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More industrial growth projected

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Orange County continues on the path for more industrial growth as two projects have been approved for possible tax abatements from the state and local entities.

Orange County Commissioners Court Tuesday approved a resolution approving a Reinvestment Zone a 435.4 acres outside of Bridge City. County Economic Development Director Megan Layne said the area is known as Humble Island. Its a tract of land that on the banks of the Neches River that sticks out near the Veterans Memorial Bridge on Texas Highway 87.

Layne told commissioners the resolution does not obligate the county to any agreements, but begins the process to allow negotiations for tax abatements and other incentives to attract a business or industry.

She said a company is interested in locating to the property and the county will now continue talks for negotiations.

Last week, the Orange City Council approved a resolution to create a state Enterprise Zone for the Arlanxeo petrochemical plant at 4647 FM 1006, known locally as Chemical Row. The move is the first step in a planned \$35 million upgrade to the plant.

Arlanxeo is one of the oldest plants on Chemical Row and has had several names through the past 60 years. The current owners plan to make the investment for upgrades and new equipment to maintain 240 full-time employees.

The Enterprise Zone designation will allow the company to apply to the state Governor's Office of Economic Development for tax abatements or incentives. The plant is in the extrater-

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Orange County sees whopping jump in sales

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For The Record

Orange County plus the cities of Orange, West Orange, and Vidor are showing increases in sales tax collections for the month of June, according to information from the Texas Comptroller's Office.

The city of Orange was listed with a whopping nearly 80 percent increase in sales taxes with \$1.11 million collected for sales during the month, compared to \$632,405 in collected in 2022. That puts the city up 27.14 percent for the year to date with \$6.41 million compared to \$5.04 million for the year to date last year. The city has a 1.5 percent tax rate.

However, Orange city officials in the past have pointed out that sometimes, huge jumps in the sales tax income may be a mistake in the Texas Comptroller's Office. Orange, Pinehurst, and West Orange have the same 77630 zip codes. Sometimes, businesses in Pinehurst and West Orange have had their sales taxes attributed to Orange, in-

stead.

If a mix-up is discovered and verified, the city of Orange reimburses the comptroller's office, which then sends the month to the appropriate city.

Another factor, though, in Orange's big increase could be from the number of new businesses opening within the city limits. The Orange City Council and City Economic Development Corporation collects its own half-cent per dollar sales tax, which has a limited use by state law. The two groups have been giving grants to a number of new businesses during the past few years. New businesses create addition sales taxes.

West Orange, though, showed a strong increase for June. The city has a 1.25 percent sales tax. For June, the city collected \$143,506, a 28 percent increase from \$115,157 collected for June last year. The city has a year to date collection of \$993,443, an increase of 8.23 percent from the \$917,853 last year.

Orange County is up

SALES JUMP Page 3A



Bridge City Cardinals re-take Bayou Bowl

Bridge City had a long wait but Friday night at Larry Ward Stadium it accomplished something it has been hoping for years to do again. The Cardinals beat the Orangefield Bobcats 26-9 to capture the coveted Bayou Bowl. The Cardinal victory means they get to take possession of the Buzzie Gunn Trophy which is awarded to the winning team in the football game between Bridge City and Orangefield.

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New Texas laws starting Friday

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For The Record

Texas has 774 new state laws starting on September 1 that will affect different aspects from criminal laws to regulations for businesses that get state licensing.

The Texas Legislature meets in odd-numbered years and passes a myriad of laws and regulations that usually begin on the first day of September after the legislative session. The newest laws and regulations were set by the 88th Texas Legislature that met earlier this year. Orange County's State Representative Dade Phelan also serves as the Speaker of the House.

One new law will affect the cities here with juvenile

curfews. The legislature decided the juvenile curfew ordinances do not cut crime and can have bad effects on youth. Bridge City, Orange, Pinehurst, and Vidor have curfews for juveniles. However, cities will be able to implement curfews during emergencies.

Ages for jury service will also be raised. Currently, anyone age 70 or older may get an exemption for jury duty. The new minimum will be 75, the same age the state requires for district judges to retire.

Boating under the influence is a Class A misdemeanor with fines and a possible stay in a county jail. Now, a person arrested for BWI with a juvenile aboard will be charged with a state jail felony. The new

boating law will match the laws for driving while intoxicated.

Anyone convicted of intoxication manslaughter may be ordered to make payments to support the juvenile children of a victim who has been killed.

Another new law makes it a Class A misdemeanor for anyone besides a judge or justice to release or lead a court decision.

District and county clerks will be allowed to carry a handgun to work, plus some retired judges and justices will be able to carry handguns. In addition, it will now be a crime for the release or publication of photographs of human remains made by coroners, medical examiners, coroners, or other public

employees for any reason besides an official office purpose.

Another new law is the requirement that murder and capital murder case be given preference when courts are setting dockets.

People may now be getting "Athena Alerts." Similar to the Amber Alerts about a missing child, the Athena Alert will give notice to people living within 100 miles of where a missing child was last seen.

Drivers will face more penalties for not yielding to emergency vehicles with flashing lights. Under the new law, a driver will need to make a lane change or drop their speed to 20 mph for ambulances, law en-

NEW TEXAS Page 3A

Texas can now apply to import lower-priced Canadian meds

KAREN B. HARPER
The Texas Tribune

Texans struggling with skyrocketing medication costs could see relief under a new program that allows distributors to import cheaper drugs from Canada.

House Bill 25 creates the "Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program." The state's Health and Human Services Commission would contract with Canadian drug wholesalers and suppliers to bring safe, eligible prescription drugs to Texas consumers at prices far cheaper than U.S. wholesalers.

Although the law technically goes into effect on Sept. 1, federal drug regula-



Texas joins a handful of states turn to the north for cheaper drugs. But feds have been slow to approve requests, three years after giving initial OK.

PHOTO: Lauren Witte/The Texas Tribune

tors are moving at a glacial pace to set up programs with the states that want them. Texas won't have its

program fully designed until next year, much less approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and

implemented, state health officials say.

The Texas bill comes three years after former President Donald Trump authorized the safe importation of pharmaceuticals. Texas will join a handful of states that have applied for partnerships with Canada. So far, no state has been allowed to import a single dose from Canadian wholesalers.

Supporters of the program hope the introduction of a plan by Texas, the largest state so far to show interest in the program, will put pressure on the FDA to move on those applications.

With wholesale costs

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Orange sets water rules in severe drought

**MARGARET TOAL
For The Record**

Scattered thunderstorms across the county brought some brief relief, but did not break the severe drought affecting Orange County.

Tuesday, the city of Orange implemented Phase 2 of its drought contingency plan to restrict things like home car washing, filling swimming pools, and operating home fountains. Also, water at restaurants is to be served only on request.

Two weeks ago the city implemented Phase 1 to voluntarily restrict people to two days a week watering landscaping. The days were

based on even or odd numbered addresses.

Similar Phase 1 water restrictions have been set for Bridge City, the Orange County Water District No. 1 covering the city of Vidor and other Vidor areas, plus the city of Pinehurst. Also, the Orangefield Water Supply Company has asked for voluntary restrictions.

Orange becomes the first city to go to Phase 2. Those rules are now mandatory, not voluntary. Violators could be given tickets and then fined for breaking the restrictions.

Car washing of vehicles is now prohibited except at commercial car washes or



**Orange Mayor
Larry Spears**

service stations. Power washing, wash downs, dust control watering, and flushing gutters is also prohibited.

“We are taking action to protect our residents and to ensure that we are prepared to respond if any inclement situation occurs,” Orange Mayor Larry Spears said in a statement. He pointed out recent wildfires in the county and region and said the city has a priority to protect the safety of the community. Water preser-

vation will help firefighters in emergency situations.

Last week, the region set record high temperatures as a heat dome, with no to little rain, has held steady during the past weeks. The Orange County Airport on Sunday reached a record 109 degrees with the humidity down to 14 percent.

A “cool front” Sunday brought some rain and thunderstorms to some areas. The temperatures began dropping into the 70s at night and the high Tuesday reached only 97.

Even as some people got rain, Orange County Emergency Management reminded people the drought is not over and the county-wide burn ban remains. Outdoors burning is always against ordinances in the

cities.

During the weekend, firefighters across the county were sent to wildfires. They included one that burned

Bridge City had a grass fire and in the Vidor area, there were fires in woods on the north side of Interstate 10 near the old rest area. A

fire also broke out off FM 1130 and Zavala Road between Little Cypress and Mauriceville.

Newton High School canceled its opening football game of the season because of smoke pollution from

wildfires. One in Jasper County, called the Shearwood Creek Fire, burned more than 3,500 acres and is almost under control. On the east side of the Sabine River in Louisiana, the Merryville Fire has burned some 30,000 acres and is only 50 percent under control.

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SIMPLE SOLUTION

**Sen. Carl Parker
For The Record**

I have often compared serving in an elective position to skiing. The reason being that both look so easy to do until you try. Being somewhat athletic, after seeing people flow down the slope with ease, I was certain I could do the same. Boy! Was I wrong! After being fitted out with ski boots, skis and warm clothes, I felt like someone attached 2x4's onto my feet.

I tell folks that if they have question about the Texas Legislature, they should have asked me about it just before I got elected. The point being, “It ain't as easy as it looks.” Most make the same misjudgment in their first run for office. In the recent debates, Ramaswamy gained a lot of attention with his list of simple solutions to complicated problems. In recent interviews he has had trouble explaining the details of how his ideas would work.



**Former State Senator
Carl Parker**

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

As voters we need to keep this in mind and get better explanations of campaign promises. I am a good example. When I ran for office the first time, car insurance was sky high. My solution was simple. Pass a law capping the price. I had second thoughts when an experienced legislator asked how I would force the insurance companies to sell it.

