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Orange County, Orangefield ISD may get \$850 Mil ethane terminal

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

An Orange County site along the east banks of the Neches River may be getting a methane shipping terminal worth \$850 million. Orange County Commissioners Court Monday approved a tax abatement offer to Enterprise Products Operating LLC.

The site is off Mansfield Ferry Road and is the Orangefield ISD.

The shipping terminal for ethane, which is a crucial ingredient for the petrochemical industry to make polyethylene plastic products, will have an estimated 1,400 to 3,200 construction jobs. Once completed, the company will have a 29 permanent employees with jobs worth

\$63,000 to \$89,000 year. County Economic Development Director Megan Layne recommended the county offer a 10-year tax abatement deal with the company paying the county \$425,000 a year for the years the taxes are abated. Commissioners Court unanimously agreed to the terms, with only Precinct 3 Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte absent from the meeting because he is on his honeymoon.

Layne said the company is also considering sites in East Baton Rouge, Calcasieu Parish, and Harris County. The Orange County tax abatement offer is competitive with the other sites.

School districts in Texas do not give tax abatements,

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Countywide sales remain strong

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Countywide sales tax collections in August remain above the federal inflation rate, but some cities are lagging behind the inflation rate with sales taxes, according to figures from the Texas Comptroller's Office.

The cities of Bridge City and West Orange were the only two getting more in August 2022 compared to

August 2021, and for the year to date income. However, both cities increases were below the federal inflation rate of 8.3 percent in August this year.

Orange County, which collects a 0.5 percent sales tax, is receiving \$609,420 in sales taxes for the month, an increase of 22.52 percent from the \$497,392 for August 2021. The national inflation rate for August was

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Football Legend Steve Worster Remembered At Homecoming



In a special pregame ceremony Bridge City Cardinal football legend the late Steve Worster was honored. Worster's two children Scott Worster and Erin Worster Stephens were honored with framed Cardinal jerseys with the number 30 on them. That was Worster's number when he played at Bridge City in the mid-1960s and rushed for 5,422 yards as a Cardinal. Steve Worster passed away in August of this year and was a 1967 graduate of Bridge City High School.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

New \$3 million hotel suites project going up

Margaret Toal For The Record

Orange is getting a new \$3 million hotel off Interstate 10 that will have kitchen suites suitable for long-term stays. Those types of hotels are popular with construction workers who come to a city for jobs.

Orange County and Southeast Texas are in line for hundreds of new construction jobs as the oil and petrochemical industry are expanding in the area. On Tuesday, Orange County Commissioners Court approved a tax abatement for a project that could bring up to 3,200 new construction jobs.

The city has issued a building permit for Candlewood Suites, an extended stay hotel in the InterContinental Hotel Group. The permit is for \$3.05 million at 6603 Interstate 10 in the Eagle Point development next to Mueller Buildings. The new micro-hospital and medical center under construction is in the same development.

Candlewood Suites, which also is in Beaumont, advertises suites with kitchens that are furnished with pots, pans, dishes, glasses, and utensils.

Also for city of Orange building permits in September, the DSLD Builders have permits for another 11



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new houses in the Cypresswood Village subdivision off Highway 87 South across from land that has

been cleared for the possible new Chevron-Phillips New hotel Page 3A



Bridge City High School crowned senior Paige Taylor as 2022 Homecoming Queen on Friday night. Paige was escorted by Gean Hammett III. The announcement was made at halftime of the homecoming bout between the Bridge City Cardinals and Hardin-Jefferson Hawks. Despite the 21-7 loss it was a memorable night filled with spirit and fan fare.

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Commissioner of Higher Education tours LSCO

STAFF REPORT For The Record

The Commissioner of Higher Education for the state of Texas, Dr. Harrison Keller, made a trip to Orange on Tuesday to visit the Lamar State College Orange campus.

LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson led a tour of the campus and showed the Commissioner the innovative technical and workforce programs that are enabling students to transition immediately to work and to address the immense workforce needs in the area.

The Commissioner of Higher Education was accompanied by the Texas State University System (TSUS) Chancellor, Dr. Brian McCall, TSUS Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, Daniel

Harper, and TSUS Vice Chancellor for Academic and Health Affairs, Dr. John Hayek.

"We are thrilled to welcome Commissioner Keller to our beautiful college on the Sabine. We at Lamar State College Orange are in the business of transforming lives, and it's an honor to show Commissioner Keller and our Texas State University System Chancellor, Dr. Brian McCall, exactly how we're doing that. Our innovative and ready-to-work programs ensure that students achieve affordable educational goals while experiencing the least amount of debt possible," said LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson.

"It is wonderful to witness the work that is being done at Lamar State College Orange that trains students



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Harrison Keller - Commissioner of Higher Education for Texas; Dr. Thomas Johnson - President of Lamar State College Orange; Dr. Brian McCall - Chancellor of the Texas State University System.

to be ready to make an impact immediately on the local and state economy. These innovative programs are meeting the needs of local industry and allowing students to access high-demand, high-quality jobs.

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Local voters flock to early polls on first day

**Margaret Toal
For The Record**

More than 1,600 people went to the four early voting sites Monday, the first day of early voting for the November 8 general election. The Orange County Elections Administration tallied a total of 2,180 votes the first day.

The Raymond Gould Community Center in Vidor had 553 people voting on Monday, followed by the Orange Public Library with 462, the Orange County Airport with 448, and the Mauriceville Community Center with 211, for a total of 1,674 in-person votes.

The elections administration reports 504 mail-in ballots were counted on Monday, along with one early voting provisional ballot plus one limited ballot for a grand total of 2,180.

Because any county registered voter may go to any of the four early sites,

break-downs of ballots cast for individual races is not reported.

On Tuesday, the county had extended early voting hours and numbers were not available for The Record deadline.

This year for the first time people living in the county's four emergency services districts, which provide fire protection service to different areas, will vote directly for the members of the districts' boards of directors. The ESDs do not follow county precinct lines.

ESD 1 is for residents in the city of Vidor and its outlying areas and has seven people running. Candidates are Jerry E. Aldridge, Gene Domec, Nelda Nash, Kenneth Luce, Larry C. Williams III, Wyatt Boyett, and John H. Houseman.

ESD 2 is for the city of Bridge City and its outlying areas including Orangefield. Six people filed to run. Candidates are Glen Childers Jr., Chris

Landry, Wes Arnold, Aaron McNeil, Carroll LeBlanc, and Scott Barnes.

ESD 3 is the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department. Six candidates filed for the five positions. Candidates are Wayne LaCombe, Bobby Smith, Wesley Journeay, Corina Alonso, Cammie Man-shack Vincent, and Cathy Drake.

ESD 4 covers the Mauriceville and McLewis areas. Only five people filed for the five positions. Candidates are Anthony Shue, Robert H. Hymes, Dan Brack, David Covey, and David Jones.

The other local election drawing attention is for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD, which is holding a Voter Approved Tax Rate election.

Early voting through Friday, October 28, will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, October 29, early voting will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday voting on October 30 will be 1 p.m. to 7

p.m. Then voting will begin again on Monday, October 31, through Friday, November 4, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Orange County's early voting sites for the November general election will be the Orange Public Library, Mauriceville Community Center, Orange County Airport, and Raymond Gould Community Center in Vidor.

Registered Orange County voters may go to any of the early voting sites to cast a ballot. On Election Day, they are required to go to their assigned voting box.

The ballots for the November 8 general election will also include a number of races for national, state, and county public offices. The election drawing the most attention in Texas is for governor as the Republican incumbent Greg Abbott faces Democratic challenger former U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke.

Area Labor Council gives election endorsements

Staff Report

The Sabine Area Central Labor Council AFL-CIO has announced its endorsements in the November 8 general election. The council made no endorsements for Orange County candidates as the county has non-contested races.

The endorsements for Jefferson County are Christian "Manuel" Hayes for Texas Representative District 22, dual endorsements of Gordon Friesz and Chel-sie Ramos for State District 317 judge, Jeff Brannick for county judge, Jes Prince for county clerk, Charlie Hallmark for county treasurer, and Cary Erickson for Precinct 2 county commission-

er. Statewide offices follow the Texas AFL-CIO Council endorsements with Beto O'Rourke for governor, Mike Collier for lieutenant governor, Rochelle Garza for attorney general, Janet T. Dudding for state comptroller, Jay Kleberg for General Land Office commissioner, Susan Hayes for agriculture commissioner, Erin A. Nowell for Texas Supreme Court Place 3, Amanda Reichel for Texas Supreme Court Place 5, Julia Maldonado for Texas Supreme Court Place 9, Dana Huffman for Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5, and Robert Johnson for Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6.

Columbanus hosts 'Trunk or Treat'

Join the team at Columbanus Motor Sports for a fun filled Halloween Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct. 29, from 1-3 PM. There will be plenty of free candy, refreshments and family fun in the showroom of the area's largest motorcycle and ATV dealership. Columbanus Motor Sports is located at 3500 IH-10 West in Orange.

