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Preparing for heavy construction traffic

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

The Orange City Council last week took steps to regulate the use of heavy commercial trucks traveling for the construction of the \$8.5 billion ChevronPhillips Golden Triangle Polymers plant.

Part of the action was to ask the state to allow city of Orange police, along with police in other Orange County cities to enforce the weight limits of commercial motor vehicles. City Manager Mike Kunst said in a memo the resolution from the council is the first step in getting the state to approve the local enforcement.

He said if the state approves local enforcement, the city will need to train one or more officers and get the needed equipment. The city can budget for training and equipment in the 2023-24 budget, he said.

ChevronPhillips late last year made the official an-

nouncement that the new Gulf Coast plant would be in Orange. The announcement was not a surprise as more than a thousand acres had already been cleared with infrastructure like drainage and electrical service being done. The site is along State Highway 87 South between Foreman Road and FM 1006, known as Chemical Row.

City Planning Director Kelvin Knauf and Public Works Director Adam Jack worked on plans to update city thoroughfares for heavy commercial truck traffic. The council approved the resolution for the named truck routes on the first reading. A second reading will be required before the changes become an ordinance. The council's next regularly scheduled meeting on February 28 has been canceled so council and staff may attend Golden Triangle Days at the Texas Legislature in Aus-

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Some cities, schools get to cancel May elections

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Filing ended this past Friday for city council and school board elections in May. The cities of West Orange and Pinehurst, along with the Bridge City and Little Cypress-Mauriceville school districts, will be able to cancel their elections. State law allows board and council elections without contested races to be canceled.

The city of Bridge City has the Place 3 council seat being contested after incumbent Tammi Fisetto decided not to run. Bryant Champagne and Kenneth Prosperie will vie for the position. Incumbents Aaron Roccaforte in Place 1 and Terri Gauthier in Place 5 will be running unopposed.

City of Orange council incumbent Paul Burch drew an opponent for his At-large Position 6 seat. Henry Junior Leger filed to run as his opponent. Orange is the only school district or city

with single-member voting districts. Burch and Leger are running for one of the council's at-large seats, meaning every eligible voter in the city may cast a ballot. Incumbent Terrie Salter in Single-Member District 3 is unopposed on the ballot. City rules require her to get at least one vote on the ballot, with only registered voters in her district voting.

The West Orange-Cove CISD has two at-large positions open on the board of trustees. Four people have filed for the two seats, including incumbents Ruth Hancock and Tommy Wilson Sr. Every eligible voter in the district will mark two of the four names on the ballot and the two candidates who get the most votes will win.

Pinehurst is having an unusual problem. The council this year has three open at-large seats on the council, but only two people filed for the positions. Incumbents Dr. Michael

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Bill Nickum (seated) with his staff at State Farm. Standing, L to R: Ellen Nickum, Kollin Smith, Cheryl Squire and Donna Gray. Nickum State Farm Agency celebrates 50 years March 1 with an open house 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. RECORD PHOTO: Penny LeLeux

Built on one customer at a time Nickum celebrates 50th year

PENNYLELEUX For The Record

Wednesday, March 1, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bill and Ellen Nickum and their staff will be marking 50 years as a State Farm Agency in Bridge City with an open house at 1930 Texas Ave. Everyone is invited to stop in for a visit and refreshments.

Bill Nickum started the agency with a card table in his bedroom in 1973, going door to door, building the agency one customer at a time.

The four years before that, he was an insurance adjuster.

"I was dealing with agents; with their claims," he said. Nickum thought if they can do it, I can do it. After applying for the agency, he realized it was tougher than he thought.

He started out making \$300 a month. They had two small girls, Angela and

Alyson and lived in a very small house they rented for \$68 dollars a month, including the furniture.

Ellen worked substitute teaching at Bridge City ISD for \$9 a day. She had to quit her job when she had their third child, John.

"They did not have a leave of absence at that time," said Ellen Nickum. "I could have gone back, but they asked me also to take the homebound job, so I did." She taught students who were not able to attend school for illnesses, pregnancy, etc. (At that time pregnant students were not allowed to attend public school.)

"They had to be out of school four weeks before they could be qualified for the program or they knew they were going to be out."

Ellen worked for the school district for 49 years.

Bill retired the card table after eight months and opened his first office at



Bill Nickum has been of service to Bridge City as a State Farm Agent for 50 years. Pictured with Bill is a favorite member of the staff, Loxie.

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1617 Texas Ave. which is now an abandoned building.

He moved to his current location in 1984. Originally the building housed two businesses, but when the

office had to be remodeled after Hurricane Ike flooded it in 2008, Nickum chose to expand the office and take the entire building.

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OC sales taxes don't keep up with inflation

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

December Christmas season sales were mostly stagnant across Orange County as sales tax collections were down from the year before. The Texas Comptroller's Office has sent sales tax payments to the entities covering December and only the city of Orange beat the inflation rate.

Orange had a 6.97 percent increase for December 2022 compared to Decem-

ber 2021. The county collected 3.19 percent more, while other cities had slight decreases or stayed basically the same.

The U.S. inflation rate for December 2022 was 6.5 percent, according to the Department of Labor.

Orange County, which has a 0.5 percent sales tax, collected \$798,755 for December, compared to \$773,991 for the previous December. The county has now collected \$1.35 million so far this year, compared to \$1.34 last year, an in-

crease of 2 percent.

Bridge City has a 1.5 percent tax rated and received \$240,625 for December sales, a decrease of 6.52 percent from the \$257,414 for December 21. The city for the year to date has \$418,013, a decrease of 3.58 percent from the same time last year.

City of Orange has a 1.5 percent sales tax. The city for December sales received \$878,861, an increase of 6.97 percent from \$821,535 for December 2021. For the year to date, the city has

\$1.5 million, up 9.17 percent from the \$1.38 million last year.

Pinehurst has a 1.5 percent sales tax and collected \$66,772 for December, a decrease of \$4,252, or minus 5.99 percent from the previous December with \$71,029. The city is down \$2,462 for the year to date, a decrease of 2.7 percent. The city now has \$119,421 for the year to date, compared to \$121,883 last year.

Vidor has a 1.5 percent

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Nickum celebrates 50 years From Page 1

They serviced the community for several weeks after that weather event under a tent and from a State Farm mobile office housed in a trailer.

It's not the first time they have gone above and beyond. During the ice storm of 1997, they were one of the few buildings on the block that had electricity.

"Burger King brought us their coffee," said Nickum. Since Burger King had no electricity or water, they supplied the agency with coffee to offer to anybody that needed it. "We put a sign out and we had truckers coming through." Nickum said they filled many a thermos. "[Burger King] told us as long as we had electricity, they would supply us with all the coffee we could fix...those are good times," he said.

Donna Gray has been with Nickum for 44 years.

She said they even washed their hair at the office during the ice storm, because they had no electricity or water at home. They brought their sleeping bags and slept at the office where there was heat.

During Katrina, Louisiana residents were able to pick up additional living checks at the Bridge City office.

In 2012 Ellen Nickum started ANE, an independent insurance agency, because many insurance companies started non-renewing clients in Orange County after Hurricane Ike, including State Farm.

"Nobody wanted to insure the coast," said Bill.

It wasn't anything against State Farm, they were just trying to continue to service the clients that had become family.

"State Farm has been very good to us," said Ellen. "It was hard during the non-renewal because that was like part of your family you were losing," said Ellen. Almost two thirds of his clients were non-renewed. "He could have retired but he decided to stay because of the people in Bridge City. He had staff that had been with him a long time."

Some of the staff moved over to ANE and some stayed at the State Farm office. They weathered the storm, so to speak.

Besides Gray, Cheryl Squires, who has been with Nickum for 15 years currently staffs the State Farm office, along with the Nickum's grandson Kollin Smith.

Several former staff members have gone on to become State Farm Agents on their own, including their son, John Nickum, who is an agent in Vidor.

Other agents and former Nickum staff are: Michelle Weeks - San Antonio; Bette Davidson - Port Neches; Lori Dishon - Clear Lake; and Heater Montagne - Orange/Beaumont.

Bill Nickum says Squires stays for the snacks.

"Chocolate," said Squires. "Bill and I have

that in common."

Both Gray and Squires had nothing but praise for their boss. Gray talked about Nickum being such a giving soul but has a hard time receiving.

She relayed a story about a young couple with a baby coming in and needing a microwave. She said Bill Nickum loaded up the new microwave he had just bought for the office in the couple's vehicle.

"We just got to pop one bag of popcorn," she said.

The Nickums serve the community with more than just insurance. There is a prayer cross in his office. When one of his clients, a friend, or even a stranger submits a prayer request, the written request is attached to the cross and prayers for intercession are offered.

Bill and Ellen have been married for 57 years and are members of Second Baptist Church of Bridge City where Bill serves as deacon and teaches Sunday school and discipleship classes. Ellen teaches Sunday school and has served as missions director.

"We are so blessed," said Ellen. "We give all glory to God."

Bill Nickum is a lifetime ambassador of the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce and has held every office including President. He has been named Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year (twice) and Parade Marshall.

He is a 50-year charter member of Bridge City Orangefield Rotary International, holding every office and committee chair in the organization. He has been inducted into the Rotary International Roll of Fame, named Rotarian of the Year more than once and has received the Perfect Attendance Award.

He has been a member of the board of Workforce Solutions of Southeast Texas for more than 30 years, serving in all offices.

Ellen Nickum has been a member of Bridge City Business and Professional Women Organization for 35 years and was named Woman of the Year. She has served as president and all offices in the organization. The name was later changed to Community Women of Action. The service organization has sponsored the Miss Bridge City Scholarship Pageant of 45 years.

The Nickums plan to continue to serve the community. Bill says he has no plans to retire.

Gray says the same thing, "I'll retire when he retires."

Pay them a visit next Wednesday and congratulate them on 50 years of service. Don't forget to say "Hello" to Loxie, the long-haired dachshund that has been on staff almost as long as Squires. Tell them you saw it in The Record.

