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Early voting strong but not record breaking

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Early voting has been strong, but not record-breaking for Orange County, after eight days of open polls for the Tuesday, November 8 mid-term elections. After eight days of early voting on Monday, Orange County had a total of 10,776 votes cast.

In 2020, which was the last presidential election, Orange County had 28,326 early votes cast. For the last mid-term election in 2018, a total of 18,612 votes were cast early.

On Tuesday, registered Orange County voters must go to their assigned neighborhood voting boxes. This year is considered the "mid-term" elections because it is not a presidential year. However, everyone in the country is voting for a representative in Congress. Texas has no U.S. Senator race this year, but the governor's race is on the ballot.

No matter who wins the election to represent Orange County for the U.S. House of Representatives, the county will have a new congress member. Once again, the Texas Legislature placed the county in a new congressional district. The county has changed districts in 2000, 2010, and 2020.

Locally, all the open county seats have Republi-

cans running unopposed. People living in the Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD will cast "for" or "against" a "Voter Approved Tax Rate" as allowed by the state to raise more tax money for the general maintenance and operations fund.

Also locally, members for the boards of directors of the county's four Emergency Services Districts will be elected by the general public. Everyone who does not live within the city limits of Orange, West Orange, or Pinehurst lives in one of the ESDs. The ESDs provide fire and rescue services and the boards set property tax rates for their respective districts. In the past, Orange County Commissioners Court appointed the board members.

Early voting will continue through Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday with extended hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Orange County registered voters may go early to any of the four sites: Orange County Airport, Orange Public Library, Mauriceville Community Center, and Raymond Gould Community Center in Vidor.

Candidates for the ESD boards have filed and voters will approved the top five for each district. The districts do not follow the county precinct lines. Poll

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Camphor trees have deep roots in OC history

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

About 140 years ago, James B. Seargent of Orange had a vision for a new industry involving trees. He wasn't looking at the native trees that drew the sawmill and lumber industries. He was ready to grow imported trees for medicinal uses.

Little did he know his carefully nurtured seedling would grow to become an invasive species. Maybe we can blame him for all those little camphor trees that sprout up in garden beds and yards every year. But then again, someone else may have eventually decided to plant them.

The camphor tree is native to Japan, China, and Vietnam, according to the Texas A&M AgriLife website. It has been used for centuries to produce camphor oil, which has medicinal uses and is even used today in products like Vicks

VapoRub and Campho-Phenique.

Seargent had the idea that Orange's soil and temperate climate would might be good for growing camphor trees on a large scale basis.

On May 27, 1909, The Daily Leader, a local newspaper, reported on Seargent's longterm project under a big headline reading "Camphor Industry May Become Great Wealth Producer In Orange County."

The story told how Seargent became interested in camphor trees in the 1880s and got three seedlings from "Washington," though the story did not specify whether the trees came from the nation's capital or from the west coast state.

Seargent shared one seedling with Mrs. Frances Ann Luther, wife of the co-owner of the largest sawmill in town. He gave

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Bridge City Lady Cardinal volleyball wins consecutive district titles



The Bridge City Lady Cardinals celebrate their second straight undefeated volleyball district championship and have not lost a district game the last two seasons. The final match in district for the Lady Cardinals was against the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs on Tuesday, October 25, at Bridge City. The Lady Cardinals swept the three sets over the Lady Mustangs 25-16, 25-10, and 25-10.

WO's Holiday in the Park set for Saturday

Margaret Toal For The Record

Back in 1998, West Orange Mayor Roy McDonald was enjoying the old Gumbo Cookoff in neighboring Orange. He had a vision that his city, too, could have a community event for people to relax and visit with each other.

West Orange resident Theresa Van Meter at the time was working for the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the event. McDonald asked her if she could help organize an event for West Orange.

The result is now a part of local history. On Saturday, West Orange will have its 21st annual Holiday in the Park at Seals-Alford Plaza next to city hall on Western Avenue. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., though

some vendors start packing up earlier.

Van Meter has since become West Orange city secretary and has worked on the festival since its beginning in 1998. She said they canceled in 2008 after Hurricane Ike flooded much of the city, another cancellation came because of weather, and then in 2020, the Covid pandemic ruined many events.

On Tuesday, Van Meter was concerned about the rain. The week started out with no rain forecast on Saturday, but by Tuesday morning, the forecast was calling for a 50 percent chance. Van Meter is hoping the rain goes away before Saturday, or waits until Sunday.

Holiday in the Park has become a way for people to mix and mingle, buy Christmas decorations and



The car show winners will be announced from the gazebo from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and plaques will be awarded. Then from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., the singing duo of Bubba and Sharon Meaux will perform country songs.

gifts, each homemade foods, listen to music, and most importantly, visit with old and new friends. McDonald has since retired as mayor, but he usually comes to stroll the booths and talk with people.

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Cardinal Band goes to state for third year

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Tami Goss has spent 13 years as band director at Bridge City High School and has built a dynasty of excellence. On Wednesday, November 9, the Cardinal Band will compete for the third straight year at the UIL state marching contest.

Last week, the band placed high enough in area competition in Lindale to move on up to the state contest.

But a bit of adversity has set in for the poor band. On Tuesday, Goss was spending her second day at home

with a strep infection. She said during a phone interview that about a third of the band members are now suffering from the flu or a strep infection.

Plus, rain is in the forecast for days this week. Bands cannot rehearse on a football field in the rain because the water will damage the instruments. And being wet in chilly temperatures doesn't help band students build immunity for fighting illness.

Hopefully, the director and students will recover completely and be ready for the trip to San Antonio. They won't have to worry



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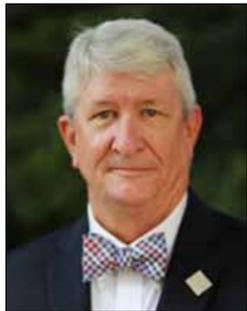
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Christmas Superheroes, city planning underway

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Mayor Rutledge For The Record

It's almost time! Time to start working on your entry into the Christmas parade, that is. The date is quickly approaching to break out those Christmas lights, fire up the old generator, put air in the trailer tires, and start working on your float. Saturday, December 3rd will be here before you know. It's time to get busy. This year's theme ought



Mayor Rutledge

to be a really fun one. The Chamber of Commerce has selected "Superheroes" for this year. That broad of a subject should get your cre-

ative juices flowing. There are many "Superheroes" out there, they come from different sources, have different looks, and there are different definitions of what a superhero is. Pick a fun character or characters and get to work!

Just like in years past, I'm giving the Mayor's Trophy for the "Best in Theme" parade entry along with a \$200 prize. So put your thinking caps on, pick out a Superhero, and get busy building your entry. Contact the Chamber at 409-735-5671 for an entry form. Speaking of festivities in

Bridge City, our 2nd Annual Christmas festival is coming the same weekend as the Christmas Parade. This year's festival is expanding to cover two days, Friday evening Dec. 2nd and Saturday Dec. 3rd. We're expecting even more merchandise sellers and food vendors this year versus last year's great turnout. We're expanding the area around the Community Center to accommodate the expected larger participant and vendor turnout. We have also upgraded the area lighting and improved the electrical connections for

our vendors. If you'd like to set up a booth to sell your wares, please contact Jeanie at City Hall, 409-735-6801.

In other happenings around the City, we've had our preliminary meeting with folks from Texas A&M who are going to assist us in preparing our City Comprehensive Plan. City Council received a presentation from the leader of the group on what they can provide to us and what it is going to encompass and accomplish for the City. We are all extremely excited and look forward to getting started with the work. We expect the effort will lead to a clear direction for the City, one based on citizen input, long-range planning,

and a vision for the future.

We're also continuing with our program to assess the condition and prioritize the resurfacing of all the streets in the City. One street that will receive some major repairs prior to the assessment is Shadowdale. There are some intersections and a curve that need attention. We'll undertake these repairs using proceeds from the Street Maintenance Fund. These repairs are scheduled to begin within the next two weeks, weather permitting.

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

CHANGE

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

Having been born in 1934 I have witnessed much change in the world. Most of the changes have made life better, but some I feel like I could do without. Some things I didn't have growing up, including indoor plumbing, air conditioning, television, self-propelled lawnmowers, cell phones and a host of modern medicines that thankfully have extended the life cycle. While you often hear of people longing for the "good ole days," the good new days with all the new comfort-giving things have really made our lives better.

Some modern conveniences I could do without. On my list of aggravation is the password. I don't use my computer often to bank or to send secret messages to anyone so why on earth do I need a password that seems to be forever changing? Some of it seems silly. As an example, if I have forgotten my password and try to access my bank account by hitting a few buttons, I can get a new password and start over again gaining ac-



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.

cess to my bank. Other frustrating modern gadgets are answering machines. Having dealt with government for many years I have become convinced that a significant number of bureaucrats simply report to work, turn their machines on and go about their other business, or take the rest of the day off leaving constituents to ponder the answer to their question had a human being answered the telephone. There are a few

tricks you might try, however. For example, when you get one of these solicitation phone calls, if you ask immediately whether or not you are speaking to a human or machine it will take an inordinate amount of time to respond. If it takes more than about 15 seconds, hang up; it would be a waste and all they would want from you is money. In connection with the answering machine being frustrating, I am also satisfied it is contributing significantly to unemployment. Many times, when I have a simple question for a business, I am greeted by an array of extension numbers and subject matters by a recording. Unfortunately, most of the time none of the subject matter lists the one I have a question about. If you follow the instructions and leave your own phone number for a call back, good luck.

Third on the list of aggravating things the electronic age has brought us is that of unsolicited phone calls at all hours of the day and night. Ninety percent are seeking donations to some worthy cause and generally the caller will not take "no"

for an answer but insist on giving you their entire spiel before they release their grip on your phone line. I can without fear of contradiction give good advice which is never donate to these telephone solicitations. I have learned from past legal cases I have handled that the vast majority of the money donated in response to telephone solicitor, does not go to the worthy cause.

Finally, if you really want to get lost in the electronic wilderness, try locating a message you started to send, but disappeared from your screen. Just try calling one up.

All and all, when I get serious about thinking about the "good ole days," I must admit that being able to simply open the door and gain access to child food is much better than having to tote a fifty-pound block of ice from the truck and placing it in the icebox in the kitchen. I must admit that trading some aggravation for the comforts brought by modern day science and technology is not such a real bad deal.

St Paul Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar

It's time for our 5th Annual Holiday Bazaar at St Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City. Join us November 12 from 9 am-2 pm and start your holiday shopping off right!! We have 20+ local artisans and vendors ready to help check off every gift on your list. There will also be food available.

