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Orangefield Water Supply looking at changes

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

People living in the Orangefield area may be deciding whether to keep the non-profit Orangefield Water Supply Corporation or become a state water district. A town hall meeting was held Tuesday evening for discussion and a presentation on the differences.

Water districts in the county are operated in West Orange, the Vidor area, and Mauriceville. Some rural areas are serviced by private water companies or individual wells.

The state of Texas has separate rules and regulations for a water district compared to a non-profit. One of the main differences is in leadership.

Board members of the non-profit are selected by corporation members who belong by paying a membership fee. That fee entitles them to get water and sewer service for the set prices. In addition, the fee lets them have a vote at the board's annual meeting to selection directors.

A water district is an official government entity, though a water district does not charge property taxes. Board of directors for a water district are elected during regular election dates and every eligible voter residing in the district may cast a ballot.

Water districts must also follow the Texas Open Meetings Law and will have the option to participate in the Texas Municipal League. That entity provides statewide services for cities and water districts, including special property insurance rates, group health insurance rates for employees, plus pension services for employees.

Water districts under state law are required to follow state bidding and purchasing regulations. However, they may also buy items through state purchasing cooperatives with the state or regions taking bids on a variety items including vehicles.

In addition, water districts are able to issue tax-exempt bonds which can make financing big projects cheaper by offering lower interest rates than the non-profit issuing loan bonds. A water district is allowed to provide water and sewer services outside of its boundaries, while a non-profit is limited in its range. Jared Banken is currently president of the Orangefield Water Supply Corporation board of directors. Ronnie Hutchison is vice president, with Mary Nixon as secretary and Delana Huebel assistant secretary. Other board members are Rene Naquin, Jessie Freemont, and Don McLemore.



Terry Bussing and Tosha Harrington of NVS Ink based in Orange County finished painting a cheerful sign at the Simmons Park across from the Orange Boat Ramp on Simmons Drive. The city of Orange in recent months, along with the Orange Lions Club, have sponsored the painting of murals around the downtown area giving an artistic look. NVS Ink did the city's first fresco at the Orange Public Library.
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LSCO continues growing with new buildings, courses

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

A building site that once drew fame to Orange with a local family business, is now housing a school and training center to produce more famous mechanical and technical-minded innovators.

On Wednesday afternoon, Lamar State College Orange will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the community at the new Electromechanical Technology Building. LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson is adding more subjects to train regional residents to get jobs in area industries.

Students will be able to study hydraulics, pneumatics, electrical, machining, and equipment instrumentation in a space with more than 12,000 square feet. The building also has space for instruction in new growing technologies like laser and 3-D printing.

The ribbon-cutting is



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on Wednesday, students have been attending classes in the building since the beginning of the fall semester.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Texas State University System and the state of Texas

for funding the remodeling of these two buildings" Dr. Johnson said. "It is with deep appreciation to Cloeren Incorporated for helping us equip these state-of-the-art facilities and for providing scholarships for our students right here in

Orange, Texas. It's because of their tremendous support that we were able to make this a reality."

The building is a combination of two renovated buildings on Green Avenue

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Stump Weatherford first inductee of Orange Lions Hall of Fame



The Orange Lions Club Monday night paid tribute to long-time member Stump Weatherford by naming him as the first inductee to the Orange Lions Hall of Fame. His wife, Dayle Gunn Weatherford, was on hand to see him accept a plaque for the honor. Weatherford has held a variety of offices for Lions Club International in Orange and on regional, state, and national levels. He has volunteered hundreds of hours for the club's projects, including the local carnival and the Texas Lions camp for diabetic children.

WO preparing for 'Holiday in the Park'

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

The city of West Orange is preparing for the 22nd Annual Holiday in the Park and a few vendor spaces are still available.

The event this year will be Saturday, November 4, at Seal-Alford Plaza next to city hall on Western Avenue. This will be the second year the festival will have a classic car show so people can look at restored vintage cars.

Holiday in the Park fea-

tures lots of vendors selling food, home decor, arts and crafts, and gifts. A lot of the items can help people get prepared for the upcoming Thanksgiving-Christmas holidays.

Vendor spaces are \$40 or \$65 for those provided with electricity. The city, as of Tuesday, had only five unreserved booths without electricity and 10 with electricity. There is no charge to bring a classic car to the event.

The city's website has

forms to fill out to request a vendor's booth, along with more information about the event. People may also call city hall at 409-883-3468 during business hours to register or to get questions answered.

The festival has become a popular event for people to stroll and visit friends while eating a variety of foods and shopping. Local entertainment is provided throughout the day.

There is no charge to enter a vehicle in the car

show. Vendor booth spaces are available for the day for \$40, or if you will need electricity, for \$65.

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the city's website: www.cityofwestorange.com. You may also call West Orange City Hall at (409)883-3468.

As of the release of this notice, only ten booths with electricity and five without remain available. As always, there will be no entrance fee to the festival.



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Sheriff Mooney re-election bid underway

Dear Orange County residents,

It's been an honor serving as your Sheriff for the past four years, and I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Today, I stand before you to humbly ask for your vote once again, as we continue to build upon the progress we've made together.

Throughout my tenure, we have achieved significant milestones and implemented positive changes that have transformed the Orange County Sheriff's Office like never before. Allow me to share some of our accomplishments:

★ **Negotiated Union Contract:** After 13 long years of our officers not having a contract, we successfully negotiated a fair and equitable agreement. This historic accomplishment ensured that our hardworking officers received well-deserved raises, recognizing their dedication and commitment to keeping our community safe.

★ **Strong Working Relationships:** We have fostered an outstanding working relationship between the Sheriff's Office, Commissioners Court, and the County Judge. Together, we have forged partnerships built on trust and collaboration, enabling us to tackle challenges head-on and deliver effective results for the people of Orange County.

★ **Utilizing Seized Assets:** By utilizing asset forfeiture money seized from criminals, we have invested in state-of-the-art equipment, patrol cars, training, and essential resources. We took this opportunity to enhance



Orange County Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney

the safety of our schools by providing active shooter training at zero cost to taxpayers. Through our innovative approach, we are making sure our officers are equipped with the necessary tools to protect and serve our community.

★ **Investing in Patrols:** Recognizing the importance of a well-equipped and efficient force, we have increased patrols and acquired 26 new patrol cars. These new vehicles come equipped with essential features such as gun safes and radar equipment. By investing in these upgrades, we have empowered our officers, enabling them to perform their duties with the utmost professionalism and effectiveness.

As we look ahead, I am committed to continuing our progress, improving public safety, and working tirelessly to ensure Orange County remains a safe and thriving community. However, I cannot achieve these goals without your support. I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming election, so together, we can build upon the foundation we've laid and create an even brighter future for Orange County.

Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as your Sheriff. Let's keep moving forward, hand in hand, for a safer and stronger Orange County!

Jimmy Lane Mooney
Orange County Sheriff

LSCO growth continues

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at First Street. The Procell Brothers Performance Center and Machine Shop was there for many years. The Procell business was known for building high-quality racecar engines responsible for earning 23 National Hot Rod Association world records. With the standard set high for developing champions, LSCO purchased the property in 2021 with the intent to carry on the tradition of excellence set by the Procell Brothers, according to the college.

"We're excited to continue offering high-quality education in these high-demand industries" said Dr. Keith Jones, associate dean of technical studies. "These newly renovated buildings offer the space and tools necessary to train the next generation of industry leaders."

Electromechanical Technology is a high-demand career field where students are exposed to multiple facets of machinery and equipment while building a foundation that enables them to pursue further education or entry-level employment in distribution, manufacturing, refinery businesses and more.

Students can enroll in a stackable credential program leading to an Associate of Applied Science in Electromechanical Technology. Visit LSCO.edu to learn more about the program and how to become a student.

Community News for Orange County

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

One thing that sets the U.S. apart from most other nations of the world is the quality of our colleges and universities. There is a vast number of citizens of other countries trying to avail themselves of an American college degree. UT and A&M enjoy worldwide recognition, but Texas politics could change the academic reputation of all higher education in our state.

One thing that enhances the standing of a college or university is the quality of its faculty. A major bene-



Former State Senator Carl Parker

Carl Parker was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976.

fit of college level teachers is job security known as tenure. (Tenure is guaranteed job security unless there is good cause for removing you from your position.) Our lieutenant governor wants to abolish this perk so that he can control any political thought of professors. Some of our best scholars have already left the state because of this attack by Lieutenant Governor Patrick and a few right-wing senators.

Full and free discussion is part of what a university is. Things not popular today often are the ideas that improve our lives in the future. Many politicians have

tried to tie the value of a college professor by the number of hours in a classroom as opposed to time doing research. Such political control is clearly short-sighted and would foreclose finding our way to the moon, cures for diseases and many other ways to make life better.