Baseball field named to honor Andre Robertson



West Orange-Stark High School had a special day Saturday as the baseball field was named in honor of graduate and former New York Yankee shortstop Andre Robertson. The school board voted to name the field at Ronnie Anderson Stadium in honor of Robertson, who still lives in Orange. Robertson's brother, Roderick, is a school board member for the district and is also a former pro player. Also, the school added the late coach and teacher J.B. Bearden to the school's hall of honor. Bearden's widow, former county commissioner Sue Bearden attended, along with his brother, Jim Sharon Bearden.

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Heavy construction traffic From Page 1

The city is expanding the number of truck routes to accommodate the expected increase in the trucks carrying construction materials and prefabricated pieces for the new plant. Trucks with a load of one ton or more will be required to travel only on the designated routes.

Those routes will be any state or federal highway or farm road within the city limits, including Interstate 10. Those roadways in the city include 16th Street (State Highway 87), Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (FM 3247), Meeks Drive (FM 1130), Strickland Drive, Simmons Drive, and FM 105.

Other heavy truck routes will be Park Avenue from 16th Street to Simmons Drive,

which is Business Loop 90. Also Division Avenue in downtown from Seventh to Eighth streets, plus Masonic Drive from Edgar Brown Drive (Highway 87) to 37th Street. Then the route will include 37th Street to from Masonic Drive to Tulane Road, and on Tulane Road from 37th Street to MLK Jr. Drive. Another route, though short, will be the block south of Green Avenue known as Navy Street that runs by the old World War II-era shipyard. That route will include Front Street between Navy Street and Third Street.

Orange is the first city in the county to begin action to control and enforce the projected heavy equipment traffic for the new plant.

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sales tax and collected \$362,130 for December, down 2.55 percent from December 2021 with \$371,607. The city now has \$623,226 for the year to date, a decrease of 2.7 percent from the \$640,564 last year.

West Orange has the lowest city sales tax with a 1.25 percent rate. The city received \$148,577 for December, \$1,308, or 0.88 percent more than December 2021. The city is up 0.52 percent for the year to date with \$266,688, compared to \$265,296 for the

same time last year.

Orange County Emergency District No. 3 is for the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department. It has a 1.5 percent tax rate and is the only special district in the county with a sales tax. For December, the district received \$32,952, compared to \$28,124 for the previous December. The district has \$64,324 for the year to date, compared to \$48,619 from last year.

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Millionaire's famous stables drew attention to Orange

**MARGARET TOAL
For The Record**

On a late summer evening in 1938, state dignitaries along with local officials gathered in a stable off the Old Spanish Trail outside of Orange. But this was no ordinary stable. It was a sprawling one-story building with interior wooden paneling and a show ring. It would have fit as a set for a Katharine Hepburn-Gary Grant movie.

Edgar Brown Jr. hosted the dinner the evening before the September 8 dedication of the Orange-Port Arthur Bridge, now known as the Rainbow Bridge. Brown and his wife, Gladys, were famous across the country for their show horses. And they showed them off on that night.

"The superior horsemanship of Mrs. E.W. Brown Jr. and the very fine animals that she exhibited constituted a very pleasing feature of the evening's program. The fact was brought out during the evening that the phaeton drawn by a pair of hackney ponies was an ancient vehicle on the streets of Paris perhaps 100 years ago by ladies of that ancient and quaint city in making afternoon and evening calls. The vehicle shined as brilliantly in this exhibition as it did when it was manufactured some place in Europe," a for the Orange Leader wrote after the party.

The Brown's son, Lutzer Slade Brown, provided musical entertainment for the evening, though the newspaper did not say what he played or sang. He became known as an accomplished organist and pianist. He also produced the original "Bye-Bye Birdie" on Broadway in 1960.

May elections

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Shahan and Troy Pierce turned in papers to run, while incumbent Joey Vance did not.

In the City of West Orange, all the incumbents, Mayor Randy Branch plus councilors Meritta Kennedy and Brent Dearing, filed with no opposition.

Vidor Mayor Misty Songe did not get an opponent, along with incumbents Mercedes Lewis for Ward 1 and Jessica Barker for Ward 4. However, three people be running for the Ward 6 seat. They are Victoria M. Jones, Kathryn Weldon, and Lisa M. Harris.

The Bridge City ISD Board of Trustees will see incumbents Michael Johnson in Place 6 and Mark Anderson in Place 7 returning without opposition.

Also, the Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD Board had all eligible incumbents running alone for their spots. The incumbents are Clinton Temple in Place 1, Joshua Fisher in Place 2, and Kevin Wallace in Place 5.

Early voting will be Monday, April 24 through Friday April 28, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will run again on Monday, May 1, and Tuesday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The sites are the Orange Public Library, Orange County Airport, Mauriceville Community Center, and Raymond Gould Community Center in Vidor.

The Orangefield school district has its board election in November. The port district and drainage district do not have board elections this year.

Edgar Brown Jr. was a son of Dr. Edgar and Miriam Lutzer Stark. His grandparents were Frances Ann and Henry Jacob Lutzer of the Lutzer and Moore Lumber Co. In 1938, he and his wife lived in the two story, red-brick mansion on Green Avenue that the city of Orange later bought to become city hall.

After World War II, the Browns built a mansion on what is now Old Highway 90. The mansion is now the Brown Estate of Lamar State College-Orange. Old Highway 90 was originally the Old Spanish Trail, the first highway across the south.

The late historian Dr. Howard Williams in his book "Picturing Orange" wrote the stables were part of Brown's horse farm and country club. Brown built a nine-hole golf course and clubhouse on land by his horse farm and cattle ranch. His name of Pinehurst later developed into the nearby town's name.

The Brown farm raised and trained harness and saddle racers. One horse magazine reporting on the stables gave their names Golden Dreams, Copper King, Favored Sun, Proctor Red, and Estrilleta.

"Southeast Texas people, especially those of Orange, have manifested a very keen interest in the records of these fine animals from Pinehurst Sta-

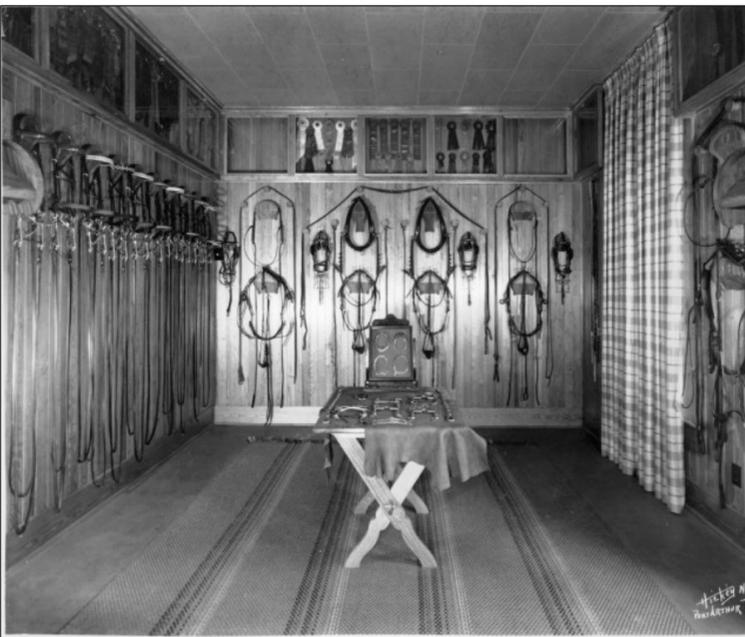
bles, reputed to be the finest and most beautiful in the country," The Orange Leader reported on November 2, 1936.

Brown's son, Edgar Brown III, was listed as one of the horse trainers and he often accompanied the animals on trains as they traveled around states to horse shows and races.

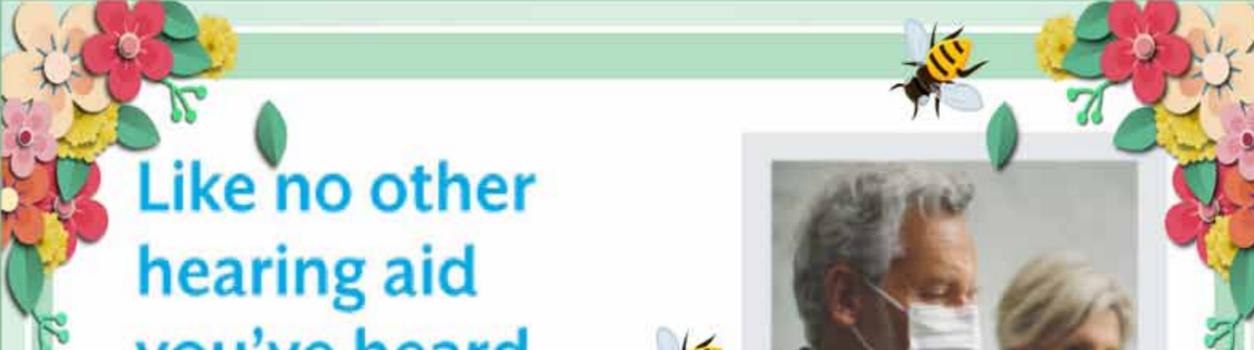
Edgar Brown Jr.'s family kept the land for many years. The country club closed and the clubhouse became a private residence. The stables with all its furnishings, records, photographs, and equipment burned in 1980. Another family

The Texas State Historical Association biography reports Edgar Brown Jr. was born in 1894 and he died in 1976. His businesses included Levingston Shipbuilding, Gulfport Shipbuilding, and Higan Towing.

His passion for horses and ranching drew him to be a big supporter of the Houston Fat Stock Show, later named the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Show. He served as a director of the program and was named a life member. In 1974, the entire show was dedicated to him. His contributions to the show and the Houston area brought the Variety Club of Houston to name him Man of the Year in 1967 for his philanthropy.