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Round The Clock Hometown News

2022 Holiday in the Park

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022

Seale-Alford Plaza @ 2700 Western Ave.
in West Orange (Next door City Hall)



9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.

Shon Branham
West Orange-Stark Elementary School Choir
Gulf Coast Playboys (Cajun/Country band)
Drawings for Door Prizes & Car Show Winners announced
Bubba & Sharon Meaux (Country Duet)
Make Shift (Country, Classic Rock, Swamp Pop, Blues)
Shon Branham

9 am to 5 pm

Classic Car Show



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Holiday in the Park From Page 1

play around the park for viewing. Some will be awarded plaques for best in show. Cheryl Green, who works for the city, organizes the vendors and the entertainment.

“It’s really a team effort” for the city, Van Meter said. That team effort includes the building inspector and the public works department.

Entry is free for the car show and people who come to stroll around. Van Meter said no alcohol is allowed on the grounds. The city is allowed to have the only booth selling carbonated sodas, though other vendors may sell tea, coffee, or lemonade.

She said the income from

the soda sales helps pay for the event, along with the money charged for vendor booths. “The festival has never been a money-making thing,” she said.

Some of the vendors return every year and their customers look forward to buying gifts and food. Festival-goers will be able to purchase decorated gift baskets with a variety of items inside, handmade jewelry, birdhouses, wind chimes, yard art, holiday wreaths, Christmas decorations, toys, soaps, and more crafts.

This year there will be booths selling seafood gumbo, chicken and shrimp salad sandwiches, shrimp pistolettes, red beans and

rice, chili, and lots of homemade desserts like 7-Up cake, cookies, brownies, cakes, and mini-pies. Homemade jams and jellies, including mayhaw, will be sold along with pickles.

Local singer Shon Branham as served as master of ceremonies from the park’s gazebo since the festival started. He will kick off the event at 9 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., the West Orange-Stark Elementary School choir under the direction of Bernita Bias will perform songs including “Hallelujah,” “Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer,” “Winter Wonderland,” and “Emmanuel.”

The Gulf Coast Playboys will play Cajun and country music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cardinal Band From Page 1

plishment the Bridge City Cardinal Band has achieved. In the summer the Texas Music Educators Association judged the band in fourth place for statewide concert band competition. Goss said the judging was based on recordings the band submitted and went through three rounds before the finals.

For Goss, the accolades are a nice part of a profession that basically chose her. She has always wanted to be a band director. And even though women band directors were once rare, there’s more and more of them these days.

“It really used to be a man’s world, but that has changed,” she said about

her profession.

She played trombone in the Port Neches-Groves High School band, an area band that has won awards for decades. After graduating from high school in 1998, she went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in music from Lamar University. She taught band in Buna for seven years before she went to Bridge City in 2010. She earned a master’s degree from Lamar in 2011.

The Cardinal band has a “corps style” of marching and this year is led by four drum majors, Ryker Berry, Mason Pruett, Jackson Pachar, and Addison Woolley.

The music for the marching contest includes some

popular songs like “Exile” by Taylor Swift, “Industry Baby” by Lil Nas X, and a selection from the popular Broadway musical “Dear Evan Hansen.”

The strength of the band lies in the “tradition of excellence” that Bridge City High has for its musical students. “They work very hard together and they have a great attitude,” she said.

Band, especially when combining musical skills with precision movements, takes hours of hard work. But if it’s done right, it’s also fun.

The band will perform at the Alamo Dome at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, November 9. Winners will be announced at the end of competition, which can last through the day and into the evening.

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workers will have the appropriate ballots for each voter based on their address.

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 Mc-

Neil, 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 Manshack Vincent, and Cathy Drake.

ESD 4 covers the Mau-

riceville 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.

Orange County is now in Congressional District 14, with the seat currently held by Republican Randy Weber, who is being challenged

by Democrat Mikal Williams. The county previously has been in District 36, currently held by Republican Brian Babin.

The statewide race drawing the most attention is incumbent Republican Governor Greg Abbott running against former Congressman Beto O’Rourke, a Democrat.

Another challenged race for Orange County will be for State Senator District 3, with incumbent Republican Robert Nichols facing Democrat Steve Russell and Libertarian Desarae Lindsey.

Republican Dade Phelan, who is Orange County’s state representative, is running unopposed.

Historic camphors From Page 1

another one to Captain J.S. Anderson. Unfortunately, the trees belonging to Mrs. Lutchter and Captain Anderson died. Camphor trees are subject to have limbs die during freezes, though established trees can be trimmed and limbs will grow back.

Seargent was successful with his tree and within three or four years, it began to produce fruit, The Daily Leader reported.

The fruit of a camphor tree is a berry that turns a deep purple that appears to be black. As locals have learned in the decades since camphor trees spread, birds love to eat the camphor berries in the fall. Many car owners through the years know the berries quickly

pass through the birds as purple poop droppings have stained some vehicles.

But Seargent wasn’t thinking of the excrement, he was after the oil. He gave away his camphor berries to others and planted more. After some 20 years of growing and spreading camphor trees, Seargent was ready for his big economic development project, to make Orange a camphor-producing county.

“Mr. Ernest Cooper grew a large tree at his place in front of the Christian church, but cut it down when the tree was about 18 inches in diameter. There are several trees in the front yard of Mrs. S.M. Brown’s place on Green Avenue, near the S.P. depot,” The

Daily Leader story read.

Seargent also had several camphor trees in his yard and “a number on his place out of town.”

The Houston Chronicle heard about the project and contacted Seargent, who by 1909 was postmaster in Orange, a prominent position in town.

The Chronicle reported Seargent was planning a method to go through acres of the trees and cut the leaves and limbs off at a certain level. Even with the top cut off, a camphor tree can quickly grow new limbs and leaves for a future harvest.

In 1910, the Texas State Journal of Medicine said Seargent “has demonstrated the fact that one acre will produce about 16,000 pounds, which will net the producer \$1,000 to \$1,200.

That would be \$31,000 to \$37,000 an acre in 2022, according to the U.S. consumer price index inflation calculator.

Camphor oil is made by distilling the wood and bark of the camphor trees. The trees are in the cinnamon family and the Latin name for camphor is Cinnamum Camphora.

Though the newspaper stories did not mention whether Seargent’s plan included building a local distillery factory, perhaps the postmaster was dreaming of a getting investments. And maybe residents of Orange were dreaming that the smell of a camphor distillery might mask the smell of the Yellow Pine Paper Mill, later Equitable Bag Company, along Adams Bayou.

Camphor trees never became big business in Orange County, but the trees were popular, particularly in the old neighborhoods.

The Old Orange Historic District still has century-old houses with camphor trees in the yards. With birds squirrels spreading the seeds, the trees spread. These days, most yard owners and those with garden beds spend time each year pulling the waxy-leaved seedlings out of the ground.

One of the biggest displays of old camphor trees was lost to highway improvements. The brother of the founder of the Kishi Japanese farming community planted camphor trees along FM 105 west of FM 1442 in the early 1900s. The trees grew for a hundred

years, making the roadway a shaded tunnel until a state highway department road widening project cut the trees down.

The Kishi colony was started in 1907 by Kichimatsu Kishi. A Texas State Historical Marker is on FM 1135 near the Terry Community to mark the colony. In a 1982 interview with the Beaumont Enterprise, Taro Kishi (1903-1993), the son of the colony’s founder, talked about how his uncle had planted the camphor trees along the highway. He didn’t say whether the Kishi settlers brought the seeds with them or if they got them in Orange County.

No matter where the seeds came from, those invasive camphor trees have a history in Orange County.

THE HUNT FOR THE BEST IS OVER



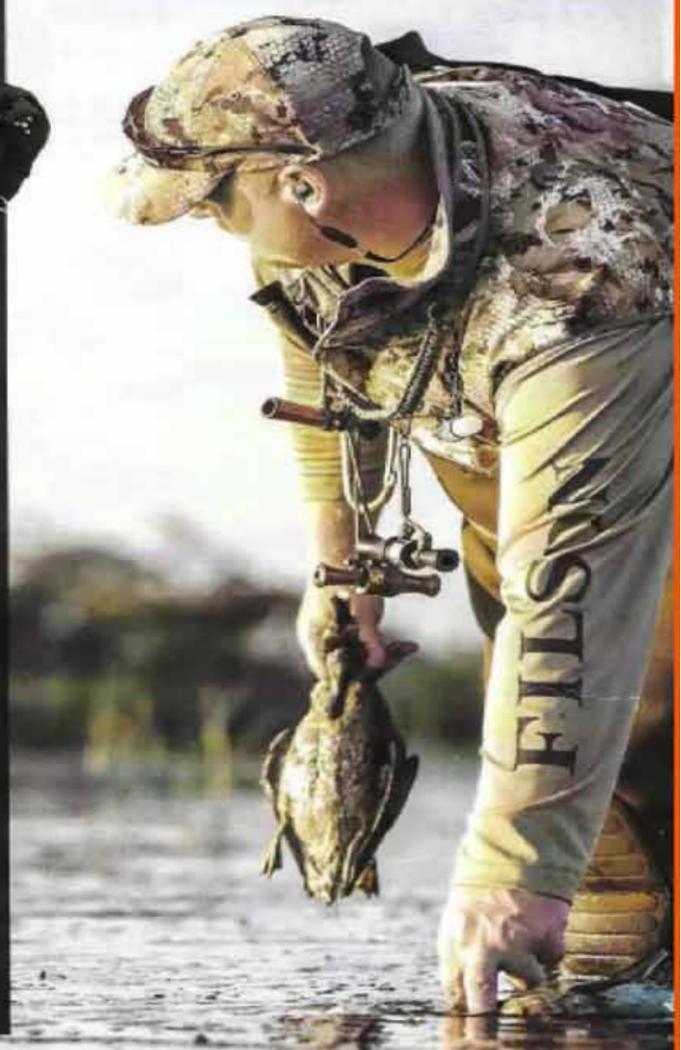
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From the Creaux's Nest

WORLD SERIES-PHILLIES HOST ASTROS

Rain forced **World Series** game 3 to be moved from Monday to Tuesday. Two games will follow on Wednesday and Thursday in **Philadelphia**. If the series doesn't end there, game 6 and 7 will be played in **Houston** Saturday and Sunday. All games between the **Astros** and **Phillies** start at 7:03 p.m. and are televised on **FOX**. The **Astros** blew a five run lead in game one in a 6-5 loss but came back to win the second game 5-2. The teams were tied going into game three. Not knowing the outcome of Tuesday's game, I'm still picking the **Astros** to win the series in seven games.****I have to move on; come along it won't do you no harm.