Bridge City High nominates 2023 Homecoming Court

Last week students at Bridge City High School voted on nominees for the homecoming court. Seniors Carson Fall, Ashley Hale, Raema Lyda, and Holly Silveira were chosen as the finalists for homecoming queen. The queen will be announced during halftime of the homecoming game

against Hamshire-Fannett on September 22.

The homecoming court members will be juniors Hallie Bearden and Emily Black, sophomores Marleigh Boyd and Hudsyn Davis, and freshmen Claire Danks and Kenzie Fontenot.

FBC Bridge City hosts ‘First Saturday’ giveaways

First Saturday is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Bridge City. We will be giving away hurricane supplies September 2nd from 10 a.m. until 12 noon under the car port on the side of the sanctuary in the parking lot. Look for the balloons and signs. Hurricane season will soon be here so

supplies to be given away will be flashlights, can openers, lanterns, hand sanitizers, matches, first aid kit, garbage bags, etc. Prayer will be offered for those who request it as well as Bibles. Our Sunday morning church services are at 10:30 am and we welcome everyone.

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More growth From Page 1

ritorial jurisdiction of the city, leading to the city council approving the move.

The county and the city worked together, along with State Representative Dade Phelan, who is speaker of the Texas House, to negotiate the abatements the led to the \$8.5 billion Chevron-Phillips-Qatar Entergy plant, Golden Triangle Polymers, now being built along Texas Highway 87 between Orange and Bridge City.

County Commissioners on Tuesday also approved buying four new pickup trucks for county offices. County Judge John Gothia said all the purchases are for available trucks through dealerships that bid on the state's regional "buy-boards." Those cooperatives have regional dealers bid on public prices for vehicles and allow the entities to use those prices for purchases. He said he has tried to get Orange County vehicle dealers to participate on the buy board so the county shop local. However, no local dealers bid.

Mosquito control and Commissioners Court will each be getting a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado for \$45,207 from Lake Country Chevrolet. The Road and Bridge Department is getting a 2023 Ford pickup for \$71,103 from Silsbee Ford. Also, the Texas Juvenile Probation Fund is buying a 2023 Ford Crew Cab for the county juvenile probation department from Silsbee Ford for \$46,561.

County Road Engineer Corey Oldbury asked for commissioners to move back the start times for employees in his Road and Bridge Department. The change will start on Tuesday. Road and bridge crews will be working from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Earlier in the summer commissioners

approved letting the workers go in at 6 a.m. and get off at 2:30 p.m. because of the record-breaking heat. They get a half-hour lunch break. Oldbury said road work productivity increased with the cooler hours, but the hours needed to be adjusted as daylight decreases.

After September, commissioners will approve another change in hours that will likely go back to the work traditional times.

The court also approved a time change for its regular meetings for the next year. The court recently has been having regular meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, once a month. Other meetings are called "special" court meetings.

County Judge Gothia said the new time will be 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

In other business, the court gave Engineer Oldbury permission to hire a company at \$5,890 a day to do remote videos of drainage pipes along the area of Lancaster Drive in the housing area across the highway from Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan said apparently drainage lines were laid years ago from county ditches to out-fall lines of the Orange County Drainage District. The land developer sold a lot and a house was built over one of the main pipes. Gothia said drainage blockage has been damaging the foundation of the house.

Oldbury said using the remote camera will allow the county to see if and where blockage there is blockage in the pipe so a way to fix the drainage can be determined.

Sales jump From Page 1

31.48 percent for the month of June sales with \$911,544 collected, compared to \$693,274 for June last year. For the year to date, the county is up a healthy 12.47 percent with \$5.45 million compared to \$4.84 million for the same period in 2022. The county has a 0.5 percent sales tax.

Pinehurst, though, is down in both categories. The city received \$56,440 for June, down 10.8 percent from the \$63,277 collected for June 2022. The city is down 2.24 percent for the year to date with a total of \$441,757 compared to \$451,896 last year. The city has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

Vidor was up this year with \$381,918

for June, an increase of 9.47 from \$348,857 in June last year. The city is up 4.45 percent for the year to date with \$2.47 million compared to \$2.37 million last year. The city has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

Emergency Services District No. 3 for the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department is the only special district in the county with a sales tax. The district has a rate of 1.5 percent for sales. The ESD collected \$19,793 for June this year compared to \$32,436 in June 2022. However, the district is still up in income for the year to date with \$204,844 compared to \$19,847 last year.

New Texas laws From Page 1

forcement, tow trucks, utility service vehicles, TxDOT vehicles or service vehicles with activated lights. Violations may carry enhanced fines based on circumstances.

Engineers with the Texas Department of Transportation will now be allowed to temporarily change speed limits on parts of highways because of bad weather or construction.

In schools, race-based hair discrimination will now be banned statewide. That will include Indigenous students with braids or long hair, and Black students with locs and braids. Also, schools are now required to send any student caught on campus to an alternative center.

School districts are now required to have armed officers at all campuses or armed staff members who have been trained. In addition, every classroom is to have a silent panic button. School staffs are now supposed to be able to identify students who may have mental health problems.


And to check on the safety at each public school, the Texas Education Agency with the Texas School Safety Center will be required to work together to assess campus security once every four years.

Cities and the county will now have more power to get charges against illegal dumping. Some of that dumping has involved businesses dumping scrap tires and other unwanted materials. Now the allow will allow not only individuals for dumping, but those who ordered the dumping, too.

Owners of electric vehicles will begin paying an additional \$200 for their annual registration fee. The fee will double if the vehicle is new because the registration covers two years. The fee will make up for the lack of gasoline taxes the state collects for highway maintenance.


In an effort to crack down on the counterfeiting of paper temporary license plates, dealers will now be allowed to keep metal license plates in stock to give to vehicle purchasers.

DPS engineers will now be allowed to temporarily change speed limits.



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Orange County Judge John Gothia

Have a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend!



From the Creaux's Nest

A RUDE AWAKING

Before turning in Saturday night I checked the weather forecast for Sunday. I learned the extreme heat and drought would continue with a **high of 109 expected**. A few weeks ago I wrote about the weather this summer being like **Mexico's weather** 70 years ago. I thought if we continue to have this kind of summer for the next 70 years, the **Gulf Coast area** will be like Mexico, **with no large trees**, only shrubs. Anyway, I turned in for the night and set the temperature at a comfortable **74 degrees**. When you think things can't get worse, believe me they can. As usual a little after 4:00 a.m., I got up and headed for the coffee pot. Halfway down the hall I discovered why I had been sweating. I didn't need the coffee; I was wide awake when I discovered the temperature was **83 degrees and climbing**. The air conditioner had gone out. "Oh Lord, not today," I said out loud. Sunday morning is not a good time for anything to break. At 6:00 a.m. I started calling the guy who for years has taken care of our air problems. **He wouldn't answer** the phone. I rode down to his house and found him really sick, too sick to work. I called a couple of friends for advice. One told me two brothers from **Little Cypress** had gone into the air conditioner business. I located their number and when the phone was answered it was a little after 7:00 a.m. I told the guy my problem. He took my address and said, "**We'll see you in 45 minutes.**" I figured the Sunday rate was going to bust the bank. The crew showed up, replaced a fan motor and condenser and in 15 minutes handed me the bill. **I was shocked** at the normal labor cost. The young man said they were a 24-hour, 7 days a week, day or night company and the service charge never changed. The company, **FahrenTech**, is co-owned by the **Earnest brothers**. They will do to ride the range with. You'll be hearing more about them in the future. Sunday's temperature was **106 degrees**, but thanks to my new found friends, it was a cool **74 degrees** inside. Thank you Lord for making it a better day.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Mildred "Millie" Lemoine**, 83, who passed away Sunday morning at 1:30 a.m. Service will be held Wednesday, 10 a.m. at St. Henry Catholic Church. **Millie** was born in Louisiana but was raised in Orange, in the Cove. **She and Louis** had been married 55 years and had five children, **Jody, Jada, Jana, Jude, June** and many offspring. **Mildred** was the big sister of **Judge Janice Menard** and one of her strongest supporters. **Judge Derry Dunn** recently returned from his trip to the northwest where he witnessed the smoke from the wildfires in Utah. In Oregon and Washington states he was due to go kayaking with his sons but his school teacher wife **Jane** pleaded with him not to attempt that. The Judge abided but says he spent a great week with his doctor sons. **Sept. 12** is the **Bridge City chamber roast** of civic leader, businessman **Ross Smith**. What a great guy. It will be hard to find anything negative to roast him with. **Sept. 2**, a few special folks celebrating their special day this week. On Aug. 28, the **twins Blayke and Blayne Richey** celebrate as does our buddy **Butch Thurman**, who was **Ms. Thelma's** little boy. He got lucky and married **Jackie Crawford** a bunch of years ago. **Barbara "Barbie" Childress**, a friend we loved and lost track of, celebrates and we wish her a good one. **Aug. 30** would have been **Vivian and Fain Holbrooks** wedding anniversary. **Fain** left us several years ago but we would like to hear from **Ms. Vivian**. **Aug. 31** is a big day for a pair of twins; it's their 44th wedding anniversary. **Rosalie** is married to **Judge Pat Clark** while sister **Mary Ann** claims **John Scofield** as her longtime husband. (Editor's note: **Mary Ann** passed away a few years ago.) **Sept. 2**, **Coach Cody Knight**, one of **Chris** and the late **Anna Lee Knight's** sons, celebrates. Like the rest he's a great guy. **Sept. 3**, former **Mayor T.W. Permenter**, married to pretty **Lyndia**, turns 76. **Sept. 3** We stand corrected after stating that **Rocky Colvin** and **Kevin Smith** were the only local boys to play for the **Dallas Cowboys**. **Tom Barrientos** and **Quincy Procell** reminded us that LC-M's **Joe Bob Isbell** was the first to play for the **Cowboys** in 1962. He then spent three years with Cleveland. Also I was reminded that the first televised night game was the 1965 Thanksgiving Day game in the Cotton Bowl. **Sept. 3**

