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County jail overall looks good to state

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

The Orange County Jail once again passed a surprise inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, but Jail Captain James Eiselstein said the commission said the county needs to deal with the rust in the complex.

Captain Eiselstein presented Orange County Commissioners Court with the full report and said the recent inspection was made in person. Because of staff cutbacks at the commission, the previous inspection was based on records sent to the commission.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney oversee the jail and its operations. Eiselstein said the jail, which has parts built nearly 50 years ago, has the metal in the cells and bars rusting. The sheriff's office will work on getting the rusty spots removed and repainted.

"We've got a good staff and they do a good job," the

captain told the court.

Commissioners also heard good news from the AgriLife Extension Service in Orange County. Franny Woods with the 4-H program in the extension service reported the local office was honored at a state convention for having the top growth in the state for the 4-H program.

Woods gave commissioners a quarterly report on the programs and participation in AgriLife programs during the past three months. The programs not only include 4-H, but others like Texas Master Gardeners, which began a new training class in September with 18 enrolled.

The OC AgriLife Extension service has the categories of Family and Community Health, 4-H, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Better Living for Texans.

During the past three months the service has numerous programs for youth and adults like canning,

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The Orangefield High School will hold their Homecoming game this Friday night at the F. L. McClain Stadium. Pictured is the Homecoming Court: Band Beau: Lathan Schlicher; Band Sweetheart: Madison Meyer; Freshmen princess: Emma Marshall; Sophomore princess: Blair Butler; Junior princess: Maci Waguespack; 2023 Homecoming Queen Candidates: Gracie Luker, Sterling Richard, Brianna Moore and Paris Becker; Football Sweetheart: Emilee Nunez and Football Beau: Mason Houghton.

Local state representative embroiled in GOP 'civil war'

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Orange County could be in a national political spotlight as its state representative, Dade Phelan, who serves as Texas speaker of the house, is becoming embroiled in what is being described as an "intensifying civil war" within the state GOP.

At the end of September, the Texas Republican Party called on Phelan to resign. Also, the Orange County Republican Party censured Phelan for his work with Democrats to impeach State Attorney General Ken Paxton.

David Covey of Mauriceville, a former Orange County Republican party chair who once worked for U.S. Representative Steve Stockman, has announced he is running against Phelan in the March primary.

Political scientists are referring to Phelan as a "moderate" Republican compared to the "far right conservatives" in the state party.

The state brouhaha continued on Monday after Phelan demanded Lt. Gov-



Dade Phelan



David Covey

ernor Dan Patrick reject a \$3 million campaign donation from the Defend Texas Liberty PAC (political action group). Phelan's demand came when the online publication Texas Tribune reported the head of Defend Texas Liberty had met in his office with Nick Fuentes, a white supremacist and antisemite, for nine hours.

"This [is] not just a casual misstep," Phelan said in a statement. "It's indicative of the moral, political rot that has been festering in a certain segment of our party for far too long. Anti-Semitism, bigotry and Hitler apologists should find no sanctuary in the Republican Party. Period.

We cannot – and must not – tolerate the tacit endorsement of such vile ideologies."

Phelan said Fuentes is a Nazi sympathizer who quotes Hitler and supports a "holy war" against Jews. He is asking not only Patrick, but also other Republicans who have received Defend Texas Liberty donations and loans to give the money for charity.

Patrick quickly accused Phelan of taking advantage of the Hamas raid on Israel, which has started a war in the Jewish state. The lieutenant governor also condemned Nick Fuentes and his views. Patrick is supporting Israel.

The Texas Tribune re-

ported "Acting on a tip, a Tribune reporter and photographer on Friday observed Fuentes and others — including Kyle Rittenhouse, who was acquitted of homicide after killing two men at a Black Lives Matter protest in 2020 — enter the one-story office of Pale Horse Strategies outside of Fort Worth. Pale Horse Strategies is a consulting firm owned by Stickland to advise far-right candidates; it has received hundreds of thousands of dollars from Defend Texas Liberty PAC, where he also serves as president."

Phelan has come under attack from many Republicans after the Texas House of Representatives, which he leads, voted to impeach State Attorney General Ken Paxton on several charges. Paxton wanted the state to pay \$3.3 million for a whistle-blower lawsuit brought against him by former aides of bribery and abuse of office.

A majority of Republicans in the house voted with Democrats to impeach Paxton. But later, in a trial

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Scary drama during Historic Ghost Walk, Sat.

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

In October 1886, bodies were found floating in Sabine Lake and the Sabine River. Though local volunteers recovered many of the bodies, the bones of the victims of the disaster were found in the marshes for years.

The story of the bodies, along with other local stories of murder and scandal will be part of the Seventh Annual Historic Ghost Walk through downtown on Saturday October 14.

The event is held by Heritage House Museum, which was founded in 1976 to preserve the history of Orange County. The Historic Ghost Walk was created to tell true history of local events at the places around the Sabine River and downtown area where they happened.

The historic ghost walk started in 2016 as a Halloween season event to let people know about past murders, shootings, and famous events. Heritage House board member Adam Conrad at the time was the drama teacher at Vidor High School and he had some of his students volunteer to dress up and present the histories. About

150 people came that first year.

Attendance and participation grew, even though the historic ghost walk had to be canceled during the 2020 Covid pandemic. Last year, more than 1,000 people attended and all five public high schools in Orange County had students participating.

Currently, Conrad is president of the Heritage House board and he said the board has worked to expand the hours and improve the experience for attendees. No advance tickets or online tickets will be sold. Each high school has been given tickets for parents to assure they will be able to see the performances.

Family-friendly tours will be from 3 to 6 p.m. The tour during those hours will have the same history stories, but the spooky, ghost-like drama students who walk around will not get near the spectators or try to be frightful. Ticket sales for family-friendly tours will start at 2 p.m. with tickets \$5 for adults and \$3 for those younger than 12.

A variety of food trucks will be set up next to the

GHOST WALK Page 2AA

Golf tourney helps BC Education Foundation

STAFF REPORT
For The Record

The Bridge City ISD Education Foundation is seeking sponsors and players for the second annual golf tournament fundraiser to be held Saturday, October 28, at Babe Zaharias Golf Course in Port Arthur.

The non-profit education foundation was started by

Bridge City alumni to raise money for special grants to teachers in the district for items and projects not covered by the regular school budgets.

This year, the Bridge City High School classes of 1966, 1970, and 1980 are challenging other classes to participate or buy sponsorships.

The golf tournament is in the four-man scramble format with team entries costing \$400 each. The deadline for entries and sponsorships is October 16. On the day of the tournament, registration will begin at 7 a.m. with tee time at 8 a.m.

Sponsorship levels are \$2,000 for cart sponsor, \$1,500 for Gold, \$1,000 for

Silver, \$1,500 for lunch, and \$100 each for a tee box.

To get a registration form or information on sponsorships by emailing bcisdeducationfoundation21@gmail.com. Payments through PayPal and Venmo will be accepted. The regular mailing address for the foundation is P.O. Box 182, Bridge City TX 77611.



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David Bailey announces run for Constable Pct. 2

The following is a statement issued by David Bailey for his candidacy for Constable Pct. 2:

Today I proudly announce that I am running for Constable Precinct 2. I am married and have 5 grandchildren. I am also a proud Little Cypress Mauriceville graduate.

Currently I serve as District 1 Orange City Councilman. While I have very much enjoyed serving the citizens of Orange, Law Enforcement is where my heart has always been. Serving as a public official is a calling not a job. You have to have the passion and desire to serve because with all the good you get there are also things that are not. I have served in every position in law enforcement; from a corrections officer to a patrol deputy to a criminal investigator.



David Bailey

I have held positions of supervision from sergeant to chief deputy. I hold a current peace officers license, an advanced peace officer license and an advanced corrections officer license.

If elected I intend to be very involved in the Mauriceville schools at every level. I will immediately open and utilize the office in Mauriceville and be actively involved in all aspects of the community.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can as this campaign gets going. I will be having several "meet and greet" events in the very near future. Should you want to speak to me, feel free to call me at 409-656-9865. Again I look forward to meeting everyone I can as the campaign season gets started.

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David Bailey

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FACT FINDING

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

While not perfect, our system of determining facts for juries is the best in the world. Usually, juries decide what is factually based on what they see or hear. Sometimes, however, juries and courts are influenced by what they do not hear. A good example is that of 61 different courts, all over the United States, tossing suits challenging the 2020 election when nothing could be shown to be election al-



Former State Senator
Carl Parker

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

tering activities.

In the case of the recent trial of Attorney General Paxton, there were issues which were not heard. Two things left unknown to the Senate was what would have been said by Paxton's girlfriend and the contractor allegedly paid as part of a bribe.

Both were excused from testifying because they would have claimed the Fifth amendment. The Fifth is available to defendants in criminal cases but not necessarily civil cases. In a civil trial, wit-

nesses may be forced to take the stand. They still can refuse to testify based on the Fifth Amendment, but if they do, the jury is entitled to draw any inference from the refusal.

A real judge likely would have required these two to testify but not so with the lieutenant governor playing judge. Surely hearing the guy accused of giving the bribe say that he feared criminal prosecution if he answered would have had some effort on the senators acting as jurors.

Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts on sale at Wesley United

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this year's crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts for their Annual Fund Raiser with delivery early November. Pecan halves or pieces \$13.00 per pound, walnuts \$8.50 per pound. Call Jan 409-734-8036 to place an order or for additional information.

Good Shepherd offering YMCA after school care

The YMCA After School Program is being held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 945 W Roundbunch in Bridge City. Elementary and Middle school hours are after school

until 6 pm. The Y's after school child care program provides peace of mind knowing your child is cared for in a safe, nurturing and structured environment. Financial aid is available. To register or for more information, visit the Y's website at ymcasetx.org/childcare or call at 409-962-6644.

Holiday in the Park reservations

The City of Orange is proud to host this year's 22nd annual event on Saturday, November 4, 2023, providing a venue for vendors of all types. There is no charge to enter a vehicle in the car show. Vendor booth spaces are available for the day for \$40, or if you will need electricity, for \$65.

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County business From Page 1

cooking, sewing, gardening, food safety, aging successfully, diabetes training, poultry training, and youth livestock classes.

AgriLife is sponsored by the county with Texas A&M University. Offices are at the Orange County Expo Center on FM 1442 and the phone number is 409-882-7010.

Commissioners Court approved a waiver for construction in a flood plain for a new ship dock on the Orange County side of the Neches River outside of Vidor. The dock will be used by Enterprise Terminall-LLC at the Enterprise Neches River Terminal. Orange County Emergency Management Director Joel Ardoin told the court the dock has to be on the water, which puts it in a flood plain.

Enterprise is planning an ethane plant using materials to be sent by pipeline from its Mont Belvieu site.

The court approved a request from County Engineer Corey Oldbury to change back the hours for road and bridge

crews to work. During the record-breaking heat of the past summer, Oldbury and the court changed the working hours to 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to let the employees work in cooler morning temperatures. The hours will go back to the regular 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The county's new budget year started October 1 and several items of business included routine contract renewals for the 2023-24 fiscal year. One of those agreements was to renew the agreement with McLennan County to house Orange County Jail inmates in case of a local disaster or evacuation. Jail Captain Eisestein said McLennan County is raising the cost to \$82 per day per inmate.

Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher reported her office, which collects property taxes for all the entities in the county, collected \$2.26 million in taxes in September with \$262,552 of that for the county.

Her office has collected \$174.18 million overall, with \$39.05 million for the county.



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club awarded Bridge City student Jackson Pachar October Student of the Month. Jackson ranks 55 out of 199 seniors and has a 4.1 GPA. He plans to attend the University of Texas to pursue a degree in Molecular Neuroscience. Pictured are Jerry Jones-Rotary President, Amanda James-BCHS Principal, Kelli Pachar-Mother, Dr. Mike Kelly-BC Superintendent, Jackson, Daniel Pachar-Father, Chloe Tucker-Counselor.

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museum grounds and Free State Winery will be selling wine and sangria. Attendees may relax with food and wine on the museum lawn as they wait for their tour to begin. Free lawn games and children's crafts will be offered.

Every person buying a ticket will get an armband with a designated time. A tour group will leave every 15 minutes.

Conrad said some of the streets will be closed to traffic so each tour can accommodate 50 people. The museum is placing raised stages at each story site and the drama students will have larger megaphones to let attendees hear better.

Thrill Seeker tours will be from 7 to 10 p.m. with ticket sales for those times beginning at 6 p.m. The tours during that time will be scarier with some intentional frights.

Live music will be presented from the back Heritage House deck overlooking the lawn from 6 to 7 p.m.

This year, some streets will be closed so groups of 50 go on each of the tours. The tours begin at Heritage House Museum, 901 West Division Avenue, a block west of the Orange County Courthouse. Groups will walk about a half mile around the courthouse-riverfront area and circle back along Front Street. The walk will include the corner of Fifth and Main, where a notorious shotgun murder happened in 1935 that drew national attention to Orange.

People should wear comfortable shoes. The tour zone is not all handicap accessible, though ramps are along sidewalks. Through the years, several have pushed wheelchairs on the only grassy area of the tour at Ochitree-Inman Park. Families have also pushed strollers and wagons with children.

The Ferguson Law Firm is the main sponsor of the Historic Ghost Walk this year with numerous other businesses.

GOP "civil war" From Page 1

before the Texas Senate, led by Lt. Governor Patrick, the impeachment failed with only two Republicans supporting the impeachment.

The FBI is investigating allegations against Paxton on bribery.

The Republican in-fighting is escalating as Governor Greg Abbott has called a special legislative session to allow school

vouchers so taxpayer money can go to private schools.

Filing for the March 5, 2024, party primary races begins November 11 and runs through December 11. At this time, no other candidates besides Covey have announced their intentions to run for the District 21 position.

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A-1-Peterson is now run by sons Bill and Richard II, along with daughter, Donna.

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Lady Plumber:

Local Resident's Tasks Take In All Work of Males, Including Cleaning Septic Tanks, Unclogging Drains

By REBEKAH MAXWELL

"When they look at a woman as the plumber, what's the first thing they think of? It's not 'she can fix a pipe,' it's 'she can fix a pipe and she's a woman,'" Mrs. Peterson said, laughing. "I've been a plumber for 30 years, and I've never had a man tell me I can't do a job."

Mrs. Peterson, 68, is a resident of Orange, Texas. She has been a plumber for 30 years, and she has never had a man tell her she can't do a job. She has been a plumber for 30 years, and she has never had a man tell her she can't do a job.

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Half-century of service

A-1 Peterson Plumbing turns 50

By Dawn Burleigh
The Orange Leader

In 1968, a company was started. The goal was to provide a service that was not available at the time. A-1 Peterson Plumbing has been serving the community for 50 years.

A-1 Peterson Plumbing, 50 years in business, making it one of the oldest full service plumbing companies in Orange County.

A-1 Peterson gets BBB Torch Award

LARRY JOHNSON
The Texas Tribune

A-1 Peterson Plumbing of Orange has been named a recipient of the Better Business Bureau 2020 Torch Award for small business. The local business has been serving Orange County for over 50 years.

In lieu of this year's dinner and in-person fundraising event, BBB is celebrating honorees throughout the month of August with a series of recognitions, presentations, and an online auction.

The BBB Torch Awards for Ethics have recognized businesses and organizations that intentionally pursue the six TRUST! Principles of Leadership: Communication, Customer Service, Integrity, Professionalism, and Social Responsibility.

Rebekah Maxwell, owner of ReStep Marketing said, "So many friends and mentors were willing to help with the application process, their faith in me is truly inspiring. I am so thankful for the opportunities I have been given by the Southeast Texas community, and I look forward to growing and serving throughout my career."

Proceeds from sponsors and the online auction contribute to the BBB Education Foundation to fund the Student of Integrity Scholarship and expanding Foundation programming. BBB Serving Southeast Texas previously announced the recipients of 2020's Student of Integrity Scholarship: Elizabeth Johnson.



From the Creaux's Nest

ISRAEL AT WAR BIDEN, "THIS IS TERRORISM"

Tuesday President Joe Biden said the United States stands with Israel following Hamas' brutal massacre in Israel. "We will make sure Israel has what it needs to take care of its citizens, defend itself and respond to this attack. There's no justification for terrorism. There's no excuse." In the deadliest attack on Israel in decades, more than 1,700 Israelis and at least 14 Americans were killed when Hamas militants crashed through the Israeli border along the Gaza Strip and launched a surprise invasion. "There are moments in this life when pure unadulterated evil is unleashed in this world," Biden said. "The people of Israel lived through one such moment this weekend." Hamas, a militant organization, is committed to the destruction of Israel and has been designated a terrorist group by the U.S., the EU and various nations. The group has vowed to annihilate Israel and has been responsible for many suicide bombings and other deadly attacks on civilians and Israeli soldiers.

REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND AL

We were sorry to learn of the passing of 'Al' DeRoche, age 95, on October 1. Funeral services were held at St. Paul Methodist Church October 6. Several years ago Al helped the Record Newspapers as an ad executive. Al was a people's person and loved calling on the trade. He made many friends, some still advertising in our paper today. One friendship in particular was with Keith Wallace, owner of Reliable Cleaners. It was a running joke. Keith would call and say, "Send Al." Over the years he was the first to arrive at the office. He was a fun guy and shared many stories about the events in the field. He had a special way with people. It finally got to where it was too dangerous for him to drive due to his age and he finally had to give it up. He checked on us regularly to make sure we were treating his customers right. Al helped us through some hard times after hurricane Ike. He was a good friend and a pleasure to have known. Our condolences to Helen and his entire family. May he rest in peace.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