SAD STATE OF OUR NATION

Paul Pelosi, the 82-year-old husband of **Nancy Pelosi**, was struck with a hammer inside his own home by a man who entered through the back door looking for the speaker of the House. The alleged attacker, **David DePape**, has several online posts to his name, sharing and discussing extreme right-wing conspiracy theories. Threats against law-makers have more than doubled since 2017. Now, even as **Pelosi** lies in a hospital bed recovering from surgery after a skull fracture, several **Republican politicians** have felt it appropriate to joke about the incident or promote unfounded conspiracy theories about it. **Rep. Clay Higgins, R-La.**, posted a tweet referencing a baseless theory that **Paul Pelosi** had invited **DePape** to his home to have sex with him. Texas senator **Ted Cruz**, who at first rightly condemned the incident as "horrific" and wrote "violence is always wrong and unacceptable" in a tweet, later returned to **Twitter** to boost some of the same misinformation. **Keri Lake**, GOP'S Arizona gubernatorial candidate, joked about the attack in a campaign speech.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2012 COUNTY TURNS REPUBLICAN

The voters in **Orange County** are to be complimented for a record turnout. Even though our votes didn't play in the national election outcome, **Obama** was reelected. The voters exercised their right. In local races, there were five contested races. **Republican Mandy White Rogers** beat **Democratic Mike Abbott** for the unexpired term for **County-Court-at-Law**. In Pct. 1, commissioners court race, incumbent **Republican David Dubose** was re-elected over former commissioner **James Stringer**. For commissioner of Pct. 3, incumbent commissioner, **Democrat John Dubose** was defeated by **Republican John Bankin**, in what apparently was straight party voters voting for **Mitt Romney**. **Dubose** will complete 12 years as county commissioner on Dec. 31. In the constable race, incumbent **Republican Chris Humble** was reelected. In the open seat for constable Pct. 2, **Republican David Cagle** won. All four **Orange County constables come January will be Republicans**. Commissioners Court will now have three **Republicans**. **Orange County** voted strongly for **Republican Mitt Romney** in the national election. Down ballot races benefited by his coat tails. Well, that's an early report based only on early votes. In the Dist. 36 congressional district, it appears that **Republican Steve Stockman** will win big. He is from the **Houston area** and will replace **Con. Kevin Brady** as our congressman. **Brady** was elected in another district.******Judge Pat** will miss the bench for more ways than one. The longtime judge has enjoyed the work. **Judge Pat** is a fine judge who loves the law and is dedicated to administrating it in a fair and impartial manner. Since stepping down as district judge and assuming the unexpired term in **county-court-at-law**, he knew the judgeship was just temporary but he will be leaving sooner than most expected. **Mandy White Rogers**, winner of the special county court at law election, has confirmed that she will assume the post as soon as possible. Her target date is Nov. 16 or shortly after. ******Misty Songe**, who is area manager for **Verizon**. The company has recently opened a new store in **Bridge City** at the former **Nick's Pharmacy** location. **Verizon** has three other area locations. She looks forward to meeting many of the citizens. (Editor's Note: Today, **Misty is mayor of Vidor**.) ******Wade Phillips'** Texan defense shut down the **Buffalo Bills** in a 21-9 win, allowing only three field goals.******Matt Bryant and the Atlanta Falcons** put it on the **Dallas Cowboys** in a 19-13 win. **Matt** made four field goals; however, he did miss two wide right, a 37 yarder and a 43 yarder. **Atlanta** is the NFL's only undefeated team at 8-0. Both **Phillips and Bryant are Orange County natives**.

19 Years Ago-2003

Orange County Commissioner Owen Burton opens new office in **Mauriceville**. An open house will be held Nov. 12. **Miss Nelda, the Commissioner's wife**, will answer the phones at the new

office.****Female boxing pro **Valerie Mahfood** trains in **Bridge City** for upcoming fight with **Laila Ali**, daughter of **Mohammed Ali**.******Bridge City Chamber** selects longtime insurance agent **Bill Nickum** as **Christmas parade marshal**. The parade to be held on Nov. 22. ****Funeral services were held Nov. 5 for **Doris Ellen Sanders**, age 70, who died Nov. 2. A resident of **Orange** since 1957, she was a teacher for **West Orange-Cove School District** for 33 years. She is survived by husband **Lynwood**, daughter **Ann Gray**, sons **Alan, Jim, Steven** and their families. ******West Orange-Stark** surprised **Port Neches-Groves** with a 21-20 win.******Mary Bryant** underwent triple bypass surgery at **Park Place Hospital**. Son **Matt Bryant**, kicker for the **New York Giants**, flew home to be with his mom. **Matt** attended the **Bridge City-Buna** football game Friday, flew back to **New York** Saturday for Sunday's game.****The **Montagne family** ventured to **College Station** to celebrate **Johnny Montagne Jr.**'s birthday. He will graduate from **Texas A&M** in December. ******Robert Hankins** is editor of **The Record Newspapers**. (Editor's note: **Robert** died August, 2010)

63 Years Ago-1959

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson speaks in **Orange**. **Gayle Shaddock** was one **Orangeite** to get his autograph.******Dr. Ernest E. Lewis** was appointed superintendent of the **DuPont Sabine River** film plant. ****Signs about town indicate that **Arthur Simpson** will oppose **Commissioner Casey J. Pevelto**. ******Port Arthur Tigers** in 26-14 duel. **Clark Wood** was named outstanding defensive player for the **Tigers**.******Wayne Brint**, **Bridge City's** 192-pound quarterback, scored three touchdowns and passed for a fourth one to guide the **Cardinals** to a 28-0 victory over **East Chambers**. He gained 120 yards rushing and passed for 169. He is **Orange County's top passer**. ******Baylor** defeats **Aggies** 13-0. The passing of **Bobby Ply** and the running of **Ronnie Bull** was too much for the **Aggies**. **Gordon LeBoeuf**, the smashing **Aggie fullback**, fumbled on the five to stop an **Aggie** drive. **Ply** completed 13 passes in 13 attempts. **A&M** out-gained **Baylor** in first downs and total yardage. ******Wallace High Dragons** defeat **LaMarque** 20-8. **Quarterback Earl Sonnier**, halfbacks **Earl Melebeck** and **Charles Ware** were too much offense punch for **LaMarque**. **linebacker Eddie Cartwright**, tackle **Antonio Bourgois**, guard **Whitney Mouton** and center, **James Guillory**, gave stalwart performances in the line.

DOLLY LEAVES THE ROAD

Dolly Parton, age 75, won't be working on the road anymore. The 10-time **Grammy** winning country music icon confirmed the end of her touring career. "I do not think I will ever tour again, but I do know I'll do special shows here and there, and now and then," **Parton** said. "Maybe do a long weekend of shows, or just a few shows at a festival. I have no intention of going on a full-blown tour anymore." On Nov. 5, the "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" star will be inducted into the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame** alongside **Carly Simon, Eminem, Lionel Richie** and more.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Halloween, Astros, and elections, oh my. What a season for activities. And now the **Christmas music** begins and the holidays rush on by. The **World Series** gets later with the years, but who cares if the **Astros** are there. Some **Halloween parties** got changed to **World Series parties** and then changed back on **All Hallow's Eve** because of the game being rained out. Out in **Bridge City**, the **Sylvan Glades and Schofield Estates** subdivisions teamed up for quite the extravaganza. Over in downtown **Orange**, the **police department, fire department, library, and First United Methodist Church** all handed out candy on Monday evening. Several hundred came by. Our sympathies to the parents trying to get sugar-high kids to bed and hoping the kiddos didn't count all the Reese's. Even more sympathies to the teachers who had to face **sleep-deprived, kids** who are still on a sugar high and trying to trade candy during class. And to all the kids--wasn't it all wonderful.****Local fans were disappointed in the **Astros loss** on Friday, especially **Della Gallien**. Her daughter, **Rita Monson**, drove her to **Houston** so son (and brother) **Richard Bonnin** could escort his mother to a real **World Series Game**. It was a thrilling game, but not so much for **Houston fans**. The next night's attendees included **Gail and Steve Maddox**, who got to see a W.****Locally, you can bet that **Donna Black** won't let her terrier mix pup **Maggie** miss a 'Stros game on TV. **Maggie** watches closely and jumps and runs for homeruns. She even has an **Astros jersey**.****The politicians were sighted around the county, but mainly for the other politicians. **Republican State Representative Dade Phelan**, who is running unopposed for District 21 and is hoping to retain his job as **Speaker of the House**, was at **High Tides** mingling with **Orange County Commissioners Robert Viator and Johnny Trahan**, along with **Sheila Faske**, who sits on the board for the **Texas State University System**. **Phelan** later met with some officials from **Orange County cities**. **Republican Lt. Governor Dan Patrick** ate lunch with some locals at **Old Orange Cafe**.****The **Blue Man Group** returned to the **Lutcher Theater** and brought their unique light show of tricks before a packed house. People sitting in the front two rows were provided plastic coats with hoods. **Stark Foundation President Tad McKee** was chosen to be the audience target of a large balloon filled with paint. But at the last minute, the "trick" got distracted. We'll never know if the **Blue Man** who was holding the target got a secret earphone message "Not him." People in the crowd included **Sally and Josh Peveto**, along with daughters **Ryleigh and Kyndahl**. They were celebrating **Josh's 41st birthday** a day early. **Gina and Skipper Yeaman** even made it and **Gina, a WOS Mustang superfan** and school board trustee loved all the blue. **Michael Cole** was enjoying and writing about the event. **La Toya Overstreet** also made it. Sighted were **Carly Thibodeaux, Kathleen Hughes, Wendy Elliott, plus Paulette and Joe Howington**.******Paul Denosowicz** had a double celebration this past week with a birthday and then 51st anniversary with wife, **Sue**.*****Melissa Anne Rushing**

with husband, **Elvis**, enjoyed a birthday celebration dinner cruise.*****Drew Tran** has one more year of being a teenager now that he's turned 19.*****Marvin Edwards** will be hitting his **sixties** next year and plans to enjoy his last year in the **fifties**.*****Jody Chesson** turned 39 again this week. It was his real birthday on Sunday, though it seems like he's celebrating every day.*****Kay Wallace and D.D. Terry** were two celebrating their birthdays on Halloween. **D.D** was out of town, but wife **Lucy of Lucy's Cafe**, took time to dress as **Frida Kahlo** and had a Mexican-style trick-or-treat.*****Mark Dunn** celebrated his birthday on Halloween and was delighted to hear from his two daughters **Amber and Jenna** and their six children who were all together in **Vero Beach**. They called to wish him happy birthday.*****Ron Sigler** celebrated his birthday but haven't heard if **Waffle House** stuck candles in his raisin toast. He recently walked another daughter down the aisle. But honors for the top **Father of the Bride** this week go to **Tony Dallas**, who got to escort daughter **Leigh Anne** as she married **Brodrick Harrell**. There wasn't a dry eye in the room.****We're glad to hear **Lyndia Permenter**, former **First Lady of Pinehurst**, is feeling better and back home.****The **Record Newspapers** were hit with a double whammy this past week. **Founder Roy Dunn** underwent test to determine if stents were necessary and his son, **Mark**, who is production manager and handles most newspaper duties, had hip replacement surgery. On Tuesday **Mark** was working on production of the paper while getting acquainted with his new hip. That was his second hip replacement. **Roy** has been down with a **Sciatica** nerve problem, he says "if you haven't had it, you don't want it, it hurts." **Janelle** is still wearing a back brace for a fractured bone in her back. Thankfully they are recuperating.****The **Record's Margaret Toal** furnished the **Beaumont Enterprise** the history of **Orange County cemeteries** for a Sunday feature story. **Margaret** is one of our better historians.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