24 Years Ago-1999

West Orange police investigate murder-suicide of father and son. Twenty-two year old **Jason Miller** shot and killed his father, 43-year-old **Kenneth Ross**

Miller, then turned the gun on himself. According to **Asst. Police Chief Jesse Romero**, **Kenneth's** wife came home from work and found the bodies of her husband and stepson. **Patrolman Craig Domment** responded to the call at 2 p.m. The son had recently moved in with his father. **The Globetrotting Grandmas, Dot Eshbach**, 77, and **Margaret Saint**, 78, just returned from a month of touring Europe and Asia. (Editor's note: Those two wondering women are gone now. They didn't let any grass grow under their feet after their spouses died. What a joy they were to everyone who knew and loved them. They traveled the country in a big RV bus. What a sight those two old gals were pulling out in that luxury bus saying, "You'll see us when we get back.") **Ellis "Shorty" Landry** passed away last week. **Bridge City Mayor John Dubose** gets national recognition. The **National Center of Small Communities** awarded **Dubose** for outstanding leadership. Out of the \$5,000 award money, **Dubose** will donate \$2,500 to the **Chamber**, \$2,000 will go towards building a pavilion at **Bridge City Park** and \$500 will be donated to the **Helen Phillips Memorial Scholarship** fund. **Pinehurst Mayor Pete Runnels** announced a big **Senior Citizen's Labor Day Picnic** which he hopes to make an annual senior citizen gathering. There will be plenty of food, watermelon, etc. served. (Editor's note: **Judge Runnels** is again mayor at Pinehurst and the **Labor Day Picnic** is still going strong and will be held this Labor Day.) **The new Bridge City football coach is James Conway** and former B.C. High star **Jeff Mathews** is the new head coach at Vidor. High school football to start soon. A few names in the spotlight will be, at Bridge City, **Curt Lucia** and **Steve Curl**; LC-M, **Michael White** and **Michael Rowe**; WO-S, **Jartis Soleman**, **Jamal Warnell** and **Gayron Allen** and at Orangefield, **Charles Chester** and **Jay Bruce**. **Randy Theriot** is head coach.

49 Years Ago-1974

Bob Montagne and **Sue Pate** are the political powers in Orange County. **Bob** has a strong roots organization in the county. **Sue** has far-reaching arms into Austin and state politics. **Doug Harrington** claims he can run a mile and a half in under 13 minutes. Most folks are wondering if that's with someone shooting at him. **Ed Bacon** ends up in a hospital after a feast at **Harper's Party Shack**. More than 100 pints of mountain oysters were prepared--all **Peveto** and **Zummo Packing** could provide--plus a grass sack full of frog legs and a lot of beverages. **Ed** partook of more than his share of it all. Our friend **Millie Harper** just couldn't chew the oysters. Doctors said **Ed's** blood pressure going through the roof didn't have anything to do with the choice of food. I remember that party; I just don't recall what it was celebrating when I wrote it 49 years ago. It might have been **Labor Day**. I didn't report who attended, I mostly wanted to record the menu. **Milly** and **I** might be the only two still around although she may know of others. **Milly** now 83, was in her mid-30s, me in my early 40's. **What a party**. There were many more at **Harper Valley**. **Milly** still lives there. **Jack Nance** was brought to the hospital after fainting at an East Texas restaurant. When asked if it was the heat, **Jack** replies, "No, it was the check." **Judge Sid Caillavet** was operated on in Beaumont. He's doing better--he was overheard raising hell with **Ms. Dennis** because she wasn't home cutting fire wood for the coming winter. She promised him she would have a cord cut by the time he gets home. **Faye Linscomb** and daughter **Kathy** were in Arlington last week to watch Bridge City football players **Jimmy Lacombe**, her son, and **Mark Dunn** play in an intrasquad game at UT-Arlington. She said the two Bridge City athletes did quite well. **Bridge City State Bank** donates 200 oak trees to the city. Bank officials and **Boy Scouts** plant the trees on school district grounds and at local churches. (Editor's note: Now we know all those oaks are **49 years old**.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

The most festive event in the OC is becoming the **Team Dallas** to raise money in the fight against **ALS**. It's all to honor **Tony Dallas**, hometown guy who grew up in sports, coached kids sports, worked his tail off for **Lions Club** and other civic groups. Plus, **he and his wife, Nancy**, have raised three young adults that make this community proud. **Tony has ALS** and his family and friends formed **Team Dallas** to raise donations for the national research to help stop the disease. **Team Dallas** from a small county has led the donations from throughout the state with annual walks and now, the gala. The gala comes off with a lot of thanks to their daughter, **Leigh Anne Harrell**, who studied event-planning and SEA and is a professional. She's also the **city of Orange's event planner**. She puts together a team to put together the event. This year's theme was "**Wranglers & Rhinestones**," with a Western dress theme. **Tony** in his wheelchair was the brightest in his sunflower yellow and black cowboy shirt that would make **Roy Rogers** envious. Of course **Nancy** was there. **Leigh Anne** is expecting her first baby any time now. She and husband **Brodrick** posed with her parents as she was rockin' a white cowgirl hat with beaded fringe. Attendees from all over came to support the cause and party with **Tony**. Local baseball legend **Andre Robertson with wife Lanier** were there. Of course longtime buds **Joel and Lori Ardoin** were there, along with **Gina and Skipper Yeaman**. **Heston Cheshire** and fiancée **Ashley Eby** were also there. **Karli Dallas Goff** and **Mason Dallas** posed with their uncle. Others in the crowd included **Heather** and **Michael Mankopf**, **Diana Higginbotham**, **Ebonie Landry**, **Sherry Hommel**, **Tina Romero**, **Russell Bottley**, **Leslie Uzzle**, **Lacey LeMoine**, **Sydney Brittain** with **Cody Carr**, **Ron** and **Becky McAnelley**, **Amie Smith**, **Loreal Fultz**, and

Tricia Stroud. **Al Granger** wore a light blue shirt with a tropical floral design and may set a style for a mix of cowboy and Hawaiian shirts. Of course he brought some of his **Team Granger and friends**. **Sept. 1** The next big event is in September for the **St. Mary's School gala**. This year **Father Jim Sichko**, who grew up in the parish and now lives in Lexington, Kentucky, home of the Kentucky Derby. He's helping to sponsor a **Kentucky Derby theme** with lots of unbelievable surprises. And if anyone has followed this celebrity priest, they know he can make surprises happen. **Sept. 2** The wildfires in the counties and parishes north of us have been scary. Retired Orange County Sheriff's Captain **Thomas Hennigan**, along with his wife, **Phyllis**, a retired banker, moved up to the lake a few years ago. The **Captain** was out in firefighters gear as a volunteer fighting the big **Jasper County** fire in all the record-breaking heat. Did you know that when he was a young man working as a jailer in that horrid old three-story brick county jail, that he was stabbed by an inmate? **Donna Scales' granddaughter Vivi** wanted a bowling party for her birthday, so we all know that's what she got. **Vivi** had lots of fun with family and friends, including **Uncle James Scales**, **Devin Nolan**, **Jerrid Scales**, and **Alyssa Scales**. **Brandi Griggs** this past weekend was on a birthday trail with her kids as they attended three children's parties. **The Bridge City Cardinals** won the **Bayou Bowl** game against **Orangefield** to open the regular season. The **Record Newspapers Roy and Mark Dunn** originally gave the game the nickname and had the trophy created for the winner. The trophy was named for **Buzzie Gunn**, the late photographer, who took decades of photos of local football. **Buzzie's** widow, now **Dayle Gunn Weatherford**, presented the trophy after the game. **Sept. 3** A big bunch of people celebrated birthdays this past week. **Stephanie Roberts** went to Crystal Beach with friends and family for her party. **Gary Bonneau**, **Marlene Merritt**, **James Simar**, **Stephney Holmes**, **Kody Paul Marple**, **Bobbie Jo Howeth**, **Linda Garrett**, **Jacqueline Kyle**, **Barry Bates**, **Angie Stelly**, **Paulette Howington**, **Rachel Clark**, **Valerie Bowers**, **Donny Garrett**, **Carly Thibodeaux**, **Judy Lilback**, **Matt Himel**, **Eli Peveto**, **Deshawnda Polidore**, **Donny Denmon**, and **Alexis LaBarbera** were others marking another trip around the sun. **Anniversaries** this past week included **Ralf and Cindy Mims** with **46 years**, and **Russell and Jody Love** with **43 years**.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. Celebrating on **Aug. 30** are **Mike Cedars**, **Patty Allred**, **Crytal Killman** and **Dal Moreau**. Also entrepreneur **Warren Buffett**, who turns 93. **Aug. 31**: Happy Birthday to **Dominic Nguyen**, **Erin Weidner**, **Ron Kincade**, **Jesse Grooms**. Celebrating a wedding anniversary are **Rosalie and Judge Pat Clark**. We wish you good folks many more. **Sept. 1**: **Susan Baudoin**, **Paul Fournier**, **Pamela Layman**, **Bill McCorkle** and **Virginia White** all celebrate. **Sept. 2**: Happy Birthday to **Brenda Wilber**, **Cody Knight**, **Hannah Hall**, **Peyton Choate** and **Vernon Dixon**. **Sept. 3**: Celebrating are **Debby Schember**, **Rachel Briggs**, **Ryan Fisette**, **Tammy Stevens**, **Barbara Daigle**. **Sept. 4**: **Labor Day** is celebrated on this day. Happy Birthday to **Ginger Williams**, **Jamie Forse**, **Shirley Choate** and **Beverly Hanes**. **Sept. 5**: **John Tarver**, **Susan Cooper**, **Jason Toal**, **Branden Bailey** and **Mark Forman** are a year older. Former sheriff **Keith Merritt** turns 73 today. (To publish birthdays or anniversaries free of charge call 409-886-7183 or email therecordlive.com)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Tee-Neg Dartez went fishing on Bayou Tech him, wit senior citizen Clovees Arceneaux. While sitting dere Tee-Neg axe, "Mister Arceneaux, how old you are hanh?"

