about which I was trying to inquire.

In desperation I finally dialed "0" only to be greeted by the standard "This telephone call may be recorded for quality purposes." Of course, what I wanted to tell them that what would improve the quality greatly would be if they would have a human answer the phone with whom I could speak about the problem I was calling. After listening to this lengthy message I was finally informed that even though no one answered the phone, I could leave a message and that I would be called, if not that afternoon the first thing the next day. Finally the next day I did receive a call and was able to inquire as to

whether or not a prescription I had question about was to be refilled. The human was able to answer this question in about thirty seconds, saving me and the machines a lot of both.

Having affirmed my medical requirement I dialed the pharmacy only to be greeted by the same "911" routine followed by a long list of services which could be provided to me by the pharmacy. Finally, and incidentally, they informed me that my prescription was, in fact, ready and could be picked up.

All in all, even calling businesses is much easier than attempting to reach an important person at a governmental office.

Holiday in the Park festival booth space available now

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.

Wesley United Methodist Annual Pecans and Walnuts fundraiser

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this year's crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts for their Annual Fund Raiser with delivery early November. Pecan halves or pieces \$11.00 per pound, walnuts \$8.50 per pound. Call Jan 409/734-8036 or the church 409/886-7276 to place an order or for additional information.

Entergy, United Way offer one-time \$150 bill credit

Staff Report For The Record

A one-time \$150 bill credit will be available for qualifying customers starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

All Entergy Texas customers can apply online through United Way of Greater Houston's website for the one-time \$150 credit on their utility bill. While an applicant may apply on a desktop computer, a mobile phone is required to receive the access code to verify account set up.

Applications will be processed and administered through the United Way of Greater Houston in collaboration with neighboring United Ways. The following documentation will be required to apply for the one-time credit:

- Photo ID (driver's li-

cense or state-issued ID, passport)

- One of the following income options for each income earner age 18 or older:

- First page of 2021 tax return(s)
- 2021 W2(s)
- Last paystub(s)
- Social Security Administration 1099 or 1042S form(s)

United Way of Greater Houston's online process will enable customers to upload these required documents to complete their application submission.

Additionally, Entergy Texas is implementing a series of measures to help our residential customers and communities through the high usage summer months, including:

- For July, August and September, credit card payment fees for all residential customers will be

credited back to the customer's account. Customers will receive credits for credit card fees through Oct. 1.

- Providing an additional \$213,000 for bill assistance to The Power to Care. The Power to Care is an Entergy Texas program that is administered by local partner agencies to assist qualified senior customers and customers with disabilities. Learn more about the program here.

- Providing \$170,000 to local partner agencies to help with bill assistance:

- Somerville Area Assistance Ministries
- Waller Assistance & Restoration Ministries
- Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas
- The Salvation Army Conroe Community Center
- The Salvation Army of Orange TX

- The Salvation Army Beaumont Corps

- Instead of waiting for twelve months of satisfactory payment history, which is our usual practice, Entergy Texas is expediting \$2.9 million in security deposits for more than 13,000 eligible customers.

- We continue to work with local partner agencies to provide support, including helping to distribute box fans through our Beat the Heat program and directing customers to organizations with Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs, or LIHEAP, applications.

- Employee volunteers and community partners will conduct energy efficiency and weatherization events in select neighborhoods that, on average, can save \$600 on a customer's annual bill.

Put Safety First During Child Passenger Safety Week

AUSTIN – Child Passenger Safety Week is Sept. 18-24, and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers to make sure your young passengers are secured properly in order to save lives.

Motor vehicle crashes continue to be the leading cause of death among children. On average, two children under the age of 13 were killed, and an estimated 374 were injured, every day in 2019 while riding in passenger vehicles according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). While most people believe their children are properly buckled up, NHTSA estimates about half of all car seats are misused.

DPS offers the following tips to ensure children are properly restrained while riding in a vehicle:

- When selecting a car seat for your child, ensure it fits in your vehicle properly before purchasing it.

- Avoid purchasing a car seat if you are not aware of the history (i.e. yard sales, social media platforms, etc.).

- Model good behavior to young passengers and make sure you are wearing your seat belt so your children will know it's the right thing to do.

- Infant car seats should always be rear-facing, and never used forward-facing.

- Be sure to check the maximum height and weight limits of the car seat so children may be properly transitioned to the next one.

Children 8 years and older must be in a seat belt, if an adult hasn't properly restrained a child, they can receive a \$250 ticket.

If you have questions, please request installation assistance from a National

Child Passenger Safety Technician at one of our local DPS offices.

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Three of Texas' Top 10 Most Wanted Fugitives captured

Staff Report
For The Record

AUSTIN – Three of Texas' 10 Most Wanted offenders are back in custody following their recent arrests. Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive Raynaldo Tijerina, of San Antonio, was arrested September 6, in Fort Stockton. Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders Steven Powers, of Teague, was also arrested September 6, in Atlanta, Ga., and Columbus Johnson, of Wharton, was arrested September 8, in Rosenberg.

Raynaldo Farias Tijerina, 44, affiliated with the Tango Blast gang, was arrested in Fort Stockton by members of the U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, including DPS Special Agents from San Antonio and West Texas, along with members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Fugitive Task Force in the Rio Grande Valley. The Pecos County Sheriff's Office also assisted in the arrest. Tijerina had been wanted since October 2021, when the Bexar County Sheriff's Office issued two warrants for his arrest for invasive visual recording and possession of child



(Left to right: Raynaldo Farias Tijerina, Steven Ray Powers and Columbus Eric Johnson)

pornography. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles issued a warrant for Tijerina's arrest the following month for a parole violation.

In 1995, Tijerina was convicted of murder and was sentenced to 30 years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) prison. While in prison, he was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to an additional 15 years. Tijerina was released on parole in January 2017. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

Steven Ray Powers, 59, was arrested by members of the U.S. Marshals Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force in Georgia. Members of the U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force in Waco, including DPS Special Agents, coordinated efforts with law enforce-

ment authorities in Atlanta to locate and arrest Powers. Powers had been wanted since May 2022, when the Freestone County Sheriff's Office issued warrants for his arrest for two counts of failure to register as a sex offender and one count of bail jumping/failure to appear.

In 1981, Powers was convicted of sexual assault and sentenced to four

years of confinement. In 1991, he was convicted of burglary of a habitation and sentenced to 18 years of confinement. In 1994, he was convicted of aggravated kidnapping with intent to violate or abuse the victim sexually, for which he was sentenced to 10 years of confinement. In 2014, Powers was convicted of assault of a family/household member by im-

peding breath/circulation and was sentenced to six years of confinement. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

Columbus Eric Johnson, 58, was arrested in Rosenberg, by members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Fugitive Task Force, Rosenberg Police Department officers and DPS Special Agents assigned to the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center in Houston. Johnson had been wanted since January 2022, after the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles issued a warrant for his arrest for a parole violation. Two months later, the Wharton County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for his arrest for failure to register as a sex offender.

In 1982, Johnson was convicted of sexual assault

of a child after an incident involving an 11-year-old girl. He was sentenced to 10 years of confinement. In 1992, he was convicted of murder and received a life sentence. Johnson was released on parole in 2013. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of Texas' 10 Most Wanted Fugitives or Sex Offenders. So far in 2022, DPS and other agencies have arrested 51 Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives and Sex Offenders, including 19 gang members and 27 sex offenders. In addition, \$75,000 in rewards has been paid for tips that yielded arrests.

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lations. If the new appraisals are calculated this year, the rate would be 48.5 cents per \$100 valuation, seven-tenths of a penny less.

The 2022-23 fiscal year will begin October 1 and run through September 30, 2023.

Most of Tuesday's business included budget changes for the current fiscal year as county departments faced rising

costs brought on by nationwide inflation. The departments were moving money in their budgets to different categories to balance out the year.

County Emergency Management Director Joel Ardoin reported the county had 71 new Covid 19 cases last week with three Covid patients hospitalized, though none were on ventilators.

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generated from selling water and charging for sewer services.

The city went five years without increasing rates, but last year the council agreed to pass on 3 percent rate increases each year for three years. City staff said the increase in rates was needed to help pay for repairs and replacements on aging pipes and equipment. Last year was the first 3 percent increase and this will be the second 3 percent increase.