A few folks we know celebrating their big day in the next upcoming days. **Nov. 2:** Happy Birthdays to **Nate Melvin, Mark's** oldest grandson, who is serving in the military, **Katherine Nix, Amy Skidmore, Kimberly Hall, Ruby Elizabeth Steppe, Dale Dardeau, Keith McCurry**.******Nov. 3:** **Kerry Cooper, Joe Pelaez, Tommy Green, Vicki Lowe, Courtney Courville, Dale Carlton, Denise Stanton** and the **Bearden twins, Hutch and Hallie**, turn sweet 16 ******Nov. 4:** **Wanda Shugart, Loretta Meadows, Pam Guyote, Gail Hass, Kim Moore and Louise Fuselier** celebrate on this day.******Nov. 5:** **John Dubose, Makayla Garcia, Chris Rogers, Gima Beaulieu, Kember Ess, and Johnny Montagne, Jr.** celebrate.******Nov. 6:** Happy Birthday to **John Dubose, Lori Chesson, Carolyn Phelps, Katherine Aras, Derek Grooms, Kathy Johnson and Jackie Litton**.******Nov. 7:** **Pearl Harbor survivor Cedric Stout** celebrates today, along with **Claris Collins, Bob Johnston and Chuckie Ganze**. This is also the 44 wedding anniversary of **Tammy and Shaun Davis**.******Nov. 8:** Having a birthday today are **Dee Moran, Debra Burch, Aaron Hommel and Dixie Brint**. Happy Birthday to all. (To share your birthday or anniversary date please email therecordlive.com or call 409-735-5305.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Sostan Breaux and Clovis Comeaux bought demselves a couple of horses dat dey use dem, to make some money wit in da summertime. Wen winter time came, dey learn it cost too much to feed and board dem two horses. Sostan suggest dey turn dem out to pasture until spring. "How we gonna tell you horse from my horse when we pick dem up, hanh?" Clovis axe. "Dat's easy," say Sostan, "We can cut da mane on my horse and da tail on yours." Wen spring came da horses dem had grown back their tail and mane. Clovis axe, "Wat we gonna do now smart ass?" "No problem," said Sostan "Why don't you just take da black one and me, I'll take da white one."

C'EST TOUT FROM THE MAIL BOX

In the last couple of weeks I received a few letters and now, because of space, I will attempt to answer one. **Paul** wanted to know why I thought former **President Trump** took the confidential documents. He had to be aware that it was unlawful to remove records from the **White House** that belonged to the government. Well, here's my take. I don't really know why he would take them, he was advised not to. I believe his sick ego, probably thought he could get by with it because no one would want to confront him over it. I've now come to the conclusion of why he really took those valuable documents. His son **Eric** has said on several occasions that his father's favorite color is green and in every undertaking he considers how much of it is green. **Trump's** other son, **Don Jr.**, often says that his father's absolute bottom line is about how much money is in it. He has no other bottom line. I recalled that a little over five years ago **Mark Cuban** predicted that the **Trump** organization would be bankrupt in seven years. That's less than two years away. **Trump's** legal bills keep piling up and he has been raising millions of dollars from supporters who believe he will run for president. Once he announces for sure, that "Cash Cow" will dry up. If not, he gets to keep the millions he is raising. I believe he saw a lot of green in those confidential documents. They were his insurance policy against bankruptcy, possibly worth billions in the right circles. Some day he would cash in. He justified taking the documents and lying about them by claiming they were his. **He committed a crime that carries jail time**. Any of us would not get away with that but **Donald Trump**, over the years, has beaten the rap. In his mind there was so much to gain that it was worth the gamble if he got away with it. I don't believe he will ever serve time, maybe pay a big fine, but the noose around his neck is a felony charge that will stick. He'll be done and will never be able to run for public office. **Paul**, that's my observation, I don't know of any better.****Well, that's it for me, one more week in the tank. Until next time, happy trails to you. **Take care and God bless.**

Orange County Community Happenings & Events

Saint Mary Altar Society Annual Holiday Gift Shop And Luncheon

You are cordially invited to the Saint Mary Altar Society Annual Holiday Gift Shop And Luncheon on Saturday, November 5th from 9 am to 2 pm at Saint Mary Church Parish Hall located at 912 West Cherry in Orange. We will have homemade baked goods, crafts, Christmas gifts, frozen entrees, silent auction and much more. Chicken Gumbo Luncheon \$10 (gumbo, rice, potato salad, dessert and a tea) served from 11am - 1 pm. Meal tickets available at the door. Take out is available (containers provided). Take out deliveries will happen on 11/4, please call Patricia Daleo at 409-656-9259 to place an order.

St Paul Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar

It's time for our 5th Annual Holiday Bazaar at St Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City. Join us November 12 from 9 am-2 pm and start your holiday shopping off right!! We have 20+ local artisans and vendors ready to help check off every gift on your list. There will also be food available.

Door Sign Crafting Class

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is having a Door Sign Crafting Class. The door sign will be a round wooden sign and you have the option of an initial, word, or name on the sign. The class will be held on November 5th at 10:00 am to noon at the Extension Office on FM 1442. The cost is \$25 per person. You will have the option to make a wreath if you would rather do that instead of the sign. Please call the office at 409-882-7010 to register and you will need to pay by October 28th.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

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.

Harvest Dinner at St. Paul Methodist Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1155 W. Roundbunch Bridge City has served our community for over 50 years. We have been unable to have our Harvest Dinner for several years now. This year it will be held Wednesday, November 2, from 11A.M. till 2P.M. The dinners will

remain \$10 which will include turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce roll, dessert (and tea for those dining in). We have been waiting on the price of the turkeys. There has been a substantial increase in price. Any and all donations will be appreciated! We will be selling tickets for dine-in or take-out only. There will be no deliveries, pick up only. Tickets will be for sale at the church office Monday thru Thursday 10A.M. till 4P.M. beginning October 10, 2022. Monies after expenses go to any and all needs in our church including youth and children as well as donations to local charities. Tickets will be limited.

Annual Fund Raiser for Wesley United Methodist Church

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this years 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.

DAR meets 3rd Tuesday in Bridge City

The Daughters of the American Revolution William Diamond Chapter of Orange County meets the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City.

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To become a member a woman must prove blood line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence. For more information contact Jackie Huckabay, Registrar, at 409-719-6478 or Bertie Herman, Regent, at 409-960-4560.

Dementia Care Givers' Support Group

The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m..

Orange Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon can help if someone close to you has a drinking problem. Al-Anon meets Sundays & Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., North Orange Baptist Church, 4775 N. 16th St. (Rear), Orange, TX 77632. Call Angela at 474-2171 or Jane at 409-670-2887 for more info. Calls are kept Confidential.

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Deaths & Memorials

James Clyde Fisette, Sr., 89, BC

James Clyde Fisette, Sr., 89, of Bridge City, passed away on October 27, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Jack Comer. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Opelousas, Louisiana, on December 10, 1932, he was the son of Eddie Fisette and Therese (Simoneaux) Fisette. James began working for Gulf Oil in Port Arthur in 1951. He left Gulf Oil and joined the United States Army serving from 1953 to 1955. He returned to Gulf Oil in 1955 and worked with them through the Chevron acquisition, retiring after many years of hard work. James was a member and a Deacon of Circle Drive Baptist Church and could always be found outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and woodworking in his spare time. James loved his fami-



James Fisette

ly, and his grandchildren always had a special place in his heart. He left an impact on many lives and will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eddie and Therese Fisette; siblings, Ricky Fisette, Linwood Fisette, Eddie Lee Parkhurst, and Hula Mae Greenlee.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Mary E. Fisette; children, James Fisette, Jr. and wife Tammi Fisette, Karen Fisette, and Michael Fisette and wife Jana; grandchildren, Keith Fisette, Candi Cannon, Amber Jennings, Ryan Fisette, Jeff Fisette, Miranda Coulter, and Cody Fisette; 17 great grandchildren; as well as numerous other loving family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Russell Jennings, Jeff Fisette, David Coulter, Cody Fisette, Jordan Humble, and Jamey Stone. Honorary pallbearer is Ryan Fisette.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Michelle Broussard for her love and care for JC, Mary, and the entire family.



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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.

Robert Jesse Works
 c/o: Stephen C. Howard
 Attorney at Law
 903 W. Green Avenue
 Orange, Texas 77630

Dated the 28th day of October, 2022.