The government shutdown is having far reaching effects and is inflicting pain on the American people. About 35 Tea Party members, led by Sen. Ted Cruz, is holding our country hostage by placing a gun to the head of Speaker John Boehner. They have threatened to take away his speaker ship if he allows a vote on the senate bill that reflects Republican Paul Ryan's budget. All Boehner has to do is call for an up or down vote in the Congress and let the two party members decide, yes or no. It's that simple, but instead Cruz and the extremist demigods want to play with the Affordable Care Act, which is already decided and the law of the land. One of those extremist is our own congressman Steve Stockman, who can do absolutely nothing to help us. We pay him \$180,000 a year plus perks and all we get from him is a government shutdown and a threat to take the country over the cliff. State Rep. Allen Ritter won't run for re-election in 2014. He has served in the House since 1998, many of those years as a Democrat. He switched to the Republican Party when the district was redistricted. Two years ago, it was redistricted again taking in all of Orange County, Mid. County and portions of Beaumont. That move left Orange County without a local state representative for the first time in over 60 years. CONDOLENCES: We were very saddened to learn about the death of a beautiful young lady, Rachel Ford, only 20 years old, who died last Friday, Oct. 4. Services were held yesterday, Tuesday, Oct. 8. We have known Rachel's parents, John Ford, Jr. and Gail Ford Maddox, since they were youngsters. Rachel was their only daughter. We were sorry to hear about the death of Dana Clark Silkwood, formally of Bridge City. She was the daughter of Bill and Doris Ann Clark. She passed away last week after a long illness. A lifetime educator, Leona Simmons, 81, of Bridge City, passed away Monday, Oct. 7. She was survived by her only sibling, John Dubose. Our condolences to John and his entire family. For several years Orange County didn't get much attention from our state senator. That is no longer the case. Sen. Nichols and his staff are constantly in touch with our county. Sen. Nichols' assistant, J.D. Hale, is a very accommodating and very dedicated young man. If you need assistance, you'll get quick response. That's a welcomed change. Our previous senator came from the Woodlands. At least Sen. Nichols is an East Texas boy from Jacksonville and Orange County is one of his largest counties which wasn't the case before. This might surprise you. Thomas Monson, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, announced Saturday that the Mormon Church now totals 15 million

worldwide members. More than half live outside the United States. The membership has tripled in the last 30 years. Headquarters are in Salt Lake City, Utah where Brigham Young brought his followers. I've always considered it mostly American. We heard from Jason Menard, formerly of Bridge City, has just re-enlisted in the Army. Jason has only seven more years of service to retire after serving 20 years in the military. (Editor's note: I believe Jason is now retired.)

12 Years Ago-2001

A Bridge City native, Clint Harrison, 39, and seven others were killed in a plane crash Oct 10, in the Mediterranean Sea, about 80 miles from its destination of Oran Algiers. Search crews from Spain combed 5,300 square miles finding only some floating debris with serial numbers and a few body parts. Penny Harrison, Clint's sister, of Bridge City, said Kathy Roberts Harrison, Clint's wife, had made funeral arrangements in Woodville. Their daughter Kree Harrison had become a local celebrity and went on to national fame appearing on national television. The family had moved to Nashville so Kree could advance her career. Services for Clint were held Oct. 20. Survivors were wife Kathy, daughter Kree, son Cory, stepson Michael Johnson, stepdaughter Laci Johnson, parents Buddy and Myra Harrison, sister Penny, father-in-law Wilson Roberts and mother-in-law Beverly Schmidt. (Editor's note: Since Clint's death his wife Kathy was killed in an auto accident. Former Hibernia branch manager Mike Moreau, has joined Carlos Vasek, Joe Burkeand, the folks who have purchased Newton Bank. A branch will open at the Round Bank between now and the first of the year. The banks will be renamed. The Bridge City Cardinals have a football flag bearer, Kevin Duplechien, who can really boogie with that 60-pound flag. He's really something to watch as he covers the length of the field and back. A few area deaths this week of Oct. 9, 2001. Nolan Gaspard, 76, of Bridge City died Oct. 10 at Doctor's Hospital in Groves. Dudley Joseph Pepper, 70 died Oct. 12, at his residence in Orange. Sada Marie Atkins, 90, of West Orange died Oct. 9. Dale Thompson, of Orange, recalls the April 16, 1947 Texas City explosion. Thompson was an 18-year-old employee of Todd Shipyard, in Texas City, when the explosion happened at 9:14 a.m. The exclusive story by Thompson ran in The County Record Newspaper, on Oct. 17. (Editor's note: Dale has since passed away but he left behind a record of Texas' greatest industrial disaster.)

47 Years Ago-1976

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville football sweetheart is pretty Melanie Cunningham, Robert Hughes presented her with flowers on behalf of the Bears. The Stark homecoming court is Kathy Rodgers, Nikole Thibodeux and queen Jana Stiniac. I thought you might like to know who the Little cypress Junior High cheerleaders are: Lauren Leifeste, Johnnie Kay Heard, Lacey Gunn, Lori Kolar and Tara High. Real cuties. M.B. Flippen passed away. "Flip" was 88 years old. For years he had been working for Gus Harris at Farmer's Mercantile. The best kept secret is who will become the head football coach of the combined West Orange-Stark High School. Beverly Matsowkas is now associated with Cooper Realty. Paul Eason takes a bride. He and Janet ran off and got married in Houston. A new 1977, 1/2 ton, 6 cylinder, Chevy pickup will cost you \$3,579. A loaded V-8 Malibu coupe, \$5,400. C.R. Nash will be Bridge City's new city manager. He is presently living in Jacinto City. He has 17 years in city management. He and wife Patsy, have two children, Rodney Allen, age 9 and Karla Ann, age 6. (Editor's note: C.R. later served as city administrator at Pinehurst and has since passed away.) Top country songs: #1, "You And Me" by Tammy Wynette; #2, "A Whole Lotta Things to Sing About" by Charley Pride; #3, "Among My Souvenirs" by Marty Robbins; #4, "Cherokee Maiden" and "What Have You Got Planned Tonight Diana" by Merle Haggard; #5, "The Games That Daddies Play" by Conway Twitty; #6, "Her Name Is" by George Jones.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Brandy Judice, Leigh Anne Harrell, and Hillary Gravett had the weather cooperate with the first cool fall morning to start Saturday's Orangetober festival for the city. Locals and people from all over came to enjoy the music, food, and booths, plus pose with the numerous displays set up of pumpkins and gourds. Leigh Anne, the city's events planner, has been off the past month on maternity leave, but she and husband Brodrick Harrell brought infant Honey to pose with the pumpkins. Debbie Hughes and Pam Cheek got to bring grands Mackenzie and Ian to the festival. The youngsters' parents, Nick and Kayla Hughes Cheek were also there. The Ragsdale family, including Randy, Paula, and Rebekah, helped out in the Orange County Disaster Rebuild booth. Paul Dickerson was helping the Little Cypress Lions Club sell hot pretzels and chocolate-covered strawberries. Sherry Hommel and other Orange Rotary members were also out helping. Brittney and Matt Chandler brought their three little ones for pumpkin pictures. Justice of the Peace Joy Dubose-Simonton brought along family to stroll and pose. Kristopher and Regina Marple were with sons Kolton and Kody Paul. Maggie Reynolds went with friends Shawn Hare and Chance Henry. Nathan Hayes brought his toddler son along with his parents Roderick and Brandy Robertson. Also seen in the crowds were James and Jennifer Wright, Abbey and Logan Poluk, and Rachael Raymer with David Slaughter. Another big fall festival is now underway. Shangri La Gardens of the Stark Cultural Venues opened the annual Scarecrow Festival on Tuesday morning. Clubs, schools, churches, and individual families design and create dozens of scarecrow figures that are set up along the pathways of the gardens. Lots of pumpkins and fall blooms can

also be seen. Another Stark Cultural Venue, the Luther Theater, is beginning its new season on Sunday with country music star Craig Morgan. Lacey LeMoine of Bridge City has been selected to participate in the Beaumont Junior League's Southeast Texas Dancing with the Stars. The fundraising show will be in 2024. Bet she'll draw a lot of family and friends to see her routine. Keith Longlois is forever an LC-M Bear. While attending the homecoming game last week, he met up with old classmate Tim Hunter. Della Gallien has had quite the birthday celebrations for her 84th. Her daughter, Rita Monson, surprised her with a party and unveiling of the Della Gallien Building at the non-profit Friends Helping Friends in Pinehurst. Della has been a longtime volunteer for the group. In addition, the two went to Minute Maid Park to see the Astros playoff game. Della got special birthday wishes from Mauricio Dubon when she went to the fence off the field. Jacqueline and Keith Kyle toured Boston before going off on a cruise. Brad and Terri Childs traveled up to Virginia to visit with their daughter and son-in-law. Brandi Griggs and Justin Riesen had a 'batty' birthday weekend in Fredericksburg that included watching thousands of bats fly out as dark descended. Joe Mires and his fiancée Kendra Waldbusser celebrated double birthdays as they traveled to Tucson, Arizona, and did some mountain climbing. Faith Moore, daughter of Chester and Lisa Moore, was invited onto the field to give the Lamar University women's soccer team an inspirational talk. We have a mess of friends getting older in the next few days. Judge John Gothia celebrates October 9. I have nothing but praise for the job John is doing as our county judge. On October 13, Sheriff Lane Mooney will mark another year. He will complete his first tenure as sheriff and is asking to be re-elected to a second term. County Commissioner Johnny Trahan celebrates a birthday October 14. He is running for re-election. The folks in Pct. 1 love the big guy so he shouldn't have an opponent. Harry Stephens celebrates number 82 on October 14. He isn't running for anything, just staying out of Margie's way. This year Harry's Appliance marks 60 years in business. You can't go wrong when you trade with Harry and Margie. Oct. 15 is a big day for Judge Carl Thibodeaux, he was the longest serving county judge in Orange County history. Today he's West Orange Municipal Judge. I remember when he and his young bride arrived in Orange County. He and Doug Harrington opened a drug store in Pinehurst, sold it to one of the Johnson boys, opened a drug department in Danny's Grocery in West Orange, built his own store and became the mayor of the town. As they say, "The rest is history." Our longtime buddy Johnny Dubose celebrates on Oct. 17. Happy Birthday to Johnny and all the rest of you guys. On October 17, our late friend Sue Collins would have celebrated a birthday. We just wanted to remember her. Other birthdays this past week included Ronnie Peveto, Sherry Combs, Melissa Anne Rushing, Kathy Mullins-Brown, Patricia Pena, Leo LaBauve III, Thayer Kovatch, Rosalie Eason, Candi Collins, Homer Pillsbury, Skylar Rowley, Jill Kunst, Dawn McCarver, Fran Hulsey, Alan Peveto, Skylar Rowley, Gabriel Wernig, Pam Becker, Sam Patronella, Mark Cook, Mary Henson, and Lela Fontenot. Note: (Call 409-886-7183 or email therecordlive.com to post birthdays or anniversaries free of charge.) We heard that Orange City Councilman, longtime peace officer, former sheriff chief deputy David Bailey is announcing that he will be a candidate for Constable in Pct. 2. He is doing a good job as city councilman but law enforcement is his life's work.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Ray Dartez's two young boys take it on themselves to go down to Desormeaux's Drug Store in Mamou. Da older boy, 8-year-old Tee-Ray picked out a box of Tampons him.

