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LSCO, once an extension, opens in Lumberton

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

More than half a century ago, the Orange Chamber of Commerce reached out to officials at the old Lamar Tech to see if the college could open "extension" classes in Orange.

Those leaders back in 1969 would have never predicted that the campus they started now is starting its own "extension" college in another town.

On Wednesday, October 18, Lamar State College Orange will have a grand opening of a new campus in Lumberton. A ribbon-cutting and open house at 3 p.m. will introduce the public to what in today's jargon is called the "satellite campus" at 344 Main Street in Lumberton.

Classes will begin in Lumberton for the spring semester, though LSCO has not announced which classes will be offered.

The new Lumberton campus was designed in an existing building that was



Dr. Tom Johnson

gutted and renovated to accommodate the college courses. The 3,000 square foot building has two all-purpose classrooms plus a reception area. In addition, there is office space for the support staff.

The satellite campus is on two acres, in case that site, too needs expanding.

The Lumberton campus is another LSCO expansion under the leadership of President Dr. Tom Johnson, who likes to brag that LSCO is one of the fastest growing colleges in Texas.

He, with the help of the

LSCO Page 3A



Orangefield Pre-K has been learning about Transportation and Community Helpers. The young students thanked Walker Donnaud, with Ironwood Trucking, for allowing the little Bobcats to "drive" his dump truck. Local firefighters gave fire safety lessons and Orange Mayor Larry Spears was on hand sharing with the students what it's like to be a mayor.

OCSO with Sugie Lane Foundation launch groundbreaking initiative

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The Sugie Lane Foundation, in collaboration with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Orange County Commissioners Court, is proud to announce a groundbreaking initiative aimed at raising awareness about domestic violence. Together, they have achieved an extraordinary milestone by creating the first-ever Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Patrol Car for Domestic Violence Awareness in the entire state of Texas.

This remarkable endeavor represents a beacon of hope and a symbol of unity for our community. It underscores the potential for collective action in addressing critical issues that affect our society. By dedicating a patrol car exclusively for domestic violence awareness, we not only demonstrate unwavering support for survivors but also a steadfast commitment to preventing such tragedies in the future.

The Sugie Lane Foundation, with its unwavering dedication to ending do-



Driving Change: Texas Unveils First Domestic Violence Awareness Patrol Car with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and the Sugie Lane Foundation.

Pictured: Representing the Sugie Lane Foundation is Betty Jane Bufford mother of Sugie Lane Vasquez, and Sugie's daughter Emily Ross. Representing the Sheriff's Office are Deputies Joey Jacobs, Chris Frederick, Mark Dubois, Rhett Forsythe, and Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney."

estic violence, has played a pivotal role in making this initiative a reality. Their tireless efforts to raise awareness and provide support to those affected by domestic violence are truly commendable. Through their collaboration with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Orange County Commissioners Court, they have exemplified the power of

community partnerships in effecting positive change.

This domestic violence awareness patrol car, now prominently stationed at the front entrance, serves as a constant reminder of our community's collective stand against domestic violence. It is a symbol of protection, safety, and a promise to support those in need. It epitomizes the dedication of law enforce-

ment to protect and serve, as well as the commitment of our local government to address this pressing issue.

About the Sugie Lane Foundation:

The Sugie Lane Foundation is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit founded in 2011 by Emily Ross in honor of her mother Sugie Lane Vasquez. Su-

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WO seeks sales tax to increase business

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For The Record

Voters in the city of West Orange will decide whether their city will have a special economic development corporation to draw more businesses. The city will have a special sales tax on the November ballot with early voting to start on Monday, October 23.

West Orange has a proposal to add a fraction-of-a-penny per dollar sales tax and use the proceeds to establish a City of West Orange Economic Development Corporation.

Mayor Randy Branch said the proposed tax rate of one-fourth of one percent will add 25 cents per \$100 purchased of items under the state sales tax rules. It will apply only to the sales tax and not to property taxes, he said.

The additional tax, if approved, will give the city a total of 1.5 percent sales tax, the same rate all the other cities in Orange County have. Currently, West Orange has the lowest city sales tax.

West Orange borders the construction site of the new \$8.5 billion Golden Triangle Polymers petrochemical plant. "There are folks coming in all the time now looking for places" for business opportunities, the

mayor said. "If we had some money available, we could entice them to West Orange."

When cities get more businesses to build or locate, the cities can increase their income from property taxes and sales taxes.

The city of Orange is currently the only entity in Orange County with an economic development sales tax and its own economic development corporation. Voters there approved a half-cent per dollar sales tax in 2002.

Mayor Branch said if voters in West Orange approves the economic development sales tax, the city council will appoint a board of directors for the West Orange Economic Development Corporation. The board will have seven members that may include city councilors or city staff members. At least three of the seven board members must be appointed from the general public.

The Orange Economic Development Corporation was set up to include the mayor and two councilors among the seven board members.

All expenditures by an economic development corporation must be approved by the board of di-

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Orangefield sets meetings on bond election

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For The Record

Informational meetings on the \$43 million bond election for the Orangefield school district will be held on Thursday, October 19, and Tuesday, October 24.

Early voting on the bond issue will start Monday, October 23. Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.

The informational meet-

ings are for parents, taxpayers, and the general public interested in the schools. The meetings will be held each evening at 6 in the high school cafeteria, 10058 FM 105. The meetings will have presentations on the plans, costs, and tax rates. Interested people may attend one session, or both.

Early voting will be held at the Orange Public Library, Mauriceville Com-

munity Center, Orange County Airport, and the Raymond Gould Community Center in Vidor. Eligible registered voters may go to any of the polling sites.

The early voting hours will be Monday, October 23, through Friday, October 27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The early voting will continue on Monday, October 30, through Wednesday, November 1, from 8 a.m. to

5 p.m. Extended hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, and Friday, November 3.

The November election will include propositions to the Texas State Constitution, but not local county offices like sheriff or constable. Party primary races for county offices will be in March.

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International Paper has generously donated funds to be used for the Bill Tennison Basketball Tournament for the 2023 year. OHS Basketball thanks IP for the generosity and support in making this tournament a success. Pictured are Coaches Erick Girola and Bryan Whitmire with representatives from International Paper.



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club awarded Orangefield student Abigail Broussard as their October Student of the Month. Pictured are Jerry Jones-Rotary President, Jennifer Sims-Counselor, Patricia and Kyle Broussard-Parents, Abigail, Britni Briggs-Counselor and Shaun McAlpin-OF Superintendent.

OC Parkinson Support Group

The Orange County Parkinson Support Group will hold its first monthly meeting since the Covid pandemic on Wednesday, November 1, at 11:00 a.m. at the Train Depot in Orange. Since November is National Family Caregivers Month, we will focus on healthy tips for caregivers. All are welcome, especially those individuals with any movement disorder and/or their caregivers. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact: Ella Guillory (409)543-3084, Julie Patronella (409)351-2048, or Odette Hill (409)344-2005

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Domestic Violence Awareness program From Page 1

gie was brutally murdered May 17, 1997 after suffering years of abuse by the hands of her Emily's father, Rogelio Guerra Vasquez. The foundation is dedicated to addressing domestic violence and its impact on children and families. The foundation's mission is to provide education, intervention, and support to those affected by domestic violence, with a focus on children who have been orphaned as a result of intimate partner violence.

The foundation's work is centered around several key objectives:

Serving Children: The Sugie Lane Foundation focuses on the well-being of children who have lost parents due to intimate partner violence. They aim to provide support and resources to help these children cope with their traumatic experiences and build better futures.

Providing Education: Education is a crucial component of the foundation's mission. They likely offer educational programs and resources to raise awareness about domestic violence, its consequences, and how to prevent it.

Intervention and Sup-

port: The foundation likely provides intervention services for individuals and families dealing with domestic violence. This may include counseling, legal assistance, and other forms of support to help survivors and their families break the cycle of abuse.