Tenure is one of the few tools that higher education can use when competing with business and industry for the service of bright young men and women. We need to let our elected officials know to not try and manage higher education and end up with a second-rate system.



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Orange County Community Happenings



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club named Ashley Hale as their Bridge City Student of the Month. Ashley ranks 41 out of 199 students with a GPA of 4.3. She plans to attend A&M University to obtain a degree in Business. Pictured are Charlee Chelette-Rotary Vice-President, Dr. Amanda James -BCHS Principal, Ashley- Student and her parents - Amanda and Ryan Hale.



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club named Mason Houghton as their Orangefield September Student of the Month. Mason is ranked 12th out of 116 Seniors and has a 4.44 GPA. He plans to attend LSUA for a degree in Sports Medicine. Pictured are Rotary Vice-President Charlee Chelette, OFHS Principal-Rye Wrinkle, Grandparents- Norma Osborne, Kyle and Connie Bland, and Sonny and Fran Smith, Mason-Student, Parents-Kelli and Daniel Houghton, Mrs. Briggs-OFHS Counselor and Dr. Shaun McAlpin-OF Superintendent.

Members of the Honey Bears dance team along with football players from Little Cypress-Mauriceville High volunteered to help the local dog rescue group sponsored by Traci James to entice adopters for pups in the Pinehurst Animal Shelter. Retired West Orange-Stark High teacher Lacey Gunn Hale donates her photography skills for James to show off shelter dogs. All the cities in the county have full shelters of grown dogs and puppies.



Dr. Nina Scales Leifeste

Danny Jaynes

BCHS Alumni honors two grads during homecoming

The Bridge City High School Alumni Association has chosen two alumni as Distinguished Alumni for 2023., a Bridge City High School graduate in 1971 along with Dr. Nina Scales Leifeste, a 1979 BCHS graduate. They were honored during ceremonies prior to the homecoming game on Friday, September 22 and again at The Classic Cardinal Reunion on Saturday, September 23 at the BCHS cafeteria.

Jaynes and his wife, Sue, have three children and twelve grandchildren. They live in Brownswood, Texas and travel back and forth to Africa. The Jaynes children are Heather Jones, Lark Terry, and Micah Jaynes. Grandchildren are Faithe, Timothy, Braden, Hannah, Christopher, Liam, Keegan, Joel, Haylin, Ellie, Chole, and Jack. His three brothers are Mikel and Jerry who graduated BCHS in 1967 and Rodney Jaynes who graduated BCHS in 1971.

Dr. Nina Scales Leifeste, a 1979 Bridge City High School graduate, exemplifies someone with a lot of courage in the face of ad-

versity, but she has also always found ways to live out her 'life scripture' Luke 12:48 "To whom much is given of him much is required".

Dr. Leifeste served on the Bridge City ISD school board for several years. Today she continues her practice and serves as Adjunct Professor for the University of Texas Dental School where once a week, senior dental students come to Orange to train with her in a mobile clinic that offers free service to low-income people in Orange. She teaches and shows what it means to give back. Something those students won't get in a normal classroom. According to her brother, Frank Scales, "Nina is a behind the scenes giver. She has helped countless people and countless causes." Dr. Liefeste likes to hunt, fish, and spend time with her family including her daughter Samantha and son Tyler and his wife. Her grandparents are Ausbon and Katy Scales, pioneers of early Prairie View-Bridge City and her parents Franklin, Sr. and Sarah Scales.

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From the Creaux's Nest

PHELAN RESPONDES TO CALL FOR REGISTRATION

In a nearly unanimous vote, the leaders of the **Republican Party of Texas** (RPT) approved a resolution Saturday calling on the speaker of the Texas House, **Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont**, to resign. **Phelan** has no plans to resign. He remains resolute in his support for impeaching **Paxton**, whom he continues to argue is corrupt. He issued a statement after the **Senate** voted to acquit **Paxton**, saying the **Senate** didn't do its job and the process of Republican senators voting to acquit "appears to have been orchestrated from the start, cheating the people of Texas of justice." **Phelan, the Texas Speaker of the House**, wrote an op-ed in the *Beaumont Enterprise* on September 22, 2023. In his op-ed, he criticized the Texas Senate's impeachment vote against Texas Attorney General **Ken Paxton**. **Phelan** believed that the **Senate** allowed politics to prevail over principles and failed to enforce key subpoenas that would have led to important evidence coming to light in the trial. He also mentioned that he joined 120 of his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives in voting to impeach **Paxton** earlier this year. I stand by that vote, and I stand by the belief that **Paxton's** conduct is beneath the office he holds. The evidence speaks for itself. When the **Senate** trial began, I had full faith that the evidence and the process would allow the truth to prevail. I believed the **Senate** and its presiding officer would be so overwhelmed by **Paxton's** repeated and apparent abuses of office that they would agree he should no longer serve as our state's top cop. Imagine my disappointment when it became clear the **Senate** would allow politics to prevail over principles. In hindsight, no one should be surprised. The warning signs were there. In an op-ed **Phelan** wrote, "Lt. Gov. **Dan Patrick**, who led us to believe he would preside over this trial in a fair and just manner, took a whopping \$3 million donation from a **Political Action Committee** pushing for **Paxton's** exoneration before the trial even began. **Patrick** instituted a halfhearted gag order that tied the hands of **House Members**, who wanted to make their case to constituents. **Patrick** caved to demands from **Paxton** that he and other key witnesses, including **Paxton's** mistress, should not have to testify. **Patrick** neglected to enforce key subpoenas that would have led to important evidence coming to light in the trial. And after the final vote was taken, **Patrick** railed against the **House** for acting in the best interest of the state to initiate the impeachment in the first place. The whistleblowers did the right thing. The **House** did the right thing. And I sleep peacefully at night knowing there are still brave people in this state who are willing to speak up against corruption, even when it's the politically challenging thing to do."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Richard Corder, Jr.**, age 79, who died Sept. 22, 2013. A memorial service was held at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Our heartfelt sympathy to wife **Ruth**, who he called "Bear" and sons **Craig, Bart, Mark, Chris** and their families.**** We enjoyed a nice visit Monday with U.T. All American **Steve Worster** and **Donnie Shockley** at the Exxpress Mart. Both agree that **Mack Brown's** days are numbered at U.T. In 1970 **Worster** was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy. The other three contenders were winner **Jim Plunkett**, **Archie Manning** and **Joe Thesman**. He changed his name pronunciation to **Theismann** to rhyme with **Heisman**.**** On Oct. 1, you can start signing up for the **Affordable Health Care** if you don't have insurance because you were turned down for a pre-existing condition. I predict that when fully implemented three years from now the Bill will be very popular.

25 Years Ago-1998

We learned about the death of **Tim McCorquodale**, age 47. His grandfather, then his dad **Alan**, pioneered and ran **Little Giant Manufacturing**, known around the country. At the time of his death, he and brother **Rex** were running the business.****We also were sorry to hear about the death of **Don Lyons**, who owned **Lyon's Music Co.** **Don** was one of the great guys.******C.R. Nash**, former Bridge City city manager was hired as Pinehurst Administrator. (Editor's note: **C.R.** died of cancer a few years ago.)****Bridge City stars **Jason Matthews** started for the Tennessee Oilers Sunday while **Shane Dronett** started for the Atlanta Falcons. (Editor's note: **Shane** took his own life a few years back. This was also when the Tenn. Oilers became the Titans)****Everyone's friend, insurance man **Bill Nickum**, was hospitalized last weekend for some kind of heart problem but is now out of ICU at St. E.******Doak Walker**, 1948 Heisman Trophy winner from SMU, died Sunday, Sept. 27, at age 71. He was an NFL All Pro and helped Detroit win two championships. He was also both a college and pro Hall of Fame winner. The three time All American stood 5 foot, 11 inches and weighed all of 173 pounds.

He retired from the pros with 534 points, 34 TD's, 183 extra points and kicked 49 field goals. The third most points in NFL history. **Doak** had been paralyzed in January in a skiing accident.******Mark McGwire** hits 70th homerun, shattering **Babe's** and **Maris** records. (Editor's note: **Babe** did his on whiskey, **Mark** on drugs.)******Sammy Sosa** hit his number 66 homerun. (Editor's note: He did his with cork in his bat.)