Da owner, Dartez, him, axe, "Son, do you know wat dese are used for, hanh?"

Tee-Ray replied, "I'm not exactly for sure me, but dey not for me, dey for my 4-year-old little brudder. We saw on da TV dat if you use dese you would be able to swim and ride a bike, and Joe-Joe him, he can't do eather."

C'EST TOUT

Speaker Dade Phelan Deserves Southeast Texas Support

Attorney General Ken Paxton on Friday endorsed a slate of primary challengers to state House Republicans who voted to impeach him, a new front in his political revenge tour since the Texas Senate acquitted him. Paxton threw his support behind seven challengers, including those running against House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, and Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, chair of the House impeachment managers. Paxton's campaign described it as an initial round of endorsements and promised more details soon on a "statewide Fall tour," including campaign stops with the candidates. Phelan's campaign fired back, saying his constituents "will not be swayed by the West Texas billionaires and their cult of out-of-town political puppets seeking to influence southeast Texas." The House overwhelmingly voted in May to impeach Paxton, accusing him of abusing his office to help a friend and donor, Nate Paul. Phelan demanded that elected officials, notably Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who recently received \$3 million from Defend Texas Liberty in loans and donations, give all money they received from the PAC to charity. Shortly after Phelan released his statement, Patrick denounced Fuentes and antisemitism, but saved his sharpest repudiation for Phelan. The best thing that has happened for Orange County, after years of being treated like an unwanted stepchild, is State Rep. Dade Phelan. The Speaker has done much to help us. Ask any public official. Phelan has earned our support. Our little part of Texas is better off because of Dade Phelan. Patronize our advertisers and visit us at therecordlive.com. Take care and God bless America.

Deaths & Memorials

Bettye Lee Melton, 91

Bettye Lee Davis Melton, who loved music, nature, art, and serving her community, passed away at the age of 91 at her home in Orange surrounded by her immediate family.

She lived in Orange for more than 60 years and after volunteering as a leader for her daughters in Camp Fire groups, later became assistant director, and art director at Camp Otanya. She loved the kids and is remembered by many. During her years at Camp Fire's Camp Otanya, she was in charge of hand arts and numerous women who are now grandmothers have kept the plaster figures they painted from the molds she made. Even in recent years, she and her family enjoyed singing the silly and sentimental songs they sang at Camp Otanya.

She was a member of the Woman's Club of Orange, and was a real estate agent for several years. After her retirement, she worked as a volunteer at different local non-profit organizations. For many years, she could be found cooking and serving meals at the First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen, where she became known as "The Garlic Bread Queen." She made sure everyone got all the garlic bread they wanted, so no one would be hungry.

She volunteered at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, where she was able to continue her love of nature and gardening in a setting where educating children was important. She greatly enjoyed it and the people she met became friends.

Bettye was born in Brownsville, Texas, on February 10, 1932, to Clifford Gilmore Davis and Verda Lee (Hays) Davis. She passed away on October 4, 2023, at her home. She was a graduate of Victoria High School and attended Victoria College.

While working at Union Carbide in Victoria, she met John Thomas "Tommy" Melton. The couple enjoyed dancing to Ray Charles, Jivin' Gene, Fats Domino, big bands, and others. They married in 1956 and raised three daughters, Linda, Kathy, and Sandy. The couple passed along their love of music, live and recorded, to their daughters.

Bettye and Tommy also loved gardening and their yards were full of flowers and unusual plants. Bettye became a Master Gardener and did numerous volunteer projects around Orange County with the group. She loved visiting her family in Ha-



Betty Melton

waii and derived immense pleasure from the natural beauty there. She believed that keeping your fingers in the dirt was a key to life.

Bettye was an ace at strategic games that kept her mind sharp. She had a perfect score on Microsoft Challenge games for numerous years. She was also great at bridge and played couples bridge in the past. She usually beat all of her family at Yahtzee. When her family spent time at the beach, she enjoyed playing Shiny and used her Camp Fire skills with a fire poker stick.

She was an avid reader, book club member, and loved sci-fi, crime-fiction, and novels of many genres. Artistically talented, she was good at many things including sewing, cooking, crafts, and flower arranging. She liked to get with other creative people to paint and draw. Other favorite pastimes included watching old movies and rom-coms with her family.

Bettye, Tommy, and their youngest daughter made local news headlines in the summer of 1980 after they developed boat troubles and were lost in the Sabine River marshlands for three days before being rescued.

Bettye is preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, John Thomas Melton, and parents, Clifford and Verda Davis.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda Lee Melton of Lumberton/Hawaii, Kathryn Anne Melton of Deer Park, and Sandy Kay Melton and partner Atta Mendonsa of Waimanalo, Hawaii; grandchildren, Athena Lee Melton, Kai D.K. Melton-Kitagawa and partner Tobey Agauno; great-grandchild, Drew Kaulike Melton Kitagawa; and her beloved Doxie fur babies, Duke and Velvet.

Bettye had a beautiful and pure soul and will be deeply missed. Her daughters, grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins, large loving extended family, and "adopted" families were blessed with the most wonderful mother, aunt, grandmother, caregiver, and friend in the world, and never doubted her love for them.

Visitation with family will be held Saturday, October 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Garden District, 7536 Highway 87 North, across from LC-M High School. In lieu of flowers, please consider making an extra donation to your favorite charity in memory of her service to others.

John "Al" DeRoche, Jr., 95

John Alfred "Al" DeRoche, Jr., 95, passed away on October 1, 2023, in Beaumont, Texas.

Visitation will be Friday, October 6, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City, Texas.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City, Texas. Reverend Mark Bunch will officiate. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Beaumont, Texas.

Al was born in Lafayette, Louisiana to John Alfred DeRoche Sr. and Vivian Lucille (Guidry) DeRoche on April 5, 1928. Al lived in Port Arthur and Groves for 66 years, where he attended Port Neches Groves High School and St. James Catholic School, and graduated at the age of 16. After graduating, he joined the United States Navy and spent four years serving his country. Al later worked as a pipefitter for Gulf Oil and retired in 1984, after 35 years. Just a short time before retiring, he



John "Al" DeRoche

moved to Nederland, where he married his love, Helen DeRoche. Al was a faithful member of St. Paul Methodist Church, and was a big fan of all sports, but he especially loved the Dallas Cowboys. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John A. DeRoche Sr. and Vivian Lucille (Guidry) DeRoche; his daughter, Theresa Nannette Hayes; his son, David Earl DeRoche; his daughter-in-law, Donna Mitchell; his brother, Floyd DeRoche; and his former wife, Esther Weatherford DeRoche.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Helen DeRoche; his daughter, Mary Deborah "Debbie" Kurts; his son, Steven DeRoche; his stepson, Carey Lynn Mitchell; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City, Texas at www.stpaulfamily.com.

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c/o:
James R. Dunaway
Attorney at Law
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Dated the **4th** day of **October**, 2023.

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DATED the **5th** day of **October** 2023.

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To the registered voters of Little Cypress – Mauriceville CISD, Orange, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Little Cypress – Mauriceville CISD, Orange, Texas)

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(Notifíquese por la presente, que los sitios de votación citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 11/07/2023 para votar en la elección general para elegir – Votante Aprobada Impuesto Velocidad.

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Orangefield's Zach Morrow was a leader in the Bobcat secondary at defending against passes but will be out 4 to 6 weeks with a broken collarbone suffered against Tarkington last week.

Orangefield continued to roll in district last week. The Bobcats will try to stay undefeated in district this week against a team not to be taken lightly.

The Orangefield offense ran for good yardage against the Tarkington Longhorns to secure a 43-17 victory. Through three weeks of district competition the Bobcats are the only team without a loss in District 10-3A Division I.