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JASON SAMUEL BROWNING, Deceased
 Cause No. P19551
 in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on October 27, 2022, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Jason Samuel Browning, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on October 28, 2022.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
 County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: *Samantha McInnis*, Deputy

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 48. Soil for cultivation
 50. Highlands hillside
 52. *Host's unwelcome guest
 55. Dough
 56. Biblical birthright seller
 57. Volcanic rock
 59. Rainbow-producing device
 60. *Badger's den
 61. Newspaper piece
 62. Hair controller
 63. Miner's bounty
 64. *Deer group

DOWN
 1. Sib
 2. Horseback rider's ball game
 3. Minute bit
 4. Dionysus' follower
 5. Yardbird's jazz style
 6. Deflect
 7. Original home of the Saxons
 8. Pro's opposite
 9. Hang around
 10. Bit of binary code
 12. Festival of Lights
 13. Fundamental
 14. *Snake or lizard
 19. Montana's neighbor
 22. Accident
 23. Long stories
 24. To take in and feed livestock for payment
 25. Like Curious George
 26. Zig or zag
 27. Synagogue scroll
 28. Carthage's ancient neighbor
 29. *First animal clone
 32. *____-blooded, like a snake
 33. Prompter's line
 36. *Orca and elephant, but not crow or fish
 38. Gives off
 40. Princess tester?
 41. Two dots above a letter
 44. Letter-shaped girder
 46. Civil War battle
 48. Policeman's shocker
 49. About to explode
 50. Not the life of the party
 51. Agitate
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 53. Measuring roll
 54. "Happily _____ after"
 55. Frugal driver's acronym
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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.

Orangefield Bobcats play for district title Friday

The Orangefield Bobcats remain undefeated in district with one game to play in the regular season. A Bobcat win on Friday will clinch the district championship for them.

Last Thursday Orangefield played at home and clobbered the Kirbyville Wildcats 58-0 for the Bobcats fifth straight win. The Orangefield defense held the Wildcats to just over one hundred total yards while the Bobcats rolled up 451 yards of offense all on the ground thanks to a great job by the offensive



Dan Perrine

line. Coach Josh Smalley was obviously pleased with the win by the Bobcats. "It was a good win for us. Defensively we got a shutout, that's always nice to do. I think everybody contributed," Smalley summarized.

Cameron Dischler ran for 217 yards and four touchdowns. Gavin Perry-Koci scored a touchdown and had 127 yards rushing. Case Singleton only carried the ball twice but scored touchdowns both times.

Bobcat quarterback Brayden Parker did not throw a pass in the game and only ran the ball himself twice but deftly guided the Orangefield offense. Smalley assessed, "I don't think Brayden Parker gets enough credit for running the offense the way that he does. A lot of people think he just turns and hands the ball off. I don't think they understand the mental part



Bobcat quarterback Brayden Parker has guided the Orangefield offense to five straight district wins.

that goes into it about making sure we're in good plays, getting us out of bad plays. He's a coach on the field, he gets people lined up when they're not lined up correctly, and things like that. Brayden has really played well for us at the quarterback position."

In the first half of the game Rusten Traxler at noseguard reinjured his ankle which had kept him out of the lineup early in the season. Traxler is questionable for this week's game but hopefully could be ready for the first round of

the playoffs in two weeks for Orangefield.

One of the district favorites coming into this season was the East Chambers Buccaneers. The Bobcats travel to Winnie on Friday to play the Buccaneers who are 4-1 in district just one game behind Orangefield.

The Buccaneers line up on offense in the Shotgun but not in a true Spread formation. Instead of four or five wide outs East Chambers uses a tight end or H Back in its offensive scheme.

The offense for the Buccaneers starts with their quarterback Jacoby Perrault. He is a four-year starter for East Chambers and totaled 1700 yards passing and rushing last season accounting for 25 touchdowns. "He's a heck of a player. He's one of the top three or four players in our district. Perrault can throw it, and he can run it. He can do a little bit of everything," Smalley acknowledged.

East Chambers has some other backs that can run the ball too. Ja'den Thibo-

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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast

★ WEST ORANGE-STARK OVER HARDIN-JEFFERSON

It's always good when you start district play with the area's strongest team and end it with the district's weakest team, especially when it means a trip to the state playoffs.

★ LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURICEVILLE OVER HUFFMAN-HARGRAVE

The Battlin' Bears need a solid victory in the final game of the regular season and head into the playoffs on a winning note. That should happen Friday night at Battlin' Bear Stadium.

★ BRIDGE CITY OVER LIBERTY

This will be my Upset Special in this week's high school regular-season final game. The Cardinals have had more downs than ups this year, but a victory at home would be a superb way to get ready for the 2023 season.

★ ORANGEFIELD OVER EAST CHAMBERS

This is the most important game of the season for the Bobcats, with a victory giving them the District 10-3A championship. I need not say any more!!!

★ VIDOR OVER SPLENDORA

The Pirates used a strong ground game to dispose of Huffman last week and should continue to pound the football again Friday night before the playoffs next week.

★ LOVELADY OVER DEWEYVILLE

The Pirates are also matched up with the strongest team in District 12-2A which will determine their position in next week's state playoffs. An upset would be a wonderful way to enter the post-season.

★ SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA OVER LAMAR UNIVERSITY

I picked Lamar to lose to Nicholls State last week and they upset the Colonels 24-17. So, I'm picking

SEE KAZ'S FEARLESS FORECAST PAGE 6B

BC Lady Cardinals win second district title, undefeated

The Bridge City Cardinals are the district volleyball champions for the second year in a row. The Lady Cardinals have not lost a district game the last two seasons.

The final match in district for the Lady Cardinals was against the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs on Tuesday, October 25, at Bridge City. The Lady Cardinals swept the three sets over the Lady Mustangs 25-16, 25-10, and 25-10.

Bridge City's Demi Car-

ter demoed 12 kills and served 3 aces in the match. Taryn Doiron had 9 kills, 3 aces, and 13 assists. Anna Kelly contributed 5 kills and 4 aces. Cambree LaComb led in assists with 15 and had 2 aces. Lexi Nugier was tops for the Lady Cardinals with 6 aces and had 6 digs.

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals have scheduled their bi-district match with Liberty at East Chambers at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1.



The Bridge City Lady Cardinals celebrate their second straight undefeated volleyball district championship.

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Lets hope Phillies show Astros some brotherly love

KAZ'S KORNER Joe Kazmar For The Record

The first two games of the 2022 World Series went the opposite way of what was supposed to happen in a two-game series.

Ordinarily, it is the visiting team that hopes to leave town with a 50-50 split. But in last weekend's two games it was the Houston Astros who hoped to win Game Two, so they could split the series. The Phillies returned home invigorated with the split.

The three-game series that ends tonight in Philadelphia could very well spell the end of the 2022 World Series if one of the two teams sweeps the three-game set. But I don't believe that will happen, although the Astros are much deeper in the pitching department than Philadelphia.

Although strong pitching wins most World Series, I believe the Phillies might hold an edge on Houston in the hitting department.

The Astros won 106 games during the regular season by scoring early and then letting their major league's best bullpen hold that lead, which very often were just a couple of runs. Many times their feeble bats wouldn't come to life until the late innings, but thanks to the strong bullpen, the opponents' lead usually wasn't more than a couple of runs.

But Friday's opening game with ace Justin Verlander on the mound was very unusual, to say the least. Houston jumped out to a 5-0 lead—thanks to two home runs by Kyle Tucker—after three innings. In most of his starts during the regular season, Verlander would thank the baseball gods for five runs and go on to win the game 99 per cent of the time.

But this is the World Series where strange things can happen and often-times do. Perhaps Verlander was pressing extra hard to protect his five-run lead and strayed from his usual demeanor because he has started eight World Series games in his 17-year career, but has yet to be credited for winning one.

In the top of the fifth in-



Joe Kazmar

ning Manager Dusty Baker was in a mental bind after Verlander misplayed a come-backer to him that should have been an easy inning-ending double play and probably should have taken his ace out of the game with the Astros' lead now 5-3.

But Baker knew Verlander would not be credited with the mound victory without pitching five complete innings. So, he left him in there, despite the fact his pitcher was missing his targets and seemed unusually rattled.

With runners on first and second, Verlander hung a curve that Phillies catcher J.T. Realmuto laced into the gap in left-center, scoring both runners that tied the score 5-5.

Baker still didn't use the hook on Verlander, who got the next two outs to end the inning. He probably was hoping the Astros would break the tie in the bottom of the fifth inning, go on to win the game with Verlander still getting credited with his first World Series win.

But as we old-timers used to say "Baseball is a funny game," and that proved to be the case here as both bullpens shut down their opponents, putting the game into extra innings with the score still tied at 5-5.

Baker had used most of his ace relievers so he put usual starter Luis Garcia—who pitched five innings and got the win against Seattle in the 18-inning marathon that punched the Astros ticket to the World Series—to pitch the top of the 10th inning.

Garcia battled his first hitter—nemesis Realmuto—to a full count until the good-hitting catcher hit an opposite-field fly ball that Minute Maid Park couldn't hold for a home run that spelled the difference and gave the visitors a 6-5 win and first blood in the Series.

Of the 598 teams that jumped out to 5-0 or better leads, only 18 in MLB history went on to lose the game. And it also was the first 10th-inning home run since Carlton Fisk

turned the trick in the 1975 World Series.

Fortunately, the Houston Astros have two pitchers that can be referred to as aces. The other, Framber Valdez, successfully protected the Astros' early 5-0 lead in Game Two better than Verlander did in Game One and was credited with a 5-2 win which knotted the series at 1-1.

Verlander will probably pitch today's Game Five with another chance to get that long-awaited first World Series victory. He very well could be pitching the game that will win the series for the Astros, or be trying to get the series back to Houston with a 2-3 record.

KWICKIES...

When the surging No. 2 Tennessee Vols travel to take on the top-ranked Georgia Bulldogs Saturday it will be the first time since 1951 that the two teams will play as ranked opponents. But it is the 25th regular-season game matching the Associated Press' No. 1 and No. 2 teams.

And speaking of this week's AP College Football top 25 Poll, Georgia retains its No. 1 status, while Tennessee and Ohio State are deadlocked at No. 2, No. 4 Michigan, No. 5 Clemson, No. 6 Alabama, No. 7 TCU and No. 8 Oregon remained the same while No. 9 Southern Cal moved up one spot and No. 10 UCLA jumped up two notches. No other Texas teams are on the poll while LSU moved up three places to No. 15 and Tulane jumped four spots to No. 19.

Killeen Shoemaker upped its record to 7-2 Friday with a 21-7 win over Killeen. That's not a bad job for the Greywolves head coach and West Orange-Stark alumni Toby Foreman who couldn't even get an interview for the Mustangs head coaching position from the administrative regime.

Louisville forced Wake Forest into eight second-half turnovers Saturday and won 48-21. Wake Forest is the first team in more than 15 years to

commit eight turnovers in a half.

Arch Manning will enroll at Texas University in Jan. 2023 according to The Athletic after he completes a brilliant senior season at the same high school that his uncles Eli and Peyton starred in football.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers are 3-15 in their last 18 games that were decided by seven points or less.