Pinehurst Stables was owned by Edgar Brown Jr. and was on his horse farm and private country club outside of the city in the 1920s. The site was along Old Highway 90 next to the Brown Estate mansion now owned by LSCO. A colored postcard shows the stables, while a photograph displays one of the tack rooms.



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From the Creaux's Nest

BIDEN MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO UKRAINE

President Joe Biden made a surprise trip to the capital of embattled Ukraine on Monday, traveling under a cloak of secrecy into a war zone to demonstrate what he called America's unwavering support for the effort to beat back Russian forces nearly a year after they invaded the country. Biden arrived early Monday to meet with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy after a 10-hour overnight train ride through Ukraine, and the two stepped out into the streets of Kyiv even as an air-raid siren sounded. "One year later, Kyiv stands," Biden declared at Zelenskyy's side in Marlinsky Palace. "Ukraine stands, Democracy stands." Thank you so much for coming, Mr. President, at a huge moment for Ukraine," Zelenskyy said. Biden joined Zelenskyy for a visit to St. Michael's monastery in downtown Kyiv, where the sun glittered off the golden domes as the air-raid alarms wailed. Ukrainian officials have been warning that Russia is planning a large scale missile bombardment to be timed to the anniversary of the war Friday. The White House on Sunday night issued a public schedule for Monday showing the president still in Washington and leaving in the evening for Warsaw, when he was already half a world away. Biden greeted the American ambassador, "It's good to be back in Kyiv," he said. Tuesday President Biden met with President Andrzej Duda of Poland and delivered a speech from Warsaw Castle praising Ukraine and its people for their bravery.

FOX KNEW THEY WERE PUSHING FALSE NARRATIVES

Rupert Murdoch and Fox News hosts expressed disbelief in former president Donald Trump's false election fraud claims, according to evidence released from Dominion Voting Systems \$1.6 billion lawsuit against Fox Corp. and its cable TV networks. In court papers filed Thursday, text messages and testimony from depositions show that Fox executives and TV personalities were skeptical about claims that the election between the victorious Joe Biden, a Democrat, and Trump, a Republican, was rigged. "Really crazy stuff, and damaging," Rupert Murdoch said in an email on Nov. 19, weeks after the election, regarding claims Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani was making on Fox News. Top Fox News anchors like Sean Hannity, Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham expressed disbelief in what Sidney Powell, a pro-Trump attorney who had aggressively promoted claims of election fraud, had said at the time, too. "Sydney Powell is lying," Tucker Carlson said in a text message to his producer, misspelling Powell's first name. Meanwhile Laura Ingraham said in a message to Carlson: "Sidney is a complete nut. No one will work with her. Ditto with Rudy." The pressure Fox's top personalities felt from their audience base is strewn throughout messages in the weeks following the election and Fox's early call. It even continued through Jan. 6, when a violent mob of Trump supporters breached the U.S. Capitol. That evening, Carlson texted his producer calling Trump "a demonic force. A destroyer. But he's not going to destroy us," court papers show. Meanwhile, on the night before the Jan. 6 riot on the Capitol, Rupert Murdoch told Fox News CEO Suzanne Scott, "It's been suggested our prime time three should independently or together say something like 'the election is over and Joe Biden won,'" according to court papers. Saying so "would go a long way to stop the Trump myth that the election stolen," he added. The case is being watched closely by First Amendment watchdogs and experts. Libel lawsuits are typically centered around one falsehood. In this case Dominion cites a lengthy list of examples of Fox TV hosts making false claims even after they were proven to be untrue. Media companies are often broadly protected by the First Amendment. I reported a survey a while back that showed the least informed Americans watched FOX News. They don't let the truth get in the way of rating.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

Kree Harrison wows coaches on American Idol. Country singer Kree Harrison made it to the Top 40 on Season 12 of "American Idol," swaying the judges by singing Grace Potter's "Stars" in memory of her departed mother. The Texas born singer lost her father, Clint Harrison, in an airplane crash and in an incredibly cruel twist of fate, also lost her mom, Cathy, in an auto accident. She sang the Potter track in a soulful, emotional performance that amply displayed not only the quality of her voice, but also her way to conveying the emotional intent of a song. The judges were blown away. "I fought for you a few times, and I know why," Keith Urban said. "Because your voice is one of my favorites in the entire competition. Mariah Carey agreed, saying, "There's something that feels genuine about you as a performer. Nicki Minaj became a convert on the spot, telling the young performer, "I

feel like today you became a star in front of me." Kree, who spent her early years in Woodville, also attended school in Bridge City before moving to Nashville to live with her sister Lacy Johnson Bruce. Her mother and father were both raised and attended school in Bridge City.**** We were sorry to hear of the death of Kent Conwell, 76, who passed away Feb. 14. Kent had written a weekly column for our Record Newspapers for 20 years. Kent was a very good writer who had written some 40 or more western novels and written also for other publications. His column on national affairs and politics leaned far to the right. He was described as an ultra conservative. We didn't often agree with him, however he gave a balanced view to the paper. His opinions were well written and he made a good case for his beliefs.**** Congrats to Orange pro-boxer Cody Richard who improved his record to 12-0 with his sixth knockout against Steve Trumble.****Sen. John Cornyn seems to be keeping some distance between he and Sen. Cruz. Ted doesn't make us Texas proud. Orange County folks really get hit hard, we have Steve Stockman, who is one of the real crazy ones in the U.S. congress.

20 Years Ago 2003

Local church and civic groups are organizing to benefit Orange County resident Mandy LaCombe, survivor of a tragic auto crash. ****Salem United Methodist Church celebrates its 134 year anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 21. The church was established in 1868 in an Orange house which is now the site of the Oaks Town Homes. (Editor's note: Today the church is 154 years old.)****Bridge City volleyball star Natalie Sarver signed to play for Lamar in Beaumont. The District 20-4A MVP and all state first team player, led Bridge City to the Class 4-A state semifinals and a season record of 37-3.****Ten of coach Les Johnson's Bridge City football players received football scholarships last week. They are Dustin Juneau, Jeremy Stolfa, Eric Bramblett, Raum Bryant, Jared Williams, Dathan Juneau, Daniel Kibodeaux, Bryan Wiggins, Brad Miller and Jeremy Buckley. During Coach Johnson's four years at Bridge City, 26 of his players received football scholarships. A few others recipients over the years are John Hoffpauir, Bryan Bock, Nicolas Watson, Sambo Carpenter, Joe Brackin, Toby Latiolais, Chad Hanks, Tony Lute, Kenny Strong, Chris Collins, Colby Doucet, Joey Anderson, Lack Jetter, Ryan Skinner and Rhett Sanders. (Editor's note: That's all I remember. Lute went to the Air Force Academy, Kenny Strong, U of H, Hoffpauir and Watson, McNeese, Doucet, Northwestern and Latiolais went on to Harvard. I wonder what became of those boys and how their lives turned out.) I've heard from Coach Johnson that Chad Hanks is now a judge in College Station.

49 Years Ago-1974

Joe Alford will be the new assistant DA under Sharon Bearden starting Feb. 15.****Attorneys Malcolm Dorman and Jim Dunaway have formed a partnership. Frank Hustmyre, who is semi-retired, is still associated with the firm. Jim is almost back on two legs since being injured riding a motorcycle. (Imitating Evel Knievel.)****Don Harmon started building a new home in the country. Before the house could be completed he was taken into the City of Orange.****Some members of the West Orange Chiefs track team are mile relayers James Bean, Randall Teate, Marty Edwards and Steve Fisher; 440 relayers Roy Williams, Teate, Earl Thomas and Fisher; shot putter Paul Bingham; 100 yard dash and broad jumper Roy Williams.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Orange's Art in the Park is getting ready for April 1 and this year will begin with a parade in honor of Orange's new world-title boxing champion, Oshaquie Foster. Earlier this month he won the WBC super-featherweight championship held before a crowd in the Alamodome plus pay TV audiences. Mayor Larry Spears Jr. wants to honor the hometown product and thinks a parade ending with a ceremony of congratulations will be perfect. The parade will travel along Green Avenue and end at the old city hall. Art in the Park is set up at the adjacent Stark Park along Green. The city's event planner, Leigh Anne Dallas Harrell is in charge of Art in the Park and on Monday, she and husband Broderick Harrell made a big announcement. They are expecting a baby later this year. Tony and Nancy Dallas will be getting another grand.***The Bridge City-Orangefield Rotary Club is looking for sponsors to support the Eighth Annual Bunny Run and Egg Hunt. Sponsorships are \$250, \$150, and only \$50 for a Friends of Rotary level. The fun run will be April 8 at Bridge City Elementary with the 5K at 8 a.m. and the 1K at 9 a.m. After the races, there will be a community egg hunt. The civic club raises money to give as academic scholarships for local students. Contact a Rotarian to get more details for sponsoring the event, or signing up for the run.***Schools got out last week for "winter" break and a lot of people traveled, including the LC-M band and chaperones, who went to Disney World.***Adam Conrad and Jody Chesson set off on another cruise after riding as royalty in the Orange Mardi Gras parade.***Mardi Gras celebrations in Iota, Louisiana, have been a popular destination for Orange County residents and Tuesday morning, Dayle Foreman set out with three buses of travelers there. They included Becky Henry, Lanie Brown, and Clint and Kimberly Ray. The trip is a fundraiser. During the weekend, Gina and Skipper Yeaman, along with James Simar, and Lori and Joel Ardoin plus friends went to the Cajun town.***The Orange Boating Club on Adams Bayou drew a crowd on Saturday for its annual chili cookoff. The blustery day was perfect for getting a steaming bowl. Jay and Mary Odum won the first place award.***February must be a popular month for weddings based on the number of anniversaries. Randy and Jane Branch had their 52nd anniversary. Randy is mayor of West Orange and must be doing a good job because no one is running against him. The city gets to call off the May election because of no contested races.***Cliff and Sally Hargrave got married on the same day as the Record's Dan Perrine and his wife, Marcia. Both couples reached the 35-year anniversary.***Ricky