Coach Josh Smalley of Orangefield thought the game would be competitive between the Bobcats and Tarkington. "It was a physical tough football game at their place. The Longhorns were a lot bigger than we are physically and they hammered their fullback all night at us. They limited our possessions to seven in the whole game. We did score points on six of the possessions and we had a pick six in the second half," Smalley recapped.

Smalley continued, "I'm

happy for our kids and our coaches to hang in there getting another district win which is ultimately the most important thing. We were happy to get out of there with a win."

The Bobcats are in first place with wins over Buna, Anahuac, and now Tarkington. "To be sitting three and oh with the way we started the year with a young group of kids it's been good to see our young Bobcats grow each week and get better cutting down on the mistakes

they were making early in the season," Smalley analyzed.

The bad news during the Bobcat victory was an injury to a leader on defense. Cornerback Zach Morrow broke his collarbone making a tackle and will be out for about four to six weeks. Morrow is leading the district in pass coverage by breaking up four passes in Orangefield's three district games.

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Orangefield Bobcat Ethan Blackburn speaks to the audience during the Orangefield Homecoming Community Pep Rally on Monday night. Standing behind Blackburn Bobcat teammates Kyler Green (42), Kelvin Calhoun (45) and Hayden Carroll (72). The Bobcats will battle the Hardin Hornets on Friday for Homecoming. The game begins at 7:30 PM in F. L. McClain Stadium.
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Quarterback Dylan Payne of LCM ran for over one hundred yards, threw for over one hundred yards, and accounted for all five Bear touchdowns with four on the ground and throwing for the winner in overtime.

The first game of district needed overtime to decide a winner. The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears scored a touchdown on their first overtime possession to beat the Vidor Pirates 34-28 at Battlin' Bear Stadium on Friday night.

Little Cypress Mauriceville (3-3, 1-0) grabbed an early share of the district lead with the win. Vidor (3-3, 0-1) had its three game winning streak snapped.

The two county rivals matched each other very closely throughout the contest. Vidor took the initial lead, LCM rallied to go up by two scores, and the Pirates came back

twice to force the overtime.

The opening quarter was scoreless but the Bears had a good chance

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WOS Mustangs collide with BC Cardinals

DAN PERRINE
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Quarterback Marcus Turner of the Mustangs scored both of their touchdowns in the overtime loss to Hampshire-Fannett.

The second district loss for West Orange-Stark last week was the second loss in overtime this season. The Mustangs will try to bounce back this Friday night on the road.

West Orange-Stark played Hampshire-Fannett dead even through four quarters. The Longhorns got a spectacular catch from one of their receivers for a touchdown and then held the Mustangs without a score during the overtime to win 21-14 at Dan R. Hooks Stadium.

Mustang Coach Hiawatha Hickman said they played with Hampshire-Fannett but just could not find a way to

pull out the win. "It's what we've been dealing with all year against the top teams. We had a good plan going in limiting the

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to get on the board first. A short Pirate punt gave Little Cypress Mauriceville possession at the Vidor 43.

A pass on the first play went from Dylan Payne to Keagan Cockerham and the Pirates' were flagged for a personal foul penalty that gave the Bears a first down at the Vidor 18. Two runs by Jonah Fuller moved the ball to the Vidor 11.

The Bears then committed a procedure penalty moving the ball back to the 16. An incomplete pass brought fourth down and a 33-yard field goal by LCM was short and wide left.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville defense held the Vidor Slot-T running attack to one first down on its first two drives. On their third possession the Pirates began to find some running room.

Three runs gained a first down to midfield. Dane Villadsen ran for 13 yards and another first followed on the next play by Isaac Fontnow breaking loose on a 37-yard burst for the touchdown. Rui Correia added the point after for a 7-0 Vidor lead 48 seconds into the second quarter.

It was the Bears' turn to make their longest drive of the night. Payne connected with Cockerham on the first play for a first down to the LCM 38. Two runs by J'Lynn Morris and a keeper by Payne netted 32 yards and two first downs taking the ball to the Vidor 30.

Fuller found running room and matched the number on his jersey for 22 yards to the Pirates' 8. A procedure penalty on the Bears moved them back five yards, but Payne ran for ten yards and then scored on a three-yard run with 8:12 to play in the second quarter. The 74-yard scoring drive tied the game at seven.

The Battlin' Bear defense forced a punt from Vidor giving LCM possession at its 37. Payne and Cockerham hooked up for a third time good for 21 yards to the Vidor 42. A flanker around to Braylon Lewis went for 9 yards and Fuller matched that gain for a first down to the 24 of Vidor.

After a short pass completion Payne ran 13 yards to the 7 for a first down. On third down from the three Payne fought his way into the end zone for the score that put the Bears on top 14-7 with 2:18 left before the half.

With time running down before half time the Pirates attempted their only official pass attempt of the night. The Bears' Luke McDow made a diving interception to give Little Cypress Mauriceville the ball back with less than thirty seconds to do anything. The Bears made a first down but could only reach the 47 of Vidor to finish the second period.

Vidor received the second half kickoff and the Bears stopped three running plays by the Pirates for a net of minus yardage after another penalty on Vidor. The Pirate punter got under his kick which went straight up in the air and only traveled 12 yards to the Vidor 30.

LCM took advantage of the great field position. Fuller raced 22 yards for a first and goal at the four. Two plays later Payne ran the ball into the end zone for the score. After the successful kick from Nick Smith the Bears led 21-7 with 8:34 to go in the third quarter.

To their credit the Pirates responded quickly with a five-play drive that covered 75 yards. Fontnow made his second long run of the game this one for 42 yards to the Bears' 11.

Pirate fullback Riley Marlow bulled his way for six yards and then five yards for the touchdown. Correia's kick narrowed the Bear lead to seven points with 6:17 still to play in the third quarter.

The only turnover of the night for Little Cypress Mauriceville setup the tying score for Vidor. A bad snap on a Bear punt attempt gave the Pirates the ball at the Bears' 23. Fontnow ran the football three times the third from the four got him his second touchdown of the game and tied the score 21-21 with 2:42 remaining in the third period.

Jackson Smith who made a clutch kickoff return to help beat Bridge City earlier in the season returned the kick from Vidor over thirty yard to midfield for the Bears. Payne gained 11 yards on a third down and long for a first to keep the Bears in possession of the ball.

Fuller made three straight carries totaling 16 yards to the 21 of Vidor. Payne ran for ten yards and a first down at the 11.

With the Bears knocking on the door the Pirates

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Fall fishing is a great time for kids

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

All along the Texas gulf coast the pattern is the same, cool fronts signal the much anticipated frenzy that is fall fishing. Anglers of every description ready themselves with the latest technology and gear in hopes of finding flocks of gulls working over schools of hungry speckled trout and redfish. Shiny fiberglass cruisers masquerading as bay boats are stocked up with an array of tackle that would make most anglers drool with envy. It is the same scenario in each bay system any and every place you look, yes all those hot summer days with limited action will

soon be past memories because the action is rather than the weather is heating up.

It is incredibly easy to get caught up in the chaos that is fall fishing, running and gunning from one school of fish to another as if they will suddenly disappear if you do not reach them in time. I must admit that I am absolutely in love with this style of fishing, probably due to the fact that I take a "fly by the seat of your pants" approach to most things so this is right up my alley. While it is true that I have had some wonderful times fishing like

this, I have had even better times sharing it with kids.

This time of the year is tailor made for taking a child fishing, weather and overall conditions could not be better for introducing a young angler to the world of fishing. Now some folks hear the stories about chasing the birds in the lake and that sounds great, except maybe they do not have a big boat that allows them to do this kind of fishing. There are very few places better to fish right now than the Sabine and Neches rivers along with the intracoastal canal. Various locations along the deep channels can provide hours worth of fish catching opportunities for folks to take their kids and experience some tremendous fishing

without having to worry about the wind and also not having to run too far.

On most occasions during the fall months you can take a kid out and anchor up along the river channel or at the mouth of most bayous and have no problem getting bit. Small redfish are wandering all over the river banks and hungry trout will readily eat shad or shrimp fished on the bottom. Try plenty of spots until you find a concentration of fish, then anchor and enjoy. This style of fishing coupled with the numbers of fish in our area during the fall months are just perfect for introducing a young angler to the sport of fishing, who knows you just may get a lifetime fishing buddy out of the deal.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 86 degrees. Fall fishing pattern is here as the cold fronts start rolling through. Trout, redfish and flounder are coming out of the marsh following the bait fish. South end Sabine Lake is producing limits of redfish and trout drifting out from points with clear and chartreuse 1/8 ounce jig heads.

The salinity is high in the lake, so be prepared for sharks. Neches River rock piles and buoys not holding fish due to high water. Target trout in the marsh. Normal lake pattern keying on mullet for trout. North Levee is producing nice catches of redfish and speckled trout at the first and second pike.

Cast topwaters early in the morning, switching midday to crankbaits, popping cork with live shrimp, glo chartreuse plastics with a 1/16 ounce jig head.

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

• Bolivar

GOOD. 85 degrees. The surf is holding lots of black drum, sharks, and some big redfish on cut bait or live bait on the bottom. The gulf side of the North Jetty holding limits of trout, redfish, sheepshead, jack crevalle against the rocks with live bait and artificial. Also the jacks are running in the surf using big spoons or big deer hair jigs. The cuts leading in the bay from ICW holding fish against shorelines. Lots of black drum are around Goat Island.