Clovees say, "I don't rightly know me, it changes every year. I was born during da depression me, so I know I'm getting old."

Tee-Neg say, "Mister Arceneaux, don't worry bout old age you, because it don't las dat long."

C'EST TOUT FROM OUR FILES-2013

Ten years ago state of New York charged **Donald Trump** with fraud and sought \$40 million from **Trump University**, which is not a licensed university. The attorney general called it a scam. **Trump** was squealing like a stuck hog caught with his hand in the cookie jar. (That was 10 years ago, since then **Trump** was elected **United States president**. In his first year several members of his cabinet were charged and convicted of crimes. **Trump** was impeached twice and defeated in re-election. He tried to overthrow the election and also led a mob to take over the **U.S. Capital** to prevent **V.P. Pence** certifying the **Electoral College** vote that **Joe Biden** had been elected. **Trump** has been charged and convicted in civil court for being a rapist and ordered to pay **\$5 million**. He is now under indictment by four different criminal grand juries. **Trump** now faces 91 felony charges in four states. **Donald Trump** is running for the **Republican** nomination and is the leading candidate. Conservative scholars, brilliant legal minds, have ruled that in their opinion **Trump** is not eligible to even serve as president again. He took an oath to uphold the **Constitution of the United States**. He broke that promise by trying to overthrow his own government on **Jan. 6**, 15 days before **Joe Biden** was sworn in as president.) **Sept. 3** Thanks for your time, mine is up. Have a safe Labor Day weekend. Check us out daily on our website therecordlive.com. **Take care and God bless.**

Deaths & Memorials

Glenda Loe Dixon, 88 Orange

Glenda Loe Dixon, 88, passed peacefully from this world on August 11, 2023 at her home surrounded by family and friends.

Visitation and funeral services will take place Friday, August 18, 2023 at McDonald Memorial Baptist Church in West Orange. Visitation will begin at 9:30am with funeral at 11am. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Orange.

Glenda was born in Cale, Arkansas on November 15, 1934. She graduated from Cale High School and soon after married the love of her life, Bill Edd Dixon, Sr. They then moved to Orange, Texas where they raised their two sons, Bill Jr. and Obie. After the two boys began school, Glenda was encouraged to go to college to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher. She enrolled in Lamar Tech College where she was able to graduate with a degree in Elementary Education in 1968. She was very happy to be able to teach 1st and 2nd grades at Lorena Oates Elementary and Salk Elementary for a total of 25 years. After retiring, Glenda and Bill Edd spent their retirement years in the RV world with their trailer and motor home. They met great friends as their travels took them to Nova Scotia, to Alaska, the Rio Grande Valley and all points in be-



Glenda Dixon

tween. Their greatest joy was spending time with their grandchildren. Glenda was a longtime member of McDonald Baptist Church and an active member of the Orange County Retired Teachers.

Glenda was preceded in death by husband Bill Dixon, Sr., her parents Eugene Loe and Orrie Mae Loe House, sisters Jeannie Riddling and Lavelle Beck, brothers Olen Loe and David Loe, and daughter-in-law Susan Dixon and niece Shannon Pruitt.

Those left to cherish memories of Glenda are sons Bill Dixon, Jr and wife Mary of Bridge City, Obie Dixon and wife Melinda of Shawnee, Kansas, sister, Martha Cockrill of Sulphur, Louisiana. Her grandchildren are Scott Dixon, Joel Dixon and wife Sarah, Will Dixon and wife Melissa, Jacob Reynolds and wife Orianna, and Lindsay Gasperino. Great-Grandchildren are Madison Dixon, Mackenzie Dixon, Stuart Dixon, James Dixon, Susan Dixon, Zoey Dixon, Alston Reynolds, Christopher Reynolds, Noah Gasperino and Korbin Gasperino.

Glenda's family would like to extend a special thank you to her personal caretaker, Nicole Workman for her faithful care and compassion. A special thank you goes to the entire staff of Best Hospice and their excellent care and service.



West Orange now has its first Blessing Box for people in need to get food items. Businessman Al Granger and his Team Granger presented the Blessing Box Monday to West Orange First Baptist Church and church member Meritta Kennedy, who is a city councilor. Granger and Kennedy are to the right of the box. On the left are church members Kelly Riley, plus Michael and Meritta Norwood. Donors are free to add non-perishable food items to the box and hungry people are invited to take the food. Two churches in Orange and one in Pinehurst also have Blessing Boxes.

Lower-priced meds From Page 1

lower, prices at the register would be driven down, said Texas state Rep. James Talarico, D-Austin, the bill's author.

The U.S. currently has a closed distribution system, in which retailers can only purchase medication from U.S. wholesalers — including those prescription drugs manufactured in another country — and does not allow any state discretion on which drugs to bring in.

The bill changes that only in the case of Canada, which has food and drug regulations and a drug track-and-trace system like those used by the U.S. to keep the supply chain secure.

The Texas measure passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both the House and Senate.

State budget analysts say that the program will cost \$20 million per year to administer, including hiring 25 people to run it. Other costs or benefits to the state cannot be determined yet, analysts say.

States are becoming increasingly impatient to get the program rolling after it was federally authorized in 2020.

When the program wasn't implemented by 2021, President Biden directed the FDA to speed up the process. Florida, among the first states to apply for the program, has sued the FDA for its inaction.

Republican lawmakers who backed the plan said the risks to people who can't afford the American medicines far outweigh the potential risks of importing those drugs.

"It's got to feel weird to see President Trump and President Biden on the same page ... but it is so true," said Texas House Human Services Committee Chair James Frank, R-Wichita Falls, who supported the bill. "And honestly there's probably other countries that we need to look at as well, but I think this is a great start."

U.S. prescription drug prices are among the highest in the world and, by some calculations, around three times more expensive than in Canada, where basic health care is taxpayer-subsidized. The United States is already the world's leading importer of pharmaceuticals.

Canada does not include pharmaceutical coverage in its universal health care coverage, but it has regulated brand-name wholesale drug prices since the 1980s. The U.S. does not.

About one-fourth of U.S. adults say it's difficult to afford their prescriptions, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, and some estimates put that number at one-third. High drug prices disproportionately impact lower-income people and people of color — including Black and Hispan-

ic people who are less likely to have health insurance than white Americans.

The Texas bill was roundly opposed by the pharmaceutical industry, which argues that a state-based program complicates streamlined federal processes by letting state officials or importers negotiate their own prices, pick their own drugs for the program, and take part in the security and labeling process.

Industry representatives also say it could threaten the security of the nation's drug supply chain by sidestepping the U.S. government's own track-and-trace distribution system, which documents a drug's path from its earliest ingredients to the drugstore shelves.

Opponents also argued that the program would be difficult to implement because Canada is struggling with a shortage of some medicines and likely wouldn't be able to meet the demand for them in the U.S.

The importation program has the backing of a range of Texas medical groups and health advocates — from the progressive group Every Texan, which advocates for the needs of lower-income residents, to hard-right conservative organization Texas Public Policy Foundation. The Texas Association of Health Plans, the AARP and Texans Care for Children also supports the bill.

Supporters dismissed pharma industry concerns as a fear of competition that would eat into their profits.

The argument that it sidesteps safety standards is false, Talarico said.

The only country included in the new federally authorized program is Canada, and the drugs imported from wholesalers in that country would have already been subject to their own secure tracking system before they ever hit the U.S., Talarico said. When they do, that information is available to the importer, who contracts with a lab to check it and then sends the Canadian tracking information and the results of the lab testing to the FDA — which runs it through its own standards before approving it for sale in the U.S.

Drugs from foreign countries are clearly being used safely and effectively by their own citizens, Frank said in the hearing.

"We're not seeing, in Europe and Canada, people falling over because their drugs aren't working," he said.

To the contrary, it's Americans who are dying because they can't get their medicines at all, Talarico said.

A recent study predicted that among Medicare beneficiaries alone, some 1.1 million older Americans would die prematurely over the next decade because they couldn't afford to take their medicines.

Public invited to breakfast with Golden Triangle Polymers, BCCC Sept. 6

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce along with the Golden Triangle Polymers is hosting a breakfast on September 6, 2023 at 8am at the Bridge City Community Center. A representative with Golden Triangle Polymers will provide an overview of the \$8.5 billion project under construction in Orange and the economic impacts to the

surrounding communities. The ticket cost for the event is \$25 and that includes breakfast along with hearing about the project. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call the Bridge City Chamber at 409-735-5671 or stop by the office 150 W. Roundbunch. Deadline to purchase tickets is August 30, 2023.

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c/o: **James R. Dunaway**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 100
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Dated the 24th day of August, 2023.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **KANDY SARTIN**, Deceased, were issued on **AUGUST 22, 2023**, in Cause No. **P19785**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **KELLY SARTIN HANEY**. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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Dated the 24th day of August, 2023.

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NOTICE TO IMPLEMENT REVISED FIXED FUEL FACTOR

Entergy Texas, Inc. hereby publishes NOTICE that, pursuant to Section 36.203 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (codified in TEX. UTIL. CODE) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 25.235(b), it filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the "Commission") on August 21, 2023, a tariff to implement a revised fixed fuel factor. All of Entergy Texas' retail customers whose fuel charges are calculated under the Texas fixed fuel factor tariff - including but not limited to Residential, Small General Service, Large General Service, Large Industrial Power Service, and Street and Outdoor Lighting Service - will be affected by the Commission's approval of the revised fixed fuel factor. The revised fixed fuel factor, if approved, will affect only the fuel portion of the rates charged by Entergy Texas and will have no effect on non-fuel base rates.