WHY

**Sen. Carl Parker
For The Record**

Most of my friends, particularly the ones with a conservative bent, often like to quote the old saying, "least government governs best." What makes me wonder why is it that all these folks seem to want their own school district, community, drainage district and who knows what other governmental entity to provide essential services.

One area though that really makes me wonder why is in the area of law enforcement. I have never understood why it is that every form of educational institution wants, or feels the need to have their own police force. Every university, every community college, probably a majority of school districts now and who know who else, all have



**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.

their own. If police exist on the public payroll to "protect and defend," it seems the same principle should apply to a policeman at a university as it does to Dallas, Fort Worth or Houston

law enforcement. Certainly, having local police merged into police educational institutions would be more efficient and save taxpayer money. If I am wrong, I certainly invite anyone to tell me why.

Some of the savings of such a merger should be obvious. Each district with its own police force must have its own chief. In all probability, at least one assistant chief. Good management requires the top guy always has an assistant so, it looks like a team effort. Additional supervisory personnel will also be needed to have a proper chain of command in a military-like organization.

Another advantage would be in the quality of trained police officers. Recent events in Uvalde demonstrated, perhaps that proper training for disasters was sorely lacking and did not do the job to "protect and

defend." Clearly academies such as the one that trains our Department of Public Safety Officers is superior to hit-and-miss kind of training probably available to local district police.

Additionally, it's very likely that larger police forces have better access to surplus government equipment necessary for efficient law enforcement. Things such as bulletproof vests, listening devices, vehicles or even facilities for locking up those who have been arrested.

Having local police forces merge with institutions within their boundaries should be more efficient and able to provide the same services at a much lesser cost to taxpayers. Police, constables, deputies have the same basic functions, so why have so many separate organizations?

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but negotiate with a company in what is called a "3-13" agreement with the Texas Comptroller's Office.

Layne said the company could begin construction in the first quarter of 2023 and could be operating by the second quarter of 2025.

She said Enterprise Products is the same company that looked at the site a few years ago and ended up choosing to build a terminal at the Houston Ship Channel instead.

Chevron-Phillips, which announced in January 2019 that Orange County is a finalist for the site of a new \$5 billion chemical plant, still has not formally announced where the plant will be built. However, a number of acres along Highway 87 South between Orange and Bridge City have been cleared with electrical lines and pipelines installed as preparation for the possible future plant. Workers continue to improve the site daily.

In other business during the commissioners court meeting, County Tax As-

essor-Collector Karen Fisher reported the total taxes assessed in the county are nearly \$37.4 million, plus another \$180,000 for the farm to market road fund. Delinquent taxes for 2022 total about \$3.82 million, plus another \$23,000 in the farm to market road fund.

Tax statements for 2023, which are due at the end of January, have been mailed to everyone in the county except for property owners in the Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD. The district is having a voter approved tax rate election on November 8 and the election will determine the district's tax rate. The tax bills in the district will be mailed after the election determines the tax rate.

Commissioners approved three minor property plat changes that have been reviewed and approved by the county engineer and the Orange County Drainage District.

The change for the Claude R. Wilhelm Addition in Precinct 2 off Tranquility Road is allowing an 11.559-acre tract to be di-

vided into two tracts. One will be 3.857 acres and the other 2.768 acres.

The plat for Lake Addition in Precinct 4 off Stephenson Road divides a 7.73-acre tract into three tracts measuring 3.54 acres, 3.10 acres, and 1.09

acre.

The Duncan Woods Estates in Precinct 3 off Duncan Woods Lane is dividing a 3.495-acre tract into two, one being 1.522 acre and the other 2.301 acres.

Lady Bobcat 8th Grade Champs



The Orangefield Lady Bobcats finished the season with undefeated 7th and 8th grade B-teams, and the 8th grade A-team was the undefeated District Champions.

All the matches in the final round against the Lady Buccaneers were a testament to the hard work each team has put in.

Pictured Left to right is the 8th grade A-team (District Champions) Front Row (L-R): Mikayla Locke, Lainey Maricle, Eliese Gravett, Olivia Smith Back Row (L-R): Ava Walker, Madison McCormack, Paisley Reeves, Brennah Lee, Briana Thibodeaux, Angelina Ragusa, Coach Malorie Read and

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chemical plant. The city does not list the prices of the new houses, but the company's website says the houses in the subdivision cost from \$227,000 to \$279,000.

The other permit for a new residence went to 2308 Pacific Drive as a hurricane replacement house. The city also issued five permits for home remodeling projects, along with three permits for home swimming pools.

Other commercial projects included \$74,716 for a new roof at O'Reilly Auto Parts on 16th Street, plus a \$5,000 roof repair for Walgreen's, also on 16th Street.

The Church of Christ, 501 Ninth Street in the Old Orange Historic District, took a permit for \$25,000 for new concrete.

The city issued demolition permits to tear down the old house at 2308 Pacific and to remove the old caretaker's building at St. Mary Cemetery, 4320 Meeks Drive.

People continue to prepare for power outages by installing home generators and solar systems. The September permits had seven for hooking up generators to home electrical systems, along with another 10 permits for connecting natural gas lines to generators. Three permits were issued for solar panels.

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These efforts lead to bolstering the ninth-largest economy in the world, making a Talent Strong Texas," said Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Harrison Keller.

"We are pleased to show Commissioner Keller the incredible programs our TSUS institutions offer. These programs are producing credentials of value that make a difference in the Texas workforce. Lamar State College Orange is leading the charge in this area to match the needs of Industry with a workforce that is trained and knowledgeable. TSUS prides itself on this kind of immediate impact for its students and for the Texas economy," said TSUS Chancellor Dr. Brian McCall.

The group toured the LSCO Nursing Programs, the new CDL Training Facility that was created as a result of a grant from Governor Greg Abbott's office, the new Electro Mechanical Technology Program, and other workforce and technical education programs.

The tour concluded with a visit to Cloeren Incorporated in which Peter Cloeren, CEO of Cloeren Incorporated showed the impressive facilities of one of their local plant sites. Lamar State College Orange is proud of the recent partnership that led to the fall 2022 launch of the new Electro Mechanical Technology program.

Lamar State College Orange is part of the Texas State University System (TSUS). The System, founded in 1911, is Texas's first university system. TSUS member institutions currently serve more than 87,000 students on 13 campuses from far West Texas to the Gulf Coast.

Additional member institutions include Lamar University, Sam Houston State University, Sul Ross State University, Texas State University, Lamar Institute of Technology, and Lamar State College Port Arthur.

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Sales tax collections remain strong From Page 1

8.3 percent. The county for the year to date has \$6.05 million, compared to \$5.41 million for the same time last year, an increase of 11.72 percent.

Bridge City has a sales tax rate of 1.5 percent and received \$165,246 for August, a 4.47 percent increase from \$158,171 in August last year. The city has received \$1.84 million in sales taxes for the year to date, compared to \$1.71 million for the same period last year, an increase of 7.45 percent.

The city of Orange with a 1.5 percent sales tax rate dropped drastically for August 2022 compared to last

year, but is still up for the year to date. The city received \$396,111 for August, a 23.68 percent decrease from \$519,056 in August last year. The city is now at \$5.95 million for the year to date, compared to \$5.64 million last year, an increase of 5.44 percent.

Pinehurst saw a jump in sales tax receipts in August, but is still down for the year to date. The city has a 1.5 percent sales tax and received \$59,043 for August, compared to \$48,159 for August last year, an increase of 22.60 percent. The city is now at \$563,104 for the year to date, down 4.79 percent from the \$591,440

from last year.

Vidor, with a 1.5 percent sales tax rate, saw a big increase in receipts for August, but is stagnant for the year to date. The city got \$294,889 for August this year, an increase of 19.09 percent from August last year. The city for the year to date is at \$2.93 million, down from \$2.94 million last year at the same time, a decrease of 0.36 percent.

The city of West Orange has a 1.25 percent sales tax and collected \$110,770 for August this year, compared to \$102,402 last year, an increase of 8.17 percent. The city now has \$1.13 million for the year to date, an in-

crease of 1.80 percent from the \$1.11 million collected for the year to date in 2021.

Orange County Emergency Services District 3 is the only special district in the county to collect a sales tax. The district is for the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department and has a 1.5 percent sales tax approved by voters. In August, the district collected \$25,061, compared to \$19,747 for August last year. The district has collected \$244,718 for the year to date, an increase of 10.99 percent from the \$220,473 collected at the same time last year.