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

• Trinity Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Tides are above normal and the open bay is too rough to fish. Protected east shoreline is holding some good redfish with a few speckled trout mixed in, as well as flounder. Protected areas around the Fred Hartman Bridge are fishing well for redfish, black drum, and few speckled trout. Best action

on live shrimp or soft plastics.

Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 85 degrees. Tides are higher than normal. Fair catches of redfish, with some speckled trout mixed in, along marsh shorelines and in the bayous. Open bay remains rough and off-colored. Flounder catches should improve with the passing cold front.

Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter.

Surface water temperature 85 degrees, water clarity murky in most areas of East Bay. Fishing was tougher as we fought strong East winds and had to adjust our tactics and locations. We were unable to fish off the shore reefs this week. We fished marsh drains, grass lines, and shell flats close to deeper water for catches of speckled trout, redfish and black drum. Shrimp imitation lures under popping corks with 12-18 inch leaders have still been pro-

ducing the most bites for our anglers, and the Deadly Dudley, Slammin Sammy Chartreuse Tail Bay Chovey has worked well with 1/8 ounce jig heads fished with or without a popping cork at various depths. On our live bait outings, live shrimp under a Fish Smack popping cork with an 18 inch leader produced many bites for our anglers.

• Galveston Bay

FAIR. 83 degrees. Open bay is too rough to fish. Those fishing areas protected from the wind reported good numbers of black drum, some redfish, and few speckled trout being caught. Live shrimp working best. There is not much flounder action to speak of, not yet anyway. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The surf is red hot on fire from East Beach all the way to Surfside for speckled trout, redfish and an occasional shark on live bait, and sheepshead on popping cork with live shrimp, or on the bottom with live shrimp at the wells. The A-1 gas wells off the ship channel near Brothel Island are holding some nice trout with a chatterweight and croaker. Redfish at rocks by Brothel Island on popping cork.

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Cardinals on home turf facing Mustangs

DAN PERRINE
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The Bridge City Cardinals have started their district games against two highly touted state ranked teams. The games remain difficult this week for the Cardinals against a team whose only losses have been to state ranked teams.

Bridge City was able to keep things respectable early at Jasper. Injuries and just the waring down by the bigger more physical Bulldogs resulted in Jasper pulling away from the Cardinals in the second half.

Coach Chad Landry said the final score of the game did not correspond to how well the Cardinals played in the first two quarters. "We started off great and felt like we had a chance. The first half our defense was flying around, we were making plays, we moved the ball into the red zone a couple times, but if anything could go wrong, it did go wrong. Leading up to half time I thought the Cardinals were playing extremely hard and we were in the right spots," Landry recalled.

The second half saw seven Bridge City starters sit out because they were banged up or just to rest them so they would be available for this week's game. Landry admitted, "The wheels kind of just fell off towards the end.

Four big chunk plays killed us."

The reported injuries were fortunately not serious. "We lost a couple of key guys in the second half, nothing that will hinder those Cardinals from playing this week. It is just a precautionary type move that we were dealing with. Our depth we knew coming in was going to be kind of our Achilles heel and it's showing," Landry explained.

Bridge City wide receiver Jerris Brown hurt his knee and walked with crutches in the second half. Landry said Brown would test the knee during the week to see if he could play on Friday night.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs come to Bridge City this week. The Mustangs lost an overtime result to Hamshire-Fannett last week and are now 1-2 in the district.

On offense the Mustangs' goal is to spread out the opposing defense and use their skilled playmakers to beat you in open spaces. West Orange-Stark attacks with a balance between the run and the pass.

WOS quarterback Marcus Turner is where the Mustangs' Spread Offense starts. Turner is an elusive runner, and he can throw the football to a talented group of receivers.

Turner maybe the leading ground gainer for West Orange-Stark, but he has some very good running backs to give the football.

Junior Tahj Amerson and freshman Khelvy Jefferson both can run with break-away speed. "They're elusive, but they will also run you over," Landry pointed out.

Landry exclaimed, "They're really good led by Turner. The young freshman Ferguson is going to be very special. The Mustangs will line you up and try to spread you out all over the field, then they will run the ball inside."

This week the emphasis for Coach Landry to his players is make the tackle in the open field. "We've got to continue to get better at making plays in space and avoid the big play. Those kind of plays last week deflated our sails. Looking at the film of the game we had Cardinals in position to make the plays. This week we've got to make the plays in space. We've harped on it to the players during practices. We're in the positions, we just have to make the plays," Landry repeated.

Athletes are all over the field on defense for West Orange-Stark. The Mustangs will show an even man front which is a little bit different from what Bridge City has faced during the opening games of district and from what the Mustangs had used for decades.

Landry observed, "The Mustangs fly around and do a really good job of putting the pressure on you. They are well coached and



Wide receiver Jerris Brown of the Cardinals hurt his knee in the Jasper game and will test it during the week to see if he can play against West Orange-Stark on Friday.

have great athletes."

An important key for the Bridge City offense is to stay ahead of the chains. "From our perspective we have to avoid the penalties, avoid the turnovers, to give ourselves a shot. We're behind the chains so often that we dig ourselves into a hole and we can't afford to do that. We

have to play an extremely clean game," Landry emphasized.

It will be another test for Bridge City this week against a team like West Orange-Stark that has been stated ranked. The Mustangs' four losses have been to Port Neches-Groves who has been state ranked in Class 5A, to Newton who is top ten in Class 3A, as well as to both Silsbee and Hamshire-Fannett which are state ranked in Class 4A.

Landry gave his assessment of the goals for the Cardinals this week. Landry hopes, "Going into this week we're trying to maintain our level of play from the first quarter through the entire game. Right now we're looking to get to half time that will allow us to come out with an opportunity, an edge, or some type of momentum at the start of the second half."

The Bridge City Cardi-

nals have been giving plenty of effort in each game. "I feel like our guys have playing extremely hard, and they are going to continue to play hard. We have to give ourselves a chance. It's on us. It's not on the Mustangs who are well coached and extremely good. It comes down to us and what we do. We need to give ourselves a chance and not dig that deep hole early.

"If we can divide Friday up into two games, give ourselves a really good shot in the second part of the game, then who knows. We're going to practice and prepare and work hard and continue to do the right thing and we'll see," Landry concluded.

The Bridge City Cardinals will host the West Orange-Stark Mustangs on Friday night. The game will be played beginning at 7:30 in Larry Ward Stadium.

Orangefield homecoming From Page 1B

The Hardin Hornets come to Orangefield on Friday. The Hornets have lost their first two district games being shutout by Anahuac and losing to Tarkington on the last play of the game two weeks ago.

The Hornets are under a new head coach Chad Taylor who was at Tarkington previously. Taylor has brought the heavy run oriented Double Wing Offense with him to Hardin.

The offensive linemen for Hardin will be lined up shoe to shoe across the front and are very big. From tackle to tackle the Hornets average 260 to 270 pounds a blocker. Smalley described, "They're big and physical and are happy with three yards and a cloud of dust type stuff."

The Hornets use a lot of quarterback sneaks, inside power tosses, and do not throw the football very much. Sophomore quarterback Hunter Whitehead has thrown five touchdown passes on the year three coming in Hardin's district win against Tarkington.

Multiple backs will run the football for Hardin. The leading rusher on the season is Ryelee Kubeczka with 403 yards and a 6.5 yard average. Josue Ibarra also averages 6.5 yards a carry. A third back Javeon Watley has seen more action since the start of district with 20 carries for 77 yards and a touchdown.

"They kind of lull you to sleep with three yards in a cloud of dust, kind of like we do. The Hornets take time off the clock, they limit your possessions, kind of like what Tarkington does, so it'll be a challenge for us to get them off the field and get the football back to our offense," Smalley evaluated.

The key for the Bobcat offense is to take advantage of every possession they get. What worries

Coach Smalley just like last week against Tarkington is Orangefield will have a limited number of possessions against Hardin.

The Hardin offense and defense work hand-in-hand. The Hornets offense tries to limit possessions for the other team's offense and the result is clear in the statistics as Hardin has yielded the fewest yards per game in the district. They are averaging allowing 209 yards a game in two district outings.

The Hornets base their defense out of an odd front kind of a 50 look or a 3-4 alignment. Hardin has played well all year on defense with even fewer yards per game in the non-district averaging about 147 yards a game in six games.

Catching Coach Smalley's attention is Hardin's defense against the run. On the season the Hornets have averaged allowing only 96 yards a game on the ground. The figure has gone up to about 124 yards in two district games which is still the best rush defense in District 13-3A.

The focal point of the Hardin defense are the linebackers Grayson Creel and Landon Ponton. Those are the two leading tacklers for the Hornets. Up front are Adrian Ibarra at defensive end and Nathan Holst at noseguard.

Smalley stated, "The Hornet defense is their bread and butter. It's going to be a challenge for us to move the football against a team who through six games is the leading defense in the district."

Orangefield will need to play the full forty-eight minutes to get the better of Hardin. "I feel like our district as a whole is pretty competitive top to bottom. When you look at who's leading and who's at

the bottom I feel like any team on Friday night really could beat any other team if you don't show up and play. Friday night is homecoming for Orangefield which concerns me because of the distractions it can impose on the kids. Our job as a coaching staff is to keep the players focused on the job at hand and not let all the festivities distract from their play," Smalley concluded.