The Kansas City Royals announced Monday that they hired Matt Quatraro as their new manager for the 2023 major league baseball season. Quatraro served as the bench coach for the Tampa Bay Rays since 2018 and will assume his first job as an MLB manager.

JUST BETWEEN US...

Just a few notes about the National Football League as the season passes the halfway mark this week: You can see the NFL's best and worst teams in action tomorrow when the Houston Texans travel to play the undefeated Philadelphia Eagles. The game will be shown on the Amazon Network... Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins leads the league with touchdown passes in his last 27 games...When the Chicago Bears rushed for 240 yards on 49 carries against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday, it marked the first time since 1968 that they eclipsed the 200-yard barrier. But the Cowboys still won handily 49-29...Tennessee's bulldozing running back Derrick Henry is the only player in NFL history with 200-plus yards rushing in three consecutive games against the same opponent (Houston Texans). He also tied an NFL record with his sixth career 200-plus-yrds rushing game...Detroit has allowed 24 or more points in nine straight games...When the New England Patriots nipped the New York Jets 22-17 Sunday, it moved Head Coach Bill Belichick into second place all-time with 325 wins including playoff victories.



Seniors on the Lady Bobcat volleyball team are Harleigh Rawls, Kylie Mouton, Libby Thurman, and Mackenzie Haley. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Lady Bobcats edge Anahuac to take second place

DAN PERRINE For The Record

Orangefield needed five sets on Tuesday, October 25, to edge past the Anahuac Lady Panthers. The Lady Bobcats captured second place in their district with the exciting win.

Anahuac won the first set 25-23 overcoming a 14-7 deficit to the Lady Bobcats in the process. Orangefield took the next two sets 25-16 and 25-20 leading most of the way in both sets. The Lady Panthers forced a deciding set winning 25-21 in the fourth set.

The final set was very dramatic as once again Orangefield took an early lead 10-3 only to have Anahuac rally and go ahead 13-12. The Lady Bobcats won a point on a Lady Panther serve to tie the score.

Brianna Moore then served for the Lady Bobcats, and they took the lead. On the next point Harleigh Rawls hit a volley that the Lady Panthers

could not return to give Orangefield the win 15-13.

Mackenzie Haley led the Lady Bobcats with 17 kills, and she had 19 digs to go with 2 blocks and 2 aces. Libby Thurman was the top server for Orangefield with 5 aces. She also had 23 digs.

Rawls had a team high 27 digs for the Lady Bobcats plus 19 assists. Brianna Moore with 29 assists was the leader in that statistic and added 16 digs.

Orangefield's Lela Francis served 2 aces and had 9 kills. Greenlea Oldham contributed 8 kills and she along with Kaitlyn Jenkins both had 1 block.

The Lady Bobcats celebrated their four seniors as part of Senior Night. Recognized were Libby Thurman, Harleigh Rawls, Mackenzie Haley, and Kylie Mouton.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats play their bi-district playoff match on Tuesday, November 1, against Huntington in Warren beginning at 6:00 PM.

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deaux, Hadyn Reeves, and Chris West split the carries in the backfield for the Buccaneers. Reeves is a junior and rushed for 1,257 yards with 15 touchdowns as a sophomore. All are a threat to break a long one at any time.

Leading the offensive line for the Buccaneers is junior Will Kash who stands out, and they like to run behind him. EJ Guillory is another stalwart blocker for East Chambers.

Orangefield will be faced with trying to stop the run and the pass against the Buccaneers. Smalley analyzed, "Huge challenge coming for us Friday night. They do a little bit of everything."

On defense East Chambers bases out of a four-man front. Against Tarkington two weeks ago the Buccaneers used an odd five-man front which is similar to what they did a couple seasons back in 2018 and 2019 against Orangefield when they and the Bobcats were in the same district. Orangefield will have to prepare for both even and odd man fronts this week according to Smalley.

EJ Guillory is really a defensive specialist in the front line for the Buccaneers. Guillory is big and tough to move.

Inside linebackers Matthew Reddell and Spencer Schepf anchor the middle of the defense for East Chambers. They come downhill to make tackles.

The outside is adequately covered by defensive end Garrett Reeves. The Buccaneer secondary is led by Perrault at safety where he had 5 interceptions last season. Darius Green and Payton Anderson are wide receivers on offense who switch to being defensive backs and are both very good.

The Buccaneers are well coached on defense. "It's going to be a challenge to move the ball on them. It's going to be a really good football game Friday night," Smalley promised.

Friday is the final game of the regular season. Both Orangefield and East Chambers have earned berths in the post season but seeding for the playoffs will be at stake in the game.

The game should decide the district championship. Smalley explained, "With a win we earn the number one seed and the outright

district championship. A loss we would still be technically co-champs or tri-champs with East Chambers and Anahuac with point spread that could have us go from the one seed to the three seed depending on the scores. We don't want the word "co" in front of this, we would love to be the only district champion, but we understand we're up against a really good football team."

Two games have been played so far between Orangefield, Anahuac, and East Chambers. The Bobcats beat the Panthers by 10 points, and the Panthers defeated the Buccaneers by 25 points.

The keys for a Bobcat victory are no different than they are every week Smalley reminded. "We can't turn the ball over and can't have penalties on offense. We've always got to be moving forward. Defensively against the Buccaneers we can't give up big plays. Perrault has the ability to throw it about 65 yards in the air so their receivers are never really out of range. When you think you've got guys covered he'll take off running so he's a legit dual threat. My concern is we've been rolling pretty good the past month or so and have not needed to play a full 48 minutes. We're going to have to go Friday night into an environment that is tough to play against a really good football team and we're going to have to play 48 minutes to win it," Smalley concluded.

The Orangefield Bobcats and the East Chambers Buccaneers play Friday night. The kickoff is at 7:30 PM in Winnie.

Mustangs prepare for H-J and then playoffs

The district schedule comes to a conclusion on Friday for the West Orange-Stark Mustangs. This will be a final preparation for the post season during which the Mustangs hope to make a run.

Last week was the bye for West Orange-Stark. It gave the Mustangs the opportunity to get back to the basics and the fundamentals of the game of football.

Coach Hiawatha Hickman provided the details of the Mustangs' workouts during the bye week. "We

worked on some stuff that we normally work on here at the beginning of the year to try to get back to where we start each season. We were able to get some people healthy, some people were able to get some time off and get some rest. We didn't really bang on them too hard. We just did a lot of teaching and went over basics. It was a good time for the players and the coaches to get rejuvenated," Hickman indicated.

The time was also spent getting ready for Hardin-Jefferson which is this Friday's opponent for the Mustangs. The Hawks won their first game of the season two weeks ago against the Bridge City Cardinals and played the Jasper Bulldogs to within 20 points last week. Despite their poor record the Hawks have taken some strides to improve in recent weeks.

Hardin-Jefferson uses multiple offenses out of the Spread formation with a tight end and have played two quarterbacks in its recent games. Logan Trotter has been the starter and threw two touchdown passes in the Bridge City game. The backup is Carter Mouton, and he can throw the ball well too.

A prime receiver is tight end Wyatt Samaha who at 6-3 and 250 pounds is a load to bring down when he has the football. Samaha caught a 70-yard touchdown against Jasper in the last game for the Hawks. Hickman assured Samaha is a Hawk the Mustangs will have to account for on every play.

There are some Hawks with speed too at the wide receivers. Rochard Sears had two long touchdowns a couple weeks back, and Rodrick Russell scored after he broke loose on a short pass.

Another athlete for Hardin-Jefferson is Isaiah Melvo, and he will be used in multiple positions. Melvo is primarily a wide receiver but can line up as a wing back or in the Wildcat to take direct snaps so as to exhibit his elusive running ability.

West Orange-Stark will be ready for whatever the Hawks' offense throws at them. Hickman replied, "Coach Bass of Hardin-Jefferson is very multiple with formations, and we'll be prepared for it. The game will give us the opportunity

to improve and get better before we face a good Bellville team in the first round of the playoffs."

Like so many of the teams in the Mustangs' district Hardin-Jefferson operates with a 50 defense aligning with three downed linemen and four linebackers. The Hawks will try to apply pressure on opposing backfields with the blitz.

Luke McCullough was a standout last season for the Hawks as a running back. McCullough is primarily playing only on defense as an inside linebacker this year. He had 78 tackles including 3 sacks for Hardin-Jefferson last season.

The inside backer is Davion Levine who is also a good tackler. Levine like McCullough does a good job running to the ball.

Inexperience on defense has been a major reason the Hawks have only won one game. Hickman elaborated, "I think they're young, and you can tell that they're young and trying to find their way. They'll line up in that 50 and they'll blitz from multiple different directions to try to give you some trouble. They'll slant the front to give them an opportunity to try to get off some blocks. They play hard, they play really hard, but you can just tell they're young even playing a few freshmen. They make mistakes, and we've got to take advantage of those mistakes."

West Orange-Stark has a berth in the playoffs again. The only difference will be the Mustangs will be a lower seed instead of their normal first seed. By coincidence the first round opponent for the Mustangs will probably be a familiar foe in the Bellville Brahmas.

Preparation has not been a problem for West Orange-Stark in the weeks leading up to the playoffs. Coach Hickman is confident the Mustangs will continue to prepare hard for the Hawks this week and again next week for Bellville.

Eliminating mistakes will be the key for West Orange-Stark to win this Friday and any continued success in the playoffs. "We seem to be getting better every week, but we just still make some of the same mistakes in some of the same areas. I still see the growth, I feel good about our growth that we're moving forward. We're oozing with youth, the future's bright, we feel good about that, but we've told our kids it's a competition right now, we're competing to stay alive. We see this Friday as a playoff game," Hickman concluded.

The final game of the regular season and the next step to the post season for West Orange-Stark is Friday against the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks. The kickoff will be at 7:30 PM in Dan R. Hooks Stadium.



Austin Bellanger of the Bridge City Cardinals had multiple long kick returns against Silsbee.

BC Cardinals close out season against Liberty

The Bridge City Cardinals play their final game of the football season on Friday. The Cardinals would love to finish their year on a winning note.

It has been a difficult year for the football team in Bridge City. After a win in Week 2 of the season the Cardinals have lost seven straight games including a shutout last week to the state ranked Silsbee Tigers.