and Meri Elen Jacobs marked 32 years of marriage.***Birthdays last week included Heston Cheshire turning 31, Makayla Walker, age 15, Paige McKee, age 15, and Kyle Tubbleville, age 17.***Lamar Orange president Dr. Tom Johnson, is again in Austin to meet with legislators. I wonder what goodies he will come away with this time. He never quits begging favors for his college.***President Jimmy Carter under Hospice care. After a series of short hospital stays the 98-year-old former president decided to spend his remaining time at home with family and receive Hospice care instead of additional medical intervention. The 39th United States president and his wife Rosalynn were born in the small town of Plains, Georgia, which is still their home. Carter is the longest retired U.S. president in history.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating their special day. Feb. 22: Today is George Washington's birthday and also Ash Wednesday. Celebrating birthdays today are Kathy Green, Barry Murchison, Chad Boatman, Leslie Braus, Wesley Arnold and Brint Carlton.***Feb. 23: Kearsten Jones, Carrie Pugh Auster, Crystal Jones, John Hughes, Jody Andes, Misti Bishop, Kelle Betz, Rachel and Vidor mayor Misty Songe. Today we remember teacher Anna Lee Knight, who died on this day 27 years ago in 1996. She would be proud to know her boys have done well.***Feb. 24: The boy "Bear" raised grew up to become Bridge City mayor and the town's only bagpipe player, David Rutledge, celebrated a birthday today. Carol Holt, the vanilla man, gets a year closer to 90. Also celebrating today are Matthew Squires, Dalton Bonds, Regina Harrington, Taylor Brownlie, Bill Bennett.***Feb. 25: Our buddy, Pct. 3 constable and Secretary of Orangefield School Board, Brad Frye, celebrates a birthday, also Nathan Fleetwood, Sara Gibson, Zeldia Jones, Doris Byrd, Angela Brinson.***Feb. 26: Happy Birthday to Lee Ann Nicholson, Charlotte Perritt, Betty Sherman, Braelyn Baugh, Marilyn Powell, Zachary Gilliam, Amanda Beeson.***Feb. 27: Eillen Nickum celebrates her birthday today. She's the head of a great family. Also celebrating are Pamela Miller, Jeffrey Fregia, Bailey Noah, Beth Mathews, Butch Choate, Gretta Brinson, Lindsey Moreau, Sarah Havens. Today we remember our late, longtime friend Anna Belle Hebert Rost who would have been 88 years old today and would have celebrated her 70th class reunion at Abbeville High. ***Feb. 28: Kristi Smith-Moore, LaVerne McDonald, Kathy McKenzie, Kurt Reeves, Royce Pendergast.***Feb. 29: If this year had 29 days these folks would celebrate today. They celebrate just every four years. Our buddy Logan Dubose, Tabitha Brooks, Will Brinson, Kevin Jones, George Cassidy. Happy 10th anniversary this week to Pam Scales and Rusty Honeycutt. (Notice: If you are having a birthday or anniversary let us know at 409-886-7183 or therecordlive.com.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Seven retired Cajuns were playing Bourre' (booray) at Tee-Boy's Bar & Grill when Alex Comeaux hit, loses \$500 on a single hand of cards. Poor Comeaux, he clutches his chest and drops dead at da table. Showing respect for Comeaux, dere fallen comrade, da utta six continue but standing up.

At da end of da game, Thibodeaux axe, "Mais who is gonna tell his wife Hazel?" Dey cut da cards and Alfred Premeaux picks da low card and has to carry da news. Da mens tell Premeaux to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse." "I'm da most discreet person you will ever meet, said Premeaux, leave it to me."

He went to Comeaux's house and knocked on da door. Hazel her, answer through da door and axe, "Wat you want you hanh?"

Premeaux says, "Miss Hazel, you husband Alex jus lost \$500 in a card game and is afraid to come home him." Hazel say, "Tell him to drop dead."

Premeaux say, "Okay, I'll go tell him me."

C'EST TOUT PHILLIPS-ROUGHNECKS COACH IN NEW XFL

I was pleasantly surprised at the quality of play in the new XFL League, great passes and outstanding catches. I was impressed all around with the offensive and defensive play. I watched the Houston Roughnecks, coached by Wade Phillips. He won his first game. Wade, a native of Orange, is now 75-years-old. His first coaching job was at Orange Litcher Stark high school. Wade has made at least 15 coaching stops since then, plus several returns. I recall when he coached in Orange in 1970. Phillips is considered one of the best coaches in NFL history. He was the coordinator when Reggie White, J.J. Watts and Aaron Donald were named defensive players of the year. Phillips retired after the 2019 season as defensive coordinator of the Rams. He had helped Las Vegas get to the Super Bowl the year before, holding Tom Brady to just 13 points. Coaching is in his blood, he couldn't say no. It is football and he's a coach. The XFL co-owners Dwayne 'Rock' Johnson and Ms. Dany Garcia are betting the league can grab attention from hardcore football fans with a 10-week season. Houston is joined by San Antonio, Arlington and Orlando in the South Division of the eight team league. With ESPN broadcasting, along with ABC, the XFL will receive plenty of exposure. This is legitimate football with former NFL coaches Phillips and Jim Haslett, who coached in Seattle and former Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, who guides Arlington. This is not the old XFL that was more gimmicks than substance. They have embraced the league's position as a possible feeder for the NFL. Wade says he has already found some players who are ready to go to the NFL now. The league is loaded with former football stars who are assistant coaches. My take is that the Houston Roughnecks will be worth watching because of Phillips' coaching. My bet is that Wade and his Roughnecks will be league champions when this season ends. Watch them once and you will be pleasantly surprised at how entertaining the new professional football league is.***My time is up. Thanks for yours. Happy trails to you till we meet again. Take care and God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Kim Annette Reynolds, 62, Orange

Kim Annette Reynolds, 62, of Orange, Texas, passed away on February 13, 2023, at St. Elizabeth in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Cremation will follow.

Visitation will begin prior to the service at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2023.

Born in Orange, Texas, on September 30, 1960, she was the daughter of Helen (Evans) Hanson. Kim was a wonderful and hardworking lady. She made sure her family was always taken care of. Kim had a sassy and feisty type of personality and enjoyed making everyone around her laugh. She was wicked smart and taught her children great life lessons. Kim spent the rest of her life with the hero of her heart, Timba. She was proud of the family she made and loved them deeply. Her loved ones will go on to cherish the memories they have with her.

She is preceded in death by her mother,



Kim Reynolds

Helen Hanson; and granny, Bertha Evans.

She is survived by her loving husband of 27 years Tim Reynolds; daughters, Kandice Bacon and husband Ed Bacon IV of Bridge City, Krystal Gonzales and husband Chris of Orange, Kayla Ellender and husband Tater of Orange; sons, Kendall Potts and fiancée Melissa of Nederland, and J.J. Johnson of Orange; grandchildren, Alesha, Deven, Lauren, Justin, Jordan, Kenzie, Kaleb, Kennedy, Deuce, Korina, Brantley, Kage, Autumn, Aubrey, and Kelton; great-grandchildren, Raelynn, Cooper, and one on the way, Hartleigh; brother-in-law, Randy Reynolds and wife Paula, and Tracy Reynolds; sister-in-law, Donna Reynolds; as well as other loving family and friends.

Flowers are welcome, however if you would rather make a memorial contribution instead it can be made to The Humane Society of Southeast Texas at humanesocietyofsoutheasttexas.org/donate/.

Joseph L "Pete" Runnels, 79, Orange

Joseph L. "Pete" Runnels, 79, passed away on February 11, 2023, at Willard Walker Hospice House in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 17, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange, Texas. Burial will follow at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orange, Texas.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange, Texas.

Born in Alice, Texas, on July 3, 1943, he was the son of Joe Runnels and Inez Harder Runnels. Pete was a lifelong resident of Orange, Texas, and a long-term civil servant. He graduated from Lutch Stark High School and later went on to graduate from Sam Houston State University. He proudly served as Orange County Judge from 1976 to 1982. Pete also served multiple terms as Mayor of Pinehurst, Texas and was a member of Orange Texas Rotary Club, Orange Lions Club, and Kappa



Joseph Runnels

Alpha Order. In 1972, Pete was a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He was self-employed for 30 years, owning Runnels Janitorial Services, The Quarter Deck, Runnels Land Farm, and Furniture Mart. He then spent 10 years with Humana focusing on Medicare Advantage. He also coached in the Orange Pony-Colt baseball league for 17 years. Pete made a difference in numerous people's lives and his memory will go on to be cherished by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Inez Runnels; his daughter, Deadra Runnels; and his sister, Barbara Maddox.

He is survived by his loving wife, Charmaine Runnels; his children, Lance Runnels and wife, Michelle, Jason Runnels and wife, Lori, and Karren Maxwell and husband, Jeremy; his grandchildren, Kyndal Runnels, Tyler Runnels, Brooklyn Runnels, Ashlyn Maxwell, and Grayson Maxwell; his sister, Kay Harris; along with other loving friends and family.

BCCC bestows monthly commerce awards



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Justice's Cajun Cafe has been named Business of the Month for February 2023. Al Judice was presented the award, sponsored by Energy Country Ford, by Ambassador Chelsea Skinner at the February Networking Coffee hosted by Bridge City Animal Hospital. Pictured: Chelsea Skinner, Sandra Solaman, Al Judice, Rose Barron and Krissy Reese. PHOTO: Bridge City Chamber of Commerce



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce is delighted to announce that Ann Hall with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, has been named February Employee of the Month. Pictured are: Dave Derosier, Andrew Thompson, Ann Hall and Paul Zoch. PHOTO: Bridge City Chamber of Commerce

Diabetes 'Do Well Be Well' free classes

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Orange County will be holding free Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes. Join us in learning how to prevent and control your type 2 diabetes, eat healthy and much more to control your diabetes. The series will last for 5 classes on March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6 and will be from 6 PM to 8 PM.

