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CPChem spends \$193 million locally

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

The ChevronPhillips plant under construction has now spent \$161 million locally during the first three quarters of 2023, making a total of nearly \$193 million spent here since the official announcement of the plant's construction in November last year.

Heather Betancourth with CP's Golden Triangle Polymers communication gave the quarterly report to Orange County Commissioners Court on Tuesday.

The ChevronPhillips with partner Qatar Energy officially announced the construction of the \$8.5 billion plant a year ago. Part of the county's tax abatement agreement for the construction included the corporation buying and hiring locally first. The agreement included the corporation spending money for things like a help office, job fairs, vendor-supplier fairs, and other ways to spread the money locally.

Betancourth told commissioners the company has worked with the Orange County Economic Development Corporation and chambers of commerce in across the county to hold information meetings to



Gothia

recruit local businesses to sell items that will be needed. More than 400 businesses attended the meetings

and the company picked up 90 additional approved vendors, she said.

Golden Triangle Polymers will also be participating in the upcoming community jobs fair to help people being laid off from jobs at Invista and International Paper. Both plants announced in October they would be closing. Invista, part of Koch Industries, is also a petrochemical plant. Betancourth said Golden Triangle Polymers could use some of those workers.

Under the contract, local companies are those businesses within any of the cities of Orange County and the unincorporated areas. Local workers are considered people with primary residences in the Golden Triangle area, including Orange, Jefferson, Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Tyler, and Chambers counties, plus the Bolivar Peninsula area of Galveston County.

The list of approved en-

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Coastal Board meets in Bridge City

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The Gulf Coast Protection District, a special state agency overseeing the seawall-levee system plans, will meet in Bridge City at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 8. The public meeting will be in the Bridge City Community Center, 105 Parkside Drive off Roundbunch Road.

Orange County Precinct 3 Commissioner Kirk Rocafort, who represents the Bridge City area, represents the county on the special district's board. He invited the public to the meeting, which will be the first held locally.

The meeting agenda includes a report from the Orange County Drainage District, which has taken charge of this county's part

of the project.

The special district has five counties, all bordering parts of the upper Texas Gulf Coast. The counties are Orange, Jefferson, Chambers, Galveston, and Harris. Each county has a representative on the board that is appointed by each commissioners court.

The Gulf Coast Protection District was created by the Texas Legislature in 2021. The governor appoints six members to the board and five other members are from each of the five counties.

The purpose of the group is to help provide the non-federal money needed to build a flood protection system for Orange County-Sabine Pass to Galveston. The U.S. Army Corps

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Recently the Orangefield High School Health Science seniors took a field trip to Baptist Hospital Beaumont. Patient Care Technician students got a behind the scenes look at several units within the hospital including Behavioral Health, L&D and Mother/Baby, Day Surgery and the Cath Lab. In addition, they also toured the Acadian Texas Ambus that can be used during evacuations and mass casualty events. Pharmacy students were able to shadow a CPhT to see the order entry, filling and dispensing process that occurs in the hospital setting. OHS would like to thank Baptist Hospital for investing in our students' futures.

Old Orange preservation

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For The Record

The Orange City Council did something it hasn't done in at least 20 years. The members met with the Orange Historic Preservation Commission, a branch of city government with members appointed by the city council.

Mayor Larry Spears Jr. said the rules set out for the creation of the Historic Preservation Commission and the Old Orange Historic District has a requirement that the city council meet once a year with the preservation commission.

At one point during the Monday meeting, the mayor even referred that some of the people on the Historic Preservation Commission were not talking to each other.

The hour-long meeting ended with people talking about ideas for helping visitors and local residents



Many of the houses in the Old Orange Historic District are more than 100 years old and enjoy the shade of live oak trees, some of which have been growing since before the houses were built. Some twenty-five years ago, the Orange City Council set aside special rules for the Old Orange Historic District.

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learn more about the history of the neighborhood. The mayor even mentioned that perhaps the former Orange City Hall on Green Avenue, which has been vacant for four years, could be converted to a local history museum. The building was originally a Mission-style mansion built 100 years ago

by the late Edgar Brown Jr.

The Historic Preservation Commission was established some 25 years ago after requests from homeowners of old houses requested special recognition and rules to oversee how the neighborhood could remain preserved with an old-fashioned feel.

Most of the agenda items for the Historic Preservation Commission have been about approving exteriors changes to buildings in the district. The rules require prior approval for any exterior changes.

Those changes can range from decorative lighting, paint colors, fence materials and heights, and window replacements.

"Historic Preservation Commission should not be an arm of code enforcement," said Commission Chair Bob Manning.

Codie Vasquez, a resident and member of the commission, said the commission has been bogged down in the aspect of enforcing codes within the district.

The Preservation Commission learned the group's purposes include not only saving the integrity of old buildings, but helping to

HISTORIC Page 2A

Voters approve \$43 million bond

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For The Record

Orangefield school students will be getting new classrooms plus a new high school library and cafeteria as voters Tuesday approved the school district to sell \$43 million in bonds to pay for the improvements.

Other local propositions on the ballot also passed. They were a voter approved tax rate increase for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD, and in the city of West Orange, a sales tax to establish a city economic development corporation.