Entergy Texas seeks Commission approval to revise the fixed fuel factor effective with the first billing cycle of the September 2023 billing month. Entergy Texas proposed that the fixed fuel factor be changed pursuant to a semi-annual filing to be made each February and August, with revised fuel factors to be effective with the first billing cycle of the March and September billing months, pursuant to a methodology that changes the fuel factor based upon changes in the published price of natural gas. This methodology was authorized for use in Docket No. 32915.

The revised fixed fuel factor, differentiated by voltage level, is as follows:

FACTOR BY VOLTAGE LEVELS			
Delivery Voltage	Fixed Fuel Factor		
Secondary	\$0.0316975	per kWh	
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The revised fixed fuel factor would result in an increase in Entergy Texas' annual Texas retail fuel and purchased power revenues by approximately \$65.8 million, or 7.8% on an annual basis. Compared to the fixed fuel factor approved on an interim basis effective February 28, 2023, a residential customer using 1000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month would see an approximate increase of 11.4% annually, or \$3.19 on average per month, on his/her electric bill. The fixed fuel factor rate is designed to pass through to customers the actual fuel costs incurred by Entergy Texas to serve customers. Entergy Texas is not allowed to make a profit on fuel costs. These changes will be subject to final review by the commission in the electric utility's next reconciliation. Entergy Texas expects the revised fixed fuel factor to be in effect for the billing period of August 2023 through March 2024.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service - Fuel Factor, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call (866) 981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above. Persons may also email tc@entergy.com with questions or to request more information.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 55390 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection,

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A Bobcat fumble cost them eight yards, but Smith cut loose for 14 yards setting up a fourth-and-inches from the Cardinal 21. Fernando Sandoval Rodriguez gained 8 yards for the first down.

The next play Mason Manning carried the ball into the end zone for Orangefield. Ty Butler added the point-after to make it a 7-0 Bobcat lead.

Bridge City managed a

first down its first possession and then punted. The Cardinal defense was better at limiting Orangefield to just 5 yards on its second possession and forcing the Bobcats to punt.

Quarterback Hutch Bearden started to flash some magic this time the Cardinals had the ball. Bearden completed three straight passes and ran for 11 yards to pickup three first downs moving the ball to the Bobcat 19.

A Cardinal penalty pushed them back five yards before Bearden ran for a first and goal at the five. A short run and two incomplete passes setup a 25-yard field goal attempt which Victor Hernandez converted to make the score 7-3 with thirteen seconds left in the first

quarter.

The Orangefield defense created the first turnover of the game with a fumble recovery early in the second quarter. The Bobcats picked up three first downs and moved the ball to the Bridge City 19.

On third down Gonzales fumbled the snap and the Cardinals Rayburn Hebert recovered the loose ball. A penalty on first down by Bridge City did not help the poor field position moving the ball back inside the ten.

Kaleb Menard of the Bobcats then sacked Bearden inside the one. Kyle Michael blitzed from his linebacker position and tackled the Cardinal ball carrier in the end zone

PHOTO LEFT: Bridge City head football coach Chad Landry is doused with the ice bucket by Rayburn Hebert and Gavin Bodin after the Cardinals won the annual Bayou Bowl at Larry Eard Stadium on Friday.

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DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Bridge City had a long wait but Friday night at Larry Ward Stadium it accomplished something it has been hoping for years to do again. The Cardinals beat the Orangefield Bobcats in football 26-9 to capture the coveted Bayou Bowl.

The Cardinal victory means they get to take possession of the Buzzie Gunn Trophy which is awarded to the winning team in the football game between Bridge City and Orangefield. The Bobcats held the trophy for several years having won the last several games and a brief period when the rivalry was suspended for a couple of years.

The game was exciting

from start to finish as Orangefield took the early lead while Bridge City stayed close for three quarters. The Cardinals exploded for three touchdowns in the final period to pull away from the Bobcats late.

The first quarter looked like it might be a repeat of the last two years when Orangefield beat their rivals from across Cow Bayou. The Bobcats ran seven plays and scored a touchdown just 3:21 into the game.

Bobcat Kane Smith who was expected to start at quarterback was shifted to a running back so freshman Carson Gonzales could start instead. Smith made the change pay off when he took a handoff from Gonzales and flew 42 yards on the second play of the game for Or-

Lady Bobcats win volleyball tournament



The Lady Bobcats were champions of the Orangefield Volleyball Tournament held on Thursday and Saturday the last weekend of August. **RECORD PHOTO:** Dan Perrine

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The Lady Bobcats hosted the Orangefield Volleyball Tournament on Thursday and Saturday, August 24 and August 26. During the two days of play Orangefield went undefeated to capture the tournament trophy.

On Thursday Orangefield swept all three of its opponents in straight sets in a best two out of three sets format in the tournament. The Lady Bobcats beat Bob Hope early in the morning 25-10 and 25-20 in their opening match. Orangefield bested Deweyville 25-17 in both sets before defeating the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs 25-10 and 25-6 in the afternoon.

Volleyball action resumed on Saturday morning at the Orangefield Gymnasium. The Lady

Bobcats played a very tough Evadale team in their morning match.

Evadale took the first set 25-17 over the Lady Bobcats. Orangefield bounced back to grab the second set 25-20 before winning decisively 15-4 in the third set. Leaders for the Lady Bobcats were Hannah Block with 3 aces, Kaitlyn Jenkins with 4 kills, Kaylea Gravett with 8 digs, Lela Francis with 2 blocks, and Brianna Moore with 12 assists.

Another tight match followed for Orangefield against Anahuac. The Lady Bobcats rallied from being down through much of the first set to force extra points before finally taking the set 29-27 to grab the advantage.

The second set was another nailbiter going extra points. Orangefield won the set 26-24 to sweep the

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Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 90 degrees. Sabine Lake and the Channel can be tough to fish with the southwest winds. Intra-coastal Canal and Texaco Island is good for trout and redfish in 4-15 feet of water along the rocks and points with live shrimp under a popping cork or live croaker. Influx of flounder in the same areas. North Levy continues to be excellent in the morning for solid trout along the first or second pike with topwaters, live shrimp under a popping cork, or crankbaits. Nice flounder on Pleasure Island with live shrimp under a popping cork or Carolina rigs. Neches River to the Interstate 10 bridge holding nice redfish. Steady bite of redfish, flounder and trout on the rock piles, buoys, points and turnarounds using live shrimp popping cork 35 feet of water.

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

• Bolivar

GOOD. 87 degrees. The surf is holding numbers of black drum, sharks, and some big redfish on cut bait or live on the bottom. The gulf side of the North Jetty is holding limits of sheepshead and trout against rocks with an occasional redfish early near the end with a popping cork and shrimp. The wreck has good numbers of trout early on free-lined shrimp or croaker close to rocks. Channel side holding some nice trout close to the rocks and big redfish on the bottom. Sharks are at the end of the jetty towards the gulf side.

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

• Trinity Bay

GOOD. 89 degrees. Deeper shell pads holding decent numbers of speckled trout, shorelines producing speckled trout and redfish early. Rocks lining the ship channel are good for a few trout and better numbers of black drum and redfish. The best bite has been on live shrimp, followed by soft plastics.

Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 89 degrees. Scattered catches of speckled trout and redfish over open bay reefs when winds allow. Best bite on soft plastics and live shrimp, and of course live croakers. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter. Water is



The Record's Capt. Chuck Uzzle displays a nice Sabine Lake redfish.

stirred up again in a good portion of East Bay due to the west and southwest winds, the further east you venture the darker the water gets. Winds have been out of the west to southwest in the 8-10 mph range in the mornings, increasing to 12-18 mph as the day progresses, limiting off the shore reef tactics. Shrimp imitation lures under popping corks have still been producing the most bites for our anglers, and Slammin Sammy Chartreuse Tail has worked well with ¼ ounce jig heads fished with or without a popping cork. Catches of our targeted species of keeper trout are down this week compared to the last couple of weeks. Redfish are still feeding around grass lines and schooling and if you find them you can catch them pretty quickly. On live bait trips, a popping cork with live shrimp and mullet have been getting a good deal of action, fished on a 24 inch leader. Please remember to drink plenty of water and utilize plenty of sunscreen, as we have ventured into the time of year when it gets extremely hot on the water, and it is critical you stay hydrated and do not get overheated or sunburned, as after 10 A.M, you really begin to feel the effects. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

Little Hanna's Still holding speckled trout early and an occasional flounder, or redfish. The drains are holding lots of fish early in the day. Yates Bayou drain is holding redfish against grass line on popping cork and shrimp. Stever's Cut holding redfish near grass lines. Look for birds and slicks in Hanna's, Deep Reef, Moody's Reefs. Gas wells

A1 to Eagle point are holding some trout biting live croaker. Goat Island is holding redfish, with the occasional speckled trout, under a popping cork with shrimp or Carolina rigged live mullet finger mullet. Look for birds, slicks, and restless bait.

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

• Galveston Bay

FAIR. 90 degrees. Gas wells in the middle of the bay holding good numbers of speckled trout on live shrimp fished under popping corks. Black drum bite is fair for those fishing the bottom. Rock structure holding a few speckled trout, black drum, and sheepshead. Best bait has been live shrimp fished under popping corks. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. With the blue water moving closer again the piers should be back on for redfish, sharks, and jack crevalle. Todd's Dump to Redfish Island holding some nice trout on croaker and strawberry with white artificials. The gas wells off the ship channel bordering Brothel Island are holding some nice speckled trout, and occasional redfish on croaker. The South Jetty holds some big redfish with a few nice slots. Some nice sharks can be found at the end. The Gulf side of the jetty is on fire for speckled trout, sheepshead, pompano and redfish close to rocks on popping cork with live bait free-lined shrimp, or Carolina rigged float with shrimp, or chatterweight and croaker. Channel side holding trout and redfish close to rocks with popping cork and live shrimp. The railroad

bridge is holding redfish drum and a decent number of speckled trout early on live bait.