45 Years Ago-1978

Pope John Paul has died and will be buried as 700 million Catholics mourn the death of their second pope in less than two months. **The Pope** died after having served only 34 days.**** **Bridge City Day** is coming. **Sharon Gregory** will reign over the parade as **Miss Bridge City**. A grudge baseball game will be played between **Sen. Carl Parker's** crew and **Roy Dunn's Renegades**. **Richard Corder** is commissioner to keep everything on the up and up.****Nominees for the homecoming court at BCHS are seniors **Melanie Ledoux** and **Sherri Van Breemen**; juniors **Danette Davis** and **Denise Soileau**; sophomores **Tammy Emerson** and **Tina Segler**; and freshmen **Gina Allen** and **Belinda Muckelrath**.******Mason Hebert** and children, **Gloria, Arval, Mason, Jr.** and **Betty**, thank friends for their kindness in their loss of their wife and mother.**** **BC Cardinals** beat Liberty 21-6. A 26-yard pass from **Rodney Johnson** to **Jeff Anderson** put the **Cards** on the board first. **Johnson** scored the next TD. **Joey Hargraves** kicked the extra point in place of injured **Gary Peery**. Sophomore **Bryan Ward** scored on a one-yard plunge. **Hargraves** made the PAT.****Bridge City boxers were winners at boxing meet. **Junior Leger**, seven-year-old, 46 pounds, jumped to the 10-years-old 50-pound class, for the win. **E.T. Laughlin**, eight-year-old, 55-pound, wins by TKO. **Shawn O'Dell**, 10-years-old, 78 pounds, wins by third round TKO. **Nathan Bendy**, 112 pounds, was the big winner. He was asked to fight in the Southern U.S. Box-Off in New Orleans.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

On Friday, Oct. 1, **President Jimmy Carter** will turn 98-years-old. He is now under Hospice care. What a great American who loves his country. Three presidents have the same MO, country first, Christians who practice their faith, married to the same wife through all the years, believe in our democracy and protecting the constitution. They are **Carter, George H. Bush** and **Joe Biden**.****Last Wednesday **Phillip Welch** took his mom to her first Astro game for her birthday which she celebrated Friday.****Sunday morning I was watching the 'Good Taste' show on Channel 6, sponsored by **H.E.B.** and **Sysco Foods**. They were featuring a restaurant in College Station. One of the customers was **Coach R.C. Slocum**, Orange native and winest coach in A&M football history. He looked good. The last I had heard he had been facing cancer problems. I'll have to check with **Quincy**, he's in touch with **R.C.******Congratulations to Bridge City High School Homecoming Queen **Raema Lyda**. Her father, **Chris**, escorted her onto **Moe Litton Field** for the traditional ceremonies this past Friday. **Danny Jaynes** and **Dr. Nina Scales Leifeste** were honored this year's Distinguished Alumni Award winners. The **Cardinals** are renowned for their tight-knit community and alumni gathered as part of the homecoming events. The First Family of Bridge City was there. That's **Becky Rutledge**, president of the BCISD board of trustees, and husband, **David**, who is mayor of the city. **Mickey Litton Gisclar** is one of the most loyal alumni. The former cheerleader rarely misses an gathering. **Mickey's** granddaughter, **Brooke Harrison**, supplied some of the red and black balloon decorations. **Brooke**, of course, is also a BCHS alumni. You can bet **Darrell Segura** was there, along with **Rick Bridgers**.****Everybody in Orange County these days holds their breath if talk of something "developing" in the Caribbean is mentioned. **Lori Ardoin**, though, is already breathing easier, even though hurricane season isn't over. Her son **Heston Cheshire** and **Ashley Elby** had a perfect tropical wedding in Mexico this weekend without a storm in the **Gulf of Mexico**. Planning a destination wedding like that during hurricane season is perilous for the **Ardoins**. **Joel** is Orange County Emergency Management Director and **Lori** is county director of personnel plus public information officer. They both have to be in the OC if there's a possibility of a storm. But, yay. No storm. Mother-of-the groom **Lori** was a classic red-headed beauty in her green dress. Still trying to figure out why the mother-son dance was to **Merle Haggard's** "Mama Tried." **Joel** got to relax in September for a change. Others from Orange attending the resort affair were **Gina** and **Skipper Yeaman**, plus **Mark** and **Elaine Cook**.******Steve** and **Gail Maddox** are back home in the Old Orange Historic District after another jaunt to Europe. This time they went took in Italian sites like Sicily and Pompeii.******Bianca Garrett** is running the highways back and forth to Brenham. Daughter **T'Era** has a softball scholarship to **Blinn College** and the proud momma makes sure she takes in the games. **T'Era** graduated earlier this year from WO-S, chalking up honor grades, plus being a cheerleader, softball star, volleyball starter, and prom queen. No wonder momma's proud.******Brandi Griggs** and **Justin Rieson** took the kids out camping, managing to catch some cool morning temperatures.******Gary** and **Allisha Bonneaux** are proving retirees are made to travel. Their latest adventure was in Las Vegas.******Nancy** and **Cecil Byers** were in Santa Fe this past weekend with daughter **Sarah Sanchez**. Fiddler extraordinaire **Huey Buxton** turned 89 this past week. He's still performing around the region, often with **Britt Godwin**.****Cannes Film Festival finalist who began writing at the **The Record Newspapers**, **Penny Leleux**, turned another year old. **Penny** is writing, acting, and producing short films that are getting attention at festivals all over. And, she's making them here. A couple of weeks ago, **Jasper** got certified by the state as the city finished its certification as a "Film Friendly" place. **Port Arthur** and **Beaumont** already have the certification. Orange folks have been making excuses for decades for even trying to become film friendly.******Phyllis Fregia** celebrated and probably heard daughter **Aimee** singing 'Happy Birthday' a number of times.******Bobby Cormier** was recognized for another trip around the sun. **Danny's** in Orange-

field honored him with greetings and his photo on their electronic sign.******Brodrick Harrell** turned 30 and we don't know how much sleep he got, though we know he wasn't out partying. He and wife, **Leigh Anne Dallas Harrell**, had just brought newborn daughter **Honey** from the hospital.****Others who celebrated included **Jenn Pool**, **Robert Currie**, **Clay Dugas**, **Paula Scott**, **Hunter Delcambre**, **Shon Jones**, **Asia Hilliard**, **Marla Dearing**, **Diztorsha Lavan**, **Ednadeen Corley**, **Donna Harrell**, **Shirley Wood Hall**, **Sherry Windham**, **Donna Sonnier**, and **Brooke Harrison**.****September was a popular wedding month for Orange City Council members. **Councilor Caroline Hennigan** and husband **Mike** celebrated No. 23. **Councilor Paul Burch** and husband **Raul** also had an anniversary. Their gorgeous Old Orange Historic District home, with swimming pool, is up for sale. The neighborhood has grand live oak trees all around.******Louis** and **Carole Nance** welcomed another year of marriage. You can still see **Louis** walking at Northway Park every day.****A couple of weeks ago, on the one rainy day we had in two months, attorney **Sharon Bearden** rushed to his car at quitting time, slipped on the wet running board and ended up in the emergency room with 22 stitches on his shin.****Any county in the state would be proud to have the Speaker of the Texas House represent them. That's how I believe Orange County citizens feel about **Speaker Dade Phelan**. I'll have more about that later.****Politics in Orange County are getting ready to kick off. I believe there will be some surprise candidates announcing and some open seats not contested. Just one candidate will file.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

A few folks celebrating their big day in the coming week. **Sept. 27: Hayley Dardeau, Jack Short, Michal Coffey, Todd Shuford, Jeff Batchelor** all have birthdays.******Sept. 28: Happy Birthday to Roy's** sister **Fay Boudain, Cliff McCardle, Brigitte Howard, Sherry Mulhollan, Zack Sarver, Darryl Brinson, Peggy Derouen, Brigitte Howard**.******Sept. 29: Aaron Milligan, Richard Estes, Ricky Benefield, Al Goodwin, coach Bum Phillips** celebrate. This would have been the late **Dean Granger's** big day.******September 30: Special Happy Birthday wishes to our own Willow Grace Billou.** Also **Brandon Taylor, Debbie Tutt, Robert Dale Vance, Richard Albair, Howard Fisher** and **Rob Strause**.******Oct. 1: Jamie Freeman, Eric Covington, Jimmy Glover, Keely Guidry, Kimberly Cooper, Meg Clark, Skylar Rowley, Brandon Gerrald, Gerald Brignac, Kenton James** and **Tony Lummus**.******Oct. 2: Happy Birthday to Glenn Ray, Jason Ray, Collin Stanley, Herb Spencer, Jo Bramhan**.******Oct. 3: Celebrating today are Jason Montagne, Logan Bonds, Sherry Baker, Betty Roden, Eddie Free, Judy Craig** and twins **Keith Staudt** and **Kathleen Staudt Conn**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

To get a job offshore, **Nonc Theriot** had to go to **Doc Boudreaux** for a physical and health and family history. He put on his new cloths and make an appointment wit da doctor. Da doc him, feel his pulse, look in his ears and throat, check his blood pressure, den he tole **Nonc** to drop his britches and bend over. Doc him, with his long middle finger, probe **Nonc** real good inside. Den he said, "OK."