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From the Creaux's Nest WORLD SERIES STARTS FRIDAY PHILLIES vs ASTROS

The Philadelphia Phillies are going to the World Series for the first time in 13 years, and they are going there in a fashion that defies any and all words, **Harper's two-run homer** in the bottom of the eighth inning propelling them to a **4-3 victory over the Padres** in Game 5 of the NLCS. Whatever happens from this point forward, whether it ends in victory or defeat in **Houston** or in **Philadelphia**, the **2022 Phillies** have cemented themselves as one of those teams, as a collection of **those guys**. They have secured the eighth **World Series** berth in Franchise history. They have given themselves a chance at winning a third title. They have carved themselves a **place outside of time**. The **Houston Astros** swept the **New York Yankees** in the **ALCS** to reach the **World Series** for a fourth time in six seasons. They left no doubt that they are the best team in the **American League**, sweeping aside slugger **Aaron Judge** and the **Yankees** in four games after Sunday's **6-5 victory**. After losing the **World Series** last season, **Houston** opens as a solid favorite to win the title this year. The **Astros** have been here before, don't underestimate another **National League East** team (remember the **Braves**.) It should be a lovable group. There's pint-size star **Jose Altuve**, two-timer **All Star Alex Bregman**, ace right-hander **Justin Verlander** and a slew of up-and-coming players like **ALCS MVP Jeremy Pena**, **Yordan Alvarez** and **Kyle Tucker**. There's also **Dusty Baker**, the 73-year-old manager who is still searching for his first **World Series** title and the oldest man to lead a team to the **Fall Classic**. Game 1 of the latest **World Series** finally begins at 7:03 p.m. on Friday in downtown **Houston**. These currently unbeatable **Astros** should be four, five, or at the worst, six more games away from their **second world championship**.

WORLD SERIES SCHEDULE

Game 1, **Phillies at Astros**, 7:03 p.m. Friday; Game 2, **Phillies at Astros**, 7:03 p.m. Saturday; Game 3, **Astros at Phillies**, 7:03 p.m. Monday; Game 4, **Astros at Phillies**, 7:03 p.m. Tuesday; Game 5, **Astros at Phillies**, 7:03 p.m. Wednesday; Game 6, **Phillies at Astros**, 7:03 p.m. Friday; Game 7, **Phillies at Astros**, 7:03 p.m. Saturday. All games will be televised on Fox.

REMEMBERING CAPTAIN McNEIL

Captain **Jerry McNeil**, age 81, passed away Sunday, October 23. A Mass of Christian burial will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 27 at St. Helen Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. **Captain McNeil** lived a lifetime of marine life. He loved the waterways. I first met Capt. McNeil when he was 50 years old and a Sabine Pilot Association captain. I recall visiting with him about all the different foreign ships that he would pilot to port. He spoke about all the great food served on the ships. I recall when **Judge Troy Johnson** married the Captain and Mary's daughter **Veronica**. I have great memories of all the great guys and one gal, who were Sabine Pilots, a unique group. Our condolences to Mary and her entire family. **Captain McNeil's** obituary can be read on our website, therecordlive.com. Please check it out. **Captain McNeil**, your vessel always sailed in the right direction. May you rest in peace.

PEARL HARBOR HERO TO BE 101

Over the last few weeks I had tried to contact my friends **Cherry and Cedric Stout**. It was very unusual for them not to return my call. I contacted **Cedric's** daughter **Darlene**, who informed me that **Cherry** had fallen and broken her hip and they are now unable to stay at their home. They are temporarily at the **Stonewood Senior Center**, on Hwy. 1442. **Cedric**, the area's only **Pearl Harbor** survivor, will be 101 years of age on Nov. 7. So far he is getting along pretty good and would like to be home working around his yard, watering plants, etc. As of now, final plans about returning home are not decided. **Cedric's 101 birthday** will be celebrated Nov. 5, at grandson **Jason's Bull Red Restaurant** on Hwy. 1442. That day will also be grandson, Port Commissioner's **Johnny Montagne, Jr.'s**, birthday. They could have a dual celebration. I hear there are three seniors over 100 at **Stonewall**. **Cedric** is the baby, one is 103. We will keep you informed on our **Pearl Harbor hero**.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2012

From day one, the day **President Obama** was inaugurated, 15 Republicans met. The group included **Sen. McConnell**, **Rep. Paul Ryan** and **Eric Canter**. A few days later **Sen. McConnell** came out and said that their first priority was to make **Obama** a one term. They would not cooperate on anything to help the country if it helped **Obama**. They signed a

pledge to **Grover Norquist** and the congress became the worse in our history, with an 11 percent approval rating today. They made the chances of recovery almost impossible. Then at mid-term, 87 **Tea Party** congressmen joined the assault on progress and sat on their hands, not raising a finger to help advance the country. **President Obama** plowed on, saved the auto industry, which affects at least two plants here on Chemical Row. He gave **18 tax cuts to small businesses** and \$3,600 in cuts to the middle class to help the country get some traction. **He saved the financial industry** and helped bail out citizens in the drink on house mortgages. He did it alone while the congress attempted to obstruct his efforts. Today, despite their pledges, **the country is on the upswing**. We send our condolences to the family of **Ruby Pickard**, age 84, who passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, 1:30 p.m. **Ruby** was a woman with a long history of helping people. She was the founder of **My Wish, Inc.**, a non-profit organization that filled the dreams of terminally ill children. The organization began right before **Christmas in 1983**. She provided kids with anything from airplane rides, to a horse, to tickets to a **Houston Astros game**, etc. She was calm in the face of the anguish only a family of a dying child can know. She was a dear friend for over 60 years. **Bridge City's Matt Bryant** connected for three field goals and three extra points to give Atlanta the **NFL's only undefeated team** in a 30-17 win over the Eagles. **The Bayou Bowl Scholarship Banquet** is next Monday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at **Bridge City Elementary cafeteria**. Former **Bridge City and Tulane star, Cody Sparks**, is the guest speaker. **Jerry McInnis** has done a lot of work to assure this will be a great banquet. **Suzie and Frank Wallace** have just returned from their **Food Network Italian culinary tour**. They visited **Rome**, the **Tuscan region** and **Venice**. **Congratulations to the Battlin' Bears** homecoming queen and king, **Demi Sheppard** and **Dustin DuCharme**.

28 Years Ago-1994

Just for kicks I thought I would take a look at what was going on in **1994**, six years before the turn of the century. The **West Orange-Stark Mustangs** danced past **Nederland** in a 32-22 homecoming victory. **Bridge City High School Strutter officials** are **Misty Reyenga, Chelsie and twin sister Cortnie Moerbe, Emily Yoakum and Tiffany Osborn**. **Little Cypress- Mauriceville Junior High cheerleaders** are **Tera Wilson, Mitzi Harris, Amanda Peveto, Tonya Young, Amy Permenter, Haley Sims, Jessica Saucier, Sarah Hude and Brandi Hinds**. **Trisha Yearwood** performs at **Lutcher Theater**. **Bridge City Lady volleyball team** wins 20-4A District title. They advance to the playoffs. (Editor's note: Best I recall two of those girls were **Becca Mathews**, who wore # 00 and **Rachel Gunn**, #25. **Gov. Ann Richards** visits **Orange in re-election bid**. Just a few of her two hundred supporters in the **Record Newspaper** full page ad are, **Judge John McDonald, Sheriff Fontenot, County Attorney John Kimbrough, Tax Assessor, Rosemary Slanton, Treasurer Vergie Mooreland, County Clerk Molly Theriot, District Clerk Billye Minter, County Commissioners Marcel Adams and Donald Cole. Nolan Brown is steering committee chairman for Richards**. Also supports shown in ad were **Constable Pct. 1 Jack Thompson, County Judge Elect Carl Thibodaux, County Clerk Elect Karen Jo Vance** and the list goes on. (Editor's note: That was back in the good old days. **Lynwood Sanders** was **Democratic chairman, Earl Williams and David Montagne** were **"Yellow Dog Democrats"**. **Roy Dunn** was a **Sabine Pilot commissioner**, appointed by **Gov. Richards**. Union guys like **Dewey "Teddy Bear" Cox, Scott Faircloth, George Crawford, Gene Edgerly, Bufford Herford, John Baker and Kenny Pigg** worked with **Ann Richards, State Senator Carl Parker and Congressman Charlie Wilson** to bring good things to our area.) **Johnny Cash, along with June**, came to **Orange** to perform at the **VFW** in support of **Congressman Charlie Wilson**. He entertained the overflow crowd for an hour then **June joined in** for a few sets. **H.D. Pate and Roy Dunn** visited with **Cash** on the bus. **Dunn** was doing a private photo shoot but he couldn't get his camera to work. **Johnny** tried it and it worked but not for **Roy**. He ended up borrowing a stage picture from **Glenda Dyer, Leader editor**. (Editor's note: I have to check with **Glenda** to see if she recalls that night in **Oct. 1994**.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Orange County's newest power couple are currently honeymooning in **Mexico on the Isla Mujeres** complete with ocean sunrise views from their hotel. **County Treasurer Christy Khoury and County Precinct 3 Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte** were married this past Saturday. The bride wore a white satin sheath dress with bell sleeves that had lacework at the edges. For the religious ceremony, the bride wore classic white high heels, but changed to white tennis shoes for the reception party at the **county expo center**. Guests included lots of county officials and employees. **Joel and Lori Ardoin** were in the crowd and were celebrating their **20th wedding anniversary**. Others spotted included **Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Justice of the Peace Joy Dubose-Simonton, Carman Dominguez, plus Denisha and Matthew LaFleur**. **Paige Taylor** was named **Bridge City High School homecoming queen** this past Friday night in a big celebration. She and the other girls in the court opted to wear short cocktail-style dresses with **Paige** wearing a deep red shade that perfectly matched her red rose bouquet. Of course, everything goes with a tiara. Faculty members **Zachary Owensby** and **Rylee Ocegueda** were named **homecoming "emperor and empress"**. **Over in Deweyville, Haley Williams** was crowned **homecoming queen** and **Connor SALTER** was named **homecoming king**. **The Lutcher Theater** kicked off another season with **"RESPECT"**, a tribute show of **Aretha Franklin** hits. It was a perfect event for new mother **Emily McKee Mellon** to get a few hours away from baby **Mary Katherine Mellon**. **Carol and Robert Sims** were seen, along with **Karen and Billy Jack McKinney, Margaret Light, Rosie Hurst, Janie Burns Melton and Gene**