They will be held at the Orange County Extension Office in the Orange County Convention and Expo Center on 11475 FM 1442, Orange, TX. To get the full educational benefit, you need to attend all 5 classes if possible. Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 to sign-up for this series.

BCCC honors work of local students



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the February Student of the Month for Bridge City High School is Alexia Willingham. Alexia is ranked 34 of 184 with a GPA of 4.33. Pictured are: Tim Woolley, Crystal Fabre, Chloe Tucker Chris Moore, Alexia Willingham, Mr. Willingham and Mrs. Willingham.

PHOTO: Bridge City Chamber of Commerce



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce announced that the February Student of the Month for Orangefield is Kiley Boyd. Kiley is ranked 17 of 121 GPA 4.38 Pictured are: Keshia Boyd, Kiley Boyd, Lucy Fields, Crissa Bonnin and Rea Wrinkle.

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In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org.

The petition of Jacqueline Cockerham, Petitioner, was filed in the County Court At Law #2 of Orange County, Texas on October 13, 2022, against Adam Lee Johnson, Respondent, numbered 220613-D and entitled "In the Interest of S. M. C., a child."

The suit requests the Termination of the parental rights and granting of the adoption of a stepchild. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
S.M.C.	09/06/2007	Beaumont, TX

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

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this February 9, 2023.

Anne Reed

Clerk of the County Court at Law, Number 2
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By Ashley Brady, Deputy

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The property commonly known as 3396 Martha Dr., Orange, TX 77632 is scheduled to be sold at public foreclosure auction on 03/07/2023 at 01:00 PM or no later than 3 hours thereafter at the back door of the Courthouse in Orange County, Texas, or if the preceding area is no longer the designated area, at the area most recently designated by the Orange County Commissioner's Court. The Substitute Trustee will be Margie Allen, Kyle Barclay, Tommy Jackson, Keata Smith, Stephanie Hernandez, Selim Taherzadeh, or Michael Linke, any to act. The winning bidder buys "as is" and must pay at the auction with certified funds.

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42. Latissimus dorsi, for short
43. Angola's southern neighbor
45. Dairy farm glands
47. Relax, or ____ out
48. Brooke or John Jacob, of New York
50. USPS delivery
52. "Cards against what?"
55. Medicinal plant with purple berries
56. Bug-eyed
57. Tiny bottle
59. a.k.a. jumping bone
60. Plucked string instrument
61. Makes a mistake
62. "____ Day," desirable square in The Game of Life
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64. Rip apart

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7. 100 centavos in Mexico
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9. Particle in A-bomb
10. What's-old-is-new-again prefix
12. Somewhat late

13. Be at the helm
14. "Not chutes
19. #39 Across, pl.
22. Is no longer
23. "Trade, build, settle this island
24. Oenophile's concern
25. Curtain fabric
26. "Connect how many?"
27. Theater passage
28. Asparagus unit
29. Written works
32. Hipbones
33. Butterfly catcher
36. "Like pursuit of no vital importance
38. "____ a high note"
40. A Camel, for short
41. Result of equipment failure
44. The beauty of the ball?
46. Morgan Freeman in "Driving Miss Daisy," e.g.
48. Sign of bad news
49. Inflict a blow
50. Supernatural life force
51. Drunkard, slangily
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Sam Moore announces his retirement at Sulphur

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DAN PERRINE
For The Record

A player and coach for local high school baseball teams will be stepping down at the end of this season. Even then he may not be hanging up his cleats permanently.

Sam Moore began his love of baseball when he played for the West Orange Stark Mustangs. Moore lettered in both baseball and football before he graduated from West Orange Stark High School in 1982.

The love of coaching for Moore was instilled in him by his two high school coaching mentors. "I played for Coach Dan Hooks and I played for Coach Ronnie Anderson so that was a lot of my background experience and how I learned to coach from them," Moore expressed.

After his playing days at West Orange Stark, Moore went to college in Ruston, Louisiana at Louisiana Tech. Sam played baseball all four years he was with the Bulldogs.

Upon graduation from Louisiana Tech, Moore began his coaching career in Louisiana for a four years before coming to Texas. Moore said, "I ventured back to my home town and coached at Little Cypress Mauriceville, coached at West Orange Stark, and coached five years here at Bridge City."

The time in Bridge City which he called a true baseball school was spe-



cial for Moore when he helped coach the Cardinals. "Some of my best times were in Bridge City in the earlier two thousands. We had some great players and had some great teams that made the playoffs every year. We went three or four rounds deep and went to the regional final twice," Moore recalled.

The last seven years for Moore have been occupied as the baseball coach of the Sulphur Golden Tors in neighboring Louisiana. Moore and his Golden Tors scrimmaged the Cardinals at Bridge City the second week of February.

Moore's cousin Chad Landry is the head coach of the Bridge City Cardinals baseball program now. Moore praised, "Chad does a terrific job with their program so that's why I always like to scrimmage his team because they're going to be fundamentally sound and we'll get a lot of work out of this scrimmage."

Sulphur already had a good baseball program when Moore inherited it seven years ago. "We instilled some new ideas. Our first year at the helm we ended up going and playing for the state championship. We had a great bunch in 2017. We made the playoffs in 2018. The Covid year was probably one of our better teams,



we had five college arms that year. We felt like that was a year we had a chance to win the state championship," Moore informed. Sulphur was resurgent last season but the players were left with a bad taste in their mouths. The Golden Tors made it to the

SAM MOORE Page 3B

LEFT: Coach Sam Moore is a graduate of West Orange Stark, has coached at West Orange Stark, Little Cypress Mauriceville, Bridge City, and has announced this will be his final year as the head baseball coach at Sulphur which is one of the favorites to win a state championship in Louisiana. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Bears, Bobcats begin boys basketball playoffs



Ty Blackmon, Da'Marion Morris, and Jonah Fuller of the LCM Bears were ready for the first round of the state basketball playoffs which started on Tuesday.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The state playoffs for boys basketball began on Tuesday, February 21, with two Orange County teams competing. The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears (24-11) and the Orange-field Bobcats (26-8) both finished in second place for their Class 4A and Class 3A districts respectively.

The Bears opened their anticipated playoff run against the same team they faced last year in bi-district the Huffman Falcons. In 2022 Little Cypress Mauriceville defeated Huffman 59-43 during which Alantheon Winn scored 24 points to lead the Bears.

Orangefield played the Hemphill Hornets (17-13) at Warren. The Bobcats won their final two regular season games to go 9-3 in district and clinch sec-

ond place ahead of the Anahuac Panthers. Hemphill was 8-6 in its district to finish in third place.

The Bridge City Cardinals (19-11) just missed making the playoffs despite winning on Senior Night 63-52 over the West Orange Stark Mustangs to close out their season. The Cardinals lost a close game to the Jasper Bulldogs 61-57 in their next to last game, and Jasper then defeated Vidor in the final game to clinch the fourth and final seed in District 19-4A.

Bridge City had two seniors who both scored in double figures in their final game. Fernando Rodriguez tallied 10 points for the Cardinals. Walker Britten had 15 points including a trio of three-pointers giving him 133 for the season a school record at Bridge City.



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3 new rules added by MLB to hopefully speed up games

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

If you're from the "old school" like I am and hate to see changes in the way major league baseball is being played, then this column is probably not for you.

But if you think the game is too slow—and almost boring—you might want to give the three new rules that will be used during the 2023 MLB season a chance to actually speed up the game and make it more exciting again.

According to an article in Sunday's Houston Chronicle, "MLB games averaged three hours, 11 minutes in 2021. They took only 2:33 in 1981. The length of playoff games has increased 22 minutes in the past decade. Great sport, not-so-great games."

"Most of the added time is due to the amount of time taken (wasted) between pitches.

Spitting, scratching, thinking, walking, rubbing—it takes forever. Then the batter steps out of the box and the maddening process starts all over again. The new pitch clock will fix that," the article reveals.

More than half of the runs scored in the past few years came by virtue of the home run. But with each team having a handful of pitchers who can throw 100 mph, the number of strikeouts per game increased dramatically, thus reducing the number of baserunners and the number of runs scored per game.

One of the biggest problems of keeping runners off base has been over-use of the defensive analytics that overloads one side of the diamond—mostly against left-handed hitters—with the second baseman playing 175 feet in the outfield and able to throw out the batter who smashes a line drive between first and second base for what should have been a solid single.

These defensive shifts have been proven successful for the manager, but very unproductive for the hitters—especially the lefties—and boring for the fans. Left-handed hitters' on-base percentage (.309), batting average (.236) and wOBA (.306) last season were the worst in at least 21 years.

To make matters worse, while the shift took away hits from left-handed batters, the flow of lefties into the big leagues declined. There are fewer left-handed hitters in MLB than at any time in the past two decades. From 2013-2022 at-bats by lefties dropped 12 per cent.

The new rule for 2023 states that the defensive infield must have two players to the right of second base and two to the left of second before the pitch is made. And all infielders must have their cleats on infield dirt at the same time. Now solid shots by left-handed hitters will definitely be base hits and not long outs.

The new pitch clock rule should prove interesting, especially for those who dawdle between pitches. Pitchers will have 15 seconds to throw the baseball with no runners on base and 20 seconds with a runner on base.

If time elapses without a pitch, pitchers are charged a ball. Hitters must be in



Joe Kazmar

the batter's box at the eight-second mark or will be accessed a strike.

Pitchers are allowed two "disengagements" which include pickoff attempts or stepping off the rubber during a plate appearance. If a runner advances during the plate appear-

game much, but it should show a dramatic rise in the batting averages of left-handed hitters.

KWICKIES...

McNeese State All-American and Naismith Hall of Famer and two-time NBA champion Joe Dumars has been invited by the University of Texas to serve as the inaugural speaker for its new Basketball Greatness Se-

where he was on the 1981 team that won the World Series. He played five years with the Yankees, before an auto accident cut his brilliant career short.