Reviving Hope: One of the key goals of the Sugie Lane Foundation is to revive hope in the lives of those affected by domestic violence. This involves providing emotional and psychological support to survivors and empowering them to move forward.

Restoring Normalcy: Restoring a sense of normalcy in the lives of survivors is essential for their healing process. The foundation may offer services and resources to help survivors regain stability and independence.

Inspiring Dreams: The foundation aims to inspire and empower survivors to dream and work towards a brighter future. They may provide opportunities for education, skill develop-

ment, and personal growth to help survivors achieve their goals.

The tragic story of Sugie Lane Vasquez serves as a powerful motivator for the foundation's work, and it appears that they are committed to preventing similar incidents by addressing the root causes of domestic violence and providing support to those affected by it. Their work is essential in raising awareness about domestic violence and helping survivors and their families rebuild their lives.

LOOKING BACK

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record



Former State Senator Carl Parker

While we celebrate new things that encompass life, we should pay attention to what we are leaving.

Though the auto in ways made it easier to travel, we did not think what we would have to do with piles of waste left by the thousands of horses and mules still owned and used by city dwellers.

Already waste is becoming a problem. City dumps

are filling up while new kinds of waste are being created. Our oceans are being fouled by plastic waste; pure water is in short supply. Cleaning up never seems to be appealing, but if we do not, our children and grandchildren will live in a world like a pig pen.

We need to support politicians who support clean up ideas; most of all we need to encourage research to make our waste useable.

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LSCO expansion From Page 1

state legislature and private industry has been growing LSCO to help train students to meet the needs of local business and industry. Those needs include a variety of health-care studies.

LSCO also has academic classes that will transfer to a four-year university so that local students can save money by taking courses close to home. The college also works with local high schools for

some students to earn dual credits.

Dr. Johnson, when announcing the Lumberton project, said campus leaders noticed that 10 percent of the members of a recent graduating class came

from Lumberton and Hardin County. Traveling from Lumberton to Orange can take more than 30 minutes each way.

LSCO leaders decided to bring some classes to the students there. All the Lumberton classes will be accredited.

BCCC monthly student awards



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced the October Student of the Month for Bridge City is Caitlyn Yost. Caitlyn is ranked 100 of 199 with a GPA of 3.8

Pictured: Dr. Amanda James, Lanah Yost, Aaron Yost, Caitlyn Yost, Chloe Tucker, Dr. Mike Kelly and Mistie Carpenter.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the October Student of the Month for Orangefield is Marilyn Nguyen-Phan. Marilyn is ranked 7 of 116 with a GPA of 4.64.

Pictured: Britni Briggs, Stephanie Roberts, Marilyn Nguyen-Phan, Thuy Phan and Rea Wrinkle.

Orangefield school

The school board in August called for the bond election which the school board says will include a number of measures to improve safety. Safety has become a big issue with schools as the number of school shooting tragedies rises and the state legislature adds more requirements on school districts to protect their students.

One of the safety changes will be to build enough classrooms at Orangefield Elementary to house all students rather than keep some in portable buildings. Because of the influx of new housing develop-

ments in the district that are attracting more families to the district, the bond plans include adding classrooms to all three campuses.

The high school will be getting a new cafeteria and library, if the bonds are approved. Other improvements are set for the elementary and junior high campuses.

The school board's information says the bond issue will not affect the property taxes for homeowners age 65 or older, who have their school taxes frozen at the time they reach 65. The cost to other

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taxpayers is in question based on another issue on that November general election ballot.

Texas voters will have a constitutional amendment to cut school property taxes on the November general election ballot. If that proposition is approved, the savings from the state law change in the state law will drastically cut the portion of school property taxes homeowners pay. That change, however, will affect only a school districts general fund used for Maintenance and Operations, or M&O. The M&O rate is

set by each school board based on caps from the state.

Voters within a district must approve a bond issue, so the state allows the voters to decide whether they want to pay more for new buildings and improvements to schools.

If statewide voters approve the proposition to cut school taxes, the cuts could mean an increase to pay more in bond debts could not add to what a taxpayer paid last year.

More information on the bond election is available at the Orangefield ISD website.

WO tax increase From Page 1

rectors during a public meeting, and then by a separate vote of the full city council.

Mayor Branch said the city currently has a quarter-cent per dollar street tax used only for repaving and improving city streets. That tax brings in \$20,000 to \$25,000 a month, he said; so based on that, he estimates the economic development tax could bring in about \$250,000 a year.

The city has the only Wal-Mart superstore in this part of the county. Mayor Branch said the West Orange Wal-Mart draws from a population radius with 40,000. The city has a population of about 3,300. The mayor said that means some 36,700 people shopping at Wal-Mart and paying the sales tax will not be residents of West Orange.

"It makes very little sense for West Orange to not have the quarter-percent sales tax on people who shop at Wal-Mart," he said.

State law governs how economic development sales taxes may be used. Some of those uses can be assistance with acquiring land, buildings, equipment, or infrastructure. The money can also be used for certain "quality of life" projects that might include parks.

Mayor Branch said the city council has no specific plans for the special sales tax, but he has some ideas.

He said the town has been running down-

and the city has been working to demolish dilapidated buildings. Sites where the dilapidated buildings once stood could be used for business or residential opportunities.

Some cities, including Nederland, have used economic development tax money to buy land to offer developers.

The city of Orange has used a lot of its economic development tax grants for infrastructure, mainly to cover the costs of water and sewer service installation.

Mayor Branch said that type of infrastructure would be unavailable to West Orange, though. The city does not operate the water and sewer department. West Orange has a separate special district, the Orange County Water and Improvement District 2, that provides water and sewer services.

The West Orange economic development sales tax will be on the November 7 general election, which mainly has proposed amendments to the Texas State Constitution. It is not the election date for local county offices like sheriff. The party primary races for those offices will be in March.

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From the Creaux's Nest

PRESIDENT BIDEN TRAVELS TO ISRAEL

President Joe Biden travels to Israel in a dramatic display of support for the U.S. ally as his administration seeks to prevent the Israel-Hamas war from expanding into a larger Middle East conflict. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is currently in Tel Aviv, announced Biden's visit following an overnight meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "He's coming here at a critical moment for Israel, for the region and for the world," Blinken said. The trip will come a week and a half after Hamas' surprise attack on Israel killed at least 1,300 Israelis, prompting airstrikes on Gaza in retaliation. The death toll on both sides of the war has surpassed 4,000, about 2,800 in Gaza, and more than 10,000 are wounded. Blinken said at least 30 Americans were killed in Israel. Blinken said Biden "will again make clear, as he's done unequivocally," that Israel "has the right and indeed the duty to defend its people" following the Hamas attack. Blinken said Biden will hear from Israeli leaders about what it needs from the U.S. to defend itself. The White House is seeking approval from Congress to provide military aid to Israel. "President Biden will underscore our crystal-clear message to any actor, state, or non-state trying to take advantage of this crisis to attack Israel. Don't, Blinken said. Biden has publicly warned other parties hostile to Israel, terrorist groups and other nations, not to use the Israel-Hamas War as a moment to interfere and expand the conflict. Biden singled out Iran by name last week, saying he "made it clear to the Iranians: Be careful."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

It almost seemed like a joke that coatless Jim Jordan was trying to elevate himself to the position of speaker. On Tuesday, the GOP House delegation blocked Jordan's bid in its first vote. Jordan called for another vote Wednesday. That vote was also expected to turn Jordan down. Jordan is the chairman and leader of a committee to impeach President Biden, so far it seems without cause. On Friday Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-El Paso, made the following statement. "They have nominated an insurrectionist and the architect of a prior government shutdown." "This is a man who literally and figuratively has tried to burn this place down. I am stunned and profoundly disappointed."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

On the local high school front, two Bridge City guys faced each other on Friday night as head coaches. Coach Dwayne Dubois, the new coach at Hardin Jefferson, hosted his old buddy, Josh Smalley and his Orangefield Bobcats. Dubois, using his own son, Camden, a Bridge City native, as quarterback, led the entire game and held on for the 35-30 win. Camden Dubois, in case some of you didn't know it, is Shirley and Mayor Kirk Roccaforte's grandson.****Sen. Ted Cruz and a handful of Tea Party congressmen caused the shutdown of the government because House Speaker John Boehner wouldn't bring a bi-partisan senate bill up for a vote. That would have saved all the pain and expense the shutdown causes. Now it looks like a deal will be struck despite Cruz still demigoding. The proposal does not include any significant reforms to the Affordable Care Act, which is the witch hunt Cruz was promoting. He knew that the health reform law was here to stay. His one-man show wasn't going to change anything but that didn't matter to Cruz. He took in a lot of cash and propelled himself to leader of the Tea Party.****Tommy and Sue Simar stopped by. They just returned from Alligator Country near Morgan City. They detoured to Abbeville, Roy's birthplace, a unique Cajun town. Tommy is a former Livingston Shipyard worker.****On Oct. 23, the Lunch Bunch will dine at Robert's. It also will be Judge Claude Wimberly's 79th birthday.****Harry Stephens' birthday was Monday. He spent it at the doctor's office so he's throwing his own party at Harry's Appliance with a big sale storewide.