Soper. Free State Winery sold their wares before the performance and during intermission. It was a great way for the local business to get some out-of-town fans. **Birthdays** this past week included **Orange City Councilor Brad Childs. Captain Keith Longlois** with the **Orange Police Department** celebrated another wedding anniversary with wife **Cyndi**. He even stayed home from squirrel hunting for the special occasion. **Kristopher Marple** had another birthday as did **Julian Gross. Bill Tiger** has moved away, but had local friends and family wishing him a happy 86th birthday. **Jacelyn Cook** turned 17. Last week we missed **Ronnie Peveto**, who shares a birthday with great-grandson **Carter**. **Dr. Amy Townsend** found a surprise "patient" in one of her examining rooms. Looks like she's blaming husband **Rodney** for the scary evil baby doll left on an exam table. We haven't heard whether the doctor screamed. **Michael and Angelique Catt** spent some quiet time at **Crystal Beach** during the weekend. **The Church of Christ and Ninth and Elm in the Old Orange Historic District** had a top-notch group of hamburger chefs for the fall festival last week. Manning the grill and smoker were **Chadwick Robison, Dirk McDonald, and Corey Stark**. **Nov. 3rd** is a special day for a special lady. If I remember correctly **Denise Stanton** turns 53 but regardless, I want **Denise** to know we all wish her a very special day. Also a big hello to her mom **Mary**. If you have a reason to be getting medical work at **Gulf Coast Cardiology**, there is a chance you will see someone you know from **Orange County**. Also many of the staff are from this county. Last week I had to deal with the lady crew who administered the stress test. The only name I recall is **"Stormy"**, who is from **Dr. Abochamh's** staff. They wanted to hide her from the public. They're a knowledgeable, fun and friendly bunch. The stress test is much improved from years past and takes half the time. **Collin Gros** attended the **LSU homecoming game** against **Ole Miss**. He said it was wild. **Cajun's enjoy a party. LSU won 45 to 20.**

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating their special day. **Oct. 26: Evan Swenson, Phyllis Yeats, Toni Dyer, and Hunter Smith** celebrate today. **Oct. 27: Betty Harmon, Ron Sigler, Don Burgess, Joe 'Kaz' Kazmar, David Dupuis, John Lumpkin, and Betty Trantham** share their big day today. **Oct. 28: Celebrating are Derrick Cole, Chris Stone, Ronnie Moerbe, Cori Woodard, Heather Dubose**. **Oct. 29: Emma Scott** is a year older today. **Oct. 30: Vickie Cormier, Donna Peterson, Carlos Vasek, Jessica Bradberry, Laura Moreau** have birthdays today. **Oct. 31: 'Trick or Treaters Mark Dunn, Stacy Doiron, Taylor Thurman and Joey Campbell** celebrate. **Nov. 1: Happy Birthday to Coach Chris Moore, Kyle Prosperie, Marla Carter, Nancy Blacksher, Rebecca Phelps, Caroline Young, David Moreau.** (To let us know about birthdays and anniversaries coming up, call 409-735-5305 or email to news@therecordlive.com. Thanks.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Tee-Neg Desameaux and Pee-Wee Leleaux sat at Tee-boy's bar and Grill and got plum drunk, dem. Dey stagger out of da bar and walk down da alley wit a row of houses on one side an on da utta side too. All of a sudden Pee-Wee stop him and he point to a strange looking pile of something on da ground. He say, "Tee-Neg, it smell bad yea. "Pee-Wee he look at da pile and say, "It's brown and sho look nasty." Tee-Neg him say, "Why don't you taste it Pee-Wee?" So Pee-Wee him he stick his finger in it, taste it and make an ugly face. Den he say, "Angh, I tink it's dog ca-ca me." Tee-Neg say, "Boy, tank God, at least we didn't step in it."

C'EST TOUT IT'S ELECTION TIME-VOTE

Early voting in the **United States** started this week. There is no doubt that our democracy and abortion are on the ballot all over the country. The latter is expected to bring out more women voters than at any other mid-term election. In a radical move **Trump supporters** are telling **GOP** voters to hold onto mail ballots until **Election Day**. The plan is based on unfounded conspiracy theories that fraudsters will manipulate voting systems to rig results for **Democrats** once they have seen how many **Republican** votes have been returned early. There has never been no evidence of any such wide spread fraud. Discouraging early voting and encouraging voters to hold onto their mailed ballots until **Election Day**, runs counter to efforts by most campaigns, **Republican** and **Democratic** candidates alike. **Trump** also has weighed in, saying at a recent rally that voting on **Election Day** was best because **"it's much harder for them to cheat that way."** There is nothing I like about **Ted Cruz**. The **Senator** has written a book. He's gutsy; you have to give him that. He appeared on **"The View"** of all places, to publicize the books release. That was like going to a hornets nest. **Ted and Florida Gov. DeSantis** will battle to be the first **Cuban U.S. president** in 2024. **Speaking of presidents, defeated president Donald Trump** was in **Robstown, TX** last weekend. **Gov. Greg Abbott** was nowhere to be found. I told you after the primary **Abbott** would stay as far away as he could from **Trump**. Surprisingly he went to **Florida**. **Trump** mostly was in **Texas** to help **Att. Gen. Ken Paxton**, who is challenged by **Rochelle Garza**, who was endorsed Sunday by the **Houston Chronicle**. The **Houston** paper, like other large **Texas newspapers** also endorsed **Beto O'Rourke** for governor over **Abbott**. **Trump** has been supporting deniers, candidates who say **Trump** won the 2020 election. He is supporting **Dr. Oz** in Pennsylvania, saying over the weekend they will contest the election if **Oz** doesn't win. In **Georgia**, **Trump** hand picked his candidate for **U.S. senator, Herschel Walker**, popular and a good candidate because he scored a lot of touchdowns. **O.J. scored more**. It's hard for me to visualize **Herschel** as one of our elder statesmen. **Donald and Herschel**, what a pair of aces. **My time is up; thanks for yours. You can vote early, its ok. Vote for who you believe will be the best civil servant. Take care and God bless.**

County extends burn ban

Margaret Toal
For The Record

The early Tuesday morning cold front did not bring enough rain to alleviate wildfire conditions and Orange County Commissioners Court Tuesday afternoon voted to extend a burn ban for another 30 days.

County Judge John Gothia, who had previously issued a burn ban, said he can lift the ban if a soaking rain comes. Gothia had previously issued seven-day burn bans. He said commissioners court can make the ban for 30 days.

Orange County is listed on the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor as being abnormally dry. North winds recently have

dried out grasses and brush even more. The burn ban applies to the unincorporated areas of the county, though cities ban outdoor burning all year.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp said she had a complaint during the weekend about someone burning leaves. She called the fire department for the area and they helped the person extinguish the flames. She said the person burning could have faced a \$500 fine.

Gothia warned people that it is dangerous to be burning outside now, even if someone is watching the fire with a water hose at hand. "It's not the fire in your yard, it's the embers that go off into the woods," he said.

Rotarians name Students of the Month



Jada Greiner was named the Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Clubs Orangefield October 'Student of the Month.' Jada is ranked 21 out of 120 students and has a GPA of 4.19. She plans to attend Lamar University to pursue a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Pictured with Jada are OFHS Principal Rea Wrinkle, her parents, Chris and Ashley Griener, grandfather Joel Kirby, OFISD Superintendent Shaun McAlpin, and OFHS Counselor Crissa



Anthony Bellanger was selected as the October Bridge City/ Orangefield Rotary 'Student of the Month.' Anthony ranks 15th out of 181 students and has a 4.58 GPA. He plans to attend Texas State University Saint David's School of Nursing to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Pictured with Anthony are his parents Tod and Alicia Bellanger, BCISD Superintendent Dr. Mike Kelly, BCHS Assistant Principal Shannon King and BCHS Counselor Lisa Huckaby.