Nonc pulled up his pants den **Doc Boudreaux** tole him, "I'm gonna to axe you some questions."

"How old was your papa wen he died, him?" **Nonc** answer, "Oh, papa, he's not dead him, he's 92 and works at da feed store everyday. My grandpapa **Theriot** died wen he was 98, him, wen he fell off a tractor and broke his neck. My mama **Agnes** just turned 89, her."

Doc Boudreaux write all dat down den he look up at **Nonc** and say, "You sure got some nice, good genes you."

Nonc say, "Mai, tank you. Dey were on sale at **Burke's Outlet**, I bought four pair me."

C'EST TOUT BUM BORN 100 YEARS AGO IN ORANGE

O.A. 'Bum' **Phillips** was born on John St., in Orange, on Sept. 29, 1923. He would have celebrated his 100th birthday Friday. **Bum** and his family moved to Beaumont when he was 14 years old. He graduated from **French High School** but though those years, until he went into the service, he spent most of his spare time in Orange, where he hung out with his grandfather, **Parrish**, who taught him to be a cowboy. His grandfather worked for the **Brown Estate** and **Bum** helped him round up cattle, brand and dip them. **Bum**, a few years ago, wrote a piece about "What it Means to be a Texan." It starts with "The Window at Big Bend, which in and of itself is proof of God. It goes to **Lake Sam Rayburn** where my Grandad taught me more about life than fishin, and enough about fishin to last a lifetime. I can talk about **Tyler**, and **Longview, Odessa, Cisco, Abilene** and **Poteet** and every place in between. Every little part of Texas feels special. Every person who ever flew the **Lone Star** thinks of **Bandera** or **Victoria** or **Manor** or wherever they call "home" as the best little part of the best state. Every time I cross the border of Texas, I say, Lord, please don't let me die anywhere but Texas." **Bum** often talked about **William Barrett Travis**, the **Alamo**, **Sam Houston** and the people who forged the nation and the state of Texas. **Bum** said, "The spirit that burned in every person who founded this great place we call Texas is passed on through blood or sweat to everyone of us. You see that spirit that made Texas alive in all of us." **Coach Phillips**, had a coach son, **Wade**, who was also born in Orange. For a long-time it has been a source of irritation to me that nothing locally, either by our service organizations, city or county government, has ever done anything to recognize our most popular native son, who was known in every part of the country. A good, **God fearing man**, who has been a teacher, philosopher and a true Texan, who never forgot his birthplace, **Orange County Texas**. **Bum** died at age 90. "I'm proud to have known this great Texan. **Happy Birthday 'Coach**."****My time is up and I thank you for yours. Please read us cover to cover and shop our family of advertisers. Check us out daily on our website at therecordlive.com. **Take care and God bless.**

Decades Ago When Downtown Orange Was Special

A time and place where movers and shakers congregated and 'Spice Girls' waited on them

DOWN LIFE'S HIGHWAY
ROY DUNN
For The Record

I came in on the tail end of the heydays of the famous Holland Hotel, where a person could get a bath and a shave for \$1. Rooms had no phones, no television, no radio. It was a historic hotel in a small town, featuring a barber shop with eight chairs and two shoeshine stands. The chandeliered dining room had white linen tablecloths. The hotel was located on the exact spot that Orange's first settlers, the John Harmon family, had pitched their tent.

Arriving by raft, they settled No Man's Land and what ultimately became downtown Orange, Texas. The Holland faded into history when right across the street, on the banks of the Sabine River, the new Jack Tar Hotel replaced it. It became the gathering place for locals not only at mealtimes but also during the many daily coffee breaks. The Jack Tar's hot spot, the Sugar & Spice Restaurant and Coffee Shop, was a constant buzz with the community's movers and shakers. The yacht club upstairs drew the late afternoon/evening crowd, where bartender Lloyd Gilbeaux and crew mixed and served the best drinks and live entertainment; even some acts from Vegas were featured.

The large ballroom had many purposes, from banquets and big band dancing to serving as a gathering place for all state and national politicians who came to town. And many did--every governor for a 25-year-period plus U.S. senators and those who aspired to be: Joe Christi, Ben Barnes, John Tower, Waggoner Carr, Price Daniel, Preston Smith, Dolph Briscoe, John Connally and a multitude of others came.

I remember back in '66 when a young oil man named George Bush came to town seeking votes for his U.S. Senate candidacy. I'd heard him before and remember commenting about being impressed with his delivery and message and that if he was a Democrat he could be president some day. He didn't win the senate seat, but despite being a Republican, he did become vice president and later president of the United States. He was a more impressive speaker as a young man than later. He had a special charisma and good looks. Even though he was a northeast Yankee, he had settled in West Texas.

All civic organizations met at the Jack



Roy Dunn



Sharon Amen, Sandra Amen, Thelma Vercher, George Bush, Catherine Harper, Milly Harper, Sue Vercher and Della Bonnin.

Tar--the big Lions Club, Rotary, Kiwanis and the big biscuit-throwing Optimist Club of Jimmy Conn and Ed Lovelace. But it was at the Sugar & Spice where the action really took place. The Sunday morning round table chaired by attorney Paul Owen drew local politicians, but on any given day you could run into most of the men that served as heart and breath of the community. Here political deals were cut while some men still sauced their coffee. It was commonplace to see attorneys Bill Sexton, Dub Hustmyre, Ponce Dunn, John O. Young, Jim Morris, Roy Wingate, Louis Dugas, Graham Bruce, Ward Stephenson, Judge Homer Stephenson, Marlin Thompson, Gene Hoyt, Dewitt Bennet, Judge Tullus, the Lea Brothers and others: bankers Elmer Newman, Shon Hudson, and Bennis Lee; Businessmen Raymond Selzer, Meade Graves, Tony Griffin, Ted Belile, Frank Manchac, Murry Spector, Clarence Kyte, Frank Zeto, Joe Burke, Lannie Claybar, Benny Johnson and Alvin Keown; politicians Raymond Sanders, Joe Runnels, Judge Sid Caillavet, Charlie Grooms, James Neff, Sheriff Chester Holt and deputies W.S. Wagner and Charlie Burch, James Stringer, Judge Neal Miller, Sr., Mayor Neal Miller, Jr. and Major Inman, Sen. D. Roy Harrington. Most often Edgar Brown, Jr. gathered a bunch around him while he told stories. Joe Blanda's barber shop was located in the Orange House and was always a good place to get an argument.

Joe Dupuy later ran the travel agency with wife Dixie. Marge Roberts ran the real estate office. Gus Harris' Farmers Mercantile was across the street, where he kept peanuts roasting in winter time. The entire neighborhood had a life of its own, the law offices, courthouse crew, Albert's Inn and the Playhouse. I moved into the Sixth St. building when we started the Opportunity Valley News. We still own that special building.

The Sugar & Spice had the best waitresses that could be found anywhere and the Spice Girls knew more secrets and happenings going on than anyone in the county. Millie Harper, who lives in Mauriceville, recalls also the fun people and characters of the day. Joe "Fats" Molley was a frequent visitor, along with car dealers Charlie Wickersham, John Paul Gasow, Claude Brookshire, Leon Slayter, Bill Bell, Leo Brown, Bill Berry, Cecil Scales, Bill Kyser, the Harrison boys, J.T. and Willie, the Harmon brothers, Jackie,

Corky and Don. Also there was the big man from Livingston Shipyard, Cecil Beeson, who had given many young men jobs. Commander Glen Poplin and Navy base employee Doug Ardoin, fire marshal Henry Stanfield and assistant police chief Alton Williams always had something going. Ed Bacon, Robert Sims, Dixie McCormick and Frenchie Longron added the color.

It's a time that can never be again, but in my bag of memories I will always treasure my lifetime friends. Daily coffee with Mr. McCorquodale, who had laid every foot of pipe under Orange. Most have gone on and depending on which direction they went, I will be joining them again some day in the not-too-distant future. The Jack Tar Orange House was a special place, just like the people who frequented it. The beautiful 'Spice Girls' made the visit special. It was the central place where deals were made on a handshake and a man's word was good, and if he earned a thousand dollars a month, he was indeed fortunate.

The pace was slower, the fighters fought hard, and the jokester played the same way. Politics was serious and often pitted friend against friend, who was man enough to forget it the day after the elec-



Sue Vercher, Della Bonnin, Jo Amen, Milly Harper and Catherine Harper.

tion until the next time. Some of the original Spice Girls are still around. Some have buried their mates. Like me, that period in their lives was when they were younger, with young families and they wondered what the future held for us all. Time hasn't stood still. The families have grown and gone, and today that young senatorial candidate, is gone but not before watching his own governor son, George W. serve in the Oval Office.