22 Years Ago-2001

Dan Dumas is honored as Ambassador of the Month by Bridge City Chamber. Ricardo Ceja, owner of Tequila's, accepts the award for Business of the Month.****Britt Godwin's parents, Mickey and Sandra Godwin, celebrate their 40th anniversary last Saturday, Oct. 20.****If A.G. John Cornyn has his way, we are headed on a course that will take Congressman Jim Turner away from us. The state Republicans have redistricted, putting Orange County in the Houston area district.****Frank Manchec, Jr., 43, son of Athelene and the late Frank Manchec, Sr., died Oct. 18. Athelene has lost both of her sons. Mark was killed in a plane accident in Florida a couple of years ago. Her only sur-

viving child is daughter Margaret. Frank, Jr. is survived by sons Stephen and William and daughter Karen.****Jim Latiolais, 54, brother of BCISD board member Tim Latiolais, passed away Oct. 19.****Mable Mann, 72, died Oct. 18. She was a 58 year resident of Bridge City. She is survived by mother Gladys Strong, sons Gary and Don and daughter Debbie.****The 1951 class of Stark High School celebrated their 50th class reunion. Louis Dugas' sister, Margaret and husband Preston Conway, attended. Louis says they were freshman when he graduated.

47 Years Ago-1976

Congratulations to Bridge City high royalty. Homecoming queen June Nazat, band sweetheart Melissa King and football sweetheart Kim Daniels.****At Orangefield, Julie Breaux was chosen homecoming queen, Patti Pevetor football queen and Angie Hasting band queen.****Art Miller is president of the BC Optimist Club.****Jeanne Wood, Helene Litton and Lenie Rutledge will represent B&PW at the district conference.****BC football star Tony Mullholland featured in "Sports Illustrated" magazine.****Sandi Mobley and Debbie McCordle will both celebrate birthdays next week.****The world's ugliest man, our own Gene Goza, (that's according to "National Enquirer") will appear on Merv Griffin's national TV show. That will bring recognition to Orange. Gene is a super-talented person.****The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears use passing attack to explode for 18 second half points but fell just short of victory. SFA scored three TDs in the first half on Bear turnovers. In the first half, the Bears saved being shut out when split end Jet Tooney caught a 38-yard pass and Wade Kachtik scored from 2 yards out. The second half belonged to the Bears with an 18-yard pass from quarterback Teddy Gibbens to wingback Mike Brosette and a 16-yard pass from Gibbons to Mark Mortimer. Gibbens passed for 205 yards; Tooney, 84 yards receiving; Brosette, 48 yards and Kachtik and Brian Landry accumulated 161 rushing yards. Bears came up one point short.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Another family-fun community activity is coming up Friday and Saturday with the Orange County Livestock Show and Auction in Mauriceville. Raising farm animals has never gone out of style here and 4-H is growing. The students of all ages will be showing their animals for judging and then auctioning. The show will be held in Mauriceville at the show barn, 5319 Arnel Road. A non-profit group of local citizens organizes the livestock show and keeps the tradition going. Roasters and rabbits will be on display beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday. The time for showing swine, lambs, and goats will be 8 a.m. Saturday. There is no admission charge and for the 'city' families, it's great way to see clean and cared-for farm animals. The kids who raise their animals for show love talking about them, too. A buyer's dinner will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday and the auction will begin at 7 p.m.****The Heritage House Museum's Seventh Annual Historic Ghost Walk once again drew crowds to downtown Orange on Saturday to take a stroll around the areas first settled in 1828. Costumed drama students from all five public high schools in the county read true history stories at the places where the events happened. So many people came away amazed at how many things happened in such a small area. Yet, the historic ghost walk has enough stories for a whole set to be rotated every three years. Next year will be different stories. Heritage House Board President Adam Conrad was the busiest of all as he made sure the drama students had everything they needed. It was his idea at the first historic ghost walk to use the drama students. Museum Director Charlotte Alford spent weeks of preparation, including to assure that dozens of high school students got plenty of food, water, and soft drinks. Lots of volunteers helped, along with board members like Peggy Wells, Angela Abshire, Jody Chesson, James Scales, Lori Ardoin and others. Kimberly Manning was making sure she got photos of everything. Mindy and Robert Currie helped sponsor the fundraiser through their Innovative Air, and also spent hours volunteering. Former museum director Carolyn Rose came, though she couldn't make the whole tour because she is now using a walker. Caroline and Mike Hennigan were there with Dan and Denise Sanders. Heather Dyson, who lives in the Old Orange Historic District, was helping out. Also seen were Mandy Jacob, Kaiden Richard, Steve and Gail Maddox, McKenna Tucker, Kent Hutchison and his wife, Brandi and Chris Moree, Brad and Terri Childs, and Anthony Holder.****Across town, the Little Cypress-Mauriceville High Class of 1983 held their 40th reunion. Orange City Councilor Paul Burch was a member of the class and brought along some of his fellow thespians from Orange Community Players to sing for the reunion. Could Paul belt a song in high school? Others at the reunion included JoAnna Acosta, Clark, Stephanie Hardesty, Johanna Garza, Williams, and Rita Bonnin Monson.****On Sunday, country star Craig Morgan opened the new season for the Lutch Theater and had an enthusiastic crowd that included fans like County Commissioner Chris Sowell. Also there were Gina and Skipper Yeaman, Al Granger, and Bridget and Greg Trahan.****Retired coach Randy Ragsdale can now brag that his first grandchild, toddler Janie Nash, has seen an Astros playoff game. The Ragsdale family including mom/grandmom Paula Ragsdale, plus Coach Sarah Ragsdale Nash and husband Coach Jake Nash, along with Coach Rebekah Ragsdale, all went to the game. Wish the outcome had been different, but they have an experience they will never forget.****Phillip and Pat Caillavet went to the Kentucky hills to see the fall sites and take a trip to Dollywood.****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. Oct. 18 finds Will Winfree marking another year. Will, Buckshot and Barbara's boy, is just a great guy. I believe he was named after his great-grandfather, an Orange County pioneer. Will was raised in his grandfather's