JUST BETWEEN US

Being a winning football coach seems to be something that never goes away. At least that's the way it is with Orange native Wade Phillips, who has spent most of his adult life as a football coach—either as a defensive coordinator or as a head coach in the NFL. Wade has successfully followed in his dad's Bum Phillips (also an Orange native) footsteps as an outstanding NFL coach. After spending a couple of years in retirement, Wade jumped at the chance to get on the ground floor of the newly-formed XFL as the head coach of the Houston Roughnecks, who shel- laced Orlando in Saturday's season opener 33-12. The game was played at the University of Houston (where Wade played his college football) before some 12,000 fans and was seen on ESPN. It's been a long road between coaching at Stark High School in the early 1970's until now, but Wade has loved every minute of it.

"But if you think the game is too slow—and almost boring—you might want to give the three new rules a chance."

ance, the number is reset at two. If third pickoff attempt is made, the runner is allowed to advance one base.

First, second and third base bags will increase in size by three inches, and should lead to more stolen bases for the enjoyment of the fans. The changes will reduce the distance between bases by 4 ½ inches. Home plate will remain the same.

Starting extra innings with a runner on second base, which began in the 2020 season as a pandemic-related measure, will become permanent during the regular season, according to ESPN.

Home teams went 113-103 in extra-inning games last year and are 262-263 in extra-innings since the runner on second rule started in 2020, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

Using position players as pitchers also was tightened by the Rules Committee. They will be limited to extra innings, when a player's team is losing by eight or more runs or is winning by 10 or more runs in the ninth inning.

Last year a position player could pitch only in extra innings or if his team was losing or winning by six or more runs.

These rules changes for the 2023 MLB season may not help speed up the

ries. "How do you handle failure?" Dumars asked the audience. "I don't care who you are or who you see as successful, they have failed along the way. And if you can't handle failure, you'll never get to greatness."

Ex-Houston Astros ace Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer were reunited for the first time in nearly a decade and threw off adjacent bullpen mounds last weekend at the New York Mets training complex. Verlander, who turned 40 on Monday, and the 38-year-old Scherzer were Detroit Tiger teammates from 2010-2014. Perhaps they will be called the AARP Tandem for the 2023 season.

Jon Rahm's 27-under-par set the tempo in last weekend's Genesis Invitational PG Tour event at Pacific Palisades. Tiger Woods played his first tournament in seven months and finished one under. Tiger said he plans on playing only in the four major tourneys this year.

The West Orange-Stark baseball field will now be known as Andre Robertson Field after last week's dedication ceremonies. Robertson was a star player for the West Orange Chiefs, played for the Texas Longhorns, was drafted by Toronto and traded to the New York Yankees



Coach Rebekah Ragsdale has her Orangefield Lady Bobcats ready to compete in Class 3A after missing the playoffs last season and being district champions two years ago.

Lady Bobcats ready for softball

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Two years ago the Orangefield Lady Bobcats were district champions in softball. After graduating six seniors from that team last season was more of a rebuilding year for the Lady Bobcats.

Orangefield Coach Rebekah Ragsdale said it is tough when you lose that many players to graduation. "I think our girls did a good job stepping up. We played really well at times but just not good enough to get into the playoffs. We missed a playoff spot last year that was super disappointing. It kind of came down to the last few games, and we just didn't get it done. So, that's kind of driving us this season, we don't want to be the team that misses out this year again," Ragsdale indicated.

Seven Lady Bobcats are back from last season, two seniors, four juniors, and a sophomore. Ragsdale believes this is a good balance which means Orangefield should have some experience this year and the next couple of seasons.

Rylee Dougay and Harleigh Rawls are both seniors. Ragsdale pointed out, "They've been four year varsity members for us and big contributors the last couple of seasons."

Rawls will be shifting from catcher to mostly first base because of an injury to her right elbow she suffered during the Lady Bobcat basketball season. The injury is restricting Harleigh's ability to throw the ball with any velocity so first base hopefully will not require her to throw as much as catching

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BC Lady Cardinals look to repeat as district champs in softball

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Last season was a great one for the Bridge City Lady Cardinals softball team. The Lady Cardinals were the undefeated district champions and advanced to the third round in the state playoffs before being eliminated by the eventual state champion Liberty Lady Panthers.

Coach Raven Harris has all but three of her Lady Cardinals back from last year's squad. "The girls came back with a fire this year so we're excited to see where that takes us. We played a really good series against Liberty which gave us a lot of stuff to work on for this season, and we're hoping we'll be back in that same spot," Harris replied.

With so many players returning Harris has much of the same starting lineup for the Lady Cardinals. Senior middle in-

fielders Marlie Strong at shortstop and Makenna Carey at second base will give Bridge City strong experience there. Another senior Amaris Larkin patrols the outfield with her exceptional speed. Harris advised, "All of those kids are really good leaders, they're going to produce for us offensively, and help the younger kids get into the swing of things."

An important Lady Cardinal that is back is junior Carson Fall who was the top pitcher in the district last season and one of the best in the state of Texas. "She is something special. Carson is just determined this year. She came back throwing a little bit harder, she's got a lot more control. She's constantly working trying to figure out how she can improve, so Carson's been a good leader for us to have for our entire program," Harris praised.

There are some new

girls on the Bridge City varsity that should contribute this year. Sophomore Kyleigh Hamilton has worked really hard and has improved greatly in the last year. Offensively Hamilton has shown good progress with her bat. She will be in the mix as a middle infielder when Strong and Carey are needed elsewhere.

A junior who will be seeing significantly more playing time this season is Anna Autrey. Her contributions will be mainly with her much improved hitting. Harris exclaimed, "You've never seen a kid swing a bat the way that Anna does. She's been working really hard in the off season. I'm excited to see how she produces for us as well."

Bridge City has several girls playing multiple sports that are on the varsity softball team. "One thing I really enjoy about these kids that play multi-

ple sports is all year long they are constantly competing so by the time they get to me they know number one what to expect that we want to win just like every other program at this school. It's been a good addition for us," Harris emphasized.

Early in the season the hitting has been a little inconsistent for the Lady Cardinals. Harris reminded it is a dilemma to find who can help produce some runs early in a game to get the team on a roll.

Amaris Larkin a senior does a good job of that for Bridge City. Larkin is the leadoff batter, puts the ball in play, and can run the bases very well.

Sophomore Brooklyn Drodody started much of last year for the Lady Cardinals. Drodody swings the bat well and will be a good fixture in the middle of the lineup for Bridge City.

Another offensive weapon is Nicole Sasser who is



Raven Harris coached the Bridge City Lady Cardinals to the district softball championship last year and hopes to do the same again this season.

very fast. "If I could get her to put the ball on the ground we're going to be in a good spot," Harris indicated.

Pitching has been a strength for Bridge City the last couple of years and looks to be even better with junior Carson Fall a year older and wiser in the circle. Harris said, "Carson has changed her load which is not something most people are going to notice, but it has really improved her velocity. Everyone knows Carson Fall, she's going to hit her spots, she's going to show up ev-

ery game, so that's a great thing for us to have her leading our pitching staff."

Senior Kaydence Corkran is a good compliment to the power pitching of Fall. Corkran moves the ball well with her pitches and is a change of pace for opposing batters after facing Fall.

A freshman Cambree LaComb gives Coach Harris a third arm to call on when needed. "Cambree is going to be a good middle ground between Kaydence and Carson. She's not going to throw as fast as Car-

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Sam Moore's final season From page 1B

semi-finals of the Louisiana state baseball playoffs in 2022 and had a five-run lead with six outs to go but ended up losing the game keeping them from making it to the championship game.

More is expected this year from the Golden Tors. Moore only lost two starters from that team and the returnees are determined this year to go further than they did previously. Moore pointed out, "We've got the bulk of our squad back from last year, and they're hungry. They came back this year really committed, have really worked hard, and have been very coachable."

Fifteen players returned this season from that strong team at Sulphur last year. Topping the list of returning starters for the Golden Tors is Moore's number one pitcher left-hander Jake Brown who has already signed to play college baseball with Louisiana State University.

Brown got the start on the mound for Sulphur in the scrimmage with Bridge City. Jake was dominate shutting out the Cardinals for four innings yielding just one hit. He can swing the bat pretty well too going three for three with a two-run homerun during the scrimmage.

Several other letterman make the Golden Tors one of the favorites to win the state championship in Louisiana this year. Cooper DeVall plays catcher, is



Jake Brown of the Sulphur Golden Tors has signed to play college baseball next year at LSU. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

used as a designated hitter, and has signed with McNeese State University. A catcher and pitcher Luke Benoit will play at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Two other Golden Tors have signed to play college baseball next season. First baseman Dillon Bird is going to Southeastern Louisiana to play and Moore's shortstop Gage Trahan will also be going to McNeese in nearby Lake Charles.

Those are just the tip of the iceberg for the Golden Tors. "I've got some others that have the potential to sign that are really good. They actually all get along, they play together real good, they all have a mis-

sion to play at the next level, and that really helps our program out a lot because you want hungry players since the hungrier they are the harder they work. These guys work ex-

tremely hard. We ask a lot out of them, but they give us a lot as well," Moore described.

The attitude of his ball players and their athletic ability has Coach Moore

excited for the potential of a state championship at Sulphur. Moore elaborated, "These guys' attitude is great and we've got some athletes in our program."

Some coaches and teams do not like to talk about winning a championship fearing it may jinx them, but Moore and his Tors do not feel that way. "We talk about the state championship because that's a goal for us. Everyone senses the expectations, but I want these kids to start believing in it, tasting it, and of course anything short of a state championship will probably be a disappointment for us this year."

There are about four or five, maybe six other teams just as well who have the same opportunity and the same drive so they will have a lot to say if we win a state championship. Definitely, our forecast and our prediction is we want to be the last man standing. We've been so close, and we feel like we have a great opportunity with this bunch and we look forward to the chal-

lenge," Moore explained.