Deaths & Memorials

Ted Lyn Walters, 78, Bridge City

Ted Lyn Walters, 78, of Bridge City, passed away on October 19, 2022, at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont.

Visitation was held Monday, October 24, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Monday, October 24, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on July 9, 1944, he was the son of William B. Walters and Leola Rice Walters. Ted spent many early years of his life in Hemphill, TX, where he spent time with his grandparents. His grandfather "Pa" was the biggest influence on Ted's life. He really loved him dearly. Ted and his family later moved to Groves on Cove Drive when his was about seven years old. The move was a huge cultural shock to him because he had to wear shoes to school. Ted played football in junior high on defense. He later then graduated from Port Neches-Groves High School in 1962. After high school he joined the Air Force in 1965 and served 4 years. Ted's last year was spent in Vietnam serving on Monkey Mountain. Once he returned, Ted was able to get a job working at British Petroleum. Ted was an operator at the Boiler House. Ted worked in the refinery for over 30 years under its many name changes. He



Ted Walters

officially retired from Total in 2004. Ted was a great and strong union man. He was active in OCAW Local 4-23 serving in almost every capacity from insurance committee chairman to chairman of the group. Then in 1972 Ted married his wife Cathy Lynn Bennett. They spent 50 wonderful years together. He was a generous Christian man. You could often find Ted fishing, hunting, or playing golf. Ted passed away at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont, where he was allowed to die with respect and dignity. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Leola Walters; brothers, Ronny Walters and Michael Walters.

He is survived by his wife Cathy Lynn Bennett Walters; brother-in-law Mark David Bennett of Bridge City, TX; sister-in-law Lisa Firmin and husband Wayne of Groves TX; two nephews, Loren Troy Bennett and wife Maria Padilla of Goodyear, AZ, and Cimeron Lee Bennett and wife Suerie Kang of Goodyear, AZ.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mark David Bennett, Wayne Firmin, Robert C. Landry, John Robison, Craig Ware, and Carl Carreira. Honorary pallbearers are Ronald Landry, Taylor Perkins, Dr. William B. Hart, and Greg Veazey.

Cal T. Eshbach, 74, Bridge City

Cal T. Eshbach, formerly of Bridge City, passed away on September 29, 2022 at Kindred Hospital in Houston.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on August 20, 1948, he was the son of Jay Morgan Eshbach and Dorothy Ann Usey Eshbach.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Dorothy Eshbach.

He is survived by his wife Connie M. Eshbach; brothers, Jay Morgan Eshbach, Jr.



Cal Eshbach

and Edgar H. Eshbach; and nieces and nephews left to cherish his memory.

A Celebration of Life was held at the home of Leah Johansson in Bridge City on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Thank you to all who shared their memories and expressed that Cal will always be remembered by his wit and personality. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **DAVID ANDREW FREEMAN**, Deceased, were issued on the **OCTOBER 6, 2022, in Cause No. P19457**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **ANDREA LYNN FREEMAN GARCIA**. 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: Andrea Lynn Freeman Garcia
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Dated the 24th day of October, 2022.

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Dated the 20th day of October, 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 20th day of October, 2022.

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Dated the 18th day of October, 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 17th day of October, 2022.

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Orange County's High School 'Friday Night' Football Preview

OC SPORTS BEAT
DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Our Orange County high school football squads are on the practise fields gearing up for this week's Friday night contests. Here's a preview of what they are focusing on as kick-off time draws near.

LCM Bears play Lumberton for first place Friday

The two preseason favorites in District 10-4A Division I play on Friday night. The winner of the game between the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears and the Lumberton Raiders will take a big step to winning the district championship.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville is playing their best football the last two weeks with impressive district wins over Livingston and Splendor. The Bears blasted Splendor last Friday night 55-9 at Battlin' Bear Stadium.

Within a couple of days of that game intruders vandalized the new artificial turf field at the stadium, the stadium's press box, the visitor's concession stand, and facilities at the neighboring baseball field. The vandalism is under investigation and will cost thousands of dollars to repair. Two unknown young males are suspected in the incident. The turf company Hellas will be at Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School this week to repair the football field that was spray painted. The LCM maintenance staff has worked to remove much of the vulgar graffiti spray



Bridge City Cardinal ball carrier Austin Bellanger trudges for yardage in the grip of a Hardin-Jefferson tackler during homecoming action at Larry Ward Stadium.

RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson

pointed on the buildings and will be repainting all the damaged facilities.

Coach Eric Peevey said the Bears had a solid game plan for the Splendor Wildcats last week. "I felt like the kids executed that game plan well. We were able to start fast on offense getting Morris in the end zone early," Peevey recalled.

LCM scored on its first play from scrimmage. Da'Marion Morris only had seven carries in the game but piled up about 160 yards for the Bears.

Special teams for Little Cypress-Mauriceville played really well early. Kyler Garlaska made several

strong tackles on kickoff returns by the Wildcats. The Bears defense limited the Splendor offense to just one score. The only miscue on the night was a bad snap on a punt that resulted in a safety and two points for the Wildcats.

Bears that received accolades from the coach included Morris and Garlaska plus sophomores Tucker Floyd at linebacker, Jonah Fuller who had an interception, and lineman Clayton Farwell who graded very high for his play against Splendor. Peevey elaborated, "Overall, I feel like our younger guys are getting better and our older are do-

ing what they need to do. That's two wins in a row and now it's onto Lumberton."

The victory improved LCM's district record to 2-1 going into this week's game. The Lumberton Raiders are 7-1 on the season and have won all three of their district games outscoring Splendor, Vidor, and Huffman by a combined 110 points.

Lumberton's offense is high powered and multiple. The Raiders like to throw the football, and they can run the ball down opponents' throat when they want to do that.

Raider quarterback Lucas Powell is the district leader in passing completing 71 percent of his throws for 1,941 yards and 31 touchdowns. "Lucas is a tremendous quarterback, great under pressure, throws a great deep ball, throws a great medium ball. They don't miss their big shot plays," Peevey pointed out.

Lumberton has a wonderful group of receivers for Powell to throw the ball. The most dangerous is track star Brady Fuselier who has 13 receiving touchdowns and is averaging 24 yards a reception. The leading pass catcher in the district is Trey Kersh with 45 receptions and 9 touchdowns. Kaleb Koch has 25 catches good for 5 touchdowns.

The primary runner for the Raiders is Jaddon Ward who looks like a human bowling ball. Ward is not tall but at 210 pounds he can literally roll over tacklers and is second only to the Bears' Morris in the district for rushing with 871 yards good for 6 touchdowns.

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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast

★ LUMBERTON OVER LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURICEVILLE

The Battlin' Bears are coming down to the nitty-gritty of the 2022 regular season and will position themselves for the state playoffs that begin in two weeks. The Raiders have been the surprise team of the area, like LCM was last season. The momentum for the post-season could begin Friday with an upset victory at Lumberton.

★ SILSBEE OVER BRIDGE CITY

This will be Silsbee's final home game this season and the Tigers want to show their fans exactly why they are the top team in District 9-4A and perhaps entire Southeast Texas.

★ ORANGFIELD OVER KIRBYVILLE

The Bobcats continue to overpower the competition each week and they also want to give their loyal supporters a great final home game at F.L. McClain Stadium Friday night. And they should do it.

★ VIDOR OVER HUFFMAN

The Pirates need to win this road game at Huffman Friday night to insure a lofty position in the first round of the state playoffs.

★ DEWEYVILLE OVER SABINE PASS

The top priority for the Pirates in this mismatch is to not get anybody hurt. The scoreboard should take care of itself.

★ NICHOLLS STATE OVER LAMAR U.

The Cardinals had their best chance of avoiding a winless season last week against Prairie View A&M and it didn't work out for them. This team of Colonels will be much saltier and tougher to nail down that first win of the season.

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Another 5-day wait for Astros, this time for World Series

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

When I was growing up in Schenectady, New York, the Philadelphia Phillies were my favorite major league baseball team.

I didn't like the three teams in New York State—those high-strung New York Yankees, the Brooklyn Dodgers or the New York Giants.

The reason I liked the Phillies was because the minor league team in my hometown—the Schenectady Blue Jays—was a farm team (that's what the minor league teams were called then) of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Several former Blue Jays moved up to the major league team and I felt like I knew them personally because I belonged to the Schenectady Blue Jays Knothole Club which, for a couple of dollars, gave us kids a card much like a meal ticket that got punched every time we saw a game.

The games I missed and the away games were broadcast on the local radio station (WSNY) and I kept a play-by-play scorecard for every game I heard on the radio.

The former Blue Jay I remember best was Jack Sanford, who used to talk to us kids out in the bullpen during the game when he wasn't pitching. He authored a "new" pitch I hadn't heard of until then—the slider. In fact, the radio announcers called it the "Sanford Slider." Mastery of that pitch probably was his ticket to the major leagues, where he played for more than a decade.