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

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 89 degrees. Anglers fishing live shrimp catching mixed box of redfish, speckled trout and black drum. Waders throwing croakers catching decent numbers of speckled trout and a few redfish. Deeper shell holding speckled trout, best bite on live croakers. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. West Bay's South Shore is holding a lot of speckled trout and redfish for wade anglers around the coves and grass lines from South Deer Island to San Luis Pass. Both sides of Bird Island and the flats continue to hold good numbers of speckled trout and redfish for wade anglers. North shorelines between Carancahua Reef and Confederate Reef holding good trout and redfish with the occasional flounder drifting, or off pole A to D with chatterweight and croaker or popping cork with Shrimp. The pass is holding some redfish and speckled trout using live bait. Seeing a few Tarpon surfaces between the pass and Jamaica Beach. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

• Texas City

FAIR. 89 degrees. Off-shore catches remain good for big red snapper, amberjack, even a few ling and dorado. Anglers fishing around the dike catching some speckled trout and redfish on live shrimp. Galveston jetties producing mixed catches of speckled trout, black drum, and slot reds. Those using heavy tackle are finding sharks and bull redfish. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The Dike has trout at the end close to rocks on popping cork with live shrimp.

Lady Cardinals top Lady Bobcats in volleyball

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record



Lexi Nugier the libero for the Lady Cardinals played a strong game on the back row in helping Bridge City defeat the Lady Bobcats at Orangefield in four sets.

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The same week Bridge City and Orangefield were staging the annual Bayou Bowl in football the two schools played an exciting volleyball match. The Lady Cardinals defeated the Lady Bobcats in four sets on Tuesday, August 22, at the Orangefield Gymnasium.

Playing on their home court the Lady Bobcats took an early lead in the first set when Orangefield won five of the first six points. Two later points went to the Lady Bobcats when serves by Lela Francis could not be returned by the Lady Cardinals as Orangefield took a 14-7 advantage.

Bridge City grabbed four straight points to close the gap to four points at 22-18 in favor of Orangefield. Lady Bobcat Greenlea Oldham made a kill and an errant serve by the Lady Cardinals ended the first set 25-19 in favor of the Lady Bobcats.

The second set began in a similar fashion with Orangefield going up 7-3 before Bridge City went on an extended run. The Lady Cardinals banged home fourteen of the next fifteen points led by three kills apiece from Demi Carter and Nicole Sasser who returned after being out earlier this season with a leg injury.

Enjoying a nine-point cushion 17-8 the Lady Cardinals closed out the second set 25-14 to even the match. Carter added three more kills and Makenna Knight chipped in with two kills to help give Bridge City the set.

The Lady Cardinals picked up where they left off as the match moved to the third set. Bridge City jumped to an 8-3 lead and extended its lead to nine points 19-10 after taking six consecutive volleys.

Three straight points by the Lady Bobcats got the hometown fans hop-

ing for a comeback, but the Lady Cardinals won six of the last eight volleys to take the set 25-15 and the lead two sets to one in the match.

The fourth set was the best of the match with momentum swinging back and forth between the two teams. Bridge City got two unreturnable serves from Cambree LaComb and a sensational dig by Lexi Nugier that actually won a point to give the Lady Cardinals a 13-5 advantage.

Not giving up Orangefield rebounded using three kills by Kaitlyn Jenkins and an unreturnable serve from Brianna Moore to narrow the deficit to four points. Carter and Knight combined for four kills as Bridge City grabbed six of the next eight points for a 23-15 score.

The Lady Bobcats won a point to get the serve back, and Kaylea Gravett made two very good serves that were unreturnable to pull Orangefield within five points. Lady Cardinal Demi Carter followed with two kills that earned Bridge City the set 25-20 to capture the match three sets to one.

Recent callup to the Orangefield varsity Mikayla Locke played a strong game with 13 digs on the back row. Setter Cambree LaComb of Bridge City had a great night assisting the other Lady Cardinals for kills.

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Cardinals take Bayou Bowl From Page 1B



Bridge City Cardinal receiver Bryce Breeden is defended by Orangefield Bobcat Kaleb Menard during Bayou Bowl action Friday. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson



Bridge City Cardinal quarterback Hutch Bearden rolls out to pass to roll over Orangefield during the Bayou Bowl. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson

for a safety to give Orangefield a 9-3 lead with three minutes left before half time.

The free kick after the safety gave the Bobcats the ball at the Bridge City 45. On first down Gonzales was hit while trying to pass and fumbled with the Cardinals Nicholas Lejeune scooping the ball up and returning it to the Orangefield 29.

Once again Bridge City started the drive with a penalty, but Bearden got

those five yards back on the next play with a run. He then passed seven yards to Jerris Brown followed by Hutch running ten yards for a first down to the 12 of Orangefield.

Three pass plays netted five yards for the Cardinals. Hernandez came in again and booted a 24-yard field goal to cut the Orangefield lead to 9-6 with only 31 seconds left in the half which the Bobcats ran out by taking a knee after the kickoff.

The second half began with Bridge City receiving the football but a fumble on the Cardinals' third play was recovered by the Bobcats' Lane Gipson. Orangefield had its first pass completion of the game when Gonzales hit Manning sprinting out of the backfield for a 43-yard gain to the Bridge City 37.

The drive stalled there and the Bobcats got a good punt from Caleb Fregia pinning the Cardinals at their 12. Bearden ran for

two first downs the second for 28 yards to the Orangefield 44.

Merik Aras ran the ball twice for eight yards and Bearden went seven yards for another first down. Two plays later Bearden fumbled and Menard recovered for the Bobcats.

After a punt by Orangefield the Cardinals took possession at their 20 with 2:03 left in the scoreless third quarter. Gavin Bodin caught a pass for a first down and a pass interfer-

ence penalty called on the Bobcats gave Bridge City a first down at the Cardinals 46.

Freshman Bryce Breeden made a sensational catch good for 27 yards to the Orangefield 27. Aras gained a first down on the ground to the Bobcat 15.

The Cardinals avoided disaster when they recovered their own fumble at the 13. The next play Bearden found Brown with a pass near the left sideline where Jerris dodged a tackler and went into the end zone for the touchdown that gave Bridge City its first lead of the game 12-9 with 10:36 left in the fourth quarter.

Its next possession down by three points with only eight minutes left Orangefield was forced to gamble on fourth-and-five. Punter Fregia who is also a quarterback faked a punt and attempted to run for a first down but was stopped well short by the Cardinals' Ayden Richardson.

Bridge City marched 47 yards using runs from Aras and Bearden plus a 23-yard completion to Bodin on third and twelve to move to the Orangefield 13. Bearden got the touchdown on a 10-yard scramble to make the score 19-9 with 3:35 to play in the game.

The Bobcats were now desperate and forced away from their ground attack needing to throw the ball on every down. Three sacks by Richardson and Blaze King turned the ball back over to the Cardinals

at the Orangefield 6.

Bearden put the icing on the victory cake for the Cardinals with a 6-yard scamper for the final score of the game. The Bobcats ran out the final 1:51 on the clock but the celebrations were all on the Bridge City side of the field.

The star of the game was very obvious at the end of the game with the Cardinals' Hutch Bearden accounting for all three of his team's touchdowns with one score through the air and the other two with his feet. Bearden gained 109 yards on 20 carries while completing 13 of 25 passes with no interceptions good for 163 yards on the night.

The Bridge City passing game was spread around with five different Cardinals catching passes. Brown grabbed 5 for 64 yards, Bodin nabbed 3 for 49 yards, Breeden caught 3 for 40 yards, while Abraham Mungia and Ethan Peet each had one reception for 8 and 2 yards respectively.

The Bobcats did have over 70 yards passing, but their normally vaunted running game netted 165 yards on 33 designed running plays. Seven sacks of their quarterback actually subtracted 34 yards from that Bobcat rushing total.

In Week 2 the Bridge City Cardinals will try to make it two wins in a row as they travel to Buna. The Orangefield Bobcats play at home against the private school Legacy Sports.

Orangefield Lady Bobcats From Page 1B

match and earn a spot in the championship round.

Brianna Moore lead the Lady Bobcats with 2 aces and 23 assists. Greenlea Oldham topped the Lady Bobcats with 10 kills and 4 blocks. Hannah Block was a leader with 9 digs.

It took three sets to determine the Lady Bobcats' opponent in the final round. Anahuac won the first and third sets to defeat Evadale so the Lady Panthers could face Orangefield again.

The opening set of the championship match was almost a repeat of the earlier meeting between Orangefield and Anahuac a few hours earlier. Anahuac took several leads

only to have the Lady Bobcats rally.

Mikayla Locke of the Lady Bobcats made a nice volley that put Orangefield at set point but Anahuac tied the score at twenty-four. Locke hit another strong volley that put the Lady Bobcats at set point again and a failed volley by Anahuac ended the set 26-24 in favor of Orangefield.

The second set looked like it might be a breather for the Lady Bobcats when they jumped to a 15-6 lead. Anahuac would not go down easily winning ten of the next eleven points to tie the set at sixteen.

After a point by the

Lady Bobcats, Anahuac took its first lead in the second set with two straight points. Orangefield regained the advantage 20-18 before Anahuac tied the set at 21 points apiece.

The Lady Bobcats won a pivotal point to get the serve back. Brianna Moore closed out the set serving with Orangefield taking all three points on Moore's serve to capture the set 25-21 and sweep the match two sets to none.

Leaders for the Lady Bobcats were Kaitlyn Jenkins with 3 aces, Greenlea Oldham with 4 kills and 2 blocks matching Lela Francis, and Hannah

Block with 9 digs. Brianna Moore showed her setting ability with 23 assists.

Moore was the only Lady Bobcat selected to the all-tournament team. Brianna received a medal for her outstanding contribution in being named to the select team.

Orangefield Coach Ash-

lee Peevey was excited about her Lady Bobcats' great team effort. "We just played together today more than I've seen thus far in the season. We played as a team, they worked together, their energy was great all throughout the day which sometimes is hard to get from teenaged girls. We kept having close sets today. Luckily we were chal-

lenged, but the Lady Bobcats kept rising to the occasion. I'm very proud of them," Peevey responded.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats played at Deweyville on Tuesday, August 29.