Bridge City coach Cody McGuire was proud of his Cardinals who played hard against an excellent Silsbee team. "They're very talented this year and deep. They do a great job over there and I respect their coaching staff. Our kids did fight, but they just did not play well and the game got out of

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For The Record

While driving around different communities in SETX, you've probably noticed (I certainly have) Satsuma trees are displaying bright orange-yellow fruits which are ripening. Did you know after cycling through numerous names since its inception, the name of Orange was finally chosen due to the native orange groves which attracted the attention of boatmen navigating the Sabine River. Of course, the original or-

ange groves are long gone, lost to history due to our ever-changing environment, natural and otherwise. There is one significant detail which has not been lost to history and that is our love for growing citrus trees. Satsumas, tangerines, clementine's, Halos, Cuties, and other types of mandarin oranges (Citrus unshiu). The fruit is flat on the bottom, not round like most orange varieties. Being the sweetest citrus, they are also extremely easy to peel. Satsumas are the most cold-tolerant of sweet cit-

rus. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services began field trials in 1994, to determine the most cold-tolerant citrus. Once the trails were completed, two satsuma varieties performed well, 'Miho' and 'Seto', both were added to the Texas Superstar program in 2010. With continued testing, two other varieties were developed - 'Orange Frost' and 'Arctic Frost', both were added to the Texas Superstar program in 2014 and 2015, respectfully. Each produces quality fruit with few seeds, and both are extremely cold hardy.



Satsumas are the most cold-tolerant of sweet citrus.

Satsumas require winter protection for the first three years until established. They grow equally

well if planted in the ground or in a large container. For the best winter protection, build a temporary frame using PVC pipe to "house" the tree, covering the PVC pipe with clear polyethylene. Until established, they should be protected if temperatures are expected to fall to 25F or below. Once established (3 years growth), winter protection is no longer required unless temperatures fall below 20F. At the onset of cold weather, trees planted in the ground should have a

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hand," McGuire admitted. One aspect of the game that was a bright spot for the Cardinals according to McGuire was the special team on kickoff returns. Bridge City returned the kicks past the 40-yard line every time. Austin Belanger did a good job returning the kicks.

The hope this week is to turn things around in this final game. McGuire offered, "We're just looking forward to getting back out there on Friday and trying to right the wrongs and make things better before the off season to build things for next year."

The opponent on Friday will be the Liberty Panthers. This season has been a struggle for the Panthers just like it has been for the Cardinals. Both teams have just one win on the year. Liberty defeated Hardin-Jefferson in Week 7 for its lone win in district and for the season.

The Panthers are under the leadership of a new head coach Chris Lackey and have gone from the Wing T to a balanced Spread Offense running and throwing the ball about equally. Despite the poor record Liberty has shown some ability to put points on the board averaging over 17 points a game including 42 in the win over Hardin-Jefferson.

Leaders for the Liberty offense are wide receivers Zach Breaux and Dawson Victorian. Breaux is the Panthers' big play receiver especially if he is covered man-to-man. Victorian will also shift into the Wildcat and take direct snaps from center. Nate Wilkinson is a third pass catcher for them, and Dra'core Bankhead is their possession receiver.

Quarterback Gavin Fontenot can throw the ball well and will be used as a runner also. The primary running back for Liberty is Alex Valtierra.

The record could be de-

ceiving for the Panthers because they have played four opponents including Jasper close losing by a single touchdown. "They present a great challenge for us. We're looking forward to it though. The Panthers like to run the speed option quite a bit, the buck sweep, then they like to throw, and they like to get the ball to their big playmakers Victorian and Breaux. They do a good job," McGuire stated.

The Panthers line up in a 3-4 on defense. The front line will shift after the initial alignment into a 4-2-5 look.

The key Panther up front is Victor Ruiz at a tackle. Kade Johnson is an impressive looking junior at defensive end.

The true leaders on defense for Liberty are linebacker Colby Ewing and free safety Zach Breaux. Ewing runs well to the ball and can pop opposing ball carriers. Breaux leads a strong group of Panthers in the secondary who can all cover man-to-man.

Liberty has several talented individuals on defense. McGuire evaluated, "Collectively they're a pretty good defense led by Breaux who makes them go on defense."

The final game of the season will not be the last varsity game for many of this year's Bridge City Cardinals. "We've got quite a few sophomores that we've had on the varsity all year, and they've played a lot. Especially with the injuries we've had this year our sophomores have gotten great experience so it's just going to help us in the future. We want to take some momentum into the off season, get on a roll, and get ready for next season. We're looking forward to finishing out the year and sending our seniors out as winners," McGuire concluded.

The final game of the year for the Bridge City Cardinals and the Liberty

Panthers will be Friday night. The kickoff will be at 7:30 in Bridge City's Larry Ward Stadium.

LCM Bears host Huffman in district finale

The opportunity to repeat as district champions is gone for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears after last week's loss. The Bears are now playing to secure third place in their district and gain some momentum heading into the post season.

The Bears were hoping for a win last week at Lumberton that would have moved them into a three-way tie for first place with the Raiders and the Vidor Pirates. The Raiders dominated LCM to remain undefeated and in sole possession of first place in the district with just one game to play.

Coach Eric Peevey of the Bears was disappointed in their performance against Lumberton. "We just got pushed around by a very physical team, and we had a lot of mental mistakes. We've just got to get those things fixed," Peevey admitted.

Despite surrendering 41 points Peevey thought the Bears' defense actually played well at times. Peevey explained, "Our offense kept putting them in bad spots with fumbles and turnovers. The first kick of the game not catching a pooch kick and let-

ting it drop and the Raiders getting it. We had some mistakes that we put our defense in bad spots, but I felt like our defense rose to the occasion and caused some punts and made Lumberton go for multiple field goals. I felt like our defense overall played pretty well."

The loss for LCM was not just on the scoreboard. Two Bears were injured in the game. Wide Receiver Isaiah Picard hurt his shoulder. Tight end Jordan Pollack re-injured his knee. Defensive lineman Jose Molina suffered a concussion during a practice earlier in the week and did not play against the Raiders.

The final game of the regular season for Little Cypress-Mauriceville will be at home against the Huffman Falcons. This game pits two wide open offenses against each other.

The Falcons have used multiple players at quarterback this season but seemed to have settled on senior Tyson Woodland as the starter. Woodland had an excellent first half against Vidor last week when Huffman was tied with the Pirates 20-20 before losing 48-34 in the game.

Woodland directs the Falcons' offense primarily with passes all over the field. They probably are about 70 percent pass in their play calls.

The main target of Woodland's tosses is Tyler Wilkins a returner for Huffman who caught 10 touchdown passes a year

ago. "It seems like they're trying to find a way to get him the ball. The Falcons are young in some spots, but they are senior loaded at receiver, and they are definitely a pass first type team," Peevey pointed out.

How good the LCM secondary is will become evident in the game with Huffman. Peevey responded, "We'll find out because they will throw the ball. I really feel like our pass rush is going to do a good job of getting to Woodland so that will be a positive, but in the secondary we've just got to be ready to defend all sorts of different types of level routes and make sure that our eyes aren't looking at the quarterback but are looking at our reads. We know what's coming this week that's a positive, we know they're going to throw it and throw it a lot so we've got to be ready for that."

Huffman lines up in a 3-3 Stack on defense. The Falcons use man coverage in their secondary. They are somewhat young on the defensive side of the football with only three returning starters.

The Falcons like to send a lot of pressure on the opposing quarterback. LCM scouts report and film has shown that Huffman went to more blitzes the last two games against Lumberton and Vidor.

Defensive end Will Swartz is maybe the best player for the Falcons on that side of the ball. Swartz does a good job getting to the quarterback and does well against the run. Jesse Holcombe is the

inside linebacker for Huffman. Holcombe plugs run attempts in the middle.

Since the start of district Huffman has yielded an average of over 40 points a game that includes a shutout of Splendora. "They're more of a chaotic defense, kind of an organized chaos. They going to send a lot of heat and blitzes. We're going to do a good job with our offensive line getting them prepared for that, and I feel like that kind of gives us the tendency to be able to run well. If you hit the open gap when they're blitzing like that you usually can go a long way," Peevey expressed.

A win for the Bears against Huffman clinches third place for Little Cypress-Mauriceville. If the Bears lose by more than 15 points it would force a tie-breaker scenario involving the three teams of LCM, Huffman, and Livingston to determine the third and fourth seeds from the district.

The goal on Friday night for the Bears is to get a win and guarantee a trip to the post season. "When you control your own destiny you want to take care of that. We definitely don't want to go to the playoffs with a loss," Peevey concluded.

Friday night is also Senior Night for the Bears honoring them. The game is scheduled for 7:30 PM at Battlin' Bear Stadium between the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears and the Huffman Falcons.

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Duck season opens and tactics change

OUTDOORS
Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record

"You remember when...." is a question that I am hearing all too often these days, especially when I am talking to water fowlers. Less than a decade ago our area marshes were a haven for all types of migratory birds, world class wing shooting at its best.

The skies were filled with ducks and geese and the local hospitality and great Cajun cuisine made this part of the world a magnet for hunters from all around the globe. Well the food and hospitality are still here but the birds are noticeably absent. The area from east of Galveston bay all the way over towards Lafayette Louisiana is just not what it



Chuck Uzzle

used to be in terms of duck and goose hunting, and that is a scary thought for many hunters.

In years past it wasn't uncommon to see the big flights of ducks invade our marshes and settle in for awhile, they would stay until the next wave of birds came down and so the cycle continued much to the delight of area hunters.

Duck leases in this part of the country commanded high price tags and usually had long waiting lists and that is not the case anymore. More and more local hunters are giving up on a sport they love in favor of

other winter pursuits, the decoys are getting dusty while the rifles, rods, and reels are getting a workout.

Now don't get me wrong because there are some hunters who refuse to give up the pursuit of waterfowl and are now becoming true blue road warriors taking off in search of their favorite birds. Many hunters have now decided to take their hunting budget and use it a bit differently by spending money on trips to high profile destinations instead of local leases.

Now if you do the math it makes sense in some ways, you can maximize your opportunities by going to where the birds are instead of waiting for them to come to you. A couple of years ago I guided a gentleman from Georgia who had to be



the ultimate road warrior no doubt about it. This hunter took a leave of absence from work and packed his brand new truck full of gear, loaded his dog and left for Canada. Once he reached the far northern end of Canada he began to hunt geese everyday for the next 3 months until he had worked his way all the way down the Central flyway to Texas! This guy was a real hard core hunter in every sense of the word.

It seems more and more

often that hunters on our end of the flyway have to make some sort of move to increase their odds at having a successful hunt. The weather is obviously the biggest concern and factor that local water fowl hunters must learn to deal with. The combination of warm or cold winters coupled with sporadic rainfall to our north turns most hunters into part time fortune tellers predicting the future.