The city's 2022-23 fiscal year will start October 1. The new tax rate will be 78.3 cents per \$100 of property valuation. The current rate is 80.6 cents per \$100 valuation.

Based on the increase in property values, as set by the separate Orange County Appraisal District, the city could have raised the same amount of money as last year with a rate of 72.7 cents per \$100

valuation. That is known as the effective tax rate. The 78.3 cents per \$100 valuation rate is considered a 7.57 percent tax rate using the effective tax rate figures.

The city of Orange does not generate the majority of its income from basic tax rates, but from industrial district contracts negotiated with manufacturing plants, including those in the petrochemical industry. The contracts are negotiated so the plants, which are outside the city limits, pay a fraction of the total tax rates they would pay within the city.

According to city statistics, the city raises 24 percent of its budget income from the industrial district contracts and 21 percent of its income from regular property taxes. Another 17 percent of the budget comes from sales taxes and other miscellaneous taxes.

The upcoming budget will include a 2.5 percent pay increase for all city employees. The police and fire departments have a collective bargaining

union contract to that rate and city officials in recent years have worked to give all employees the same increase as those represented in unions.

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ceived \$52,165, down 6.33 percent from July last year with \$55,694. The city now has \$504,061 for the year to date, compared to \$543,281 for the year to date in 2021, a decrease of 7.21 percent.

The city of Vidor has a 1.5 percent sales tax rate. The city collected \$269,100 for July this year, a decrease of 18.59 percent from last year. However, the city is only 2.14 percent down for the year to date, receiving \$2.64 million this year compared to \$2.69 million for the same time in 2021.

The city of West Orange has a sales tax rate of 1.25 percent. For July this year, the city collected

\$108,700, an increase of 4.92 percent from \$103,592 in July last year. The city is stagnant for the year to date, with \$1.02 million, a 1.16 percent increase from the \$1.01 million for the year to date in 2021.

The Orange County Emergency Services District 3 is the only other entity in the county collecting a sales tax. The ESD is the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department. The ESD collected \$23,809 in July, up from \$17,703 for July last year. The ESD is now at \$219,657 for the year to date, a 9.43 percent increase from the \$200,726 collected for the year to date in 2021.

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From the Creaux's Nest LAST QUEEN FOR A LIFETIME LAID TO REST

Masses line the roads as **Elizabeth** is taken to castle for burial. **Queen Elizabeth II's** coffin was lowered into the royal vault of **St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle** on Monday afternoon, signifying the end of a state funeral that began with a majestic service at **Westminster Abbey**, and a procession in **London** before closing with a more intimate service at the place where the queen lived in the twilight years of her life. It was a culmination of 10 days of mourning since the queen died Sept. 8, in **Scotland**. **Britain** has not held a state funeral since 1965, when it buried **Winston Churchill**, the wartime leader who acted as a mentor to a young **Elizabeth** after she unexpectedly came to the throne upon the death of her father, **King George VI**, in 1952. After a military bugler played "The Last Post," signifying the end of the service, the abbey and the nation, fell silent for two minutes in honor of the queen. The congregation then sang "God Save the King." **Queen Elizabeth II**, age 96, had served 70 years. She might well be the only female ruler in our lifetime and beyond. There is no queen in sight for at least the next 100 years. **She may be the last queen ever.**

LOCAL BOY JOHN PATTERSON IN NATIONALS' RECORD BOOK

The **Washington Nationals** play in the **National East division**, they were formally the **Montreal Expos**. The **Nationals** played their home games at **Robert F. Kennedy Stadium** from 2005 to 2007. Their first home opener in that stadium was in 2007. The starting pitcher for the first opener was a young man with deep roots in **Orange County**, **John Patterson**, of **Orange**, a **West Orange-Stark** grad who signed a major league contract for **\$6.075 million** as an 18 year old right out of high school. **Patterson** made stops in **Arizona**, the **Expos** and the **Nationals**. His rookie season, 2002, he had a 3.22 ERA. In 2004, he had a 3.57 ERA. Then he got hurt. In 2005, **John posted a 9-7 record** with a 3.13 ERA. In that same year, he pitched his first complete game shutout, beating the **Dodgers 7-0**. In 2009, **Patterson's four hit shutout** was called the greatest pitching performance in **Nationals history** by the **Washington Post** baseball writer, **Dave Sheinin**. It had been quite a ride for a youngster from **Orange Texas**. On Nov. 10, 2007, he married **Shannon Schambeau**, a 2005 **Miss District of Columbia** and 2006 **Miss America** finalist. **John** is in the record books as the **Nationals** very first opening day starting pitcher. There have been only five. **John is now retired** due to a reoccurring injury to his pitching arm. A special baseball cap was designed and worn for that fist opening day game in **Washington**. **John sent Roy Dunn** one of those special caps from that special day when a local boy made baseball history. **Roy** proudly displays that treasure in his den. **John Patterson** is one of many youngsters who went off and **made Orange County proud**. We should never fail to recognize them.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2012

Our prayers go out to **Dorothy Harmon** who has been admitted to the hospital with pneumonia.******Judge Buddie Hahn**, one of our favorite folks, had surgery Tuesday to correct a bulging disk in his neck. **Speedy recovery**.****I wonder what's up with attorney **Steve Parkhurst**? He has been spotted wearing a neck collar. Did he have surgery also?******District Attorney John Kimbrough** has hired a new legal secretary, **Joeydale Dronett**. He also hired **Kathleen Morgan** as one of his assistant district attorneys. Two lovely ladies. Not bad to look at either.******Sharon Bearden**, when he was DA back in 1982, hired **Ruthie Hannegan**. Last Friday, **Bearden** walked over to the DA's office to extend **Ruthie** a special happy birthday wish.******Judge Pat** says, "I bet he didn't bring a gift." Now that's the pot calling the kettle black. Speaking of **Pat**, he and **Rosalie's granddaughter Whitney** turned 15 years old last week, Sept. 23. Boy, that's hard to believe. (Editor's note: Today she is 25.)****Also, I understand that **Capt. Chuck Uzzle** has a birthday soon. Over the years **Chuck** has been good to us. Best wishes.******The Orange County boys in the NFL all had wins**. The wildest finish was **Earl Thomas** and the **Seahawks** getting away with a win over **Green Bay** because of officiating. **Matt Bryant** and **Atlanta** are 3-0 and maybe the best defense in the NFL. **Wade Phillips** and the **Houston Texans**, after a win are also 3-0. Maybe the best defense in the NFL.****A few folks we know who celebrated their special day this week. On Sept. 26, **Rev. John Harrell** marks another year. Thank the Lord.***Also celebrating on the 26 is **Joey Hargrave**.****Lesley Bradley** celebrates on Sept. 27***Also on Sept. 27, **Tim's boy Mike Hughes**, is a year older and **Justin Burchfield** will be 8.

20 Years Ago-2002

Jim Stelly, president of **Ducks Unlimited**, announced that **Doug Harrington** has been named the chapter "Sportsman of the Year." **Harrington**, owner of **Harrington's Pharmacy**, has been a **Ducks Unlimited** member 25 years. **John Thomas** nominated **Harrington**. (Editor's note: **Doug** passed away in 2013.)******Four Orangefield beauties** vie for homecoming queen. They are **Gina Garza**, **Rachel Giaratano**, **Terrina Johnson** and **Nikki Staggs**. (Editor's note: Twenty years have gone by. **Those ladies are now in their late thirties**. We hope life for them has gone like they planned it.)******Orange County** is keeping an eye on **Hurricane Isidore**. It's a category four and the best guess is that it will hit between **Cameron**, and **Vermillion Bay**. However, if it hits **Lake Sabine** directly it could put eight to ten feet of water on top of **Bridge City**.******A.J. Lemoine Sr.**, 77, a native of **Plaucheville, La.** and longtime resident of **Bridge City**, died Sept. 21. An **Army veteran** he served in both **World War II** and the **Korean War**. He was a longtime telephone repair man and knew most folks in the community. (Editor's note: **A.J.** was one of the great guys we had the good fortune to have known.)******Bridge City's Matt Bryant** scored all the points in the **New York Giants** 9 to 6 win over the **New Orleans Saints**.******Joe and Barbara LaGrappe** celebrate their **25th anniversary** on Sept. 29. (Editor's note: **Joe**, a great guy, has since passed away.)****A roast of **Rep. Ron Lewis** nets **\$14,000 for CASA**. **Judge Buddie Hahn**, **David Montagne**, **Beth Rach** and **Gov. Rick Perry** were among the roasters. **Perry**, during his remarks, mentioned **Ron's** name on the **Lamar Library** but **Perry** went on to say, "That shouldn't go to **Ron's** head because it seems to me if you are an **East Texas politician** you really haven't made it until they name a prison for you." **Lewis**, 50, is not running for re-election and says he probably will not run for public office again.******Trey Rhodes** turns 18 on Sept. 24. (Editor's note: Twenty years later that happy-go-lucky teenager is 38, only two years away from 40. I told you guys time would fly by.)******Newton** beat **Matt Peebles** and the **Bridge City Cardinals** 21-0, holding **Peebles** to 56 yards rushing in 16 totes.