old historical home on Hwy. 62.****Also celebrating today is my old friend, Coach Les Johnson, who turns 88. The former Bridge City coach now lives in Bastrop. Les stays in shape. He and Wanda walk three miles every day. He believes in exercise.****Oct. 19 finds Joyce and John Dubois's daughter Judge Joy Simonton, celebrating a birthday. The Judge has been like family since she was a little girl.****Oct. 20: Everyone's friend, Jason Yeaman, celebrates a birthday today.****On Oct. 21, Brad Childs celebrates another birthday. Also, as I recall, the late Vickie Drake Brown celebrated on this date. She was the daughter of Betty and Earl Drake and an outstanding artist. Vickie created the caricature of "The Office Hound" for the Opportunity Valley News. Kresge department store sold Office Hound tee shirts. (I still have one.)****Oct. 22, Alma Provost celebrates.****Oct. 23, Eric Brinson, a youngster from Deweyville, Darrell and Gretta's boy, celebrates a birthday. He graduated from college at age 19.****Oct. 24, Debbie Fusilier came to work for the Dunn newspapers at age 16 and spent 30 years with them. She married David, had three children, and is now a grandmother. Happy birthday to our Girl Friday.****I also remember Mary Stanton on her birthday. I have warm thoughts about this wonderful lady.****Happy Birthday also to Brittney Stillwell, Leland Gros' mom.****Birthdays last week included former longtime Orange resident Joanne Jones, who turned 94. Jane Couvillion celebrated her 90th. Others with birthdays this past week included Rosie Hurst, Loretta Hughes, Michelle Tubbleville, Rex Gibson, Kerry Kovatch Horton, Chris Axelson, Fred Montgomery, Andrea Bilbo, Janice Johnson, Skylar Rowley, Jacelyn Cook, Lindsey Boren, Angie Bonnin, Debbie Mazzola, David Rawls, Wes Freuden, Cathy Roberts, Robert Griffin, Rob Vail, Henry Seals, Kathy Jones, Markesha Baldwin, and J.C. LeDoux. We also remember our longtime friend and artist C. Delle Bates on the anniversary of his birth.****Anniversaries this past week included Michael and Francesca Cole at No. 22, Jay and Ellisia Carpenter celebrated their tenth, and Greg and Hillary Gravett had their fifth. West Orange City Councilor Meritta Kennedy and husband, Danny, also had an anniversary. Sending them extra prayers as Danny is undergoing cancer treatment.****Oops. We made a mistake last week. Roderick and Brandy Robertson took their grandson to Shangri La. The toddler's father is minor league baseball player Payton Robertson. Nathan is another of the Robertson's sons and is Uncle Nate to the grandbaby.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Teenot Theriot him, is a photographer for the Abbeville Meridian Newspaper. He got a call at home him, dat an oil well in da Gulf had blown up. Teenot call his editor, Guy Trahan, an he say, "Look Guy, me I need an airplane rat now."

Trahan tole him to head to da Vermillion Parish Airport and he assured Teenot a plane would be started and jus waiting on him.

Teenot drive like hell him, from his house in Delcambre, bout eight mile. As soon as he got to da small airport, sure nuff, a plane was warming up near da runway. He grabbed his camera and jump in da plane and he yelled, "Les go, les go!"

Da pilot him, turn dat little plane into da wind and in da air dey went.

"Fly over da north side of da fire," Teenot, da photographer, say, "and make tree or four low, low passes."

"Why's dat?" axe da pilot.

"Because I'm gonna make some pictures me. I'm a photographer and dats wat photographers do dem." say Teenot.

After a long pause da pilot him, who done turn plum white as a sheet, axed, "You mean you not da instructor you?"

C'EST TOUT

Recording History Before I Grow Too Old

The conversation with a couple of friends turned from politics today to remembering those who served us locally after the war. The war ended in 1945 but my first memory of local government starts about 1948. Raymond Sanders was mayor of Orange and later in the 1950s served as chief of police. Gene Nance was police chief. The city judge was Abram Prince. I believe the city attorney was Ernest Reid. In county government Sid Caillavet was the judge. In 1950, he was elected mayor of Orange. It paid more than the county, about \$800 a month. Dick Stanfield was the sheriff, Chester Holts the jailer and was appointed sheriff when Stanfield died. Holts went on to be the longest serving sheriff, 21 years. Joe Rannels, Jr. was county clerk. He was elected mayor of Orange, defeating Caillavet and was later defeated for the office by Caillavet. Rannels then was elected to the same office again. Before leaving office Caillavet implemented the city manager form of government. When Rannels took office the salary went from \$800 a month down to \$100 a month. County attorney was Graham Bruce; I believe the dist. judge was named Adams. Jack Brooks was state representative. I recall one of the county commissioners was "Tick" Granger and Buck Patillo was constable. Another constable was Vorhees Ratcliff. Those are my earliest recollections. I don't know who the first district judge was in Orange County who wasn't a traveling judge. I know the first county court at law judge was Charlie Holcombe. I don't recall the year the post was created? Before that the county judge, a non-lawyer, handled misdemeanor cases and other chores. Few people are still around who recall the war years. Very few WWII local veterans remain. Cedric Stout and J.B. Arrington are a couple of them. In five years no veterans will remain. The war ended 78 years ago as I approached my 12th year. The numbers of us who remember the war are also getting fewer.****Please read us cover to cover and shop our family of advertisers when you can, they bring you this paper free of charge. Also check us out on the web at therecordlive.com. Take care and God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Terry Lynn Champeaux II, "T-2", 22

Terry Lynn Champeaux II "T-2" age 22, of West Orange, Texas, passed away on Friday, September 29, 2023, in Beaumont, Texas.

"T-2" was laid to rest on October 7th in Greenlawn Memorial Park cemetery in Groves TX. This very sad day for the Champeaux family will always and now, forever, be shared as a day of sadness for Israel and many Nations around the world. Our family shares your grief and feels your pain.

We would like to thank Randall "Flipper" Doolittle and Pastor "Boa" Ralph Zampini for Officiating. We also would like to thank First Baptist Church of Groves, Texas, Outlaw Bible Church of Vidor, Texas, First Baptist Church of Bridge City, Texas and Fellowship Baptist Church of Magnolia Springs, Texas for helping take care of the extremely large amount of people who wanted to say goodbye to our Little Man.

Terry Lynn Champeaux II was born on the Island of Galveston, Texas on August 27, 2001. It was a stormy rainy night and a tornado touched down in the Galveston Bay. From day one "T-2's" life has been exciting!

"T-2" grew up in Bridge City, Texas and is the son of Terry Lynn Champeaux I and Sundee Ann Newman Champeaux. His brother Michael Thomas Edward Newman Champeaux also grew up in Bridge City.

"T-2" was working at his dream job as a Mechanic at Speed Kings in Beaumont TX. Seriously, after all the kindness that Speed Kings showed to our family, wrenching on bikes was not the only reason that he loved his job so much; the people there are amazing. Fixing things however was what "T-2" loved to do. From a very young age "T-2" would follow his daddy around and learn to fix everything he could put his hands on. Our yard always had boats, motorcycles, 4 wheelers and other things that he and his best friend would drag home and work on. Terry II loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting or just taking a ride in his boat or on his motorcycle. He would have been overjoyed by all the motorcycles that showed up in his honor.

He often thought of people and tried to help the others around him. One example is when he got in his boat and rescued many people and animals including an iguana from their home after the hurricane. He enjoyed his momma's cooking, rough housing with his brother, and taking adventures with his daddy. He was the kindest most loving man anyone would have had the privilege to know.



Terry Champeaux

On January 25, 2009, Terry Lynn Champeaux II was Baptized at Woodcrest Baptist Church in Groves, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his sibling Noah Champeaux and his grandmother "Memaw" Brenda Joyce Swanzy Sawyer and his child, Sarah Lynn Champeaux, and many more loving family members who welcomed him to his Heavenly

home. Terry Lynn Champeaux II is survived by Kameryn E. Ramer, of Warren, TX, Cody Hunter Gilbert and Baylee DeAnn Smith of Bridge City; Grandparents "PawPaw" Albert Edward and "MawMaw" Lillie Mae Champeaux of Groves - formerly of Colmesneil, Texas. His brother, Michael Thomas Edward Newman Champeaux of Bridge City; mother, Sundee Ann Newman Champeaux and his sweet loving daddy, Terry Lynn Champeaux I; as well as a boat load of cousins, aunts, uncles, and others who loved him and will miss him dearly. Thank ya'll for all the love and help. "T-2" would give each one of ya'll a big old hug and a big sugar for helping send him home!