We can all look back into our good and bad times and recall the voyage down life's highway that has brought us to this point. In some way, we're all molded today by the friendship and surroundings of yesterday. I've been luckier than most and accumulated a lifetime of memories laced with a special breed of people and more friendships than I was ever entitled to--and that's just the boys.

The Jack Tar, Sugar & Spice and the neighborhood of downtown Orange was indeed unique and the hub of activity. It was the backdrop of a special time in my life and I thank God for that experience. Some of my greatest friendships were made in the generations that followed, folks like Sharon Bearden, Wayne Peveto, Carl Parker, Jack Smith, Pete Runnels, H.D. Pate, W.T. Oliver and the list goes on to the generation that we're in today. While I have very special friends that I don't see nearly often enough I know where they're at if I need them.

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Bridge City Cardinals drop district opener

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The district schedule started Friday night in Bridge City. The Cardinals fell to the state ranked Hamshire-Fannett Longhorns 42-7 at Larry Ward Stadium on Homecoming Night.

The loss was the third straight for Bridge City (2-3, 0-1) after winning its first two games this season. Hamshire-Fannett (5-0, 1-0) remains unbeaten and should continue to be state ranked after the convincing victory by the Longhorns.

The underdog Cardinals came out much better in the first quarter than they did last week against the powerful Lumberton Raiders when fell behind early. Bridge City scored the first points of the game on Friday and stayed close to Hamshire-Fannett throughout the first half.

The Longhorns received the opening kickoff and quickly moved to a first down at the Bridge City 13 on two good runs and two pass completions from quarterback Ty Bryson to Braxton Starnes. The Cardinals' Rayburn Herbert made a huge sack on Bryson that setup a fourth-and-17 which Hamshire-Fannett could not convert.

Taking over at its 20 Bridge City had its longest drive of the night. The Cardinals converted three first downs on passes from Hutch Bearden to Jerris Brown for 36 yards, as well as two to Abraham Mungia for 13 yards and 10 yards.

A fourth first down on a major penalty against the Longhorns moved the ball to the Hamshire-Fannett 13. A fumble seemed to spoil the scoring opportunity as Hamshire-Fannett recovered at its 15.



Abraham Mungia of the Cardinals made a beautiful run after catch that resulted in the lone touchdown for Bridge City in its game with Hamshire-Fannett.

The Cardinal defense netted a minus seven yards forcing a Longhorn punt that only went 27 yards into the wind. Bridge City started its second drive at the Longhorn 35.

One play and Bridge City was on the board as Bearden passed to Mungia who broke at least three tackles during the 35-yard touchdown scamper. Victor Hernandez kicked the extra point to give the Cardinals a 7-0 lead with 10:02 played in the first quarter.

Hernandez pounced kicked to his right where the ball was taken at the 21 by the Longhorns' Starnes. After eluding a couple of would be Cardinal tacklers Starnes ran down the sideline in front of the Cardinal bench shaking off Hernandez who was the last Cardinal with a shot at him to go 79 yards for the touchdown. Delino Doucet tied the game 7-7 with his kick with 1:44 left in the quarter.

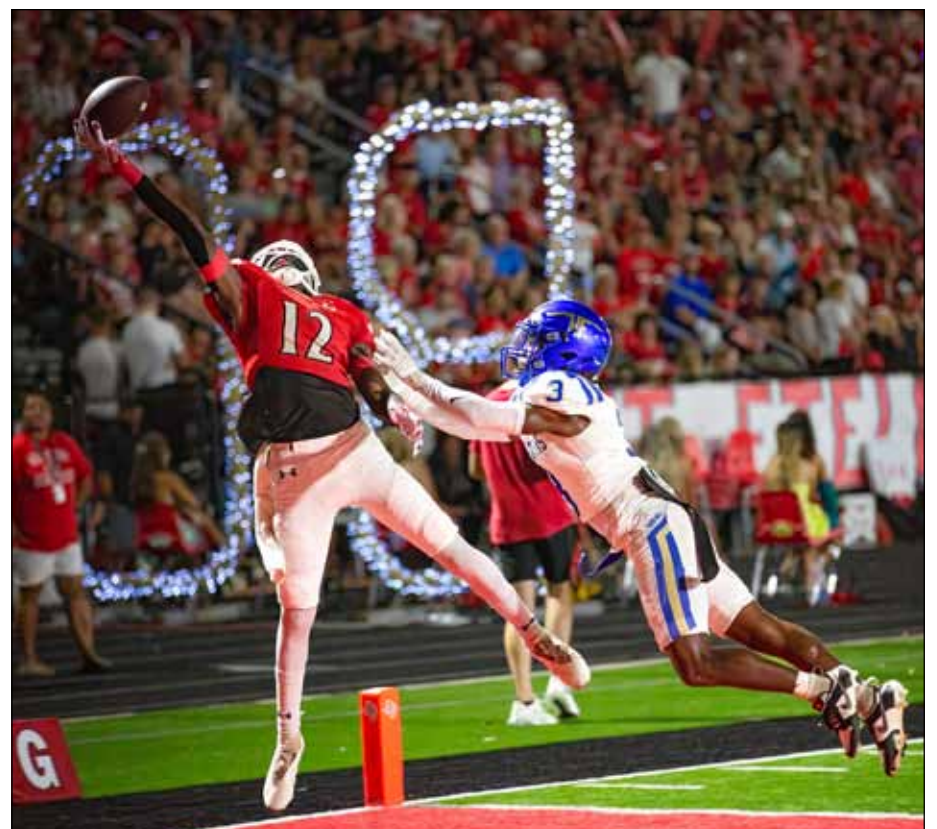
The tide of the game changed after that. The Longhorns scored on its next two possessions and Bridge City would not gain another first down in the half.

Bryson and Starnes connected for an 8-yard touchdown pass. Chris Augustine ran 26 yards to

make the score 21-7 with 4:21 before half time.

The Cardinals had their opportunities. Jerris Brown returned the kickoff after the Augustine score for 45 yards setting up Bridge City at the Hamshire-Fannett 35. On fourth and long Bearden was intercepted by Drew Pritchard of the Longhorns.

Austin Bellanger then intercepted Bryson to get the ball back for Bridge City. The Cardinals were forced to punt after four plays, but Bellanger who stepped in to punt for the injured Gavin Bodin



Bridge City's Jerris Brown of the Cardinals stretches for a pass during Friday night's Homecoming bout against state ranked Hamshire-Fannett.

RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson

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ORANGE COUNTY VOLLYBALL

Lady Bears win two more

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears volleyball team won three straight district matches entering this week's action. LCM was 3-1 before its match on Tuesday night of this week.

The Lady Bears traveled to Lumberton on Tuesday, September 19, for a big district match. LCM came away with a thrilling five-set win.

LCM Coach Jonathan Snipes said Lumberton played really well with a good game plan that helped the Lady Raiders win the first set convincingly 25-12. The Lady Bears had a shaky start according to Snipes but took the second set 25-21 to even the match.

The Lady Raiders went up a set again winning 25-22 in the third. Snipes commented the Lady Bears started to play well after the third set as Little Cypress Mauriceville dominated and grabbed the fourth set 25-12 to even the match. The deciding fifth set went to the Lady Bears 15-7 for the triumph.

After the win Snipes responded, "The Lady Bears



Paisley Angelle of the Lady Bears made 10 kills and had 2 blocks to help LCM defeat Lumberton in five sets last week.

started to clean up their ball control, communication, and execution going into the fourth set. Any win in district is a big win. These girls are extremely resilient and competitive."

It was a great team effort by Little Cypress Mauriceville. Addi Russell served 3 aces and assisted on 11 points. Paisley Angelle led in kills with 10 and added 2 blocks. Lindi Perry made 5 kills and 4 blocks. Asia Woodson contributed 7 kills and served an ace. Jada Montagne was the Lady Bear leader in assists with 13 and she served an ace. Also registering kills were Ava White with 5, Jazel Guilbeaux had 4, and Amaya Meadows had 3 kills and 2 blocks.

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Archery season opens up, drought **Bridge City** From Page 1B

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

Texas white tail deer hunters will get their first opportunity to chase that buck they have been dreaming of since last season ended as the 2023-24 season gets underway this Saturday.

The archery only season should be a good bench mark as to how much the state-wide drought has affected the deer herd. Hunters in east Texas as well as the panhandle, west, and south Texas have been extremely dry for most of the year, especially during the critical months when young deer as well as antlers grow.