45 Years Ago-1977

Dignitaries from throughout the state attend activities honoring **State Rep Wayne Peveto**, **Price Daniel Jr.**, candidate for attorney general, **House Speaker Bill Clayton**, **State Sen. Carl Parker** and many other office holders. And over 650 citizens were in attendance as **Orange County Commissioners** proclaim Sunday, Sept. 24 **Wayne Peveto Day**. **Roy Dunn** and **Harold Beeson** served as co-chairmen of the event. Committee members were **Sharon Bearden**, **Dudley Baker**, **Bobby Cormier**, **Tim Lieby**, **Flo Edgerly**, **Bertie Ferguson** and **Dr. Jo Ben Welch**. Food was prepared by **W.T. Oliver** and his crew. Entertainment was furnished by **Don Jacobs**, **Brad Love** and recording artist **Betty Jo Spears**. The large event was held at the **DERA Club**.******John Hill**, state attorney general, makes a stop to **Orange County**. **Hill**, a candidate for governor, was critical of incumbent **Gov. Dolp Briscoe**.****Happenings around the courthouse: **Vivian Dorman**, in charge of the credit union, has about decided that daughter **Donna** is experiencing a false pregnancy since she and husband **Jack** have waited so long for their first grandchild. If **Donna** continues to hold out, the **Dorman's** will become grandparents in February when son **Johnny** and wife **Connie** are expecting their first child.

50 Years Ago-1972

The country is going **Godfather** happy. The movie has grossed **\$120 million** and the book is the best-seller of all times. The author, **Mario Puzo** and **Paramount** are working on a sequel to be called **Godfather II**.******Lee Brown**, the hearing aid doctor, says while on the road making calls he stopped at a small roadside part to rest. He noticed a few folks were buried nearby. One tombstone read, "I expected this, but not just yet."******Bernice Granger**, owner of **Granger's Seafood**, in **Bridge City**, passed away last week.****Eleven-year-old **Karen Dunn** was involved in a auto accident Sunday. The automobile she was a passenger in, driven by 16-year-old **Phyllis Kelly**, hit a tree. The driver was not hurt but **Karen** was hospitalized and is in for a long recovery.****The **West Orange Chiefs** beat cross town rival **Stark High Tigers** 27-0. The **Chiefs** led 20-0 at the half. Halfback **Roy Williams**, tailbacks **Barney Duhon** and **Phillip January** chewed up the yardage, with quarterback **Ray Pusson** calling the shots. **Larry Spears** and **Company**, along with **Jerry Cailler**, the big tackler, gave no ground on defense.******Lanston Fall** scored two touchdowns to beat **Vidor** 14-0. **Fall** ran for 126 yards, while **Mark Dunn** scored high for the defense. **Cardinal** defenders are the best in the area with **David Riddling** and **Tony Bramblett** on the line, **Dunn** and **Fall** linebackers, **Terry Bridgers**, **Bo Worrell** and **Keith MacCammond** in the secondary. **Coach "Chief" Wilson** is running the wishbone offense with **Fall**, **Roger Easterling**, **Chuck Majors**, **Bo Worrell**. **Chipper Nance** handles the kicking.******Jess Davis Realty**, 1601 16th Street employees are **Carmon Davis**, owner; **Brooks Hill**, manager; **Marge Roberts**, secretary/sales; **Gordon Underwood**, **Fannye Beaty**, **Bill Jackson**, T.F. "Sleepy" **Smith**, A.C. **Roberts**, **Fletcher Cockrell**, **Bill Fite**, **Jack Moore** and **Johnny Davis**. That was quite a crew 50 years ago. I believe the only ones still living are **Brooks**, **Godon**, **Fletcher** and **Jack**.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

It's hard to believe that 12 years have gone by since **West Orange-Stark Mustang Reggie Garrett** died during a football game after throwing a touchdown pass. Medical results showed he had a silent, pre-existing heart problem. But the **WO-S Mustangs** never forget him. **His jersey number was 12** and he always said he gave 112 percent. The 112 percent has been adopted as a slogan for the school. It's written in giant letters in the new **Mustang** field house. Because this year was the **12th anniversary of his death**, friends and family had a special remembrance service for

him at his parent's house on **Western Avenue** in **West Orange**, down from the high school. The memorial included a balloon release.****Youth sports is kicking off for the little ones, drawing grandparents and parents to soccer and football fields. **Johnny and Becky Trahan** went all the way to **Colmesneil** to see grandson **Case's** first flag football game.******Mark and Elaine Cook** have been touring the gorgeous landscapes in **Washington** state with mountains, lakes, and forests. Probably a lot cooler there than here in the **OC Texas**. The question **Elaine** had to deal with was whether she saw **Bigfoot** or whether it was simply **Mark** in the woods.******Ginger and Coy Broomes** last week. Five years of marriage and a new life for **Ginger** after moving to the **Swampland from Oklahoma**. She's following her dreams of being a writer.******Bridge City Intermediate School** held a book marker design contest and announced the winners as **Mayrell Barriga** for fifth grade, **Chandler Hollier** for fourth grade, and **Scarlett Peddy** for third grade. The library is printing the winning designs so all students can get some. After all, use a marker, don't dog-ear the pages.******Stephanie Roberts** seems to be everywhere across **Southeast Texas** and is still finding time to take care of young boys. Last week, she got to enjoy **Clint Black** in concert.******Mike Hennigan** and wife, **Orange City Councilor Caroline Hennigan**, had to make a quick trip last week to **Mobile, Alabama**. Of course they had to make some food stops, including one place where the **sweet tea is served in quart pitchers**. That might have led to some extra pit stops on the travels back.****Birthdays this past week included **Sabrina Patronella** turning 41, **Greg Trahan** celebrating No. 52, and **Denisha Lafleur** hit 48. Others marking birthdays were **Dallas Brown**, **Sue Will**, **Corey Simon**, **Toyaka Moses**, **Margaret Terry Peveto**, **Christine Hanchey**, **Clay Dugas**, and **Shawn Hare**. Former **KOGT personality Janet Johnson** celebrated, too. Check out her **Mother Hen Weather** on Facebook for the latest updates. Ex-pat **Ann Pruter Seal** went to **Austin City Limits** on her birthday to see **Steve Miller**.****Who would have ever thought that **overalls man Bob Manning**, who sports a big mustache and likes to wear derby hats, would become a vegetarian. Looks like wife, **Kimberley**, has been sauteeing lots of spinach and tomatoes. And is that quinoa he has been eating? **Kimberley** sure is showing a slimmed down shape after all that healthy eating.****The **Astros** clinched their fifth **American League West** title in six years on Monday, extending the franchise's run of dominance and cementing what has been anticipated for months. The **Astros'** second consecutive **AL West** championship was sealed by a 4-0 win over the **Rays** at **Tropicana Field**. With the clincher, **Houston** (97-51) also received a bye in the wild-card round and secured home-field advantage in the division series.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