My dislike for the New York Giants waned quickly whenever they invited our 1954 Little League World Championship team (on which I was the shortstop) to be their special guests for their first two games of the 1954 World Series between the Giants and the Cleveland Indians.

The World Series didn't work out too well for the Giants as they lost in four straight games to the pitching-rich Indians who boasted a starting four of Bob Feller, Bob Lemon, Early Wynn and Mike Garcia.

But the highlight of the whole trip was watching young Willie Mays make that sensational catch in center field off the bat of first baseman Vic Wertz, twirl around like the Tasmanian Devil and fire the ball to the infield all in one motion.

That play was heralded



Joe Kazmar

as one of the best-ever in a World Series and is still being shown on highlight reels.

We were put up in the Roosevelt Hotel, appeared on the Today Show with Dave Garroway (who was a native of Schenectady), watched two World Series games and even went to see "Brigadoon" on Broadway. It was quite an experience for a 12-year-old.

However, today I'm closer to 112 years old than to 12 and I'm certainly NOT at Philadelphia Phillies fans any more, especially after playing in the Chicago Cubs organization and being a loyal Houston Astros fan for more than half a century.

Those first 20 lean years of being an Astros fan were torturous, but good things come to those who wait.

Today, the Houston Astros are looked upon as the model major league organization with talent scouts that continuously come up with bright young prospects that blossom early into top-notch major league players and a general manager (James Click) who seems to make the best deals at the right time.

Click brings in the talent and Manager Dusty Baker seems to make out the lineup for each game that produced the top American League winning percentage of 106 wins against only 56 losses.

And the winning didn't stop after the 162 regular-game schedule. The Astros won the best-of-five division championship with a 3-0 record over Seattle and then took four straight from the pre-season World Series favorite New York Yankees.

Only two other teams accomplished that feat—the 2007 Colorado Rockies and the 2014 Kansas City Royals—and both teams failed to win the World Series.

Houston swept the Yankees Sunday 6-5 highlighted by rookie Jeremy Pena's crucial three-run homer, which helped him win the American League Championship Series Most Valuable Award. I can't share much information about the Philadelphia Phillies because I have very little reason to keep up with the National League anymore since the Astros moved to the American League several years ago.

But I do know that the Phillies benefited tremendously from Major League

Baseball's new rule that went into effect this season which expanded the playoffs from four teams to six from each league because Philadelphia was the sixth seed and last team to even make the playoffs.

But all that gets thrown out the window as both teams use the five days off to prepare for Game One on Friday at a time not yet decided at this writing in Houston's Minute Maid Park. The Phillies will be facing Astros' ace Justin Verlander—the American League's top candidate for the 2022 Cy Young Award—while the Phillies ponder their choice.

The two teams will play Friday and Saturday in Houston, be off Sunday for a travel day, and then play Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (if necessary) before coming back to Minute Maid Park Friday and Saturday (if necessary).

I'm picking the Astros to continue their post-season winning streak and taking down the Phillies 4 games to 0.

KWICKIES...

I've noticed that the West Orange-Stark Mustangs fans aren't as uptight about who's going to beat their team this week, a bye week on their schedule. A win over Hardin-Jefferson Nov. 4 should lock up the fourth-and-final playoff position against a district champion in the first round.

Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman continues to add to his post-season offensive records. His 14th home run—a three-run blast—to win Thursday's 3-2 nail-biter over the New York Yankees was a franchise-record 14th blast by the former LSU phenom. He also has driven in 43 runs which the most ever by a third baseman in playoff history. Bregman is healthy for the first time this season after using Tom Brady's personal trainer to help heal his sore deep tissues.

A strong defense helped Dak Prescott's return to the Dallas Cowboys be a successful one as the Pokes downed the Detroit Lions 24-6. Dak connected on 19-of-25 passes for 210 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions. The Cowboys are 12-1 when Prescott throws 25 or fewer passes in a game.

The New York Yankees .162 batting average against the Astros was the fifth worst of all time in a league championship series. New American League home run champion Aaron Judge

went 1-for-16 with four strikeouts against the Astros' pitching staff.

The top six places in this week's Associated Press Top 25 College Football Poll were unchanged—1. Georgia 2. Ohio State 3. Tennessee 4. Michigan 5. Clemson 6. Alabama—with TCU moving up one place to No. 7, while No. 8 Oregon and No. 9 Oklahoma State jumped two spots and No. 10 Wake Forest catapulted three places. LSU rejoined the poll this week at No. 18 while Tulane moved up two spots to No. 23.

Rory McIlroy fired a 17-under par to win the CJ Cup Sunday at Ridgeland, S.C. and regain his No. 1 status in the world. It marked the ninth time the Irishman reached No. 1.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The NFL owners have been complaining among themselves about Washington Commanders owner Dan Snyder and last week Indianapolis owner Jim Irsay came out publicly and told the press that there's "merit to remove" Snyder as the owner of the Washington franchise. His status had been widely debated for years. "This is not how we should be represented," Irsay said. "It'd regrettable that we have to be in this position. I will talk about it, I will not be muzzled and I will stand by it."

We are bound as owners to listen to the fans and we cannot put our heads in the sand on this. I do believe the concerns I have will merit a serious discussion. I don't want to see this swept under the rug."



Bridge City Cardinal running back Jamal Charles finds a hole in the Hardin-Jefferson defense.

RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson

Steve Worster honored at BC homecoming

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Bridge City celebrated homecoming on Friday night. The visiting Hardin-Jefferson Hawks celebrated their 21-7 victory which was their first win of the season by defeating the Cardinals at Larry Ward Stadium.

In a special pregame ceremony Bridge City Cardinal football legend the late Steve Worster was honored. Worster's two children Scott Worster and Erin Worster Stephens were honored with their framed Cardinal jerseys with the number 30 on them. That was Worster's number when he played at Bridge City in the mid-

1960s and rushed for 5,422 yards as a Cardinal. Steve Worster passed away in August of this year and was a 1967 graduate of Bridge City High School.

During halftime Paige Taylor was named the Bridge City Homecoming Queen. Paige is a senior at Bridge City.

The loss dropped Bridge City (1-7, 0-4) into sole possession of last place in District 9-4A. Hardin-Jefferson (1-7, 1-3) earned their first district win in two seasons.

The difference in Friday night's game were the big plays made by Hardin-Jefferson. Three medium length passes were broken

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The Raiders can use a hurry-up offense to keep opposing defenses from changing personnel. They can snap the ball in just a few seconds between plays.

The game plan for Lumberton on offense is pretty simple. Peevey described, "They spread you out and when you thin your people in the box they give it to Ward and he makes people hurt for it. Not the most complicated offense, but probably the most dynamic offense we've seen this year and they can score on any play. They are very confident right now in their scheme and what they are doing."

The Lumberton offense gets most of the headlines, but the Raiders are solid on defense too. Seven starters have returned from last year's playoff team at Lumberton.

The defense uses an odd front and the Raiders' three defensive linemen are the key to the team's success on defense. Noseguard Brock Jackson, Grayden Spencer at one end, and Aidan Millican at the other end position are all big bodies that cause a lot of havoc and pressure to allow the other Raider defenders to drop back in pass coverage or execute blitzes.

Lumberton is solid at linebacker with Jared Morgan and in the secondary with Carson Rea who is tied for the district lead with three interceptions. "The Raider defensive line is what gets things going, and we definitely have to try to neutralize that," Peevey strategized.

Despite the two game winning streak by LCM a playoff berth has not been locked up with two games still to be played. Each of the last two games is huge for the Bears not only to clinch a place in the post season but also for seeding in the district.

This week's game with Lumberton is a big one for the Bears. Peevey explained, "Because of the fact the Raiders beat Vidor and that's something we didn't do, if we're able to come in and play our style of football and be able to beat them then that would put us in a three-way tie for the lead, and that's what you always want. You always want to have a chance to fight for the district championship."

The district championship is the ultimate goal for Little Cypress-Mauriceville but making the post season



Sophomore Clayton Farwell of the Bears graded very high for his blocking in the win over Splendora.

is the first priority. "I feel like three wins locks us in the playoffs. The biggest deal is getting a win this week we lock in the playoffs and the rest of the chips may fall afterwards wherever they fall. With us playing on a high right now I would like to continue that high," Peevey concluded.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville travels to Lumberton on Friday night. Game time will be 7:30 for the Bears and the Raiders.

Bobcats tangle with Kirbyville

The bye week for a football team is always useful to rest and re-cooperate from injuries. The timing of a bye can be inconvenient at times when it breaks a team's momentum created by consecutive victories.

That is the concern for the Orangefield Bobcats who won four straight games to start their district schedule before their bye last week. The Bobcats won their last two games by a combined 107 to 7 margin.

Coach Josh Smalley is hopeful Orangefield will continue to perform well in all phases coming off the bye. "The bye week is good because it gives us time to heal up a little bit and to recover from any injuries. But it's bad because we were rolling on a four-game winning streak and now we've got to worry about can we get that momentum back after we haven't played for a couple of weeks. That's where my worry is right now, can we recreate the momentum we had before the bye, and are our kids staying focused enough to understand that next week doesn't matter if we drop the ball this week," Smalley admitted.