This year we may actually get a break due to the fact that we finally get a few factors in our favor. The most important is the lack of standing water farther up the flyway. Areas like the panhandle and Oklahoma have been dry all year and that spells good things for those of us on the coast. Without any big concentrations of water to hold birds we should see more numbers in our neck of the

woods without having to travel nearly as far.

Now don't get the wrong impression we still shoot ducks and geese in this area but it certainly has changed over the past decade or two. The changing face of agriculture and climates has done a number on the once steady migration patterns that were established over time. Hopefully in the future nature will again right itself and bring things back around full circle like it once was.

Until then duck and goose hunters will have to either come up with new and innovative ways to get the job done here at home or head out to other parts of the country to enjoy their sport.

One thing is for sure and that is as long as there are ducks to be hunted you can bet there will be hunters out there doing everything they can to bag them.

Orangefield Bobcats run over Kirbyville, 58-0

Dan Perrine
For The Record

There was concern in Orangefield the bye last week might cause the Bobcats to lose some of their momentum gained from four straight district wins including two consecutive blowouts. The worry was not necessary as the Bobcats rolled over the Kirbyville Wildcats 58-0 on Thursday at F. L. McClain Stadium in Orangefield.

The Bobcats (7-2, 5-0) scored every time they had the ball except the last play of the first half and a drive by the second team that consumed about four minutes at the conclusion of the game including taking a knee on the final snap. It was the final game of the season for Kirbyville (3-7, 2-4).

The Orangefield running game was clicking on all cylinders gaining 451 yards on 36 carries for a 12.5 yard average. The Bobcats did not throw a pass the entire game.



Beau Elkins

From the opening kickoff the Bobcats showed it was going to be a tough night for the Wildcats. Orangefield's Cameron Dischler returned the kick 62 yards to the Kirbyville 17. Two plays later Dischler scored from the 3 and the rout was on.

Dischler scored again on a 21-yard run to give the Bobcats a 14-point lead with just over three minutes played. Just 22 seconds later it was 21-0 when Orangefield freshman Mason Manning scooped up a Wildcat fumble and returned it 3 yards for the third Bobcat touchdown in just under three minutes.

Gavin Perry-Koci of the Bobcats cut loose for a 54-yard run before being stopped at the Kirbyville two. Case Singleton scored two plays later from the one making it 28-0 before the first quarter had ended.

The first drive of the second quarter Perry-Koci was not to be denied as he dodged two potential Wildcat tacklers on a 35-yard scoring scamper. The kick was blocked keeping the score 34-0 with less than three minutes gone in the second period.

It was Dischler time again the next Bobcat possession. Cameron was stopped for only a yard on the first play but the second play he broke three tackles and scooted 38 yards for his third touchdown of the first half.

Singleton closed out the first half scoring with a 33-yard burst up the middle for Orangefield. The half ended 48-0 with the Bobcats in complete control.

Any thoughts of using a running clock in the second

half were confirmed after Dischler broke free again for 57 yards on the Bobcats first play from scrimmage. Orangefield committed its only penalty of the game on the point after but kicker Ty Butler boomed it through anyway from five yards further back to give the Bobcats a 55-0 lead with still 9:24 left in the third quarter. Officials allowed the scoreboard clock to run continuously except on change of possession the remainder of the game.

The Bobcats threatened one more time driving to a first-and-goal after a 29-yard run by Dischler. The Wildcats held at that point, and Butler added the final three points with a 20-yard field goal very late in the third quarter.

There was no scoring in the fourth quarter. Kirbyville had its best drive of the game with two first downs and 29 yards gained before the Bobcats' Jackson Humplik intercepted a pass by the Wildcat quarterback Jace Huffman.

The second team offense for Orangefield ran off the last 3:56 on the clock to end the game. Manning replaced Dischler in the backfield and had 35 yards on four carries.

Dischler was the leading ball carrier for the Bobcats gaining 217 yards on 16 rushes with four touchdowns. Perry-Koci only ran the ball seven times but had 127 yards and one touchdown. Singleton was perfect on the night, two carries, two touchdowns, good for 34 yards.

The Orangefield defense was solid all night limiting a pretty good Kirbyville offense to just 115 total yards. The Bobcats also made two take aways with the fumble recovery by Manning for a touchdown and the late interception by Humplik.

Orangefield closes out the regular season next Friday in Winnie against the East Chambers Buccaneers. The Bobcats need a win in that game to finish the district undefeated and clinch the District 3-A Division I championship.

Saint Mary Altar Society Annual Holiday Gift Shop And Luncheon

You are cordially invited to the Saint Mary Altar Society Annual Holiday Gift Shop And Luncheon on Saturday, November 5th from 9 am to 2 pm at Saint Mary Church Parish Hall located at 912 West Cherry in Orange. We will have homemade baked goods, crafts, Christmas gifts, frozen entrees, silent auction and much more. Chicken Gumbo Luncheon \$10 (gumbo, rice, potato salad, dessert and a tea) served from 11am - 1 pm. Meal tickets available at the door. Take out is available (containers provided). Take out deliveries will happen on 11/4, please call Patricia Daleo at 409-656-9259 to place an order.



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bank of mulch /soil up and around the trunk of the tree. This will help protect the trunk if the main trunk dies back during severe cold weather. If the tree is a grafted tree, such as 'Miho', 'Owari', 'XIE' or 'Miyagawa', the bank of mulch/soil must extend above the graft union to protect the scion. 'Orange' and 'Arctic' Frost satsumas are typically grown from cuttings or seeds and on their own root stock.

The tree can also be grown in a large pot, at minimum 24 inches wide by 24 inches tall or a large nursery pot (25 gallon). The tree must be repotted every few years since they

will fill the containers quickly. Remove the tree from the pot, trimming the roots around the perimeter and bottom of the root ball. To remove old potting soil, use a blast of water from a garden hose. Repot using good quality soil in the bottom and around the sides, utilizing the same pot.

For trees in the ground, provide a nitrogen fertilizer each spring. If you notice a yellowing of the newer leaves (chlorosis) add iron following package directions. Container planted trees required a slow-release fertilizer, applied in spring before new growth appears. A supple-

mental water-soluble fertilizer can be applied every 2-3 weeks to support the tree and the fruit crop.

Now for the difficult part, once the fruit is set in spring, it must be thinned. Doing this is tough because all gardeners want as many satsumas as possible, but this is necessary to maintain the trees' overall health. Thinning fruit-one fruit for every 12 inches of limb, removes weight stress generated from too much fruit growing on each limb. I have personally experienced my trees loaded down so heavily the limbs break which severely damages the tree and invites disease. The blooms in the spring are intensely fra-

grant and citrus trees are known hosts for the Giant Swallowtail Butterfly. The female butterfly seeks out the leaves to lay her eggs. The caterpillars look like bird droppings making them unattractive to predators.

It is very important to purchase citrus trees locally, from local garden centers or nurseries with in SETX. By purchasing locally, we are helping keep deadly citrus diseases, Citrus Canker and Citrus Greening from getting established in our counties. The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has mandated strict guidelines for growing citrus trees to help keep these diseases outside of our areas. Further, it is against the law to

bring citrus, in any form, into Texas, or our area from quarantined counties west of us. For more information on these diseases go to <https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu>.

So, now my fellow gardeners, let's go out and grow ourselves a greener and more sustainable world, one Satsuma tree at a time! Happy Halloween everyone, be safe!

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

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The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is having a Door Sign Crafting Class. The door sign will be a round wooden sign and you have the option of an initial, word, or name on it. The class will be held on November 5th at 10:00 am to noon at the Extension Office on FM 1442. The cost is \$25. You will have the option to make a wreath if you would rather do that. Please call the office at 409-882-7010 to register and you will need to pay by October 28th.

Kaz's Fearless Forecast

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the Lions from Hammond to win over the Cardinals Saturday by using some reverse psychology.

• McNEESE STATE over EASTERN ILLINOIS---

The Cowboys came ever so close to upsetting Southeastern Louisiana last week—losing 28-27—and getting their second win of the season. The Pokes are hosting Eastern Illinois—a team that won only one game last season—and are favored to get that second win Saturday in Lake Charles.

• AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Humble over Beaumont

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• COLLEGE PICKES

Northern Illinois over

Central Michigan and Bowling Green over Western Michigan (both today); Rice over UTEP and Appalachian State over Coastal Carolina (both Thursday); UConn over UMass, Duke over Boston College and Washington over Oregon State (all Friday); Georgia over Tennessee, Ohio State over Northwestern, Michigan over Rutgers, Notre Dame over Clemson (Upset Special), Alabama over LSU, TCU over Texas Tech, Oregon over Colorado, Oklahoma State over Kansas, North Carolina State over Wake Forest, USC over California, UCLA over Arizona State, Penn State over Indiana, Utah over Arizona, Syracuse over Pitt, Illinois over Michigan State, Missouri over Kentucky, Cincinnati over

Navy, North Carolina over Virginia, Texas over Kansas State, Tulane over Tulsa, South Carolina over Vanderbilt, Tarleton State over Abilene Christian, Alabama A&M over Mississippi Valley State, Prairie View A&M over Alcorn State, Grambling State over Arkansas-Bluff, Florida A&M over Southern, Incarnate Word over Houston Christian, Jackson State over Texas Southern, Texas A&M-Commerce over Northwestern State, Villanova over Towson, Army over Air Force and Missouri over Kentucky (Upset Specials), Purdue over Iowa, TCU over Texas Tech, Western Kentucky over Charlotte, Minnesota over Nebraska, Wisconsin over Maryland, Texas A&M over Florida, Tulane

over Tulsa, Virginia Tech over Georgia Tech, Marshall over Old Dominion, South Florida over Temple, Southern Mississippi over Georgia State, Middle Tennessee State over Louisiana Tech, Oklahoma over Baylor, Iowa State over West Virginia, Central Florida over Memphis, Washington State over Stanford, UAB over UTSA, Utah State over New Mexico, North Texas over Florida International, South Alabama over Georgia Southern, Arkansas over Liberty, Louisiana-Monroe over Texas State, Louisiana-Lafayette over Troy, SMU over Houston, Boise State over BYU, San Diego State over UNLV, Mississippi State over Auburn, Louisville over James Madison, Miami over Florida State, San

Jose State over Colorado State, Fresno State over Hawaii (all Saturday).

• PRO PICKS

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

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