A few folks we know celebrating in the next few days. **Sept. 21: Sis Keogh**, longtime friend, former democratic chair person, a great lady who is in a **Beaumont** nursing home, turns 93 today. Also celebrating are **Danny Reed**, **Tammy Judice**, **Bobby Cormier**, **Danny Brack**, **Ronnie Teaff**. Today also our friends **Karen Jo** and **Robert Vance** celebrate their 49th anniversary.******Sept. 22: Happy Birthday** to **Kevin Miller**, **Brooks Tally**, **Maranda Fissette**, **Michael Broussard** and **Donna Broomes**.******Sept. 23: Penny LeLeux**, Jack of all trades, actress, director, writer, who has bailed us out often over the years, celebrates a birthday. Joining her are our longtime friend **Tommy Simar**, **Julie Sandifer**, **Charlene Wappler**, **Brandi Chapman**, **Mark Kelly**, **Julie Saltzman**, **Megan Fontenot**, **Sammy Pratt** and **Laura Roberts**.******Sept. 24: Celebrating today** are **Clint Degeyter**, **Grace Rutherford**, **Brian Beard**, **Mark Norwood**, **Jeannie Barnes**, **Blake Seibert**, **Bill Nugent**, **Jimmy Thurman** and **County Commissioner Teresa Beauchamp**, who is a great friend who plans to retire in December.******Sept. 25: Birthday wishes** to **Ryan Johnson**, **Bill Nugent**, **Bessie Rach**, **Kailey Childress** and **Cameron Pitts**.******Sept. 26: Celebrating** are **Debbie Mirabella**, **Melissa Groff**, **Kara Day**, **Bob Blacksher**, **Vickie Jeter**, and **Joey Hargrave**.******Sept. 27: Today is the birthday** of **Emily Padilla**, **Brittany Briggs**, **Hayley Dardeau**, **Jack Short**, **Todd Shuford**, **Mike Hughes** and **Scott Harris**. (Contact us at 409-735-5305 or news@therecordlive.com to celebrate birthdays or anniversaries.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Agnes Comeaux attended a reception and dinner at a local hotel in **Lafayette**. When the event ended she rushed to da bashroom. After finishing her business she started patting herself down looking for her car keys. She looked at da table where she sat. No key. She realized she must of left dem keys in da ignition. **Agnes** then came to a terrifying conclusion. She bust thru da door and sure nuff da lot was empty. She called da police her, told dem were she was and confessed she had left da keys in da car and it had been stolen. While waiting for da police she made da call she dreaded da most. She call her husband **Clovis** and say, "Honey, me I left da keys in da car and it's been stolen." After a long pause **Clovis** say, "Damnit **Agnes**, I dropped you off me." Embarrassed **Agnes** say, "Well **Clovis**, please come get me." "I will **Agnes** as soon as I convince dis policeman I haven't stole you car."

C'EST TOUT DONALD TRUMP RACES TO DARK BOTTOM

Donald Trump, on Saturday in **Ohio**, made his highest profile embrace of the extremist conspiracy group **QAnon**. It was seemingly the most visible display to date of **Trump's** growing alignment to the **Far Right** group, whose principles were championed by many in the violent mob of his supporters who overran the capitol during the **January 6 insurrection**. Last week, **Trump** posted an image of himself wearing a **Q-pin** on his lapel. It's no wonder **Gov. Abbott** does not want **Trump** to come to **Texas** during his close race with **Beto**. Reasonable **Republicans** and **Independents** are turned off by **Trump's** race to the bottom.******Gotta go**. Thanks for your time. Take care and **God bless**.

LSCO's Director of PR selected as SETX 40 Under 40

Staff Report
For The Record

Lamar State College Orange announced that its Director of Public Relations and Development, Emily Mellen, has been selected by the Southeast Texas Young Professionals Organization, the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, and the Beaumont Enterprise as a 40 Under 40 awardee.

Forty individuals are chosen each year from Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin counties who represent "the best and brightest young professionals" in Southeast Texas.

The awardees are chosen for their academic achievements, professional success, and community involvement in Southeast Texas which lead to shaping the future of the area.

"Emily is a valued member of our Gator Family and represents the college well through her community and professional involvements. Her work to advance the brand and relevance of LSCO



Emily Mellen

to our current and potential students has helped us change the lives of students in our area. She is a worthy recipient of this distinction, and we congratulate Emily on this honor," said LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson.

In Orange, Mellen holds leadership positions and membership in organizations like the United Way of Orange County, the Rotary Club of Orange, the Service League of Orange, Greater Orange Area Literacy Services, Salvation Army of Orange, TX, and Orange County Texas Exes.

Awardees will be honored at a November banquet in Beaumont, hosted by the Southeast Texas Young Professionals Organization, the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, and the Beaumont Enterprise.



OC's Donna Peterson returns to West Point

West Point Military Academy graduate Donna Peterson of Orange returned from her 40th Class Reunion in New York this past weekend. The West Point Class of 1982 graduate was attended by her mom, Donna Peterson Sr. and son, seven year old son Victor. "It was amazing," Peterson said, "The cadet parade, the parachute exhibitions, and the superintendent is already trying to recruit Victor for soccer at West Point." Peterson said the the best part was the football game where West Point beat Villanova 49 to 10. Pictured are: Victor Peterson and his mom Donna Peterson with Army's Black Knight mascot.

Orangetober Fest Oct. 7-9 in Orange

Staff Report
For The Record

The City of Orange Convention & Visitors Bureau has announce the 2nd annual Orangetober Festival. This event will be held October 7-9 at the Riverside Pavilion, located at 708 Simmons Drive, Orange, Texas.

The Orangetober Festival is sure to provide fun for the entire family with a great variety of events and activities. The Pumpkin Village will feature more than 10,000 pumpkins and gourds along with photo opportunities for the entire family.

The first day of the festival will kick off at 4 P.M. on Friday, October 7, and includes tours of the

Pumpkin Village, kids activities, food vendors, craft beer, and the featured film Hocus Pocus beginning at 7:30 P.M.

Day two of the Orangetober Festival kicks off with a 5k and kids 1k hosted by 3 Bros Running Company at 7:30AM on Saturday, October 8. The festival gates will open at 10AM. Visitors can enjoy tours of the Pumpkin Village, a vendor

market, Gumbo Cook-Off, kids activities, food vendors, craft beer, live entertainment on the Riverside Pavilion stage, Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest, Cornhole Tournament, and so much more! Live entertainment includes headliner Kevin Fowler, Joey Greer, JT Reseve, and Flava Band.

Day three of the Orangetober Festival begins at 11 A.M. on Sunday, October 9, and includes tours of the Pumpkin Village, kids activities, food vendors, and craft beer. Beginning at 3 P.M. families, businesses, and individuals are encouraged to bring pumpkins home for decorating, carving, or eating purposes. Please note, pumpkins WILL NOT be moved, claimed, or taken off site prior to 3 P.M.

Please note no dogs, no pets, and no coolers will be allowed at the City of Orange Boat Ramp or Riverside Pavilion.

For additional information, please contact the Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau at 409.883.1011 or online at www.orangetexas.gov.

Garbage rates for WO go up October 1

Staff Report
For The Record

People in the city of West Orange will have a small monthly increase in their garbage collection fees passed on the the city's contractor. The fees are going up for home and business pickup.

For residential fees, the new cost for one cart will be \$23.25 a month, up from \$22.16 a month. Houses with two carts will be paying \$35.05 a month, up from

\$33.96 a month.

Commercial customers with carts will pay \$43.25 a month for one cart, up from \$42.16 a month. Commercial users with two carts will pay \$65.85 a month, an increase from \$64.76 a month.

The city gives a 10 percent discount to customers who pay for a year of service, or a 5 percent discount for those who pay for six months.

The West Orange City Council unanimously approved the rate hikes.

Orangefield ISD cancels trustee election

Staff Report
For The Record

The Orangefield school district's November school board election was able to be canceled because all three positions scheduled for election have candidates running unopposed.

Orangefield is the only public school district in Orange County not within an incorporated city and has its board of

trustees elections at the same time as the November general elections. The other districts have board elections in May at the same time as city elections.