Until we see each other again. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

My Son

GOD'S gift of gold and precious gems
Are but grains of sand, compared to him

A golden halo about his face
Is tilted slightly, out of place
Delights of mischief, placed in my hand
With a frog or crawfish in a can
A smile he shares, while one hand hides
Flowers picked for my surprise.

Quiet, sometimes, in thoughts to ponder,

Wheels his mind to quickly wander
Endless question, always sought
Of how and why, intrigues his thoughts
From tears to laughter, when I've kissed
a hurt.

hands, when washed, still traced with dirt.

Imagined race, has no defeat
With worn out tennis on his feet
Life enriched with sprinkled joy
Has blessed me by my little boy
LORD, He's my treasure, by Your Grace

The one with mischief on his face
So, as he grew from day to day
We tried to lead him in Your way

Brenda "Memaw" Sawyer 07/10/83

With the help of JESUS Momma and Daddy tried

Proverbs 22:6

James Ray Thurman, 80, Hemphill

James Ray Thurman, 80, passed away on October 13, 2023 in Hemphill, Tx.



James Thurman

A private family memorial gathering will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at his home on Toledo Bend. The service will be conducted by his nephew, Charles "Bubba" Thurman.

Born in Summerfield, Louisiana on December 28, 1942, he was the son of Henry Grady Thurman and Thelma (Linder) Thurman. James retired from E.I. DuPont after almost 40 years of service. He led a very full life and always let his family and friends know that he loved them. He and his wife Gail enjoyed traveling to Alaska to visit friends. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends, especially "The Annual Thurman Hunt" in the Texas Hill Country. He loved sweets, watching old westerns, and being

with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Thelma Thurman.

He is survived by his wife, Gayla "Gail" (Prewitt) Thurman; children, Jan Thurman of Lake Charles, Ray Thurman of Bridge City, and Jimmy Thurman and wife Misty of Beaumont; grandchildren, Jesse Thurman, Taylor McDonald and husband Jake, Brayden Thurman, and Libby Thurman; sister, Glen Lummus and husband Sanford of Orange, and brother, Charles "Butch" Thurman and wife Jackie of Bridge City; and numerous nephews, nieces, and other loving family and friends.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Starr Funeral Home, Hemphill, Texas.

Memories and condolences may be shared at starrfuneralhome.com.

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BCI Student Council Members Announced

BCI Student Council for 2023-24 was announced. Students voted for one representative from each class and Officers were chosen from our 5th grade students.

The 2023-24 Student Council is led by President, Bree Becker; Vice President, Dax Landry; and Secretary, Brooklynn Myers.

They are excited to attend the Student Leadership Workshop next week.



BCI Students Learn Maniac Magee's Legendary Knot Skills

After reading about the character Maniac Magee's legendary knot skills, Book Club tested their skills at tying and untying "untieable" knots.- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli.



BCI Fall Art Club prepares for Shangri La's 13th Annual Scarecrow Festival

The Fall Art Club has been busy getting their scarecrow ready for Shangri La's 13th Annual Scarecrow Festival. This year's scarecrow is "Artist Frida Kahlo".

Art Club Officers are: President, Scarlett Duhon; Vice President, Abel Dillon; Secretary, Brooklynn Degeyter; Treasurer, Sophia Alpers; and Chaplain, Bree Becker.



Over 100 BCI Students join Cardinals For Christ

Cardinals for Christ started off great this school year. BCI had over 100 third through fifth grade students gather for their first meeting.



BCI 5th Grade Honor Choir Prepares For Annual Veteran's Day Program

BCI's 5th Grade Honor Choir has been very busy preparing for their Annual Veteran's Day Program. They do an amazing job honoring our local Veterans each year and we are looking forward to their performance.

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LCM Bears hit the road to Splendora

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Five straight games at home concluded last week for Little Cypress Mauriceville which included victories in the first two games of district action. This week the Bears go on the road and look to continue their recent successes with a third consecutive district win.

Both Little Cypress Mauriceville and Livingston were undefeated in district going into last week. The Bears took a 12-0 lead and then battled with a depleted lineup to win 18-13 over the Lions.

Coach Eric Peevey knew Livingston was going to be a tough battle for his Bears. "The size of the Lions, they've got a lot of athletes, and they've figured out what they're doing offensively and defensively through the last few weeks. The Bear defense played tremendous in the first half stopping them on three fourth down and short conversions when the Lions have not been stopped on hardly any fourth and short this year," Peevey indicated.

The LCM offense scored two touchdowns in the first half, but then struggled. Peevey elaborated, "The game came down to the wire when we got the ball back with four minutes to play and us up by five points. We told the kids we needed three first downs to run out the clock, so boy your necks it's time to go. Evan Wor-



Evan Worster of LCM came into the game late at quarterback completing two big passes that helped run out the clock in the Bear win over Livingston.

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game because his shoulder was bothering him. My list of injuries shows 16 Bears that were in the training room this weekend and Monday. It's kind of been a next man up mentality," Peevey reported.

The big difference between the young players that started the season and the Bears now with seven games under their belts is a more determined effort. Peevey explained, "We're starting to see the battling in the kids. They've really grown up,

ster came in at quarterback for Dylan Payne who had got nicked up, and Evan completed a deep ball for a first down. Jonah Fuller made an unbelievable run after catch on a screen that garnered a second first. Once again we give it to Jonah Fuller and he bulled his way in for a first down, and it's ball game!"

The last three games have taken a toll on the Bears. "Playing Legacy and playing Vidor and then playing Livingston back-to-back-to-back those physical type teams has put us in a situation where we're just beat up and banged up right now. We have multiple guys with shoulders and knees that might not be playing this week. Luke McDow pretty much played the Livingston game with one arm and made some big tackles for us. Quarterback Dylan Payne did not play the last series of the

Mustangs escape Bridge City

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

West Orange-Stark visited Bridge City on Friday and experienced a scare at Larry Ward Stadium more frightening than most Halloween haunted houses. The Mustangs escaped with a 28-14 win against a very competitive Cardinal crew.

The victory keeps the Mustangs (4-4, 2-2) with a shot at a third place finish in district alive. The Cardinals (2-5, 0-3) should have some momentum despite the loss headed into next week's game.

As it has all season Bridge City played hard dominating the first two quarters and led by seven points at the half. West Orange-Stark executed much better in the second half scoring all of its points in the final two periods.

After a three-and-out to start the game by the Mustang offense they punted the ball to Bridge City. The Cardinals made two first downs on passes from Hutch Bearden to first Abraham Mungia and then a second to Gavin Bodin moving the ball to the WOS 49.

Bearden was sacked for a loss of five yards before he scrambled 14 yards to set up a fourth and three at the Mustang 42. Unfortunately, the Cardinals committed their only penalty of the first half to cause them to punt instead of going for it.



William Pitre of the Mustangs caught a touchdown pass that sealed the victory for West Orange-Stark over Bridge City.

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The Mustangs got two first down on their second possession but failed on a fourth down pass which gave the ball back to Bridge City. The Cardinals started at their 38 and used fifteen plays to drive to take the first lead of the game.

Bearden and Mungia got a first down on a 13-yard pass to the Mustang 47. Bearden ran seven yards for another first at the 34. On fourth-and-five Bearden completed a pass to Bodin for eight yards and the first down at the 21.

Facing fourth-and-two Bearden ran for eight yards and a first down at the five. On third-and-goal from the four Bearden swept to his right and found pay dirt to give Bridge City a 7-0 lead with less than four minutes played in the second quarter.

The Cardinal defense
WOS Page 3B

BC Cardinals hope to fly over Hawks

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The Bridge City Cardinals almost pulled off one of the big upsets of the year last week. The Cardinals will now go on the road looking for their first win in district competition over the last two seasons.

The first half a week ago was dominated by Bridge City against a West Orange-Stark team that was state ranked when the season began. The Cardinals led 7-0 after two quarters, but the Mustangs rallied to take the lead and did not secure their victory until there



Bridge City center Victor Ortiz has been a leader on a much improved offensive line for the Cardinals as the season has progressed.