The Orangefield Bobcats will battle the Hardin Hornets on Friday. The game begins at 7:30 PM in F. L. McClain Stadium.

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LCM Bears to battle Lions for share of first place

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The district began with a thrilling win for Little Cypress Mauriceville last week. Another tough district game is this week for the Bears against a team that also won its first district game.

Little Cypress Mauriceville battled the Vidor Pirates into overtime. The Bears stopped the Pirates on four running plays before scoring on their possession in the overtime to win 34-28 at Battlin' Bear Stadium.

Coach Eric Peevey was excited about the victory for LCM as were their fans. "It was a fantastic game. It was what all high school fans pay their money to come and see. Vidor is such a great football team and is

known for their passion and how hard the Pirates play. We've had some good teams since I've been here, but this young team of Bears is the first team to finally start to play with the grit and tenacity it takes to play with a team like Vidor. We may not be as skilled as we've been in the past, but we're really tough and we're starting to figure out how to play tough," Peevey exclaimed.

For the second straight game LCM quarterback Dylan Payne was a star on offense with a hundred yards rushing and a hundred yards passing. Peevey responded, "I think he had four touchdowns rushing and passed for the winning score in overtime. We call him the 'Payne Train' and you can compare him to a Tim Tebow type where he's not scared to mix it up and his runs are not always



Linebacker Luke McDow of LCM led the Bears in tackles with 18 and intercepted a pass in their overtime win to open district against Vidor. RECORD PHOTO

around the edge. Many times it's right up the middle into the teeth of the defense. Dylan's a very physical type player."

The passing game was sluggish early for Little Cypress Mauriceville, but Payne settled down. He completed a big fourth down pass to Keagan Cockerham who battled for a first down that setup a late touchdown and finished with the game winner to Khayden Reed in overtime.

Peevey patted the offensive line on the back. "That's two weeks in a row the Bear linemen have played great. Right now we've got eight offensive linemen that can play and that's a very positive thing, and I'm just really proud of

the offense," Peevey praised.

The LCM defense played the Vidor Slot-T Offense well especially in the overtime when it held the Pirates to minimal yardage on four running plays. Peevey acknowledged, "This was the best I've seen our kids play the Slot-T since I've been here. The one thing that I feel our Bears did was they understood their roles and they did their responsibilities. When you can stop Vidor from getting ten yards on four running plays that is very tough defense."

One Bear that really stood out on defense was Luke McDow with 18 tackles and an interception one of only two times the Pirates threw the football. "Luke has been battling injuries for the last couple weeks and playing through it," Peevey added. Sophomores Parker Freeman and Trevor Lloyd were also recognized for their outstanding defensive play by the coach.

Three years ago Livingston was the district champ, but the last couple of seasons the Lions were near the bottom of the standings. This year though the record is only 1-5 Livingston has opened with a killer of a non-district schedule followed by a blowout win against Huffman to open district which means the

Lions could be a contender once again.

The Lions are very physical preferring to run the ball first from multiple sets. Livingston will run the ball and then try to hit bootlegs or play action passes off of that.

Two running backs Trenden Williams and Jerren James are the primary ball carriers for the Lions. Peevey commented, "Those two guys are very physical runners. Williams is more of a scat back, James is more of your physical guy."

Livingston will rotate quarterbacks and run quarterback sneaks on first down just to pick up three or four yards.

Helping Williams and James to find running room is a big offensive line. Line-man Jonathan McNeal is frequently the lead blocker the Lions will run behind.

This Friday will be another physical game for Little Cypress Mauriceville. "We're getting to the point where the Bears are figuring out how to play tough physical football. We have to because we're an undersized team," Peevey pointed out.

On defense Livingston will usually show a four-man front but will vary that and have shown multiple defensive fronts in games. Lions' Coach Finis Vanover

is noted for doing different things to confuse opposing offenses.

The Lions have some talented players on defense and will normally man up the secondary with some quality defensive backs. Senior Chevy Peters is very good in pass coverage.

McNeal also plays in the defensive line and is a big guy who gets after ball carriers. At defensive end Deondre Johnson is very active and plays well.

Peevey analyzed, "The Lions are going to try to stop our run. We know that and they will put everybody in the box. We're going to lean on our offensive line to continue doing a fantastic job and our young receivers to make some key catches in the game."

This is only the second game on the district schedule but with only four games remaining every one of them is vital. "With both teams at one and oh, we both know how important this game is. Our players have to realize there are only four guaranteed games left so that makes it that much harder to fight for it," Peevey concluded.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears play the Livingston Lions on Friday night. The game begins at 7:30 in Battlin' Bear Stadium.

Mustangs collide with Big Red From Page 1B

Longhorns' touches by us running the ball. That worked out as we kept it close and went ahead in the fourth quarter, but they made some plays to tie the game. We went into overtime and Hamshire-Fannett scored on third down, and we got some penalties that pushed us back and we didn't score in the overtime. My kids played hard. These Mustangs are doing everything I asked them to do," Hickman reminded.

The Mustangs had another great night from their quarterback Marcus Turner who scored both touchdowns for WOS in the game. Freshman running back Khelvy Ferguson had a good game and receiver Andrew Cooper played well.

This week the opponent is Bridge City. The Cardinals won their first two games of the season but are on a four game losing streak coming into Friday's game with West Orange-Stark.

The Bridge City offense operates out of the Spread. Everything starts with quarterback Hutch Bearden who has good arm to throw the ball and good feet to run it.

Hickman pointed out, "The Cardinals throw the ball a lot more than I thought they did. Bearden can drop his passes in there to their wide receivers. Jeris Brown makes acrobatic catches at wide receiver and is very athletic."

Bridge City is big in the offensive line. "They're definitely a lot better on offense than they were last year. The Cardinals have taken some good strides, and Coach Landry has done a good job with them. We're going to have our hands full again. We're going to treat Bridge City like every other opponent, respect them, go over there, and play to try to get a win," Hickman indicated.

The defense at Bridge City bases out of a 50 Defense. Shea Landry is the defensive coordinator for the Cardinals and coached with Hickman at West Orange-Stark. Hickman praised, "Shea has done a good job with their defense."

A stalwart in the middle of the Bridge City defense is

Nicholas Lejeune at noseguard. "Lejeune is quick, a big guy, hard to handle up front. We'll have to account for him. We think their best linebacker is sophomore Braxton Lynam. He's kind of active and stands out on film by being athletic and physical," Hickman evaluated.

The Cardinal secondary returns most of the starters from last season. Bridge City uses a lot of zone pass coverage and will mix in a little man coverage. Hickman analyzed, "We'll have to do some stuff to be able to attack them in their zone, and hopefully if we get some man coverage we could out run them and take some shots."

The Mustangs want to maintain a balance between the run and the pass against Bridge City. "We feel like we can run the ball on them up front while thinking to get outside with our speed. Any time the Cardinals go man-to-man we'll probably take some deep shots because we feel that we can outrun them. Everything with us starts with running the ball, Marcus should be a lot for them to handle, and when they come in to deal with him we can get our speed guys on the outside and may throw some bubble screens to try to get outside in space," Hickman emphasized.

West Orange-Stark will be looking to even its district record with a win against Bridge City. Hickman evaluated, "Our advantage against the Cardinals is speed. We're going to try to get in space and make them deal with our skill players in space like we've done the last few weeks."

The Mustangs play in most likely the toughest Class 4A Division II district in the state of Texas. "Our schedule has prepared us for this tough road. We need to win this one against Bridge City, go get Jasper, finish with Hardin-Jefferson, and get ready for the playoffs," Hickman concluded.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs go to Bridge City this weekend. The game will kick off at 7:30 on Friday night.

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Lady Cardinals remain undefeated

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The Bridge City Lady Cardinals started the second round of district volleyball action last week. The Lady Cardinals won both their matches to remain undefeated at 8-0 in District 19-4A and in first place.

On Friday, October 6, Bridge City played at Little Cypress Mauriceville against the second place Lady Bears. The sets were all close, but the Lady Cardinals won in straight sets

25-18, 28-26, and 25-22 to take the match and hand the Lady Bears only their second loss in district.

The Lady Cardinals had a great team effort with contributions from many players. Demi Carter led in kills with 15, blocks with 5, and had 8 digs. Makenna Knight was second in kills with 10 and made 13 digs.

Bridge City's setter Cambree LaComb had 30 assists and 14 digs. Nicole Sasser made 4 kill shots and added 6 digs. Hensley Morgan made 5 kills, Lexi Nugier had 18 digs, Kaylee Britten saved 10 digs, and Natalie



Nicole Sasser of the Lady Cardinals had 4 kill volleys and 6 digs in Bridge City's win over Little Cypress Mauriceville last week.

Chavez rounded out the Lady Cardinals leaders with 6 digs.

Three nights earlier in Bridge City on Tuesday, October 3, the Lady Cardinals swept Silsbee in three sets. The scores were 25-16, 25-17, and 25-14.

Demi Carter had a season high 24 kills in the match. Makenna Knight was second in kills with 7, first in aces with 4, and had 4 digs. Cambree LaComb made 28 assists and Lexi Nugier contributed 9 digs for the Lady Cardinals.