Marc Wernig, currently serving as board president, filed and drew no opponents, as did incumbent Laura Clark. Donovan Weldon opted not to run for re-election this year and Kyle Dubose filed to fill Weldon's vacancy.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training Nov. 7

Staff Report
For The Record

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is holding a Private Pesticide Applicator Training on November 7th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Check in is at 8:30 AM. The three-hour training will give participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test which will be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture in Houston, TX. Cost of the training is \$85 and all

materials will be provided. You are encouraged to participate if you need a Private Pesticide Applicator License. This license is for agricultural producers and landowners who apply restricted use pesticides to their own property. This class will be held at the Extension Office at the Orange County Convention & Expo building on FM 1442 in Orange, TX. Call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 409-882-7010 to register for this class. You must call by the end of the day on October 28th to sign up.

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

c/o: **Barron Law Office**
P.O. Box 279
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Dated the 30th day of August, 2022.

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

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Dated the 14th day of September, 2022.

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

Dianne Granger DeRouen
c/o: **Stephen C. Howard**
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Dated the 15th day of September, 2022.

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The petition of Orange County Sheriff's Posse Inc, Petitioner, was filed in the 260th District Court of Orange County, Texas on 13th day of September, 2022, against Unknown Heirs of the Keown Investment Company, Respondent, numbered 220381-C.

- The suit request:
- (1) Unknown heirs be cited by publication to provide notice of this petition;
 - (2) Plaintiffs be awarded judgment for fee simple title and possession of the real property that is the subject of this suit;
 - (3) That the Court grant such other relief at law and in equity that may be just and proper.

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The petition of **STEPHANIE LOUISE DUVAL** and **LUCAS JOSEPH DUVAL**, Petitioners, was filed in the 163rd Judicial District Court of Orange County, Texas on June 2nd, 2022, against **UNKNOW FATHER**, Respondent, numbered 220344-D and entitled "In the Interest of Jacelyn Raye Goff, a child." The suit requests Termination of the Parental Rights and Granting of the Adoption of a Stepchild.

The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

Jacelyn Raye Goff November 15, 2004 Port Arthur, Texas

The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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The fleet of DG will supply a portion of ETI's long-term resource needs, be available to provide capacity and energy benefits to all ETI customers and enhance the resiliency of ETI's electric grid. In addition, during an outage, the DG, which will be located at a host customer's premises, will be available to supply backup electric service to the host customers and allow it to continue to provide vital goods and services to the community while service to the larger area is being restored.

If the PUCT adopts the 45-day intervention deadline proposed in the Statement of Intent, the deadline to intervene will be October 17, 2022, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the PUCT, at its address provided below, by that date. A request to intervene (original and ten copies) or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you must email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

A copy of ETI's filing may be viewed by accessing the Commission's filing interchange at <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important dates may affect participation in this docket. Therefore, any orders or other filings already made should be reviewed. The control number for this proceeding on the Commission's webpage and in the Commission's interchange is 53992. Persons with questions or who want more information about this filing may also contact ETI at tcr@entergy.com or by calling 866-981-2602 during normal business hours.

Orange County's 'Friday Night' Football Preview

OC SPORTS BEAT
DAN PERRINE
For The Record



Guiding the explosive Tiger offense is senior quarterback Mason Brisbane. He can throw the ball all over the field.

Brisbane's number one
FRIDAY NIGHT Page 3B



Bridge City Cardinal quarterback Hutch Bearden hands off to senior running back Caden Welch in game action against the Lumberton Raiders. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson



Bridge City Cardinal sophomore defensive back Austin Belanger leaps to deflect a pass from a Lumberton Raider receiver. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson

Mustangs to tangle with Tigers

The district schedule begins this Friday for West Orange-Stark. The Mustangs start district carrying a rare two-game losing streak when they play state ranked and undefeated Silsbee.

Two weeks ago the Mustangs lost at home to the bigger Port Neche-Groves Indians. Last Friday West Orange-Stark travelled to Newton and dropped a 24-21 decision to the Eagles. The Mustangs have not lost three straight games since the 2001 season.

Coach Hiawatha Hickman of the Mustangs re-



Marcus Turner, Jr.

minded that two-way starter Jamaal Shaw rolled his ankle on the first offensive series against Newton and did not return the rest of the game. Hickman is hopeful the ankle sprain is not too bad but added Shaw is questionable against Silsbee.

Jailen Brown replaced Shaw at running back and had the most rushes of any Mustang runner in the game with Newton. In addition Brown played every down on defense.

Sophomore Marcus Turner replaced Keyshawn Robinson at quarterback after Shaw was injured. Turner threw three touchdowns and passed for 110 yards in the game. Hickman commented, "Marcus can throw it, he can do the run game, and that's all been part of his progression as quarterback. The other night we felt like it was a good time to give him an opportunity the way Newton plays defense we could have some shots we could take. Marcus handled everything like we asked him. I think going forward Marcus gives us a guy that allows us to open up our entire offense."

The loss for the Mustangs was disappointing since they had an advantage in most of the statistics. "I thought our kids fought. I thought we outplayed Newton in just about every aspect of the game. It was just three or four plays during that game that were the difference between us winning or losing," Hickman expressed.

While the Mustangs have lost their last two games, the Silsbee Tigers have won all four of their games. The Tigers have outscored their opponents 169 to 51 this season.

Silsbee will run multiple formations but the most used formations are versions of the Spread. The Tigers will try to big play opposing defenses using their outstanding skill players.

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Astros on track for 100 wins

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

This has been a weird season for the Houston Astros as far as personal and team statistics are concerned.

The Astros are near the bottom of the major leagues as far as their team batting average is concerned, yet at the top in American League victories and starting and relief pitching and near the top in home runs.

It's no secret that the team has already qualified for the American League post-season playoffs, but going into Monday's game at Tampa Bay, either one more Astros win or one more Seattle Mariners loss will give Houston its fifth AL West Division title in six years.

Going into Monday's three-game series at Tampa Bay, the Astros' 96-51 record was the best in the American League and second in the major leagues, four wins behind the Los Angeles Dodgers (100-44).

The main reason the team is doing so well this season is definitely not because of the player's batting averages, but instead, the skippy earned run averages both the starting pitchers and the bullpen possess, which is the best in the majors. The Astros may only score two or three runs in a game, but still manage to win most of them because of the brilliant pitching.

Two starters are leading the parade—ageless wonder Justin Verlander and youthful southpaw Framber Valdez.

Verlander has been an outstanding pitcher for the past two decades and is among the all-time leaders in mound victories, earned run average and career strikeouts. He is probably one of the wealthiest active pitchers, too.

The 38-year-old Verlander has perhaps the most intense workout schedule between starts and plans to pitch until he's 45—like the NFL's Tom Brady. The fire-balling right-hander still can hurl his four-seam fastball at 100 mph when he wants to.

He was inactive for the past two weeks with a strained calf injury, but returned to the starting rotation Friday on a pitch-count of 80. He completed five innings—not giving up a run or even a base hit. The Astros blanked Oakland 5-0 and Verlander notched his 17th win against only three losses and lowered his ERA to a miniscule 1.78.

Valdez is another story who set a single-season major league record Sunday by becoming the only pitcher in major league history to have 25 consecutive quality starts when he threw six innings and gave up only two earned runs.

Houston won 11-2 over



Joe Kazmar

the Oakland Athletics as Valdez upped his season record to an impressive 16-5.

Valdez began his consecutive quality start skein April 25 against the Texas Rangers. He had six quality starts in May, five in June, five in July, five in August and three so far this month. A quality start is one in which the pitcher allows three or fewer earned runs and pitches at least the first six innings.

Not all the story is bad about the team's hitting, either. Youthful strongman Jordan Alvarez continues to pound the ball out of every park except Yellowstone and helped Verlander win Friday night by going four-for-four with his first three hits being solo home runs.

And just to show those were not flukes, Alvarez hit another homer Saturday to increase his number to 37, drove in four more runs Sunday to increase his RBI total to 93.

The other batting hero for Houston is right-fielder Kyle Tucker, who worked his way into the starting lineup last season by driving in crucial runs, and this year is only one RBI shy of the magical 100-mark through Sunday. He also has pounded out 28 home runs.

Tucker has a chance to join Jeff Bagwell as the only Astro in franchise history to hit at least 30 home runs, drive in at least 100 runs and steal at least 25 bases. Bagwell did it in 1996, 1997 and 1999.

The star that everybody loves—Jose Altuve—got off to a horrid start during the first two months of the season, but if you look at his statistics today, he is batting right at the .290 mark and has hit the same number of home runs he normally does.