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were less than two minutes remaining in the contest.

Bridge City Coach Chad Landry called this the best game the Cardinals have played this season. "We talked prior to the game we wanted to just have a chance at the half. Our guys competed extremely well. The first half was probably the best half of football we've played all year. We had a seven nothing lead going into the fieldhouse, it was just an

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OUTDOORS
Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

For a long time I always equated the best time of the year with the full moon in October, which coincidentally happens next week on the 28th. For all intents and purposes summer is now in the rear-view window and those nasty 90-degree days should be nothing but a memory.

Occasionally we get a reminder from Mother Nature that we are never far from crazy weather but judging from the forecast I'd have to say we may be safe for a few days so get ready to enjoy everything associated with this time of the year. Both fishermen and hunters alike are ready to get things going and I can't blame them one bit, it's time.

Local fishermen are intently eyeing the water temps as the approach the magical number to kick off the fall flounder run. As water temps drop a few more degrees coupled with the coming full moon and the flounder will begin their migration to the gulf through all the major passes. Anglers all along Sabine and Calcasieu will stack up along the shorelines and intercept huge numbers of quality fish as the flounder pass through these areas in great numbers.

The highly anticipated flounder run draws tons of anglers because of both the numbers of fish and how fantastic they are as table fare. Texas and Louisiana both have enacted special seasons on flounder so be sure you consult regulations before you head for the water or get ready to pay a hefty fine.

The recent cool front really kicked Sabine Lake and Calcasieu into high gear as lots of schooling trout are being caught under the birds, unfortunately very few are large enough to keep. The high volume of small fish will certainly bode well for both bodies of water if we don't suffer another big freeze. All these small fish will make an appearance in the spring and hopefully they spawn successfully so Sabine can continue to rebound.

According to many meteorologists we are due to have another major winter event this year, only earlier than that big one from last year. Personally, I hope the winter weather doesn't get as bad as it did when we had all the major fish kills all along the Texas coast, but I would certainly welcome some legitimate cold weather during hunting season.

Speaking of hunting season, you can certainly tell we are closing in on the general hunting season opener as places like sporting goods stores and gun ranges are busy and full. The general opener is as close to an unofficial holiday in Texas as any day during the year gets, it's a huge tradition and thousands of Texas hunters will converge on all parts of the state in just a few days. Local deer hunters are enjoying good conditions over most of the state as consistent rains helped most parts of the state stay green.

A few areas to the extreme north in the panhandle are pretty dry but overall things look good for the opener. Waterfowl hunters are also in the good shape as local marshes look good. Early reports from the northern end of the central flyway have been promising, lots of birds near the Canadian border. The Dakota's, North and South, are extremely dry and it appears many birds are continuing to fly south in search of both water and food.

If early teal season is an indicator, we may see more birds than previously forecasted, but that remains to be seen. Until then we can all enjoy the first true dose of fall weather and look forward to more of it on the horizon.

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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. 86 degrees. Bessie Heights marsh and the Neches River are producing limits of redfish with a few keeper trout mixed in on the rock piles, shell banks, buoys, points, and turnarounds with live shrimp under a popping cork or 1/2 ounce jighead glo chartreuse plastics. Birds are working the cuts of Bessie Heights marsh leading the way to fish.

Trout catches drifting under the birds on the north end of Sabine Lake near Sydney Island. You should see lots of shrimp jumping out of the water, when you do throw 1/4- 3/8 ounce glo chartreuse five inch plastics, or 3/8 ounce gold or silver spoons off the bottom.

Redfish, trout and flounder catches off the

banks, points and cuts with live shrimp under a popping cork. Nice flounder catches on bayous points with live shrimp or live mullet under a popping cork or Carolina cork. Sabine Channel holding redfish and trout. Flounder catches up to 18 inches in the channel with 3.5 plastic baits tipped with live shrimp, or Carolina rigged live mullet or live shrimp shell banks. North Levee is producing nice catches of flounder, 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. 82 degrees. Redfish run is on for "Red October" running along grassy shorelines. 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

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• **Trinity Bay**

GOOD. 78 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. 78 degrees. Redfish are good along shorelines and deep marsh bayous. Flounder bite picking up along the drains on the south shoreline. Scattered speckled trout under diving gulls in the open bay. Report by David Dillman.

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WOS Mustangs joust with Jasper on Friday

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

West Orange-Stark captured a tense win last week. This Friday the Mustangs have an important game to decide playoff seeding in the post season.

The Bridge City Cardinals proved to be anything but a walkover for West Orange-Stark. The Mustangs trailed at the half by seven points before playing a strong second that earned them a 28-14 win.

Coach Hiawatha Hickman said the Cardinals showed up ready to play and it turned out to be a second half game for his Mustangs.

Adjustments were made by Hickman and West Orange-Stark coaches which led to the Mustangs' comeback in the last two quarters.

The Mustangs pulled together after half time following a talk from the coaches. "We executed in the second half. Marcus (Turner) got going completing some passes that went really well. We adjusted on defense and only gave up one score in the second half. The first half didn't go as we wanted it to, but we did what we needed to do which was get a win," Hickman cap-

sulated.

More good news for West Orange-Stark is the Mustangs came out of the game pretty much injury free. WOS should be at full strength for this Friday night's big game.

The Jasper Bulldogs come to town to play the Mustangs who are 2-2 in district. The Bulldogs are 2-1 in district having shut-out wins against Liberty and Bridge City while losing by three to Hampshire-Fannett.

The consensus is the Bulldogs may have the most athletic team in District 9-4A Division II. Jasper runs its offense from the Spread and can be compared very much to the explosive Silsbee offense.

The offense starts with junior quarterback Isaiah Coleman who is in his first year as the starter for the Bulldogs. Coleman can run and throw the football similar to Bridge City's Hutch Bearden while executing the Jasper offense well.

The passing game for Jasper is either deep or short. Hickman explained, "The Bulldogs like to throw the deep ball or they like to throw the slip screens. They kind of remind me of Silsbee with two really good wide re-



Mustang quarterback Marcus Turner threw three touchdown passes, ran for a touchdown, and scored on a two point conversion in the WOS win over Bridge City.
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ceivers on the edge in Britain Simmons and Raja Garza-Adams that they like to run the bubble screens with. They like to get the ball in their skill guys' hands to let them make things happen."

A big offensive line helps Coleman find time to throw and opens holes for the running game. Right tackle Demetrius Dean is a leader in Jasper's O-line.

Hickman evaluated, "Man to man, I think, Jasper may be the most talented team in the district. They're very, very talented in all phases the offensive line, quarterback, and skill guys are all very talented." "Jasper has a really stout 50 Defense. All eleven

starters return from last season for the Bulldogs with ten seniors and one junior to give them plenty of big game experience to draw on.

Just like their offense, the Bulldog defense may be the most athletic man to man team in the district according to Coach Hickman. Middle linebacker TyAnthony Smith is a commit to Texas A&M and runs all over the field making tackles everywhere.

Another leader on defense for Jasper is Tylon Garrett in the defensive line. Garrett was all-district last year with 15 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and 10 sacks. Hickman described Garrett, "He's big, he's fast, he's physical. You've got to account for Garrett on every play. He'll wreck an offense, he's just that type of guy."

Two other stalwarts in the defensive line are the brothers Zaylon Beatty and Zakylon Beatty who compliment Garrett very well. "Those three down line men do a really good job. The Bulldogs are by far the most athletic and probably the best defense we've seen all year," Hickman stated.

The game between West Orange-Stark and Jasper carries important significance for the district seeding when the playoffs start in November. A win would almost assure no worse than a third place finish for either the Mustangs or the Bulldogs which is preferable to a fourth place finish and a meeting with most likely the Bellville Brahmas in the first round.