The Bobcats continued to work during their bye week. Practices were initially not full contact, there was a lot of conditioning exercises,



Morgan Sampson is a two-way starter for the Bobcats who hopefully will be available for their game with Kirbyville on Friday.

and lifting weights strenuously were the bulk of the activity.

The bye also allowed Smalley and the Orangefield coaches to work with the younger Bobcats that normally do not get a lot of time during an actual game week. Giving those younger players extra reps is important to get them better prepared if they are needed because of any injuries to starters when the playoffs do roll around.

About on Wednesday of the bye week Orangefield got film on the Bobcats' next opponent the Kirbyville Wildcats. This allowed the coaches to implement strategies for that game with the players.

With eight games played there are numerous bumps and bruises for various Bobcats. Two-way starter Morgan Sampson returned from his sprained MCL knee injury to play well against Tarkington two weeks ago only to tear his posterior cruciate ligament (PCL) in his knee during a non-contact practice on Tuesday of the bye week.

Sampson's injury will not require surgery. Smalley elaborated, "It's not season ending. The doctors are saying he can rehabilitate, strengthen it, and come back so we'll see how that goes."

The Kirbyville Wildcats come to town on Friday to play the Bobcats. The Wildcats have had a bit of a rollercoaster of a season winning their first game by 52 points, losing their next six games, and have now won two in a row by a combined 44 points. The game with Orangefield will be Kirbyville's final game of the regular season as their bye is in Week 11.

On offense Kirbyville will setup with slot backs similar to the alignment used by the Anahuac Panthers and the Newton Eagles. A common characteristic of those offensive for-

mations is an unbalanced line and running the scat, the scat trap, and toss plays.

The Bobcats will have to be alert for the way the Wildcats line up on every play including five players on the line of scrimmage to one side of the center and just one player on the other side. "We'll need to understand the formations if they're unbalanced and we've got to shift, know who's eligible for a pass," Smalley explained.

The Wildcats will also line up in the Spread and use the passing ability of their quarterback Jace Huffman. He has gotten better and grown into the position as the season has progressed according to Smalley. "He runs the ball well, he throws the ball well," Smalley added.

The main offensive weapon for Kirbyville comes from the Wildcat running game. A trio of terrific backs spearhead the offense with Azion Mahathay, Ashton Anderson, and Taylon

Alfred running hard and possessing a lot of speed.

The front line for the Wildcats is big. Tackle Jarrod Roden, guard Hunter O'Bannon, and center Mike Smith are all strong blockers to open holes for the Kirbyville backs. Tight ends Ryan Nation and Bron Melvin block well on the edge for them.

Stopping Kirbyville from running the ball will be very important for the Bobcats on defense. "They do a good of pulling and trapping. The Wildcats are really good at what they do. When they want to throw the ball deep they have Brent Garner and Ethan Rawls big tall kids who can go up and get the football. It poses a challenge to us defensively to be able to line-up to all those formations, and they do it at a fast pace," Smalley analyzed.

Kirbyville bases out of the 3-4 on defense with a noseguard similar to Orangefield. That noseguard is Jace Gore who maybe

small for the defensive line but is very quick and can cause a lot of problems for opposing offenses that do not block him successfully.

Insider linebackers Bron Melvin and JC White attack the opposing offensive backfield. Smalley suggested, "That's really the story of their whole defensive philosophy. They don't sit on the line of scrimmage or read anything. They're coming, they're attacking, they're trying to get in the backfield, and cause a bunch of disruption."

Another Wildcat the Bobcats will need to block is defensive tackle J'Kwon Brumley who is about 300 pounds. Wide receivers Garner and Rawls are standouts on the edge of the Wildcat defense.

The playoffs have been clinched by Orangefield but seeding is still very undecided with two games remaining for the Bobcats. A victory against Kirbyville

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would go a long way to securing a possible district championship for Orange-field.

Coach Smalley does not want to look down the road to the game with East Chambers which could guarantee a district title. "We're focused on Kirbyville. They're a good football team, they're coming in on a two-game winning streak. They've got a lot of speed, a lot of athleticism, they are probably the biggest team physically we've seen since Buna as far as their offensive and defensive lines. Defensively we've got to stop the run, recognize formations to be sound how we line up, and make tackles. Offensively it's going to be controlling the front, if they decide to blitz we've got to pick it up. Our linemen have to have their eyes up, the running backs need to block well, we can't turn the ball over, and we can't have penalties," Smalley concluded.

The game between the Orangefield Bobcats and the Kirbyville Wildcats will be Friday night. The kickoff is 7:30 at F. L. McClain Stadium.

Mustangs prepare for H-J after bye

To say this has not been a typical football season for West Orange-Stark would be stating the obvious. The Mustangs have their bye this week in preparation for the regular season finale in two weeks.

West Orange-Stark entered this year with the highest winning percentage of any program in Texas high school football. The Mustangs have won over eighty percent of their games since the school began in the late 1970s and annually go several rounds deep into the post season.

Last Friday the Mustangs lost 34-14 to the Jasper Bulldogs. The loss dropped WOS to below .500 for the season at 4-5 and in the district with a 2-3 record.

The game was played at Jasper and was the fourth loss of the season for the Mustangs on the road. The only road win for West Orange-Stark this season was actually at Bridge City in the game with Little Cypress-Mauriceville as the Bears were getting their new artificial turf field installed at Battlin' Bear Stadium.

The playoffs are still a very strong probability for the Mustangs with their two wins already in the district. There are two teams Liberty and Hardin-Jefferson with a single district victory and Bridge City is winless in district action.

The Mustangs play the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks in two weeks. A win would clinch a playoff berth for them but as a very uncharacteristic fourth seed in the district standings. Another loss by West Orange-Stark would create the possibility of a three-way tie for fourth place with Hardin-Jefferson and Liberty if each team finishes with two district wins.

Point spreads in games between the three teams would be the tiebreaker in case of a tie. The Mustangs beat Liberty 53-8, and Liberty defeated Hardin-Jefferson 42-29 in games played so far between the three schools.

In two weeks the West Orange-Stark Mustangs play the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks. The game will be at 7:30 PM on Friday, November 4, in Dan R. Hooks Stadium.

Cardinals travel to Silsbee on Friday

Bridge City has had a difficult football season. The Cardinals have lost a lot of their starters to injury, and they have lost all but one game this year with two more still to play.

Last week was the district game the Cardinals hoped to win against Hardin-Jefferson which had not won a district game in two sea-



Bridge City Cardinal Noah Broussard

sons. The Hawks broke three medium length passes into long touchdowns to gain their first win of this season 21-7 spoiling the homecoming for Bridge City.

A couple of Cardinals returned to play in the game. Josmany Robleto was back from a knee injury and played quarterback. Unfortunately, Robleto suffered a concussion in the second half. Wide receiver and punter Gavin Bodin returned and scored the only Bridge City touchdown.

Senior Noah Broussard replaced Robleto after his injury as the Cardinal quarterback. Broussard got the Bridge City offense moving with his running and passing leading to the lone Cardinal score of the game.

Cardinal Coach Cody McGuire complimented the work done by Broussard. "He's doing a great job. He plays running back, receiver, went back in at quarterback, and provided a spark for us. The kids follow him and he is a leader," McGuire praised. Broussard is expected to be the starter at quarterback for Bridge City the last two games this season.

The Cardinals outgained Hardin-Jefferson in the first half of the game and actually held the Hawks to negative yards rushing in the game. McGuire commented, "We just missed three tackles in the secondary on three pass plays or it would have been a different game."

The opposition this week



Gavin Bodin of the Cardinals returned from an injury to play last Friday and scored a touchdown on 31-yard pass play. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson

for Bridge City are the district leading Silsbee Tigers. Through eight games the Tigers are undefeated outscoring their opponents by almost 250 points.

The Spread is the offense the Tigers use and wide receiver junior Dre'lton Miller is the biggest producer in their very potent offensive output. Miller is being recruited nationwide by colleges to play in two more years.

The Tiger quarterback Mason Brisbane does a great job of leading the offense. Miller may be his best weapon to beat opposing defenses but other talented receivers are Ashton Cartwright, Jeremiah Jackson, and Max Brisbane.

When Silsbee decides to run the football there are three good backs Trei Kibbles, Kevin Marti, and Jonah Brown that run hard. "They just have dudes all over the field that can make plays, and anybody that gets the ball for the Tigers can go the distance. So, we've just got to make tackles, we've got to make sure of our tackles, we've got to have eleven guys running to

the ball, and we've got to be more physical than them," McGuire emphasized.

The explosive Silsbee offense gets most of the attention, however, the Tigers are very good on defense too. They use various formations on defense basing out of a 4-2-5 but will jump into a 50 look on occasions. The front line will slant and they will send blitzes off the edge and up the middle.