The Houston Astros are just waiting for the next two weeks to go by so they'll be ready for the 2022 American League playoffs, with the World Series in their long-range plans.

KWICKIES...

Have you noticed that when Tom Brady takes off his helmet, his face looks much younger than someone who is 45 years old? The rumor going around the football folks is that he took those first 11 days off Tampa Bay Buccaneers training camp to either have a facelift or to be a masked singer or both.

And speaking of Tom Brady, he had a problem getting a receiver open around New Orleans Saints' cornerback Marshon Lattimore. So, he ran his mouth shouting at Lattimore after



Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast

★ **SILSBEE OVER WEST ORANGE-STARK**

The defense that spurred the Mustangs on to win 18 straight district championships and has been one of the top models in the State of Texas for more than 40 years under Dan Hooks and Cornel Thompson, appears to be on vacation this year as it couldn't stop the area's best Class 3A team in the final minutes last week, so how can we expect it to even slow down our area's best 4A team Friday night??

★ **ORANGEFIELD OVER BUNA**

The Bobcats head to Friday night's District 10-3A lid-lifter after being soundly thrashed by a good Woodville team while the Coogs enjoyed plastering 75 points on the board against Kountze to indoctrinate their new head coach. But the games are for real now and the 'Cats are ready to rumble.

★ **HAMPSHIRE-FANNETT OVER BRIDGE CITY**

Everybody's District 9-4A record is 0-0 going into this week's action and the Cards would like nothing more than to start off with a nice victory. But they will have to play error-free football for this upset to occur. I'm rooting for this pick to be all wet.

★ **VIDOR OVER TRINITY CHRISTIAN**

The Pirates got that elusive first victory last week against Lake Charles St. Louis and would love to go into their bye next week on a two-game winning streak. But they must continue to play sound football to do it.

★ **DEWEYVILLE OVER CHILTON**

I don't know a thing about this opponent, but the Pi-

KAZ'S FEARLESS FORECAST PAGE 6B

a play that incited a bench-clearing scuffle after Bucs' running back Leonard Fournette shoved Lattimore and wide receiver Mike Evans rushed and flattened Lattimore. It took a while for the fracas to slow enough for the game officials to eject both Evans and Lattimore from the contest. Brady's first pass to the corner where Lattimore once played went for a Tampa Bay touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, snapping a 3-3 tie and eventually giving the Bucs a 20-10 victory and remaining undefeated in two games.

This week's Top 25 College Football Poll changed very little in the top 10 with only Oklahoma State and Kentucky switching the No. 8 and No. 9 positions. The rest of this week's top 10 poll remains the same—1.

Georgia 2. Alabama 3. Ohio State 4. Michigan 5. Clem-

KAZ'S KORNER Page 6B

BC Lady Cards undefeated in district

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals have opened district play with two wins. The first victory was three straight sets against the Silsbee Lady Tigers.

Bridge City followed with a thrilling five set match against the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears which took two days September 13-14 to complete because of a power outage at the Dr. Pauline Colburn Hargrove Gymnasium. The Lady Cardinals won the first set and were leading in the second set when the power went out at the gym.

Action resumed on Wednesday, September 14, and Bridge City took the advantage it had when the lights went off the night be-



Freshman Anna Kelly had a strong game in the Lady Cardinals five-set win over the Lady Bears.

fore to win the second game. The Lady Bears rallied on their home court to win the next two sets and forced a deciding fifth set.

The Lady Cardinals regrouped to win the final set decisively. The score was 15-6 in favor of Bridge City.

Bridge City's next game will be Friday at Lumberton.

Lady Bobcats drop first district match

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats lost for the first time in district to the East Chambers Lady Bucs on Friday, September 16. It was the third straight five set match for the Lady Bobcats since the start of district.

Orangefield and East Chambers alternated winning sets. The Lady Bucs took the first and third sets while the Lady Bobcats won the second and fourth sets. The scores were 20-25, 25-23, 23-25, and 25-20 in those sets.

The Lady Bobcats battled but came up short 13-15 to East Chambers in the de-

cidng fifth set. Orangefield is 2-1 in district with wins over Kirbyville and Warren previously.

Leaders for Orangefield in the match with East Chambers were Kylie Mouton with 12 kills, 2 aces, and a block. Greenlea Oldham had 11 kills and a block. Lela Francis had 9 kills. Mackenzie Haley had 26 digs and Libby Thurman had 22 digs. Brianna Moore was the leader in assists with 42.

Orangefield played the Hardin Lady Hornets on Tuesday. The Lady Bobcats host the Buna Lady Cougars on Friday, September 23 with the varsity game at 4:30 PM at Bobcat Gym.

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Bridge City Cardinal sophomore Bryce Linder goes up above the pile to block an extra point attempt by the Lumberton Raiders.
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Bridge City Cardinal sophomore defensive back Austin Bellanger leaps to deflect a pass from a Lumberton Raider receiver.
RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson



Bridge City's Ayden Richardson trips up a Lumberton Raider ball carrier for the tackle.
RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson



Mason Pruitt comes in to assist a Bridge City Cardinal defender take down a Lumberton Raider ball carrier.
RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson

Friday Night football From Page 2B

target is Dre'lon Miller who is big, fast, and has good hands. Miller caught 16 touchdown passes last year and will occasionally line up at running back. "Every game he tends to catch a deep ball over everybody's head. They've played him a little bit at running back. Miller is a big time recruit, he's a big time guy that we've got to account for we've got to know where he is at all times," Hickman emphasized.

The running game for the Tigers is also good. They have used six different running backs including Miller. The top three backs are Trei Kibbles, Jonah Brown, and Kevin Martin who all run hard. In short yardage situations Silsbee will use Jayron Williams and Jamarion Elam.

Hickman pointed out the Silsbee offensive line is not

as big as it has been in recent years. The Tiger blockers are quick and do a good job in pass blocking for Brisbane.

The Tiger offense can be summarized in one word, speed. "Their skill is just like ours with their receivers and the running backs like it has been the last seven years since we've been in the same district together. It'll be a dogfight," Hickman repeated.

On defense Silsbee bases out of a 4-2-5. The Tigers will jump into a 50 front at times. They will often slant up front and will send blitzes off the edge and up the middle.

In the middle up front are tackles Kyle Walker and Ryan Drake who are big and aggressive. Rotating in at defensive tackle is Brayden Beasley who is smaller but quicker. This is one area

where the Tigers are a bit young and inexperienced on defense.

The linebackers Jayron Williams and Jarmarion Elam are the highlights of the Tiger defense. Both are big and can run. Williams has been starting since he was a freshman.

The secondary personnel is rotated using different Tigers in the various positions. A leader though is safety Lamarus Bottley who has several interceptions this season.

The Silsbee defense may take a back seat to its offense. Hickman evaluated, "They're going to be sound, they're going to be coached up, and they'll be where they're supposed to be."

Despite two straight losses Coach Hickman thinks the Mustangs have made improvements especially on defense. "I thought we took

a significant step on defense. We were sound on defense, we didn't give up many yards to a good Newton team that was scoring a lot of points. Offensively, the line played well like it's been doing, but we had a hard time catching the ball we dropped a lot of passes the other night. We're improving and you can watch the film to see us getting better every week," Hickman pointed out.

The game between West Orange-Stark and Silsbee has been a district opener for the two teams for the last several years. West Or-

ange-Stark has not lost a district game since Silsbee beat the Mustangs in 2009.

This contest marks an early showdown between the two teams that have dominated the district. Hickman reminded, "Us and Silsbee are probably the two favorites to win the district and have played right off the bat the last five or six years. This game kind of sets you up for down the road, if we win this one and then some other ones we think we can win, so it'll be good to start the district off that way."

Before Friday's battle the

Mustangs are 2-2 and the Tigers sport a 4-0 record, but that changes at the kickoff. "Everyone's zero, zero now. We played a heck of a schedule our first four games considering the people we played. I think we're going to be battled tested. I think that schedule is going to benefit us when we go to Silsbee Friday night. We'll get after it and try to be one and oh again," Hickman concluded.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs and the Silsbee Tigers play Friday night.