Their upcoming matches are Friday, September 1, at Woodville and Tuesday, September 5 at Port Neches-Groves.

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LCM Bears hope to grab the Orange Bowl

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

It was an impressive Week 1 for Little Cypress Mauriceville with a win to start the season. This week would be even bigger for the Bears if they can come home with a victory in the annual Orange Bowl.

The season opened at Sour Lake for LCM against the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks. The Bears rolled to a 42-7 victory in the game.

Head Coach Eric Peevey said Little Cypress Mauriceville actually started off a little slow in the first quarter. "With the number of young players we have I knew that was going to happen. We had some mistakes dropped a couple punts which gave the Hawks great field position twice once inside the ten and once at the



Jonah Fuller of LCM had good night running the football while also playing on defense in the Bears' win last Friday night.

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fifteen. Our defense did their job stopping them making them punt," Peevey replied.

After the Bears scored first their conditioning took over. Peevey explained, "I feel like our summer conditioning and our weights we're doing

right now really helped us through that first game. We didn't have any Bears cramp or have any of our kids go out. It just seemed like we were moving at a lot faster pace than the other team. This is something we harped on all summer and it really worked well for us." It is always good to report no major injuries and that was the case for LCM.

Peevey was pleased with the fantastic effort by the offensive line, and the coach praised quarterback Dylan Payne in his first varsity start directing the offense. Running backs Jonah Fuller and J'Lynn Morris got special mentions from the coach.

"We had a lot of young players make a lot of big plays. Our seniors definitely played like seniors. We've got to clean up some things,

but I was really happy with the Bears' effort," Peevey added.

The Bears play the West Orange-Stark Mustangs this week. The winner of the game on Friday gets to take home the Orange Bowl.

The Mustangs attack opposing defenses out of the Spread Offense. They will use a tight end and sometimes six offensive linemen.

The WOS offense bases around quarterback Marcus Turner. Peevey elaborated, "Everything runs through him. He's really good at throwing the ball and he's also great at scrambling and running around. The Mustangs have plays set up for him to run the ball. They use multiple backs all of them are about the same and all of them can score on any play. Their

receiver Taydren Perrault is very fast, so we've got to make sure that we keep him from getting behind us, and we're going to look for trick-keration trick plays, deep balls, things like that. We've got to make sure everything stays in front of us and make them earn every yard they get and we're going to have to fly to the ball with the Mustangs on offense because they're definitely a very fast team."

On defense West Orange-Stark will switch between a four-man front and then will go with a three-man front. The Mustangs will send blitzes off the edge.

Peevey believes the Mustangs' best defensive player is Jalen Gilmore at line-backer. Defensive end Derrick Williams is a very explosive player for WOS.

The Bears' coach pointed out West Orange-Stark will run some man-coverage in the secondary. The Mustangs will use cover-three or cover-four, and they will switch their coverages up which makes it hard for opponent offenses to get a pre-snap read or tendency of what the Mustangs are doing.

West Orange-Stark uses a lot of blitzes. "They going to send the heat and try to get some chaos on your side of the ball which always leads to turnovers and things like that. The Mustangs all run to the ball well. We're just going to have to make sure we don't make any silly mistakes and give them any turnovers," Peevey analyzed.

Little Cypress Mauriceville

LCM BEARS Page 5B

WOS Mustangs motivated to take Orange Bowl trophy

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Week 1 did not start well for West Orange-Stark, but in the end the Mustangs won on the road. This week the Mustangs return home to play their crosstown rival in the Orange Bowl.

Nederland is always a tough place to play and that was true last Friday for the Mustangs who trailed the Bulldogs at halftime. Adjustments were made and West Orange-Stark completed the comeback from behind game with a 40-34 win.

Coach Hiawatha Hickman summarized the comeback victory for the Mustangs. "The kids showed a lot of grit staying in there. We talked all week long it was going to be a dogfight, and we had to stay in the fight. We went over there with our 29 Mustangs and we looked across the field and they've got 65. We knew we were going to have to withstand some runs from them since they are big and physical with a lot of lettermen. First half they jumped out on us and gave us some different looks we hadn't seen on film. We had to make some adjustments which we did in the second half," Hickman related.

Marcus Turner the Mustangs' quarterback had a tremendous night. Turner had 22 carries for 212 yards rushing and passed for 131 yards. Hickman praised, "He was definitely a stand-out."

Nicholas Crosson made two catches for 72 yards and two Mustang touchdowns. Freshman Khelvy Jefferson tied the game for WOS with a great run down by the goal line.

"We had a lot of people that contributed. We needed it because we had some guys cramping in the sec-



Freshman Khelvy Jefferson scored the tying touchdown for the Mustangs in their comeback win over Nederland.

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ond half, but our conditioning came along because you could tell in the fourth quarter the Bulldogs were down and we were starting to catch our second wind which I was real happy we were able to do that because the Bulldogs only played one way while the majority of our guys play both ways. It was a great win for the Mustangs," Hickman exclaimed.

Friday night will be the renewal of the Orange Bowl between West Orange-Stark and the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears. Both the Mustangs and the Bears will come into the game with 1-0 records.

The LCM Bears operate out of the Spread on offense. Hickman indicated, "They do a good job of spreading you out and do a real good job with the quarterback run game. They give you a lot of zone read, power read, and a lot of quarterback sweeps. They're a little bit different than what they were last year, but they're big up front."

The quarterback for the Bears is Dylan Payne who played linebacker on defense last season. Payne likes to run the ball and can punish opposing tacklers attempting to bring him to the ground.

Little Cypress Mauriceville

ille is expected to rotate its running backs behind Payne. The leading ground gainer for the Bears maybe J'Lynn Morris with Jonah Fuller and Daunte Greer getting plenty of opportunity to also run the football.

"We're going to have to play assignment football because they give you a lot of different formations that we'll have to align up to cover. They are the Bears and this is the Orange Bowl, so we know they're going to give us their best shot. We had a dogfight with them last year in which we had to come back and win," Hickman reminded.

The Bears on defense are guided by Defensive Coordinator John Davis who is a disciple of the 4-3 format. LCM will bring blitzes in the 4-3 off of the edge.

Graduation may have taken some of the big names from the front four for LCM, but the newer guys there play very hard. Eddie Winters at the defensive end is a leader in that unit for the Bears.

Middle linebacker Luke McDow is a very good hitter and tackler for Little Cypress Mauriceville. Hickman said, "McDow had a real good game last week against Hardin-Jefferson."

Coach Hickman elaborated, "They kind of do

what they do. They play a cover two shell in the back, they just kind of line up, and do their thing. Nothing exotic about them those kids just play hard."

Going into the week of the Orange Bowl against

Little Cypress Mauriceville, Coach Hickman and his Mustangs hope to start off better than they did last week against Nederland or even a year ago when the Bears took an early lead in the rivalry game before

West Orange-Stark rallied. Hickman and the Mustang coaches are reviewing videotape from LCM's first game and the scrimmages to be better prepared for

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Orangefield Bobcats face a tough test with the Titans

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For The Record

For three quarters the Orangefield Bobcats were leading their opening game of the season, but a decisive fourth quarter resulted in a loss. This week the Bobcats play a very talented private school out of the greater Houston area in Orangefield.

The Bobcats led the Bayou Bowl against their big Orange County rival the Bridge City Cardinals 9-6 going into the fourth quarter. Bridge City scored 20 unanswered points in the final period to hand Orangefield their first loss in the series in over five years.

Orangefield Head Coach Josh Smalley was disappointed with the defeat. "You tip your cap to Bridge City and their coaches. They coached well, played well, and they won the foot-

ball game. We've got to get better this week and learn from it," Smalley expressed.

Smalley reminded, "I thought for three quarters we played really well. We turned the ball over which was a key issue. In the fourth quarter we had five or six Bobcats going both ways, the Cardinals had none, the dam finally broke, and when it broke we couldn't stop them. Their quarterback ran the ball really well and we had a hard time tackling him."

As expected the Bayou Bowl was a hard fought game between Orangefield and Bridge City. Thankfully, it was a cleanly played game and there were no serious injuries for any of the Bobcats.

The Legacy School of Sports Science from Spring comes to Orangefield to play the Bobcats on Friday night. The Titans have a lot of very good athletes as in-

dicated by their 29-0 win in Week 1 against Huffman.

Legacy uses the Spread Offense to get the football to its myriad of skilled players. Topping the list of Titans the Bobcats must stop are their quarterback and their tailback.

Quarterback Keisean Henderson is a sophomore who has moved from being a wide receiver last year. Henderson is a special athlete with several college offers already.

Ahmare (A.J.) Merrida is an explosive runner at tailback. "He's hard to catch in the open field, can make moves, can make you miss, extremely talented, and does a really good job," Smalley expounded.

The Titan receiving corps is led by Michael Brown and Kameron Williams who can both go deep for passes from Henderson. Coach Smalley described, "Legacy is very athletic on offense.



Jonah Fuller of LCM had good night running the football while also playing on defense in the Bears' win last Friday night.

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The Titans put you in space to try to make you make a one-on-one tackle in space against their guys. The Titans are well coached by former Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop. They do not have a whole lot of tendencies. Their offense is 50 percent run and 50 percent pass, and they're really good at what they do while also being big up front. It'll be a challenge for us against probably the most athletic team we will see all year."

As talented as Legacy is on offense the big change from last year to this season for the Titans is on defense.

Smalley stated that is where he sees the most improvement for Legacy.

"Last year the Titans could put up points, but opponents could do the same as we scored 30 on them last year. Watching them against Huffman they looked really well coached defensively," Smalley observed.

Based out of a four-man front the Titans will align in a 4-2-5 or a 4-3 defense. Their personnel on defense like the offense is loaded with athletes.