Hickman gave the strategy for WOS. "We've got to bring the energy like we have against all the other

district teams and make it a second half game. If we can get it into the fourth quarter and be close to try to pull the game out in the end is the goal. We're going to try to control the clock and take our shots when we get a chance. Defensively, we've got to be sound because Jasper does have some dangerous runners and they throw it deep. We'll have a lot of the same game plan we've used before against opponents like Jasper. We'll try to stop the run and be very sound against the pass to get it to the fourth quarter. If we get it to the fourth quarter we feel we've got a chance," Hickman concluded.

West Orange-Stark plays Jasper on Friday night. The Mustangs and the Bulldogs will kick off their game at 7:30 in Dan R. Hooks Stadium.

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continued to clamp down on the Mustangs' offense. Three passes by Marcus Turner netted one yard and West Orange-Stark punted for the second time in three possessions.

Bridge City could not move the ball and a short punt gave the Mustangs good field position at the Cardinal 45. Tahj Ameron had his longest run of the night for 26 yards and Turner ran 11 yards for a first-and-goal at the six.

After a one-yard loss on first down Jagger Carlin of the Cardinals blitzed forcing Turner out of the pocket and as the Mustang quarterback tried to circle back he slipped going down for a thirteen-yard loss at the Cardinal 20. Two incomplete passes followed and the Mustangs turned the ball over on downs.

Two runs by the Cardinals concluded the first half with Bridge City on top 7-0. The Cardinals had outgained the Mustangs in total yards 98 to 51 and doubled them in first downs eight to four.

The Cardinals won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. After some initial success on the opening drive of the third quarter Bridge City punted and for the second time a weak punt gave the Mus-

tangs good field position in Cardinal territory.

Khelvy Jefferson ran for ten yards on the Mustangs first play, and then they committed their first penalty of the game for holding. Turner passed 15 yards to Taydren Perrault, fumbled but gained two yards, and then got the first down on a five-yard run to the 24 of Bridge City.

On third down Turner passed 22 yards to Nicholas Crosson in the back left corner of the end zone for a touchdown. Turner ran in the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs the lead 8-7 with 5:30 remaining in the third quarter.

The Cardinals responded quickly. Bearden completed two passes to Mungia good for 24 yards to the Mustang 47. On third down Bearden ran for a first down at the 33 of West Orange-Stark.

Looking to pass on first down Bearden felt pressure and scrambled to his left. Hutch kept running until he crossed the goal line 33 yards later for the tying touchdown forty-six seconds into the final quarter.

West Orange-Stark was fortunate to avoid two turnovers as after Bearden's touchdown the

Mustangs fumbled the kickoff which they recovered. The two teams exchanged punts with the Mustangs fumbling again but the return man was able to fall on it to retain possession for West Orange-Stark.

Turner started the drive with a 23-yard run into Bridge City territory. Another holding penalty did not deter the Mustangs as Robinson ripped loose on a 22-yard gain to the Bridge City 24. The next play it was Turner again for 14 yards to the ten for a first-and-goal.

Two five-yard runs by Turner got six points for the Mustangs. Amerson got two point conversion to put WOS up 22-14 with 4:50 left in the contest.

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overall great ball game, best game we've played all year," Landry reminded.

Turnovers have been a problem for the Cardinals in several games but they did not turn the ball over against West Orange-Stark. Landry followed-up, "We protected the football. Hutch (Bearden) did a great job finding the open man on his passes, and when no one was open he did a good job of knowing when to tuck the ball and run. I thought it was the best game overall for our offensive line."

Two different running backs in addition to Bearden carried the ball. Merik Aras and Jamel Charles gained positive yards for the Cardinals.

Avoiding penalties was another key as Bridge City was only flagged for three penalties totaling 25 yards. "It was a clean game. Overall, the atmosphere at Larry Ward Stadium competing with one of the best teams in Texas historically made it a great ball game. I was really proud of how we competed. It was a fun sideline, it was a fun environ-

ment, I wish we had come out on top, but it was a great experience for our guys," Landry expressed.

One Cardinal who went down in the second half with an apparent injury was Rayburn Hebert. Landry replied, "Rayburn is a firecracker, we love him, we love how he just kind of gets after it, and he did go down but he is fine. He did see the doctor this week and was cleared. It was kind of a deal where the hit just stunned him more than anything, and he had never felt anything like that before. We took all the precautions we needed to and he'll be fine."

Bridge City travels to Sour Lake on Friday to play the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks. Both teams are looking for their first win in district. The Hawks are 0-7 on their season while the Cardinals did win two non-district games early.

The last couple of years under Head Coach Zach Bass the Hawks have switched from the ball control Slot-T they previously ran to the Spread Offense. Hardin-Jefferson will use an H-Back and will flex the

tight end out of the Spread. "The Hawks are efficient. They know what they want to do," Landry analyzed.

The standout on offense for the Hawks is Wyatt Samaha who Landry described as their 'Swiss Army Knife' playing H-Back, tight end, and wide receiver. Samaha caught passes totaling 430 yards and for three touchdowns last year.

Hardin-Jefferson quarterback Bryndyn Lee has taken over since the season started. Lee has done a good job directing the Hawks' offense. A hard runner for H-J is Davion Levine who has been on the varsity since he was a freshman.

Landry responded, "It's going to be a big test for us on how well do we rebound

from such an emotional game last week. We need to maintain our focus for this week, and our guys are excited."

The defense has been tested this season for Hardin-Jefferson. In seven games the Hawks have surrendered 289 points and allowed at least 35 points to every opponent except Liberty who scored 20 two weeks ago.

The Hawks will mix their defenses against opponents. One down they may be in an odd front, the next down they will switch to an even front, and then they may be in a 3-3 Stack according to Landry.

"The Hawks mix it up which is going to pose a challenge for our offensive linemen. The Cardinals will have to make sure our calls are getting made correctly with different rules for dif-

ferent fronts and different personnel the Hawks show.

The Cardinal linemen will have a big task this week with understanding what they're getting in front of them and making the proper calls. Our senior center Victor Ortiz has done a good job of leading the way with that. He does a good job communicating what the rest of our offensive linemen need to do. I'm really proud of those guys, they continue to get better. We're using seven or eight guys, they're rotating in, and they're all doing a good job for us," Landry complimented.

Bridge City is in good shape heading into this week's contest. Landry indicated, "For the most part we were healthy coming out of the West Orange-Stark game, and we get a couple guys back this week. It

should be a good night for us."

The test for the Cardinals is they must travel to Sour Lake for this game against the Hawks. "I think the big challenge up front is playing on the road. Playing on the road in district with a chance if we go out and take care of what we need to take care of to come out on top. The challenge for us is to maintain our focus, and just really to play our brand of football. I think we finally figured out who we are, and it's been fun to watch. If we stick to that, take care of the penalties, I like where we are, and I like where we're at for Friday night as well," Landry concluded.

The Bridge City Cardinals play Hardin-Jefferson on Friday. The game will commence at 7:30 PM in Sour Lake.

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they've really learned to fight and battle. I'm just really proud of where our kids are at right now."

This week Little Cypress Mauriceville plays the Splendor Wildcats the school with the largest enrollment in the district. Despite their higher number of students the Wildcats have only won their season opener dropping six straight games coming into this Friday night.

"Splendor is really fighting right now. They haven't got a win since the first game of the year. The Wildcats are trying to find their identity on both offense and defense. They've played better than they did last year. They just can't seem to get things in a row. They'll have a good series, then wait five or six series before they have another one," Coach Peevey pointed out.

The Wildcats will put their quarterback under center to operate from the I-Formation and look a lot like the old school Denver Broncos running wide zones, boot legs, and naked reverses according to Peevey. Then they will change formation to try to spread the opposing defense out to throw the football.

Players rotate in and out at most of the skill positions for Splendor. The quarterback Lubbers Robert is one consistency for the Wildcats ranking second in the district in passing yardage.

The biggest target of passes from Robert is wide out Angel Montero who ranks third in receptions among district pass catchers. The leading rusher for the Wildcats is Dominic Rodriguez.