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OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

All along the Texas gulf coast the pattern is the same, much anticipated cool fronts on the horizon will signal the frenzy that is fall fishing. Anglers of every description ready themselves with the latest technology and gear in hopes of finding flocks of gulls working over schools of hungry speckled trout and redfish. Shiny fiberglass cruisers masquerading as bay boats are stocked up with an array of tackle that would make most anglers drool with envy. It is the



Chuck Uzzle

same scenario in each bay system any and every place you look, yes all those hot summer days with limited action will soon be past memories because the action is rather than the weather is heating up.

It is incredibly easy to get caught up in the chaos that is fall fishing, running and gunning from one school of fish to another as if they will suddenly disappear if you do not reach them in time. I must admit that I am

absolutely in love with this style of fishing, probably due to the fact that I take a "fly by the seat of your pants" approach to most things so this is right up my alley. While it is true that I have had some wonderful times fishing like this, I have had even better times sharing it with kids.

This time of the year is tailor made for taking a child fishing, weather and overall conditions could not be better for introducing a young angler to the world of fishing. Now some folks hear the stories about chasing the birds in the lake and that sounds great, except maybe they do not



Grandfather and grandson enjoy time together fishing.

have a big boat that allows them to do this kind of fishing. There are very few places better to fish right now than the Sabine and Neches rivers along with the intracoastal canal. Vari-

ous locations along the deep channels can provide hours worth of fish catching opportunities for folks to take their kids and experience some tremendous fishing without having to

worry about the wind and also not having to run too far.

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

Friday Night football preview From Page 1B

The game will be in Silsbee beginning at 7:30.

BC Cardinals take-on HF Longhorns

Last Friday Bridge City lost more than a football game. The Cardinals had fewer points on the scoreboard when the game ended, but they also had fewer players available for this week's game which is the start of district action.

The Bridge City loss to the Lumberton Raiders was a miserable game according to Coach Cody McGuire. "We're just ready to move on. It was a terrible game in all three phases. We lost a lot of kids early, and that had a huge effect on us," McGuire recapped.

The Cardinals had starting quarterback Hutch Bearden injure his throwing arm in the first quarter. Hutch may not play again the remainder of the season.

Starting safety Rayburn Hebert was injured and is out for this week. Cornerback Austin Bellinger had a concussion. Caden Welch broke his collar bone and will be lost for the rest of the year.

The district opener for Bridge City will be on the road. The Cardinals play the Hamshire-Fannett Longhorns who have evened their record at 2-2 for the season by winning their last two games by a combined 85 points.

The Longhorns operate their offense out of the Spread. They rotate their quarterbacks between Cade Craigen and D'onte Zeon. Craigen is used primarily for running the ball with his speed. Zeon is a junior who played quarterback as a freshman, was moved to wide receiver last season, and is used at quarterback in passing situations by Hamshire-Fannett this year.

A leading rusher for the Longhorns is Tyler Spencer who had 779 yards and three touchdowns in 2021. The top receivers are Mason Hein and Caleb Villareal.

The offensive line for the Longhorns is solid. Senior left tackle Caydon Ferrell and junior Kegan Wybie are blocking stalwarts for Hamshire-Fannett.

The Longhorns are balanced with running and throwing the football. McGuire analyzed, "They can run and throw it. They do both well."

Hamshire-Fannett returns five starters from its 3-4 defense of last season. Several of the offensive starters also play defense for the Longhorns including both Craigen and Zeon in the secondary. Villareal is a cornerback who can tackle in the open field.

Senior linebacker John Sanderson was first team all-district for the Longhorns. Sanderson had 131 tackles, 12 of those for losses, and 5 sacks. Another linebacker Gavin Deranier-



Hutch Bearden

ri made 114 tackles with 7 behind the line of scrimmage.

After surrendering 79 points in their first two games the Longhorns have yielded only 15 in the last two games both wins. "They fly to the ball, and they get after it," McGuire described the Hamshire-Fannett defense.

The Cardinals may be licking their wounds from the loss to Lumberton, but

they are not licked. Coach McGuire reminded, "It's the next guy up mentality. That's the way it has to be. That's why we've been practicing the way we practice being physical in practice. Our guys have got to be prepared so when their number is called they've got to perform."

One of the Cardinals that will be stepping up and filling a hole is Josmany Robleto at quarterback replacing Hutch Bearden. Robleto moved to Bridge City from Miami, is athletic, and tough. Robleto saw playing time at running back two weeks ago against Little Cypress-Mauriceville. "We're excited to see what he can do," McGuire concluded.

Friday night the Bridge City Cardinals play the Hamshire-Fannett Longhorns. The game will be at Hamshire-Fannett beginning at 7:30.

Orangefield opens district with Buna

The district games start this week for Orangefield against an old rival. The Bobcats enter district play though coming off their weakest performance of the season so far.

The Bobcats travelled to Woodville and were beaten decisively by the Eagles 33-7. The loss evens Orangefield's record at 2-2 for the year.

The defeat to Woodville was a combination of several factors for Orangefield. The number one factor according to Bobcat Head Coach Josh Smalley is the Eagles are very good. "I think people forget they beat Newton a couple weeks ago, and Newton just beat West Orange-Stark this past week, so it's not like we lost to a cream puff. We lost to a pretty good football team," Smalley pointed out.

Smalley admitted Or-



Diego Garcia

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angefield missed a lot of tackles and their effort in their first road game of the year was not as good as it had been in the three home games that started the season. "Hopefully, our kids will learn from this, and have a little more focus and a little better attitude this week," Smalley expressed.

Standouts in the loss for Orangefield included running back Cameron Dischler who earned his 100 yards rushing and the lone

Bobcat touchdown. Defensive lineman Diego Garcia setup the score with a fumble recovery that he returned to about the Woodville ten-yard line and Dischler scored on the next play.

The Bobcats played without running back Gavin Perry-Koci and two-way starter Morgan Sampson at tight end and defensive end. Perry-Koci should be back this Friday for the district opener. Sampson is seeing a doctor this week to determine if his knee injury will keep him out of the lineup again this Friday night.

The first game of district for Orangefield is against the Buna Cougars. The Bobcats and the Cougars have played each other for decades. Buna may be a bigger rival for Orangefield than even the neighboring Bridge City Cardinals because the two schools have played so often over the

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years.

Buna operates its offense out of the Spread Formation. The Cougars are a multiple offense running and throwing the football. Last week they scored 75 points against Kountze.

The key offensive players for the Cougars start with running back Jacob Johnson a junior. Johnson rushed for over a thousand yards and 13 touchdowns in 2021 for Buna and is having a similar year this season.

Quarterback Toby Marse is also a junior. Marse can run but is a very good passer for the Cougars with numerous receivers to throw the football.

Tight end Landon Stephens is a big target at 6-5, 280, to whom Marse does a good job throwing the ball. H-Back Isaiah Robinson is another large Cougar who is difficult to bring down after he catches the ball. Wide outs with speed are Gavin Theriot, Garrison Connell, and Kayden Dill.

The Cougars can put points on the board. Smalley analyzed, "They're athletic, they do a good job with what they do with their offense, they're big huge and physical up front probably the overall biggest team we've seen this year as far as size goes which gives us issues dealing with all that."

On defense Buna bases out of a 3-4 but will shift into an even four-man front. In last year's game the Cougars played most of the game against Orangefield using four downed linemen. Smalley and his coaches will work to show the Bobcats the different looks used by Buna.

In their first four games the Cougars have not really played a run heavy team like Orangefield. That is good news and bad news for the Bobcats since Buna will have to prepare specially for the Bobcats' Slot-T, but it also means Smalley has no film to see what the Buna coaches might do to prepare for the Bobcats and their run dominated of-

fense.

The leader on the Buna defense is noseguard Reece Boyd. He is a fast and shifty lineman that penetrates across the line of scrimmage to make plays in opponent's backfield.

Safety sophomore Billy Robinson appears to be all over the field. Linebacker Kale Knox was a leading tackler for the Cougars the previous year, but has been missing from the Buna lineup the last few weeks. Replacing Knox at inside linebacker are Cooper Wolfe and Franklin Renfro, and Smalley said they both play well.