Further motivation for the Sulphur Golden Tors this year is to win one for the skipper as Coach Moore announced to his players a few days ago that he will be retiring at the end of this year. Moore stated, "I will venture into a different direction for next year. I see myself coaching in Texas at the end of my career because I still need to come back and get some retirement years in Texas. I have enough years in Louisiana to retire so we will cross that bridge this year and we will see where it takes us after that."

The chances of local fans seeing Sam Moore coaching one of the high school baseball teams in Orange County again are very good.

"I definitely see that in the future. I have been a head coach, I would love to come back and be an assistant coach. This is kind of the last hurrah in Sulphur and hopefully we can go out a winner," Moore concluded.

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Lady Mustangs showing improvement in softball

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Last year was a rebuilding year for the West Orange Stark Lady Mustangs in softball. The construction of a competitive Lady Mustangs softball program is a work in progress.

In his second year as the head coach for softball with the Lady Mustangs is Matt Robertson. "Last year we got on a good run during tournament season. I think we ended up winning seven out of ten at one stretch. Then we got into district, and obviously our district is difficult. We played hard, and the kids really played well," Robertson evaluated.

By the end of the district schedule and still seeking its first district win of the year West Orange Stark was very competitive battling Orangefield and Silsbee into extra innings before losing both games. Robertson elaborated, "We went nine innings against Orangefield, and then we went eight against Silsbee. Overall, I thought the Lady Mustangs played well all year."

There is some experience

returning for West Orange Stark with three seniors who saw playing time last year. A leader for the Lady Mustangs will be Nataleigh Sims as their starting pitcher. Robertson is hopeful he can have other Lady Mustangs to throw in the circle and allow him to use Sims at shortstop in some games.

T'era Garrett played primarily at catcher for the Lady Mustangs in her junior year. As a senior Garrett has been playing at second base, but can play anywhere the coach puts her. T'era is most dangerous for opposing teams at the plate because she can hit the long ball as she did multiple times last year.

The term utility is aptly used to describe the contributions made by Peyton Zimmerman for the Lady Mustangs. "Peyton will probably be playing a little bit of everywhere. Peyton will play second, she'll play left, and she'll play right," Robertson indicated.

Centerfield for West Orange Stark will be occupied by junior Erika Jordan who played last year as well. Like so many of the Lady Mustangs Jordan can be used in

multiple positions on the field. Robertson explained, "The Lady Mustangs adapt very well and I can play them pretty much anywhere I need to play them and they're ready to go. They're gung ho."

Several new Lady Mustangs will contribute this season in softball. One of those that Coach Robertson has high praise for is junior D'ayrrah Womack who can play just about anywhere on the diamond. "I have high expectations for her. She's going to be in the middle of our lineup," Robertson commented.

Freshman Kensley Waller will be a backup pitcher to Sims and will also play middle infield for the Lady Mustangs. At third base will be sophomore Latessa Turner. Not surprisingly Turner can also play shortstop and pitch. Robertson added, "I've got a few more options in pitching this year, and that way I can play Nataleigh at shortstop because she's a really good shortstop."

First base seemed to be locked up by sophomore Imani Jenkins with her height to give infielders for

the Lady Mustangs a good target to throw to when they field ground balls. Jenkins is fitting in nicely on the varsity after spending last year on the junior varsity.

Soliel Smith will be a regular in the outfield for West Orange Stark. Crystal Santibanez will contribute to the Lady Mustangs according to Robertson.

Edid Balderas is not a new face to the Lady Mustangs but is playing her first season in softball. Balderas has served as the team's equipment manager the last two years for Coach Robertson. He encouraged Edid to come out for the team which she has as a senior and according to the coach swings a pretty good bat for someone with so limited time doing it.

Two seniors are expected to be the big bats for West Orange Stark this season. Nataleigh Sims should be the leadoff hitter for the Lady Mustangs with T'era Garrett in the middle of the lineup for them. "I expect us to hit. I don't think that's really our big issue. I think we're pretty confident at the plate. In the scrimmag-



Coach Matt Robertson has the Lady Mustangs working hard to make West Orange Stark competitive in a very good softball district.

it easy for me. When we need her I toss her the ball and she goes out there."

Robertson will have some options in the circle this season with Kensley Waller and Latessa Turner. "Having Tessa and Kensley will be a big help. Kensley started two scrimmages for us and thrown pretty well. She's a little nervous but that's normal as a freshman. The more games she gets the better she's going to be. Tessa just throws the ball hard and once we get her dialed in it's going to be a good little rotation," Robertson analyzed.

The difference for the Lady Mustangs in recent years compared to the other teams in their district has been the quality of pitching which may be getting closer now. Robertson plans to use Waller and Turner in limited appearances to keep opposing hitters especially in the district unaware of what the two young Lady Mustangs throw in the circle.

District 19-4A is full of quality teams led by Bridge City and Little Cypress

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Go deep water for success

OUTDOORS
Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

Show me an angler who shuns deep water and I'll show you a fisherman who's missing plenty of fish. With so much attention being paid to shallow water angling these days it's no wonder your local fishing hole is growing more crowded by the day, everybody wants to be in the "skinny water" because that's where the glamour happens. Well if you have fallen victim to that line of thinking don't despair because you are not alone, it's an epidemic in the angling world that has one simple cure and that's deep water.

Defining deep water is up to each individual, to some folks deep is 3 feet and to others it's 30 feet. For all intents and purposes let's define deep as anything greater than 10 feet, this is where most folks get uncomfortable fishing because it takes a different set of skills than that of the guy in ankle deep water. Probing deep water takes time, good electronics, an understanding of bottom structure and patience. If these pre-requisites don't sound to difficult or hard to handle and you want to find fish that receive little or no pressure then read on because that's what you get when fish deep water.

Here on Sabine Lake we are both blessed and cursed with plenty of deep water all around us, namely the Sabine and Neches rivers.

For all the misery they deal out with run off from up north they make up for it by providing miles of under utilized, productive, and protected water. There is absolutely nothing like knowing you always have a back up plan when you hit the water, there is a security knowing you have a place to fish even in the all but the absolute worst conditions. On Sabine lake we routinely take advantage of the shelter provided by the Sabine river to catch a huge variety of both fresh and saltwater fish including speckled trout, redbfish, flounder, largemouth bass and so on. The secret to truly taking advantage of the opportunity is understanding how to fish the deep water.

In the Sabine River you have several different forms of structure to fish with most popular being drop off's and points. The drop off areas are key spots to find hungry fish ambushing their next meal. Along the banks of the river you have defined shelves that drop off from 4 to 8 feet of water and then into the 12 to 20 foot depths and beyond. Baitfish will routinely travel parallel to the bank in these shelves or troughs during tide movements and the predator fish will not be far behind. One simple way to locate a shelf

or drop off is to look for the lines of crab trap buoys; they are normally right on the drop off and make locating a productive area mighty simple. Once you locate a stretch of bank where you intend the fish the drop off look for a secondary piece of structure like a point or flat along the bank. These areas are by far the most productive because the fish have a shallow water area to chase bait with deep water access near by for escape. The deep water also allows these fish a constant climate where they will get comfortable and suspend.

Now that we have located our area to fish we need to decide what type of bait we will use, live or artificial. For many Sabine anglers there are a couple of proven choices both live and artificial. For the folks wanting to throw natural baits the number one choice is live shad. Sometimes in the colder parts of the year the shad can get scarce so mullet is the next best thing. Now a standard Carolina rig with a half ounce weight and a #4 kahle style

hook on a 2-foot leader works well in this situation. Under stronger or weaker tides you may have to adjust the size of the weight accordingly, use just enough to hold your bait in place but not so heavy that you can't feel the soft strikes.

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would.

Junior Greenlea Oldham will still be in the mix at first base for Orangefield. "Especially in preseason I expect Greenlea to be a big contributor for us. We're just mixing everything up and trying to figure out what our best combination is. Probably for the next two weeks we'll have the Lady Bobcats all over the place and will not have anything set until district starts. We're just trying every combination to see what works best for us and what puts us in the best position to be successful," Ragsdale explained.

Oldham joins Paris Becker, Abby Broussard, and Abigail Curphey as the four juniors that will also provide additional leadership for the Lady Bobcats. The returning sophomore is Alysen Vincent who played second base last year but can fit in anywhere on the diamond according to Ragsdale.

Five freshman will start the season on the Lady Bobcat varsity squad and all five are expected to get considerable playing time. Coach Ragsdale is super excited to have Aubree Beck playing the left side of the infield at either third base or shortstop. Pitcher Charlee Sanches will get time in the circle helping out number one starter Curphey for Orangefield as a combination of arms.

A utility player will be Haylee Spears. Emily Meyers swings a good bat and will be a designated player for the Lady Bobcats. Halle Becker the sister of left fielder Paris Becker is expected to start in right field.

Coach Ragsdale has prepared her batting order for Orangefield and has Halle Becker penciled in as the leadoff hitter. "Hallee is a little slapper, I've actually never had a true slapper before so it's going to be fun to have her at the top of the lineup, she's got some speed, she's a good little spark plug for us at the top of the lineup, and it'll be fun to see her on the bases this season," Ragsdale assured.

The Lady Bobcat bats were not producing as much as Ragsdale would like in the early games. Pitching always starts a little better than hitting early in a season so the coach is optimistic that with the addition of several players from the Lady Bobcat basketball team in the last week the hitting will improve.

Experience and more at bats should help the Orangefield bats to start hitting better. Ragsdale shared, "I think it's just a matter of time. Offensively

I expect Harleigh Rawls to be big in the middle of the lineup. We're going to have Halle Becker and Aubree Beck at the top to set the table, and I think they're going to have speed so that we might be able to steal some bases. The more experience they get, the games they get under their belt, the more at bats, we're just going to get better each game, and that's going to be exciting to see that happen."