Peevey analyzed, "They are solid players and they make big plays. Statistically, I think the Wildcats are like the third best offense in the district. They get stuff going they just can't keep from making mistakes. The biggest point for us defensively against them is to make the Wildcats earn everything they get over and over and over. Make sure we don't give up the big play, and attack their offensive line are our main keys on defense this week."

The Wildcat defense has transitioned from a three-man front early in the sea-

son to a four-man front in the last three or four games. Peevey believes the LCM offense will face the four-man front from Splendor.

Aggressive describes the defense for Splendor. The Wildcats will bring five defenders on every play. If they line up with four downed linemen there will be at least one linebacker blitzing from somewhere.

"The Wildcats had a tendency to give up some big passing plays early in the year, so now their defensive backs play really far back. We're just offensively going to get back to basics. We've got to make sure we're sound on offense and that everybody knows what they're doing assignment wise with our new receivers. We can't get complicated, can't be too crazy, we really just need to line up, and play battling Bear football," Peevey emphasized.

With two wins already in district against an opponent on a six game losing streak this is a trap game for Little Cypress Mauriceville. Peevey replied, "I think the kids are really excited about this week. The biggest thing that I'm so proud of this team about is everybody buying into their roles. Right now whatever we tell the Bears they do what we ask them. The kids are doing a good job buying in."

The game at Splendor is really the first road game for LCM since the only other two were at West Orange and Sour Lake neither more than an hour away. "This is a two-hour road trip. Our jobs as coaches is keeping the players focused for a team that on film they know is not as good and keeping them focused on a long trip and not have dead legs when we get there. With sixteen kids on the injury list we'll have several Bears who may never have played on a Friday night on the field. We've been preaching to the kids everyday how important is to go three and oh in district which not only locks you in the playoffs mathematically at the same point it gives us the chance to play Lumber-ton for a district championship," Peevey concluded.

Little Cypress Mauriceville travels to Splendor on Friday. The kickoff will be at 7:30 PM between the Bears and the Wildcats.

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A los votantes registrados del Condado de Orange, Texas:

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- Origami bird
- Popular picnic side
- Weary walk
- Often precedes "whiz"
- Larry of Oracle
- Most idle
- Napkin holder

- Gamy, alt. sp.
- *What witches' brew does in 52 across
- *"Eye of newt and toe of frog" holder
- Shell-less gastropod, pl.
- Siren's song, e.g.
- A Flock of Seagulls' hit (2 words)
- Ottoman title
- Type of mine passage
- Head of family
- Aid in crime
- *World's largest Halloween Parade location, acr.
- Bulgarian or Serb

DOWN

- Ovine utterance
- Margarita fruit
- Windows alternative in computers
- "Europa _____" movie (1990)
- Disease in Philip Roth's "Nemesis"
- Licorice-like flavor
- Future atty's exam
- *Michael Jackson's spooky classic
- Disorderly retreat
- M lange
- "Silent Spring" subject, acr.
- Make ill
- Subsequently
- Settle a debt
- Contrary con-

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- junction
- End of "incense"
- In the least (2 words)
- Birth-related
- Group of cows
- JPEG data
- "To the _____" or "to a great extent"
- Roll out the red carpet
- *Kandy
- Romanian money
- *Stephenie Meyer's vampire saga
- Relinquished
- Gin plus lime cordial
- Chip dip
- *"Monster Mash" words, e.g.
- Tasteless and flashy
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- Spill the beans
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Marital Conflict for New Wives

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The early months and years of marriage are a time of significant change. Marriage involves at least one or both people moving to join as husband and wife under one roof. A young wife changes her name to show she now belongs to her husband as the two form a new family. Both the new husband and new wife are stepping into new callings they have never had before! With all the change and transition, it shouldn't surprise us when conflicts, disagreements, or misunderstandings arise.

If you're a young woman preparing for marriage, you need not fret that marital conflict will spoil the first years, nor should you assume that you and your husband won't deal with any bumps or tense times. Rather, you can prepare to be the kind of wife who handles conflicts with maturity, charity, and inner peace. Which is to say, you can prepare to be a Christian wife.

He's Not You

The profound mystery of marriage is that two become one — a man and a woman, distinct and different, joined together in a one-flesh union. Yet in that bodily joining, the two minds do not meld into one. You will think about things much the way you've always thought about them; so will

your new husband.

Over lots of time and with lots of effort, you will begin to think together — to think alongside your husband, to let him know how your thoughts are developing, and also to understand and appreciate that he will always think differently than you do, no matter how well you both may communicate. This is one grand blessing of marriage: he's not you!

Quick to Hear, Slow to Speak

Because of these natural and good differences of frame and mindset, a new wife can prepare for moments of disagreement by cultivating patience when her husband's opinion or decision doesn't make immediate sense to her. Remember, he's not you. He may have many good reasons for how he thinks, talks, acts, and leads. Perhaps he sees an angle you don't see; perhaps he has a priority you haven't considered.

James says, "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (James 1:19-20). If I could give you one very important piece of premarital advice, it would be this: slow down and listen before you answer or react.

I would guess that the sin for which I've most regular-



ly needed to ask forgiveness in marriage is making a snap judgment over some innocuous (or even good) way that my husband was thinking or leading. I would mistake and challenge his choice or initiative because I thought my way of thinking was right and normal, and his way was abnormal and therefore wrong. I was routinely caught off guard by just how different we are.

Now, after 21 years of God's helping me to slow down and listen, I can say that I am more thankful than ever that my husband's frame and mindset are different from mine. It is a gift from God to be married to a godly man, who is not me. Don't try to make your husband be like you or like your

closest girlfriends. Praise God for the differences, and practice patience as you grow in appreciation for him.

Whispers Singe Marriage

Proverbs 26:20 says, "For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases." This bit of God-breathed wisdom pictures quarrels as a fire. And what is the fuel for the quarrel-fire? A whisperer — that is, one who shares information or secrets or private matters with someone who shouldn't know them.

A young wife must realize, from the get-go, that

her marriage is a sacred trust. The Golden Rule can go a long way in helping us grasp what we ought, and ought not, to share with others: Would I want my husband to share [blank] about me? As Proverbs 31:11-12 tells us, a husband's heart trusts his godly wife. As he confides in her, she does not harm him but does him good all his days.

In the early years of our marriage, I realized that some women wanted to turn conversations into complaining about their husbands. In the process, they almost relished the misery of others alongside their own. Others simply grasped to know more than they ought to know about the intimate details of another's married life.

What might not be obvious to you yet is that joining in this sort of indiscrete "whispering" can cause conflict in your marriage. When you complain about your husband to friends or overshare the intimate details of your life together, you can expect that your regard for and treatment of your husband will begin to lack honor and respect. And don't be surprised when the things you "whispered" about him make their way to his ears.

Decide now not to engage in that sort of talk. Be the kind of wife whom your husband can trust in every way. If there is some private matter with which you and your husband need outside help, go to a trusted pastor or godly couple for guidance. But don't denigrate the sacred bond of trust that you have with your

husband through indiscretion or gossip.

Disagreeing with Submission

Even when we avoid hasty speech and practice discretion, and even when our husband is loving us as Christ loved the church, legitimate disagreements will still, at times, arise. When they do, the overarching posture of the wife will often determine whether her input is a welcome counterpoint for consideration or a difficult hurdle to get past.

When a trustworthy wife pursues godliness, seeks good for her husband, and submits to him, a Christian husband will not balk or be threatened by her sincere (and respectfully offered) disagreement. You may even be surprised at how eager he is to gather your input and how seriously he takes it, even though he isn't bound by it (nor would you want him to be!). You want him to be a man who fears God and acts as one who will give an account for the way he led his wife and family.

When a young wife looks to "the holy women who hoped in God," such as Sarah — who submitted to Abraham, even "calling him lord" — she can have inner peace through marital disagreements (1 Peter 3:5-6). Why? Because, as Peter tells us, her hope is in God, not in her desired outcome or in her husband's ability to make the perfect decision. When a young wife's hope is in God, she can trust his work in the heart of her husband and in herself.

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