Defensive back Joseph Smith is a junior who has already committed to play at Arizona State. Smith is a lockdown cornerback that will get in the face of opposing receivers and shut them down.

Another impact player for Legacy on defense is Stefan Reynolds who will line up as a safety or a line-backer. In the defensive line are Jordan Whitley and Traeyvon Edmond who stand out.

Smalley evaluated, "We saw them in two scrimmages and then we saw them in a game against Huffman. The Titans took it to Huff-

man pretty good. They're speedy, they're fast, they're well coached, they run to the football, and when they get there they look like they're mad at you and they're coming to let you know they're there!"

The goal for Orangefield in Week 2 as would be expected is to get a win to even the Bobcats' record for the season. The number two goal is to cut down on the turnovers as well as avoiding sacks and other plays for loss yardage by the Bobcat offense.

The coach summarized what Orangefield must do to beat Legacy. "If we can improve on our tackling, if we can cut the turnovers down, and our conditioning's got to get better because in the fourth quarter we've got to be in better shape which is on me as the head coach to get them to be able to play the full 48 minutes. We've got to get off this losing thing and get back in the win column," Smalley concluded.

The Orangefield Bobcats play the Legacy Titans on Friday. The kickoff will be at 7:30 PM in Orangefield's E. L. McClain Stadium.

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the Bears come Friday night.

Hickman gave his preparations for the game. "We've got an opportunity this Friday to make some adjustments to the same offense we saw last week, and I think we'll play a lot better on defense. Hopefully, hav-

ing a game under our belt we'll start out better on defense and play like we did in the second half against Nederland. Offensively we'll try to spread it around, and hopefully Marcus doesn't have to carry it 22 times like he did last week, and we'll get our running

game going," Hickman concluded.

The Orange Bowl is Friday night. West Orange-Stark plays Little Cypress Mauriceville beginning at 7:00 in Dan R. Hooks Stadium in West Orange.

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ille return a number of players that played in last year's Orange Bowl which was one of the better contests in the decades old rivalry. Peevey believes, "Our kids are understanding how to play in those rivalry games by not getting too high or getting too low, but understand the physicality of this game and how the fans are going to be excited. It's going to be a packed house for our fans and the Mustangs' fans in their first home game so the Bears are start-

ing to learn how to play in that type of atmosphere and use the fans to get the players excited, but at the same point you don't want to get too up and feel like the game is over because the Mustangs showed it last week by coming from behind with a big win."

What are the keys to an LCM victory in the Orange Bowl? "We're going to have to play every down, every snap and not worry about what happened on the last play or the next play it's go-

ing to be each individual play. We're going to have to worry about our goals and getting after it and go one play at a time, and that's how you beat good football teams," Peevey concluded.

The Orange Bowl will be played on Friday night. The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears will battle the West Orange-Stark Mustangs beginning at 7:00 in Dan R. Hooks Stadium on the West Orange-Stark High School campus.

First Saturday give-aways Sept. 2

First Saturday is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Bridge City. We will be giving away hurricane supplies September 2nd from 10 a.m. until 12 noon under the car port on the side of the sanctuary in the parking lot. Look for the balloons and signs. Hurricane season will soon be here so supplies to be given away will be flashlights, can openers, lanterns, hand sanitizers, matches, first aid kit, garbage bags, etc. Prayer will be offered for those who request it as well as Bibles. Our Sunday morning church services are at 10:30 am and we welcome everyone who does not have a church home.

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The American Legion Post 49, located at 108 Green Ave in Orange, will be having a fish fry on Thursday, Sept. 14th, starting at 11 am at the Post. The menu will consist of fried fish, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, bread and dessert for \$10.00. Orders can be placed on Wednesday, Sept. 13th for orders to go or by 9 am on Thursday morning, Sept. 14th for delivery. Walk-ins are welcome. Delivery is available. To place an order call (409) 886-1241

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“Do you ever remember your mom helping you put your clothes on?”

The question came from my wife, a mother of two young boys who have not yet mastered the art of getting dressed. I thumbed through the files of those early years and came up blank, the thousands of pant-pull-ups and shirt-put-ons lost to conscious memory. My wife came up blank too.

It was a humbling moment, as we imagined our boys, thirty years from now, remembering almost nothing of these everyday routines. It was also a moment — and they seem to come often these days — that put motherhood in a new and hallowed light.

“The wisest of women builds her house,” Solomon tells us (Proverbs 14:1) — and house-building, I am learning, is both beautiful and forgettable. Essential and often unnoticed. One of the world’s most important tasks, and one of the most easily overlooked. Clothing children, feeding children, teaching children, disciplining children — this is brickwork: painful and painstaking, slow going and mundane.

But if you follow godly men and women back to their beginnings, you will often find a mother pulling a foot through a pant leg, reciting a psalm from a smudged index card, and through ten thousand other small moments, building a



house whose walls gleam with godly wisdom and whose floors rest on the fear of the Lord.

Two Women, Two Homes

The book of Proverbs, like much wisdom literature, describes two ways to live. And at the heart of these two ways are two women and two homes: Lady Wisdom and “her house” (Proverbs 9:1), Woman Folly and “her house” (Proverbs 9:13-14). Both women call out to the simple (Proverbs 9:3, 15); both invite the young and immature to “turn in here” (Proverbs 9:4, 16). But while those in Wisdom’s home find life (Proverbs 9:6, 11), Folly’s door leads to death (Proverbs 9:18).

We might assume these women are no more than creative literary devices, personifications of two life paths. But Proverbs invites us to see more. In this book addressed mainly to sons, one of the greatest recurring dangers appears in the figure of the “forbidden woman,” a real-life temptress who seduces simple men (Proverbs 7:5, 21).

Proverbs portrays her as Folly incarnate (Proverbs 7:11; 9:13), the ruin of many sons (Proverbs 7:26).

Meanwhile, however, Lady Wisdom also appears in bodily form, ultimately in the figure of the godly wife. Just as wisdom crowns a man (Proverbs 4:9), so too does an excellent wife (Proverbs 12:4). Just as “whoever finds [wisdom] finds life and obtains favor from the Lord” (Proverbs 8:35), so “he who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord” (Proverbs 18:22). Proverbs ends with a poem portraying such a woman, who not only “opens her mouth with wisdom” (Proverbs 31:26) but is Lady Wisdom in wifely form (Proverbs 8:11; 31:10).

Yet before a man meets Lady Wisdom as wife, he is meant to meet her as mother.

Mother Wisdom

The book of Proverbs culminates with a mother’s teaching to her son (Proverbs 31:1). Long before Proverbs 31, however, the book teaches us to see a

godly mother as Lady Wisdom’s first embodiment. Note the similarity between Proverbs 9:1 (about Lady Wisdom) and Proverbs 14:1 (about wise mothers):

• *Wisdom has built her house. (Proverbs 9:1)*

• *The wisest of women builds her house. (Proverbs 14:1)*

More is happening in the small moments of motherhood than meets the eye. As an imperfect but God-fearing woman builds her house, she becomes for her children Wisdom’s first face, first voice, first touch. Through her daily presence, children learn what Wisdom looks like and feels like; through her daily words, children hear Wisdom’s plea: “O sons, listen to me. . . Leave your simple ways, and live” (Proverbs 8:32; 9:6).

At the crossroads between life and death, then, Proverbs would have us picture a woman, a mother, teaching and calling and living such that her children choose the fear of the Lord, choose wisdom, choose life. Her voice may not sound as loud as Woman Folly’s (Proverbs 9:13);

she may often be hidden from public view; her work may sometimes seem as forgettable as fastening a Velcro strap on a toddler’s shoe. But over time, her home becomes the very womb of Wisdom, forming children who scorn the house of Folly.

Heart of the Family

Of course, a father stands at the crossroads between life and death as well. Much of the direct teaching in Proverbs, in fact, comes from a father to his sons. Like Lady Wisdom, he too instructs and warns and pleads with his children to choose life (Proverbs 3:13-18), and he appears throughout chapters 1-9 as the family’s primary teacher and exhorter (Proverbs 1:8; 3:12; 4:1; 6:20). Even still, Proverbs personifies wisdom as a woman and then embodies her in the real-life figures of wife and mother. Why?

Surely in part because a father’s influence in the home, though deep and foundational, is also limited by the typical calling God places upon him. In Proverbs 31, the husband and father is standing “in the gates” (Proverbs 31:23), away from home, while the wife and mother “looks well to the ways of her household” (Proverbs 31:27).

This father, no doubt, spends much time at home — and this mother, we know, is not afraid to venture into the marketplace (Proverbs 31:18, 24). But in the complementary union of husband and wife, his daytime calling leans more toward society, while hers leans more toward family. And therefore, as

home-builder, home-maker, home-keeper, she is wisdom’s steady presence through so many hours when her husband cannot be.

Even in families where a mother sometimes works outside the home, Herman Bavinck’s observation still often holds true: A mother’s profound influence on her children, then, comes not in spite of her seemingly small work in small places, but precisely because of it.

When Her Children Rise My young sons do not yet grasp the gift God has given them in this mother “who fears the Lord” (Proverbs 31:30). In all likelihood, they will not remember how she lifted them onto the potty or gently sang God’s praises this morning. But day by day, they are feeling the touch and hearing the voice of Lady Wisdom. And when, God willing, they learn to embrace her for themselves (and the Christ she represents), they will no doubt add their voices to the children of the wise:

The praiseworthy hero, as often happens in God’s kingdom, is not the one our society would expect: not the big, but the small; not the well-known, but the obscure; not the woman wrestling men in the movies, but the woman wrestling a T-shirt over a toddler’s head. When we rise up and call her blessed, we anticipate the day when everything hidden will be revealed and the forgotten labors of every wise mother will be proclaimed from the housetops.

“The wisest of women builds her house,” Solomon tells us. And our wisdom is to rejoice in such a woman.

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