Orangefield returns its starting pitcher from last season in Abigail Curphey. "It's always exciting when you're returning an ace in the circle, and Abigail is only a junior. Curphey did what we asked her to do a year ago and went the distance in pretty much every game," Ragsdale reminded.

During Ragsdale's time in Orangefield she has never really had more than one pitcher during a season. Two other Lady Bobcats Charlee Sanches and Alysen Vincent will see time in the circle this season. Ragsdale elaborated, "I am excited to have them in combination with Curphey. Charlee brings a little bit of zip on the ball. We just need to get her some innings, and she'll be a good one-two punch with Abigail. Alysen will get to throw every once in a while to give teams a different look."

Having dropped down a classification the opposition does not get easier for the Orangefield Lady Bobcats during this softball season in fact there's a target on the Lady Bobcats' backs. The previous Class 4A district was always tough and the new one in Class 3A will be just as difficult as all the teams are in the same boat with pitching, speed, and hitting.

The goal is always the same each season for Coach Ragsdale. "Our goal is a district championship, and it's hard to believe that we start district in less than two weeks on February 28, and we've got to be ready by then. We're going to do our best to be ready and we're going to do our best to give everyone our best shot," Ragsdale concluded.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats were one of the host teams in the Southeast Texas Kick-off Classic played at Orangefield and Little Cypress Mauriceville on February 16-18. The Lady Bobcats won their first five games before dropping their last game in the tournament.

The Lady Bobcats won both games on Thursday defeating the Hardin Jefferson Lady Hawks 6-3 and winning 12-0 over the West Orange Stark Lady Mustangs. Orangefield got off

to a good start in the opener with a two-run homer by Harleigh Rawls in the first inning. Aubree Beck had a key rbi single in the fifth to break a 2-2 tie. Charlee Sanches pitched the first three and a third innings with Abigail Curphey finishing the game in the circle.

Orangefield won the night cap on Thursday in three innings. Curphey pitched a one hitter with 7 strikeouts. Halle Becker was a hitting star with 3 hits, 3 runs, and 2 runs batted in. Curphey also swung a big bat with 4 rbis.

Two more one sided wins followed on Friday for Orangefield. The Lady Bobcats walloped the Lady Mustangs again 16-3 and blasted the Evadale Lady Rebels 11-1.

Charlee Sanches started the first game and got the win in the circle with Alysen Vincent finishing the game giving up just two hits. Beck accounted for six Lady Bobcat runs. Sanches had 3 rbis. Paris Becker and Emily Meyers both had a hit and a run batted in.

Against Evadale Abigail Curphey yielded just two hits with 4 strikeouts pitching shutout ball for six innings for the pitching victory. Vincent threw one inning in relief.

Orangefield rapped out ten hits in the win over the Lady Rebels. The hit parade was spread out between Sanches, Beck, Paris Becker, Abby Broussard, and Harleigh Rawls. Halle Becker scored 2 runs and stole 2 bases for the Lady Bobcats.

On Saturday Orangefield got stellar pitching from Sanches who gave up two hits while striking out 4 Deweyville Lady Pirates in a 5-0 shutout. Abby Broussard tripled, drove in a run, and scored a run for the Lady Bobcats.

The final game of the tournament for the Lady Bobcats was a 6-2 loss to Hamshire-Fannett. Abigail Curphey pitched and took the loss. Halle Becker and Harleigh Rawls combined hits for the initial Orangefield run in the first. Curphey scored the other run on a hit by Abby Broussard. The Lady Bobcats finished the weekend 5-1, and moved to 5-3 overall on the season.

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son, but she still moves the ball really well, she hits her corners, she's done really well in the games we've thrown her in so far, and we're expecting all three to get a good number of innings during the upcoming tournaments before district," Harris evaluated.

Coming off the outstanding season a year ago and with so many key players returning the expectation is naturally set very high for this year's Bridge City Lady Cardinals. Matching and exceeding that expectation is the goal. Harris analyzed, "It's hard to look that far in advance, but ultimately that's what we want. We want to end up making another decent playoff run. Right now our big focus is we've got to produce runs, and so our goal short term is how can we produce runs early in a game."

The Lady Cardinals hope to compete throughout the preseason and in the district. "If these kids can get on board, they put their heads down, and work hard I think we've got a good shot to look at that long term goal of making a decent run," Harris concluded.

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals scrimmaged their Cow Bayou rival the Orangefield Lady Bobcats on Tuesday, February 14, winning 7-2 at Bridge City. Later that same night the Lady Cardinals scrimmaged the Port Neches Groves Lady Indians.

This week the Lady Cardinals varsity squad will participate in the Jasper Tournament. The junior varsity will host a tournament in Bridge City on Thursday through Saturday, February 23-25.

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A German Gardening Technique: Understanding Hügelkultur Gardening

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Gardeners, we have experienced what I would consider a fantastic week, leading this gardener to believe spring may have arrived a bit early this year. Be mindful if you choose to plant early and be prepared to cover 'tender plants' with a frost blanket.

Planting a spring garden is a true joy but with challenges for novice and seasoned gardeners alike. Most of us are ready to replace the austere color of winter with a kaleidoscope of vibrant colors associated with spring, as well as breathing new life into our garden areas. Some gardeners have a capability of exercising restraint while selecting plants at local garden centers, nurseries, or "pop-up" roadside vendors. Each merchant provides a plethora of new or trending plants for sale during spring.

The ability to refrain from "uber-purchasing" plants is completely lost on me. In fact, if you are anything like me, you are ready

for garden areas to 'come alive' now, eagerly setting out plants in hanging baskets, planters, or beds-our mantra being-sooner is better! For this gardener, the thought of exercising restraint is literally summed up by saying: "There's no way I have too many plants, there's still room in the (fill in the blank) car, truck, or trailer"! Okay, well enough said about my "plant-obsession", let's move on to this week's 2nd of a 3-part series understanding a German gardening technique, hügelkultur.

Building a raised hügelkultur garden bed initially begins by removing 2 to 4-inches of the soil surface. The removed soil will be used later in the process, so placing it on a tarp or on top of paperboard boxes will make returning it to the bed much easier. When digging the bed, one technique is to leave an 8-inch perimeter of hard-packed soil (creating a foundation or ledge), which becomes the foundation to support the garden beds' walls. Another technique buries bricks or cement blocks, forming an 8-inch perimeter



(re-purposing bricks and blocks is cost effective) to support the beds' walls, though leveling the foundation will mitigate them from sinking over time. Once the soil from the interior base of the bed is removed, dig a shallow trench in the beds' center, from end-to-end. Fill the trench with 2-inches of fresh grass clipping or manure, leaves, unfinished compost, or shredded paperboard boxes. These materials are called 'green waste' which adds an organic layer of ni-

trogen while decomposition occurs. Top the 'green waste' layer with wood components: large logs, branches, limbs, wood chips, or even bark. Fill void spaces between the limbs and branches with more 'green waste', tightly filling and compressing the debris as you work.

Let me mention here gardeners, before you begin building the bed, planning the hügelkultur raised bed goes a long way to ensuring its success. The amount of wood incorporated into the

bed must fall below the halfway point of the raised bed's height. This means a 40-inch tall, raised bed would have no more than 20-inches of wood debris, leaving 20-inches of soil remaining above the wood's surface level. Conversely, a shorter bed, say, 15-inches in height would utilize a maximum of 6-inches of wood, otherwise there will not be enough available growing medium (soil) for plant roots. Keep in mind there must be at minimum 8 to 12-inches of garden soil available for plant root development and structural integrity, noting that more soil is always better.

Once the wood layer is in place, top with more nitrogen-dense organic material. Adding at least 2-4 inches of this material. For this layer, I used a 2-inch layer of fresh manure and another 2-inch layer of composted sheep and goat manure. Packing the debris down in stages is the key to success, as this prevents the soil from displacing and falling between the pieces of wood, while also creating a protective nitrogen layer.

The choice of wood can

make a difference in the success of hügelkultur bed. There are certain types of trees which are allelopathic. Some allelopathic compounds can inhibit plant growth and seed germination, which might be problematic if used in a vegetable garden! Utilizing wood materials which contain allelopathic compounds could possibly migrate, finding their way into the plants root zone. It's simply best to avoid these types of wood, limbs, and leaves when layering a hügelkultur bed. Some of the more common allelopathic trees to avoid using include black walnut, red maple, red oak, sycamore, goldenrod, American elm, and there are many more.

Next week we will be the final installment of the three-part series, completing the hügelkultur gardening method.

Mark your calendars! The Orange County Master Gardener Associations Annual Spring Plant sale is Saturday, March 18, from 8am until 1pm at Cormier Park, located at 8235 FM 1442, Orangefield.

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Mauriceville which means West Orange Stark has its work cut out for it to make the playoffs this season. "Trading Orangefield for Jasper is not a great trade for our district. Our district's really good. Vidor's

good, Lumberton's good, it's a tough district. I always like our chances, I always have high expectations," Robertson concluded.

West Orange Stark took part in the Southeast Tex-

as Kick-off Classic played at Orangefield and Little Cypress Mauriceville High Schools on February 16-18. The Lady Mustangs competed well against four teams that made the playoffs last season.

Freshman Kensley Waller saw most of the action in the circle pitching in five games for West Orange Stark. Kensley's control was very good with just seven total walks issued in those games.

Nataleigh Sims pitched the other game for the Lady Mustangs and played shortstop when Waller

pitched. Sims was a standout in the field as was Erika Jordan both making sensational catches to rob opposing batters of hits.

Several Lady Mustangs hit the ball well. T'era Garrett blasted her first homerun of the year, Tessa Turner hit .400 with a homer, D'ayrrah Womack batted .375 in the cleanup

spot, and Edid Balderas had three runs batted in during her first weekend ever of playing softball.

The Lady Mustangs will host their own tournament this week. The games will be played at the West Orange Stark High School softball field on February 23-25.

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