Archers who took the time to feed all year long, either with food plots or deer feeders, should be in for plenty of action as many areas are nearly void of natural vegetation. The

only consistent food source for many of Texas' 4 million plus white tails has been of the supplemental variety courtesy of land owners and hunters. With the available forage being so scarce in many areas it's obvious that any place with a good supply of water and food has the potential to be a bona fide hot spot.

For many archery hunters this Saturday's opener will be a culmination of months worth of work. One area where archery folks really excel over gun hunters is in the area of practice shooting and knowing their weapon. Most bow hunters routinely shoot throughout the year and have a much greater understanding of

what their weapon is capable of doing. The sport of archery hunting is exciting but you do need to pay attention to the details and variables that go along with this style of hunting and that's where good instruction and service really come in handy.

Luckily for us here locally we have Precision Archery in Bridge City to take care of those problems and provide service that is second to none. If you have a problem with your bow or need some help concerning the sport of bow hunting this is the place to go, they are the best at what they do.

Now as of this writing it looks like the forecast will be warm for the weekend, low's in the low 70's and high's in the low 90's with high humidity. No it's not ultra cold like most hunters would like but it's also not 100 degrees plus either like it was just a few weeks ago. Now I am not

100 percent sure yet and I will need to do some checking but according to several folks I have spoken with the almanac says we are in for a wet and cold winter.

That forecast may be music to many hunters ears but that remains to be seen if comes true. Fortunately for the first time in quite a while the local conditions look much better than the majority of the state. Recent rains have come at a very opportune time and at this point we will all take everything we can get.

If you are headed out this weekend for the archery opener be safe and remember to wear your safety harness when hunting from an elevated stand and don't forget to purchase your new hunting license. Nobody wants to start the season with an accident or a ticket so be prepared and enjoy the time in the woods.

boomed a beautiful high kick the Longhorn receiver muffed and Bridge City recovered the ball at the Longhorn 31.

There were only fourteen seconds remaining in the second quarter, but time maybe for two long passes to the end zone. Bearden was sacked on both downs as time ran out in the half.

The second half started with the Cardinals gaining 20 yards on their first play a pass from Bearden to Stephen Stone that got the ball to midfield. The drive ended there and Bridge City punted.

On their second possession the Cardinals had a 17-yard completion to Mungia taking the ball to the Hampshire-Fannett 44. Again the drive stalled and Bellanger punted the ball to the Longhorns.

Bryson completed two first down passes to move the ball to the Longhorn 42. On the next play Bryson handed the ball to D'onte Zeno who in previous seasons had been the Longhorn quarterback and he threw an option pass to a wide open Starnes for a 58-yard touchdown with 3:47 to go in the third quarter.

Hamshire-Fannett would score two more touchdowns before the quarter ended. Bryson threw a 79-yard touchdown to Pierce Pirtle, and after the Longhorns recovered their own pouch kick Bryson and Starnes hooked up again for a 22-yard touchdown to make the score 42-7 with 1:06 remaining in the third period.

There was no further scoring in the fourth quarter.

On the night Bearden completed 12 of his 21 passes for 171 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions. Mungia was the leading receiver for the Cardinals with 6 catches for 99 yards.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

This week's Texas Gulf Coast Fishing Reports was compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 90 degrees. Sharks and limits of speckled trout near the rigs. Ling are showing up. Jet-ties to the channel are good for redfish, trout and flounder along the rocks with shrimp on a popping cork.

South Levy and the first and second pike at the North Levy are good for trout with topwaters in the morning, then crankbaits. Beautiful catches of trout at Pleasure Island using 5 inch glo chartreuse plastics with a 1/16th ounce jighead. Neches River to the I-10 Bridge holding slot redfish and some undersized speckled trout on points, drops, and shell or oyster in 4-20 feet of water using a popping cork with shrimp or live mullet.

Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 87 degrees. The surf is holding lots of black drum, shark, and some big redfish on cut bait or live bait on the bottom. The gulf side of the North Jetty is holding limits of trout, redfish, sheepshead, jack crevalle against the rocks with live bait and artificials. Jack crevalle are running in the surf biting big spoons or big deer hair jigs.

The cuts leading in the bay from ICW holding fish against the shorelines. Lots of black drum around Goat Island.

Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Trinity Bay

GOOD. 84 degrees. Gas wells are holding a good number of speckled trout, but you have to cull through them in order to land a few keepers. Increasing number of birds working open schools of speckled trout. Rocks along the upper Houston ship channel holding black drum and redfish. Best bite on live shrimp under corks.

Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 86 degrees. Birds are beginning to work over schools of speckled trout. Anglers are finding better numbers of speckled trout, redfish, and flounder fishing near marsh drains. Still some fish over shell reefs in open water. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter.

Surface water temperature 84 degrees, water clarity very good. Fishing continues to improve in East Galveston Bay with shorter days, cooler weather, and some good tide movement. Off the shore reefs have worked well again resulting in good catches of trout and redfish, with a few black drum, when you are able to find active bait in the area. We have found a few birds working as well and the trout have been actively eating shrimp underneath them. The redfish bite continued to improve this week when we were targeting them, resulting in solid slots, as well as some large bulls stretching our line on most outings. Shrimp imitation lures under popping corks with 12-18 inch leaders have still been producing the most bites for our anglers, and the Deadly Dudley, Slammin Sammy Chartreuse Tail Bay Chovey has worked well with 1/4 oz jig heads fished with & without a popping cork at various depths. Until next time. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

The cuts that come through the Intracoastal waterway, Siever's and Stingarees, are holding fish against the shorelines coming into the bay, using live shrimp with a popping cork on a 12-16 inch leader. Hanna's Reef, Potluck Reef, Fat Pat's all holding fish early. Keep a watch on the birds and the restless bait. The big Poppa Pure Pearl DSL working early. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Galveston Bay

FAIR. 85 degrees. Lots of undersized speckled trout in the gas wells. Rock piles along the ship channel holding good numbers of black drum and a few keeper reds. Shorelines holding a few trout, and the occasional redfish and some flounder. Best action

on live shrimp, followed by soft plastics. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Redfish Island holding some nice trout drifting the inside with croaker or strawberry with white artificials. The A-1 gas wells off the ship channel near Brothel Island are holding some nice trout with a chatterweight and croaker. Redfish at rocks by Brothel Island on popping cork with shrimp or gulf shrimp. The speckled trout are on croaker and artificial. The end of the South Jetty is holding big redfish with a few nice slots, and nice sharks. The gulf side of the jetty is on fire for catches of speckled trout, sheepshead, pompano and redfish close to rocks using live shrimp under a popping cork or freelined, Carolina rigged float with shrimp, or chatterweight and croaker. The surf is also on fire again for speckled trout, and redfish.

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Hutch Bearden scrambles for the Cardinals while lineman Conner Camfield gives him a helping block during Bridge City's homecoming bout against Hamshire-Fannett. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson



Quarterback Hutch Bearden of the Cardinals tries to escape a Longhorn tackler. Hamshire-Fannett (5-0, 1-0) remains unbeaten. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson

Battlin' Bears prep for Homecoming

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

This is Week 6 of the high school football season in Texas. It represents roughly the half way point of the year for the players and coaches with five weeks behind them and five weeks left in the season after this Friday.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears are 2-2 in their games played after having their bye this past week. This Friday's game will be the final contest before the start of district action the first Friday in October.

LCM head football coach Eric Peevey evaluated the Bears' progress to this point. "We've had our ups and we've had our downs. We spent a lot of time this last week on the off week going over just the little things we've been doing wrong from penalties to turnovers, just the way we're playing defense and the way we're playing offense. We went back to a lot of the basics on a lot of things and got better at it," Peevey pointed out.

This week's game is the final preparation before the start of district for Little Cypress Mauriceville. Peevey continued, "We have a big game this week with Spring Legacy which is a very talented football team, and they've played a lot of our area's local teams. We know they're very talented, so it's going to be a big week for us to try to put everything together."

One of the Bears who had a great week during the bye is Dylan Payne the quarterback. "We practiced a lot of things that



Quarterback Dylan Payne is learning the LCM offense in his first year as the starter and is working hard to make the Bears competitive. THE RECORD PHOTO

have been causing Dylan problems, and I thought he really stepped up big time with that. This is Dylan's first year as the starting quarterback and in our system there's a lot of learning and he's learning on the fly. He's getting to where we need him to be ready for the start of district. This is going to be a big week for Dylan," Peevey indicated.

Other young Bears are improving. Running backs J'Lynn Morris and Jonah Fuller are both getting more carries with the football.