The Cougar offense is similar to their defense. "They're big up front. They're athletic in the secondary. The Cougars play well and don't give up a whole lot of points. Even the games they've lost have all been one score losses. It's going to be a challenge for us to move the ball," Smalley described.

It is important the Bobcats play better this week than they did last week. Smalley emphasized, "We've got to tackle better, and we've got to block better. Those are the two things that really stood out last week that we did not do very well at all. Our kids usually have a good tendency to bounce back after games like that and refocus which is our job as coaches to get them to do."

Buna made a head coaching change prior to the Kountze game. That new leadership has the Cougars playing inspired and ready to go.

Orangefield wants a win to start the district on the right foot. "This is a big game for our community, it's a big game because it is the first one in district, but it's even bigger because nobody likes the taste in their mouth after that loss last week and we need to get that taste out of our mouth," Smalley concluded.

The Orangefield Bobcats play the Buna Cougars on Friday night. The kickoff

will be at 7:30 in F. L. McClain Stadium.

LCM Bears prepare to play on new field

This is the bye week for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears. They will be preparing for their next game in two weeks against Legacy School of Sport Sciences out of Spring.

The Bears will have two weeks to put their last game behind them. Kinkaid a private school defeated LCM 23-6 in Houston last Friday. Little Cypress-Mauriceville is 2-2 on the season.

The bye week is not really an off week for the Bears according to Head Coach Eric Peevey. "One thing we're going to do as part of the bye week we'll be moving all of our equipment over to the football field. The new field is done and we'll be able to start practicing on it during the bye week. Everybody's going to bring their hard hat and gloves to take apart blocking sleds and equipment to get it to fit through fences and get it to the turf field," Peevey responded.

Practices on the new artificial turf at Battlin' Bear Stadium began this week. Peevey added, "We're really going to get our kids acclimated to the turf, getting

used to playing on it. We go into a normal work week, so we'll start after giving the kids Monday off letting our coaches kind of get our game plan together for what we're going to be doing against Spring Legacy."

This week is a time for the coaches to review film or videos of the Bears' games played so far to prepare highlight reels which can then be sent to colleges to help the players be recruited to the next level of playing football. "We use this as a big recruiting week also, a grades recovery week," Peevey explained.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the Bears held full practices against each other to get better at what

they do. Peevey stipulated, "It's not as heavy or hard hitting, but it's a lot of mental reps during this period of time, a lot of little things that we need to work on, and use this week to heal up to get better mentally."

The big excitement for the Bear coaches and players during the bye is the first week of practicing on the new field. "Our kids and our community are just so excited, so I know that first home game is going to be homecoming anyway it's going to be a sold out crowd. I just see the community is excited for something shiny and new. It's been a while since Little Cypress-Mau-

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son 6. Oklahoma 7. USC 8. Kentucky 9. Oklahoma State 10. Arkansas. The pollsters didn't think too much about the victories by Texas and Texas A&M, with the Aggies moving up one place from No. 24 to No. 23 while the Longhorns slipped a notch from No. 21 to No. 22.

If you don't think there's parity in the NFL this season, nine of the 2021 playoff teams began this season 0-1. And 89 percent of teams starting a season 0-2 do not make the playoffs at all.

It was a happy day for New York City sports fans Sunday as the NY Giants, NY Jets, NY Yankees and NY Mets all won their games. The last time that happened was on Sept. 27, 2009.

The Baltimore Ravens' super-athletic quarterback Lamar Jackson is the only player in NFL history to run for a 75-yard touchdown and throw for a 75-yard touchdown in the same game.

JUST BETWEEN US...

People are coming up to me every day asking me if I know what's wrong with the West Orange-Stark Mustangs after they lost two games in a row they normally win. That's the key—normal. Whenever changes are made, sometimes it takes a while to get things back to normal. There's no doubt in my mind the Mustangs will be in the state playoffs, but may not as the district champion for the first time in 18 years.

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rates need this win before District 12-2A starts in two weeks.

• NORTHWESTERN STATE over LAMAR—

The Cardinals are still searching for their first victory of the season and their trip to Natchitoches could end the losing streak, but only if the Redbirds show a lot more offense than in the three losses. Remember, their opponent is the Demons and plan to demonize this Saturday visitor.

• MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE over McNEESE STATE—

The Cowboys are in the same boat as Lamar, searching desperately for that initial triumph of the season. The Cowboys are scoring points, but are surrendering too many.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL—

Galena Park North Shore over Beaumont United, Summer Creek over Beaumont West Brook, Port Arthur Memorial over Baytown Sterling (Thurs.), Fort Bend Wil-lowridge over Nederland, Fort Bend Marshall over Port Neches-Groves, Jasper over Liberty, Columbus over Huffman, Newton over Warren, Lumberton over Tatum, Anderson-Shiro over Kountze, Diboll over Woodville, Anahuac over Hardin, East Chambers over Kirbyville, Evadale over Northside Home School, Calvert over Burkeville, High Island over Bracken Christian, Chester over Emery/Weiner, KIPP Generations over Sabine Pass.

COLLEGE—

Coastal Carolina over Georgia State, West Virginia over Virginia Tech (both Thursday); Syracuse over Virginia, Air Force over Nevada, Boise State over UTEP (all Friday); Georgia over Kent State, Alabama over Vanderbilt, Ohio State over Wisconsin, Michigan over Maryland, Clemson over Wake Forest, Oklahoma over Kansas State, USC over Oregon State, Ken-

tucky over Northern Illinois, Texas A&M over Arkansas (Upset Special), Michigan State over Minnesota, BYU over Wyoming, Miami over Middle Tennessee State, Utah over Arizona State, Tennessee over Florida, North Carolina State over UConn, Baylor over Iowa State, Ole Miss over Tulsa, Texas over Texas Tech, Penn State over Central Michigan, Pittsburgh over Rhode Island, Oregon over Washington State, Kansas over Duke, Missouri over Auburn, Mississippi State over Bowling Green, SMU over TCU, Eastern Michigan over Buffalo, Temple over Massachusetts, UCLA over Colorado, North Carolina over Notre Dame, Western Kentucky over Florida International, Toledo over San Diego State, Cincinnati over Indiana, Memphis over North Texas, Appalachian State over James Madison, Central Florida over Georgia Tech, California over Arizona, Houston over Rice, East Carolina over Navy, Liberty over Akron, Arkansas State over Old Dominion, Georgia Southern over Ball State, Tulane over Southern Mississippi, South Alabama

over Louisiana Tech, Marshall over Troy, Iowa over Rutgers, UNLV over Utah State, Northwestern over Miami, O., South Carolina over Charlotte, Purdue over Florida Atlantic, LSU over New Mexico, Florida State over Boston College, New Mexico State over Hawaii, Louisiana-Lafayette over Louisiana-Monroe, Washington over Stanford, San Jose state over Western Michigan (all Saturday).

PRO PICKS---

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

Lady Bears sweep Vidor in volleyball

Dan Perrine For The Record

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears swept their match with the Vidor Lady Pirates on Friday, September 16. The win evened the Lady Bears record to 1-1 in district action.

The first set was tied before the Lady Bears captured the last two points to take it 26-24. Little Cypress-Mauriceville had an easier time in the last two sets winning them 25-14 and 25-16 to complete the sweep.

The Lady Bears were led by Hallie

Maddox, Mariah Ammons, and Chrissy Joseph all with 4 kills. Lindi Perry had 3 blocks, and Janniliz Nazario served 3 aces. Lexi Tubbeville was tops with 16 digs. The assists leader with 22 was Maddox.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville also won the Junior Varsity and Freshmen matches. The Lady Bears JV won in two straight sets. The Lady Bear freshmen needed three sets to win their match with Vidor.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville played Lumberton on Tuesday. The Lady Bears play again on Friday at Jasper with the varsity game starting at 4:30 PM.

Orange County Master Gardener training classes

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 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.

You can signup at the AgriLife office at the Expo Center and get an application and pay the fee.

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riceville has had that. Mrs. Brister has had a great vision so far, and we're just excited to have that opportunity," Peevey concluded. The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears play their next game which will be their ac-

tual first game this season at Battlin' Bear Stadium on Friday, September 30, against the Legacy School of Sports Sciences Titans. The kickoff for the game will be at 7:30 PM.

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