The hub of the Tigers' defense are the two inside linebackers Jayron Williams and Jarmarion Elam. They both run to the ball very well. Williams is also good in pass coverage.

A physical presence in the defensive line is Ryan Drake at one of the tackles. Drake flies to the ball and can deliver a hit when he gets there.

The defensive secondary for Silsbee can be described in one word, athletic. Jonah Brown, Jerrick Harper, Kevin Martin, and Trei Kibbles are all fast, can make plays, and will cover opposing receivers man-to-man.

The Silsbee defense is a big reason the Tigers are undefeated on the season. McGuire summarized, "They're just a solid team. The Tigers do a great job. Coach Smith does a great job over there. They're the team to beat this year, and they've proven it every week, and it's just a great opportunity for our guys to

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Texas Youth Hunting Weekend kicks off as youngsters take center stage

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

One of perhaps the most anticipated hunting days of the year is upon us; Saturday morning starts off the annual youth hunting weekend in Texas.

Young hunters and adults alike look forward to this very special weekend for a variety of reasons. For many young hunters this is their opportunity to take center stage and reap the benefits of all the practice and preparation they have been through during the off season.

The trips to the range, the work at the hunting lease, or perhaps all the scouting on public land will now hopefully pay big dividends once legal shooting



Chuck Uzzle

time actually gets here.

Texas has a great history of promoting the next generation's hunters and fishermen through various programs so the Special Youth hunting seasons are always very important. Sharing the outdoor experience with any teenager or child is both a luxury and a duty that adult hunters should embrace. By realizing that the youth of today will be the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts we are ensuring that the sport we love we will continue to thrive.

If you are planning on participating in this weekend's hunts there are a

few things to remember in order to make sure that the time spent in the field is a positive for everyone involved. Probably the most important thing to bring along on the hunt is plenty of patience. Don't push a young hunter or add any pressure to the hunt, keep everything low key and all about them.

Adults who get caught up in the moment can ruin the whole experience if they are not careful. Whatever the young hunter wants to do is fine, if they just want to watch the wildlife or learn more about the habitat then that's okay. Keep the experience positive, it's not just about killing an animal or a bird.

Also be sure to take along some vital necessities such as plenty of snacks, drinks, and even something



to waste a little time like an iPad to keep them from being bored. Remember their attention span is short and you are catering to them, this is a special day and it's not about the adults. One other staple that should always be in the blind bag, especially with kids, is toilet paper. Enough said, you will thank me later.

Now when the business of actually pulling the trig-

gers" I told him. "When you pull the trigger on a gun and kill something it never comes back, it's final, so remember that and treat guns with the respect they deserve" I added. Nothing makes a bigger impression in my book, especially when you tell them that could animal could be a human being. Hunter still talks about that today so I know I got my point across.

One other bit of information to pass along is to be sure everyone involved in the hunt is properly licensed and has all the necessary tags, permits, and stamps required to participate. Check online or at the Texas Parks and Wildlife office in Beaumont for any and all questions concerning the subject. Nothing puts a damper on the hunt like a ticket.

Bridge City From Page 2B

for long gainers by the Hawks. Bridge City had more yards rushing and two more first downs, but only one big play which resulted in the Cardinals lone score on the night.

After a scoreless first quarter Hardin-Jefferson took possession early in the second period at its 24 yard line. On fourth-and-one the Hawks gambled and made the first down right at the marker.

A holding penalty moved the Hawks back to their 25, and a short pass completion got them five yards to the 30. On third-and-14 quarterback Logan Trotter passed to the left sideline to Rochard Sears who made the catch and then eluded a trio of Cardinal defenders before sprinting the last fifty yards for a 70-yard touchdown. Mason Adamic added the point-after to put Hardin-Jefferson on top 7-0 with 7:21 left in the half.

The Cardinals intercepted a Hawk pass on the first play of the game to take over in Hardin-Jefferson territory but a penalty on their first play pushed them back past the 50 yard line. Bridge City did cross mid field again until after the Hawks scored.

Quarterback Josmany Robleto who was back from an injury passed 18 yards to Noah Broussard and a roughing the passer penalty on Hardin-Jefferson added another 15 yards moving the ball to the Cardinals' 45. Jemel Charles carried twice to pick up another first down to the Hawks' 42. The drive stalled, and Gavin Bodin punted the ball back to the Hawks.

The first half concluded with Hardin-Jefferson leading by seven points. The Cardinals had actually gained the most yardage 86 to 60 as a result of multiple errant snaps over Trotter's head resulting in negative yardage for the Hawks.

The second half started as if Hardin-Jefferson would pad their lead. The Hawks took the ball near midfield after a Cardinal punt. Trotter passed to Wyatt Samaha who gained 21 yards to the Bridge City 33. Trotter then hit Judah Wheaton for an 18-yard completion to the 15.

Four straight runs by Davion Levine moved the Hawks to the five. On third-and-goal Trotter passed incomplete. Adamic attempted a 22-yard field goal which had plenty of distance but was wide left keeping the score 7-0 with less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Robleto played one more series at quarterback for the Cardinals. Bridge City punted again.

The Cardinal defense held the Hawks and Bridge

sard then passed to Bodin for a second first down to the Cardinal 42.

A long run by Broussard was partially curtailed by a holding penalty that still netted a first down to the Hawks' 30. Two runs setup a third-and-11 for the Cardinals and Broussard passed to Bodin in the end zone for a 31-yard touchdown. Victor Hernandez kicked the extra point to pull Bridge City to within six points at 13-6 with 6:30 to play.

Just over a minute later Hardin-Jefferson answered with its third long touchdown pass. Carter Mouton whose first pass of the night on the opening play of the game was intercepted by the Cardinals' Rayburn Herbert hit Rodrick Russell with a pass on slant pattern

which Russell took to the house for a 74-yard touchdown. Trotter passed to Wheaton for two points to make the final score 21-7.

Bridge City's Broussard was the leading ball carrier in the game with 70 yards on 9 carries. Jemel Charles had 12 rushes for 44 yards. Broussard completed 4 of 7 passes for 68 yards and a touchdown. Robleto was 6 of 18 passing for 46 yards and one interception.

Trotter for the Hawks was 13 of 20 passing for 198 yards with two touchdowns. Mouton threw two passes with one interception and one touchdown for 74 yards.

Bridge City travels to Silsbee next week to face the first place Tigers. Hardin-Jefferson plays at home against Jasper.

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at least change the perception and change the progression of this program for the next few years down the road. It's just going to be an exciting game and a challenging game for us."

With two weeks left in the season for Bridge City some of the goals like making the playoffs having gone by the wayside. The effort being put forth by the Cardinals continues to be very good according to Coach McGuire. "Our kids play hard and they do everything we ask them. We want our kids to play well, to do the best they can every week, and I feel like

our kids have been playing hard and have been getting after it. We just want to play well and have a chance to win in the fourth quarter," McGuire evaluated.

A problem for the Cardinals is maintaining their strong play for four quarters. Last week was another example with Bridge City outplaying Hardin-Jefferson in the first half only to have one play put them behind the Hawks. Just when the Cardinals were making a comeback late in the game another long play spoiled it for Bridge City. The coach believes putting four quarters together is the main

goal for Bridge City these last two games.

McGuire is not predicting an upset against Silsbee this week, but he does believe the Cardinals can make a contest of the game. "We've got some kids that can play, and we've got some young kids that are coming on, we've got some seniors that get after it and are good leaders, and so we want these seniors to go out on a winning note these last two weeks. Is it going to be hard? Heck, yes it's going to be hard.

"This is one of the most difficult districts in the state of Texas, but we look forward to the challenge," McGuire concluded.



The Bridge City Cardinal defense puts the stop to a Hardin Jefferson running back. On the tackler are Nicholas Lejuene and Mason Pruitt. **RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K Anderson**

Kaz's Fearless Forecast

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SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA over McNEESE STATE—

My Cowboys finally played a half-decent game Saturday against Nicholls State and barely came up short 40-35. The Lions will not be any less of an opponent this week with similar results.

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co State over Massachusetts, SMU over Tulsa, Iowa over Northwestern, Navy over Temple, Western Kentucky over North Texas, South Alabama over Arkansas State, South Carolina over Missouri, Marshall over Coastal Carolina, Boise State over Colorado State, UAB over Florida Atlantic, Texas Tech over Baylor, Arizona State over Colorado, UTEP over Middle Tennessee State, Fresno State over San Diego State, San Jose State over Nevada (all Sat.); Wyoming over Hawaii (Sunday).

• PRO PICKS---

Baltimore over Tampa Bay (Thursday Night); Tennessee over Houston, Dallas over Chicago, Jacksonville over Denver, Arizona over Minnesota, Carolina over Atlanta, Las Vegas over New Orleans, Miami over Detroit, New England over NY Jets, Philadelphia over Pittsburgh, Seattle

over NY Giants (Upset Special), LA Rams over San Francisco, Washington over Indianapolis, Buffalo over Green Bay (all Sunday);

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