There has been some shuffling in the offensive and the defensive lineups. Peevey believes, "I feel like our offensive line is starting to really figure out how we play football. On the offensive side of it I feel like the Bears are further ahead than I thought we were going to be, but we've got to continue working at it and get better at the little things. Defensively, it's the same thing we're moving kids in and out trying to figure out who fits in where and what they need. With young players we the

coaches have to do that. We got a lot of things fixed this last week and I feel like the Bears will be ready to go."

Legacy School of Sports Sciences a private school out of Spring comes to town on Friday to play LCM. The Titans are 4-1 on their season with wins over Orangefield, Jasper, Huffman, and Livingston from local UIL districts.

Running the Spread Offense the Titans have multiple dangerous skill personnel to give the football. The offense revolves around their quarterback Keisean Henderson who is an excellent passer.

The leading rusher for Legacy is senior running back Ahmare Merrida who is very talented. "The Legacy offense goes as those two go. The Titans have multiple receivers they can throw to, but it really comes down to the running back and the quarterback," Peevey analyzed.

What Peevey called the largest offensive line he has ever seen helps Henderson find time to throw the football and Merrida

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Orangefield Bobcats battle district favorite Anahuac

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For The Record

The first district game was a big positive for Orangefield. This week is another important district game at home for the Bobcats.

Orangefield's longtime rival the Buna Cougars came into last week's game with the better record on the season. The Bobcats played their best game of the year taking a big lead early before coasting to a 49-22 victory at Buna.

Coach Josh Smalley described the game as physical between the two rivals, and his Bobcats took advantage of Cougar mistakes to grab an early advantage. "Kane Smith went 73 yards on the first play from scrimmage for us, and that kind of set the tone for the night. Buna turned the ball over a couple times, and we had a scoop and score in the first quarter. It was twenty-one nothing really before you could blink, and our Bobcats never looked back," Smalley summarized.

It was the first game this season for Orangefield where the Bobcats did not commit a turnover. Smalley quipped, "It's amazing how



Fullback Fernando Sandoval-Rodriguez rushed for close to 80 yards and scored two touchdowns in Orangefield's win over Buna.

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things work out when you don't turn the ball over. It was a good night."

The Bobcat ground game was rolling on all cylinders. Mason Manning had over a hundred and sixty yards with two touchdowns, Kane Smith ran for about one hundred-thirty yards scoring two touchdowns, and Fernando Sandoval-Rodriguez picked up almost eighty yards rushing and also scored two touchdowns.

Defensive standouts for Orangefield included Kaleb Menard who recovered two Buna fumbles returning one for a Bobcat touchdown. Kyle Michael made 17 tackles to lead the Bob-

cats in that category.

"It was a clean night. We had good night on defense as well. The Bobcats held the explosive running back (Jacob Johnson) for Buna to about eighty yards. Most of the Cougars' yards came in the fourth quarter when the game was kind of decided. It's always nice to get started one and oh in district," Smalley commented.

District action will continue this week at home for Orangefield against Anahuac the preseason favorite to win District 10-3A Division II. The Panthers have lived up to the hype winning their first four games including a 13-0 shutout of Hardin to begin their district last week.

The Panthers use multiple formations on offense and are balanced running and throwing the ball both about fifty percent of the time. Anahuac bases out of the Newton Wing T shifting into an unbalanced line frequently to confuse opponent defenses as to which Panthers are eligible and then will go into the Shotgun to throw the football.

A new quarterback Logan Trotter guides the Panthers' offense after transferring to Anahuac from Hardin-Jefferson where he was the

starting quarterback as a sophomore. Smalley evaluated, "Trotter manages their offense really well. The Panthers have not seen any slow down in their offense with Trotter pulling the trigger. He does a good job."

The primary running back is junior Thomas Delao. Sharing the carries with Delao is senior Garrett Dye. They both run the ball well according to Smalley.

When Anahuac throws the football the targets will often be Delao and Dye on screen patterns. Wide receiver Talon Cunningham is dangerous for the Panthers as he proved last year against the Bobcats. Tight end Quandre Coates at 6-5 and 230 pounds is another receiver Anahuac likes to get the ball in his hands.

"They're balanced. They're not just one dimensional run only or pass only, they do a little bit of everything. The Panthers are going to be tough to prepare for. We've got a big week ahead of us preparation wise. Hopefully, our kids are up for the task," Coach Smalley analyzed.

Defensively Anahuac bases out of a four-man front which is what the Panthers used against Or-

angefield last year. The alignment is kind of a 31 look according to Smalley, but he added the Panthers are likely to show the Bobcats a lot of different defensive formations including a goal line defense which they did last week against Hardin for the entire game.

Smalley stated, "We'll prepare for the goal line defense. We'll prepare for what they showed us last year. We tell our kids it really doesn't matter what the Panthers line up in if we follow our blocking rules we'll be fine because the rules don't change whatever defense they give us."

Quandre Coates plays defensive end for Anahuac and does a really good job. Ezequiel Fraire is 6 foot 260 pounds and a load to move at defensive tackle.

Inside linebacker Tyler Kelley is always near the football for the Panthers. The other linebacker Baylor Lanferman is a good player too.

Their secondary has two stellar players. Talon Cunningham and Oscar Garza can cover the pass very well and deliver a good hit on ball carriers.

"The Panthers are well

coached on defense. They run to the football really well. There are some big bodies in the defensive line and they've got speed, so offensively it's a big challenge like it seems every week for us when we see eleven-man boxes or eight-man boxes all the time," Smalley indicated.

The road does not get easier this week after the impressive win in the first game of the district. Smalley admitted, "We've got the Dave Campbell's district champion pick Panthers coming into our house on Friday night."

The keys do not change Smalley emphasized. "We can't turn the football over, we've got to hold on to the football on offense. We can't give up the big play on defense which we did a good job for three quarters against Buna. Thirdly, we can't have a lot of pre-snap penalties. If we can avoid those three we've got a great shot at winning," Smalley concluded.

The Orangefield Bobcats and the Anahuac Panthers play Friday night. The game is scheduled for 7:30 in Orangefield's F. L. McClain Stadium.

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have holes to run through. The Titan blockers average about 6-3 and 305 to 310 pounds. Peevey stated, "They rival many colleges on the size of their offensive line."

"They're very talented. We've got to make sure that we keep the big play away from them. The Titans live and breathe by the big play, the big chunks of yardage. That's our key is to make sure we keep the ball in front of us and make them earn everything because they have a tendency to make some mistakes and do some penalties," Peevey emphasized.

On defense the Titans are

4-3 or 4-2-5 in their alignment. They will go from cover zero or into a zone for pass coverage.

The two standouts for Legacy on defense are in the defensive live with Traeyvon Edmond at 6-3 and 235 pounds a big mobile defensive end and Jayvon Dean bigger in size moving between end, tackle and middle linebacker for the Titans. Peevey said, "Those two are the strength of their defense. They really cause a lot of problems on the interior and allows the other Titans behind them to just kind of run free."

In the secondary is Joseph Smith. He may be the

best cornerback Peevey has seen in high school football in a long time. "Very talented corner, very active, and Smith's also their best punt and kick returner so we've got to make sure we keep the ball away him," Peevey emphasized.

"They're very talented on defense just like they are on offense. The Titans do some things we definitely feel like we can take advantage of. I feel very confident that if we come out and play our style of ball that we'll be okay," Peevey assured.

Last year's game was won 50-34 by the Bears against many of the same Titans. "The goal for this week is to

see us play a good, physical, clean football game without all the extra penalties and all the extra non-sense. I want to watch our young Bears come out and play a clean football game without the penalties and mental mistakes, but also a physical football game would be our strength against them this week," Peevey concluded.