Tuesday of this week was the second half bye for the

Lady Cardinals. Their next game is Friday, October 13, at Bridge City against Vidor who the Lady Cardinals

needed five sets to beat in their first district meeting between the two teams.

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Bridge City ISD Earns State's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

Bridge City Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "A" for "Superior" under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The "Superior" rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Bridge City ISD's financial management and reporting system. A public meeting will be held at the BCISD Administration Building, 1031 W. Roundbunch Rd. on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6 p.m. to present the School FIRST rating.

BCISD to purge records

Effective December 31, 2023 Bridge City ISD special education records will be purged for students whose special education services ceased prior to August 2016. Any previous special education student, who is at least 18 years of age, or the parent/guardian of a minor student, may pick up records in the Special Education Office. Additional information may be obtained by calling 735-1552.

Bridge City ISD Announces Child Find Efforts

Bridge City ISD Special Education Department and its member districts offer(s) comprehensive special education services to eligible students ages 3 through 21 years and to children from birth through age 21 years who have a hearing or visual impairment. Children from birth to age through with other disabilities will be referred to appropriate agencies for services. All referrals are considered confidential, and service are provided at no cost. The parent, legal guardian, or surrogate parent retains the right to refuse services and are provided other procedural safeguards under federal and state law.

Public school services include screening in areas of suspected disabilities, such as vision, hearing, motor skills, speech, language, and general development. Evaluations in the schools are provided for several areas of suspected disabilities, including learning disabilities, speech and language development, physical impairments, vision or hearing problems, intellectual disabilities, emotional disturbances, autism, health impairments, or traumatic brain injuries.

LCM Bears defeat Vidor From Page 2B

put up a stand. Three run plays only got about four yards.

Coach Eric Peevey of the Bears decided to forego the field goal attempt of about 23 yards and went for it. Payne threw to the right sideline where Cockerham caught the ball and battled for every inch he could get. Keagan's extra effort was just enough to get the first down inside the one.

Payne got the last yard off of left tackle for his fourth touchdown of the game. The Bears led 28-21 with 8:35 left in the fourth quarter.

Nobody from Vidor was going home though after the Pirates took possession at their 37. Alternating with runs by Marlow, Villadsen, and Fontnow the Pirates methodically moved the ball into Bear territory.

Two penalties on Vidor and a nice stop by Tucker Floyd of the Bears put the Pirates' backs to the wall facing third and fourteen from the 42 of LCM. The Pirates ran play action that caught the Bears off guard and quarterback Daigan Venable threw a deep pass for Jayden Jones who did not catch the ball but the officials ruled pass interfer-

ence on LCM for a first down at the 27.

The Pirates went back to what brought them there. Nine running plays by Marlow, Fontnow, and the last by Venable from the one got the touchdown followed by the extra point that tied the game with only 26 seconds left in regulation.

The Bears got two first downs on Payne passes to Khayden Reed. Not wanting to chance a freak turnover touchdown the Bears had Payne take a knee to finish the fourth quarter.

Little Cypress Mauriceville won the coin toss and as is the normal strategy elected to defend initially. The Bears were tough giving one yard, five yards, and then stopping Marlow for a loss of one yard. On fourth down and needing five yards to continue on offense Vidor handed the ball to Jaecob Titman for his only carry of the night and the Bears swarmed him for a three yard loss.

Any score by LCM on its first possession of the overtime would mean a victory. It started promising Fuller and Payne combining for nine yards on the ground on the first two plays. Fuller got a first down with a

short carry to the 15 on which Vidor made its fourteenth penalty in the game with an unsportsmanlike gesture that moved the ball to the seven.

Little Cypress Mauriceville was flagged for holding on a one yard run by Payne which moved the ball back to the 16. Fuller ran for three yards, and then Payne threw a quick pass to the left sideline which Reed caught and stepped inside past his defender for the winning touchdown.

It was another wonderful game for LCM quarterback Dylan Payne who ran for 108 yards on 24 carries with four touchdowns. Payne completed 9 of 19 passes for 101 yards including the winning touchdown.

Jonah Fuller also surpassed a hundred yards on the ground with 115 yards on 19 carries. Khayden Reed was the leading receiver for the Bears with five catches for 52 yards while Keagan Cockerham caught 4 passes totaling 49 yards.

All of Vidor's yards were on the ground. Isaac Fontnow led all rushers in the game with 134 yards on 16 carries and had two touchdowns. Riley Marlow made

20 rushes for 93 yards and one score.

Next week the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears play at home against the Livingston Lions. The Vidor Pirates face the Lumberton Raiders in Vidor.



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To Mothers Stuck in Regret

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It's a familiar feeling as the day ends. I kiss my kids goodnight, pray for them, sing them a song, and then walk out of their rooms. I replay the day: the frustrated response to their behavior, the time spent on my phone instead of in conversation, the way I brushed them aside instead of engaging in a game with them, the outburst of anger. It all weighs on me, and I can feel undone. The lost moments of the day seem to drown out any moments of faithfulness that occurred. Will they remember these failures? Have I scarred them? Is God unhappy with me?

Moms are often plagued with guilt and regret. Sometimes the guilt is legitimate because we have sinned against our kids. Sometimes it's projected on us by our own unbiblical expectations. Either way, where can we go with our mom-guilt and regret?

The Psalms are a faithful guide in our struggle. They are filled with a myriad of emotions, from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows. The Psalms provide insight into how biblical characters experienced specific events. In doing so, they give us a window into the human soul, showing us that God cares about every part of our life experience. He cares about the details of



the narrative, and he gives us language for responding to the story we find ourselves in, including our moments of deep regret.

Deal with Regret Like David

Life in a broken world means moms will experience regret. In Psalm 51, David is filled with regret over the murder of Uriah and his sexual sin with Uriah's wife, Bathsheba. In other words, his regret is legitimate, not projected. He has sinned against God and others.

The most important step David takes when he feels regret is his first step toward God. We have a tendency to pull away from God when we sin. We can feel too shameful to come before a holy God. But this holy God is also

merciful and gracious (Psalm 145:8). He delights to save his wayward children, if only they would come to him. Running away from him when we feel regret only leads to more regret. Running to him when we feel regret leads to life.

After coming before our Lord, we have to get honest. We've sinned, and we need help. David also acknowledges his sin. He doesn't shy away from saying he has sinned, as he makes a passionate plea for God to cleanse him and make him new (Psalm 51:7-12). Without this request for forgiveness and cleansing, our sin will continue to weigh us down (Psalm 32:3-4).

And so, we come, with sorrow in our hearts, asking a holy God to forgive our sins. Because of Christ, he does so freely

and liberally. We don't have to stay in our sin and regret. We can come boldly to the throne of God's grace and find help for our time of need (Hebrews 4:16). We can acknowledge our sin, look to the Savior who paid for that sin, and move on.

Two Types of Guilt

When we sin, we have an advocate in Jesus and a model for confession in David. But what do moms do with the regret that may not be owing to sin? What about feeling like we just didn't measure up, or feeling like we didn't do enough for our kids?

If we're truly sinned, then we can pinpoint that sin in the Bible. The outburst of anger, the unkind word, the selfish response, idolizing our children —

these are all sinful choices, and Scripture speaks to them plainly (Ephesians 4:31-32; Philippians 2:3-4). Of course, sometimes we can't tell if what we did was sinful or just owing to our human limitations. Sometimes what feels selfish is actually us acknowledging we need a nap. Sometimes what feels unkind is really just administering discipline so that our kids understand authority and boundaries.

Even when we can't tell the difference between true sin and "feeling bad," however, the answer is still the same: we have an advocate before the Father (1 John 2:1). Whether we've sinned or just feel like we could have done better, our standing before Jesus is immovable.

Psalm 131 helps to remind me of that standing place. There are realities too wonderful for me to grasp (verse 1); when I don't understand the path to walk as a mom, I can quiet my soul and trust that God is holding all things together (verse 2). Just as a weaned child learns to trust where her next meal comes from, so I can learn to trust that my kids are all right. Any given day won't ruin them. God ultimately has them, like he has me.

Finished and Free

Many moms have a tendency to want to do everything right. We want to know all the rules so that we can execute the task perfectly. We don't want to disappoint people.

Which means we need to keep something in mind through this entire process: our identity is secure.

If you're trusting in Christ, he has already finished the work for you. Any amount of striving you do now is from faith, in delightful obedience to him, not out of a need to earn anything. Of course, he calls us to obey and walk according to his word — but we can't add or take away from what Christ has already done for us. When we sin, it's paid for by Jesus. When we disappoint people, that does not necessarily mean God is disappointed. When we make a mistake, God doesn't condemn us. When we have regret, we have a path forward.

Our choices don't have to shame us. We can walk in freedom before the Lord, knowing that in Christ we have everything — including the Holy Spirit, who gives us increasing wisdom to know what is sin and what is not.

We often say in our home, "Tomorrow there are new mercies and new opportunities to obey." If you sin today, tomorrow is holding new mercies for you (Lamentations 3:22-23). If you get to the end of the day and wish you had done more, tomorrow is holding new mercies for you.

Regret doesn't have the final word in your life — the resurrected Christ does. And because he said, "It is finished" (John 19:30), you can walk in newness of life today and every day after.

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