Friday's game between the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears and the Legacy School of Sport Sciences Titans will be at Battlin' Bear Stadium. The kickoff will be at 7:30 PM.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL RATING

Little Cypress - Mauriceville C.I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023 at the LCM Administration Building, 6586 FM 1130, Orange, Texas to discuss the district's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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14. Duran Duran's 1982 hit
15. All plants and animals
16. Part of an eye, pl.
17. Go for the bull's eye
18. Reduction/oxidation portmanteau
19. *Best selling author of the 2000s
21. *Billboard's music artist of the 2000s
23. Chicken ____ king
24. From a thrift store
25. Class-conscious grp.
28. Formerly, once
30. Marine mammal in famous Beatles' song
35. Fabled fliers
37. Jealous biblical brother
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40. *"He's Just Not That ____ You" (2009)
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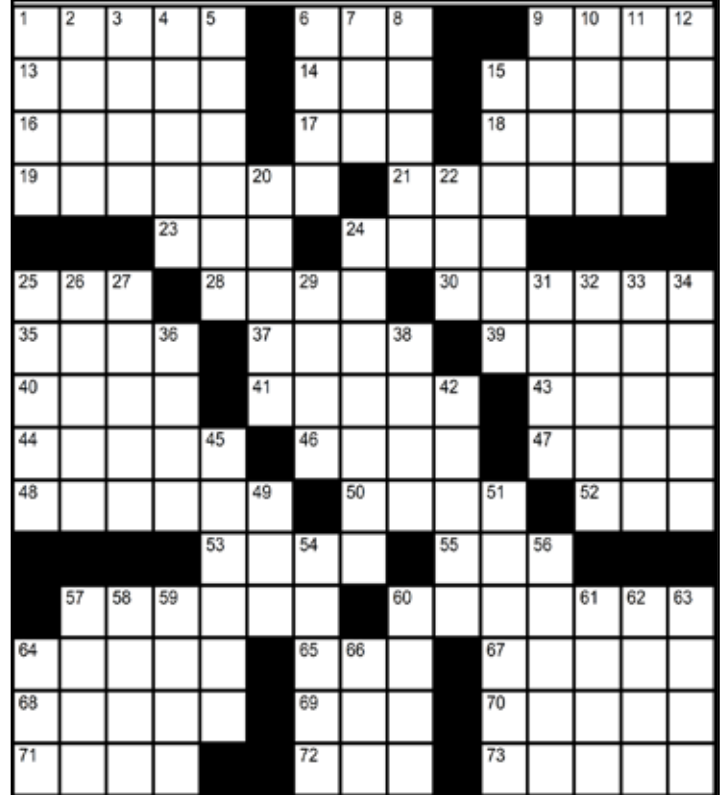
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47. 5,280 feet
48. Metal detector, e.g.
50. Goose egg
52. Cry of horror in comics
53. Made a basket
55. *Frodo Baggins and Samwise Gamgee or Nemo and Dory, e.g.
57. *Name for 2000s
60. *Popular social network of the 2000s
64. K-pop country
65. Woody creeper
67. Teletype machine, for short
68. Picture within a picture, e.g.
69. *"____ Smart" (2008)
70. Make a canyon, e.g.
71. Furniture wood
72. Utmost degree
73. Financing values

DOWN

1. Horse prod
2. *Popular DVR device
3. All over again
4. Eucalyptus-eating marsupial
5. Store in a silo
6. Mountain goat terrain
7. *Xbox competitor
8. Libraryful
9. Dignified manner
10. *"The Da Vinci ____," best selling book of the 2000s
11. A-bomb particle
12. Levy
15. Like "something

- new" boutique
20. Beginning of sleeping disorder
22. Feline sound
24. Put to work
25. *Toyota Hybrid introduced worldwide in 2000
26. 1,000 kilograms
27. Play a part (2 words)
29. *2002-2004 zoonotic epidemic cause, acr.
31. Rich soil
32. China grass
33. Handy
34. *First ever recipient of Oscar for Best Animated Feature
36. Chronic drinkers
38. Post-it slip
42. Like #59 Down
45. *Pink's 2008 hit (2 words)
49. Break down
51. Dismissal or ejection
54. "Peace" with fingers
56. *Madame Butterfly, e.g.
57. First rate (2 words)
58. Sky's Major one
59. *Like Best Buy's Squad
60. Urban legend
61. Tons (2 words)
62. Relinquish, as in property
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The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on the 30th day of August 2023, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of, LEONARD ELDRIDGE HUFFMAN, 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.

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Children absorb. They learn their way around the world not only from what others explicitly teach them, but also from the kind of culture or atmosphere in which they live — especially in their home. The old adage “more is caught than taught” applies. By God’s design, children soak up values without even knowing it.

For example, children don’t pick up their mother tongue because someone stands in front of them with a pronunciation flip chart. They pick up their mother tongue simply from hearing it day after day. They breathe it in without conscious awareness. And as with language, so with values. Children are constantly absorbing. Therefore, what happens within the walls of your home will have a disproportionate impact on who they become.

So, how can Christian parents create a Christlike culture in which their children can swim?

love and how you love it, what you hate and how you hate it. Family culture includes the major events in life, and it includes the seemingly little things that go almost unnoticed, like what you mutter at the stoplight.

No family can fake a Christian culture — at least, not for long. If parents aren’t wowed by God’s character, attributes, and wonderful deeds, their indifference won’t kindle awe in the hearts of the children. Indifference is reproducible. If the heavens aren’t declaring God’s glory to me (Psalm 19:1), I’m not likely to help my children see the glory the heavens are declaring to them.

Genuine enthusiasm for God’s glory is not empty hype. Children are wired with keen hypocrisy antennae. Flesh can masquerade as Spirit only for so long before they notice the cosmetics wearing off. So, when it comes to establishing a Christian culture, the first step is to be thoroughly entranced by the superiority of Jesus yourself. Jesus is not a pointer, but the point.

Detecting Indifference

A family’s culture is not established in five minutes. Family culture is the sum total of the parents’ relationship with God, with each other, with the children, and with the world. No aspect of life is irrelevant to this enterprise, right down to what you say and how you say it, what you do and how you do it, what you

Awe Begets Awe

Beware of trying to argue anyone — including your children — into seeing the surpassing beauty of Christ. Though arguments may be necessary in establishing a culture, they are not sufficient. You can’t argue a blind man into seeing the multicolored clouds of the sunset. Therefore, allow children to witness your unsolicited and uncon-



trived worship — both in planned moments, like worship services, and in unplanned moments of ordinary life. Give them no doubt that family devotions and church services aren’t the only time you personally ponder the Bible and commune with God.

Has Jesus gripped you? Are you deeply impressed with Jesus? When you read Colossians 1:16–18, does awe arise?

By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

The Christian culture we want to foster is more a

matter of devotion than devotions. There is a great difference between explaining the importance of something and modeling its importance in your own lives.

Creating a Christlike Culture

I don’t know of anyone who has discovered a fool-proof checklist for producing Christian kids. Checklists don’t change hearts. But transformed hearts can make good use of checklists as a sort of self-diagnostic or reminder. As you seek to foster a Christian culture in your home, the following suggestions can serve like mirrors to help you see how you’re doing. We’ll consider these suggestions in two groupings: ways and words.

• WAYS

The God of means uses habits consistently practiced in a home to elevate and solidify values and

identity. “Our family functions this way.” Consider the following.

Model what you expect from your children: Christian courtesy, diligence, punctuality, and scores of Christlike character qualities that blossom in parents who are filled with the Holy Spirit. Avoid giving the impression that you never fail, but own your sins and mistakes.

Gently touch. Soft and playful touches can convey affection and acceptance, and if the children stiffen or pull away, that bristling may signal a relational wound that needs healing.

Get organized. Orderliness can serve everyone in the household, whereas a cluttered dwelling and cluttered calendar can beget chaos. Start by organizing your decisions, and then branch out from there. A well-placed shelf, or some coat hooks, or a reminder list on the fridge can help strengthen teamwork in the family.

At the same time, do not fear your child. You are the parent. It can be a fearful experience for a child to discover that his parents have left him in charge of the world. Expect that if you use your God-given parental authority, you will sooner or later offend your children’s grasp at self-rule. Understand the difference between offending them (an inevitable result of godly discipline) and wounding them (an excessive or ill-timed use of discipline). Love God more than your family in order to love your family well.

• WORDS

What we say is of course

important, and how we say it may be even more important. Tone of voice and facial expression can be life-giving or deadly.

When it comes to speaking around children, then, monitor your tone. Do you sound edgy, cranky, whiny — or cheerful, grateful, honoring? Out of the mouths of babes come things parents shouldn’t have said. Tone is so important to household culture. Don’t reward whining, or you will get lots more of it. Beware of practicing sarcasm, for it can toxify a home and the children within it.

Say thank you a lot; say thank you to them as well as to others and to God. Keep promises and don’t break them — to your children or to your spouse.

Pray. It is an unspeakable service to your children to pray for them and with them. Talk to Jesus about them before you talk to them about Jesus, and do both regularly.

Sing. Singing has a wonderful effect on the tone of a home, not to mention the long-term benefits of memorizing godly lyrics.

You can sing serendipitously, while doing the dishes or driving, and you can gather round and launch together into a song that supports the kind of culture you’re trying to build.

Could we sum it all up — words and ways — in a vision for a Christlike family culture? In all your practices and speech, live so that someday, when your children are asked if they ever knew a true Christian, they would immediately think of you.

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Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.,
Adult, Youth, Children
Discipleship Classes, Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Schedule 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Youth & Children's Activities
Pastor: Keith Royal

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office@winfreebaptist.org
Dr. Larry Haynes, Interim Pastor
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Morning Worship - 10:30 am
Wednesday:
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