In recent years, early voting usually brings in a majority of the ballots cast. But on Election Day Tues-

day, Orange County had almost as many people turn out vote as during the extended early voting period. One reason may be the county's new system of allowing voters to go to any of the polling spots in the county, rather than only the box in their assigned neighborhood.

Orangefield had a total of 1,424 votes cast, with 987, or 69.3 percent, in favor of the bond issue. The against votes had 437, or 30.7 percent. Early voting drew 632 people, while 771 went to the polls on Tuesday.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD's voter approved tax rate election passed with 1,359 "for," and 903 "against," with percent-

ages at 60 percent approval and 40 percent against. A total of 2,259 votes were cast, with 1,127 early and 1,096 on Election Day.

The West Orange sales tax proposition had a total of 206 votes with 112, or 54.3 percent in favor, and 94, or 45.7 percent against. The city had 107 early votes with 62 "for" and 45 "against." On Tuesday, 94 people voted with 47 "for" and 47 "against."

The state had Texas Constitution amendment proposals on the ballot, but statewide results will come in late Tuesday or even Wednesday.

The Orangefield school board called the bond election and promoted it as way

to improve school safety, a big issue when school shootings have become regular occurrences.

The bonds will pay for new classrooms at all three of the district's campuses, elementary, junior high, and high school. The elementary classrooms will replace the portable buildings being used to hold classes. Also, the high school will get a new cafeteria and a new library.

LC-M voters last year rejected a similar tax proposal. The state legislature and Texas Education Agency have set caps on the amount of a property tax rate school boards can set. Those prop-

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Historic Old Orange From Page 1

educate people on the history of the buildings and the city.

Manning is a woodworker who moved to Texas and bought a house in the historic district 10 years ago. He has expressed appreciation many times for the old lumber used in the houses here and the craftsmanship.

He said he hopes more of the buildings, many of which are in disrepair, will find new owners who will restore them as the town has an influx of people coming for the new chemical plant.

Kenneth Wheeler, who is also on the Preservation Commission, and has re-

stored two old houses, said the city's group could help support special local markers to designate the history and information on houses in the district.

Some of the houses in the district have state historical markers, but the markers are expensive, limited, and are competitive.

The Texas Historical Commission recognizes Anglo settlers arriving by raft on the Sabine River in January 1828. The early development of the town was along the crescent of the Sabine River. Green Avenue was once on the edge of the city.

The area of the Old Orange Historic District, which is on the north side of Green

Avenue, was almost like suburbs. A few houses dating to the 1870s still stand. Other houses run a gamut of decades.

Two of the six city council members, Mary McKenna and Paul Burch, live in the Old Orange Historic District.

The Historic Preservation Commission has five members appointed by a vote of the city council. The tradition has been for all the members to live within the historic district. However, the city added an area along Park Avenue, which was the Old Spanish Trail Highway, to the historic district in 2004. Since then, only one resident of that district has been on the Preservation Commission and soon had to resign because of

health problems.

Mayor Spears told said at Monday's meeting that the regulations for members on the Preservation Commission require only that a person be a resident of the city of Orange.

Recently, the city council appointed a person who lives in the Little Cypress area, and not in the Old Orange Historic District. According to city records, the person was recommended by City Councilor Paul Burch.

In May, another resident of the Old Orange Historic District ran against Burch. A number of residents in the district displayed yard signs for Burch's opponent.

Election results From Page 1

erty taxes are used for M&O, or maintenance and operations. Those funds are used to pay teachers and staff, pay utilities, plus to keep buildings and grounds clean and maintained.

The only way for a district to get more income through local property taxes is to hold a VATRE (Voter Approved Tax Rate

Election).

The West Orange City Council decided to try to set up a city Economic Development Corporation that could offer incentives for businesses to locate within the city limits. The proposed 1/4 percent sales tax on the ballot will be used to fund the EDC.

Altar Society Gumbo and Gift Shop opens

The Altar Society of Saint Mary Catholic Church is holding its Annual Gumbo & Gift Shop on Saturday, November 11th, from

10AM to 3PM in the Parish Hall, at 912 West Cherry St., Orange.

The Gumbo Luncheon, prepared by the Altar Society ladies, will be \$10 and served from 11 AM to 1 PM. The meal is chicken and sausage gumbo, rice, potato salad, dessert, and tea. Take-out dinners are also available. Orders can be delivered to your business on November 9th by calling Patricia Daleo at 409-656-9259 to place an order.

The "Gift Shop" will also sell Homemade Baked and Frozen Foods, Crafts and more. A Silent Auction will be held from 10AM to 1PM showcasing many amazing Gift Baskets. There will be Raffle Tickets to purchase also for a set of Dallas Cowboy rockers with small table, a super charger for your vehicle and 2 tickets to "Annie" at the Lutch Theater.

When the Church first was established in 1880, the altar needs of the Church were

handled by the nuns from Beaumont. They came by buggy and horseback weekly to make sure the altar was readied for services. The trip over the Neches River by ferry and through the swamps was not a pleasant journey for the nuns, therefore they interested local Catholic women in taking up this work. The Altar Society was first organized by two Dominican nuns. They soon taught the ladies of Saint Mary how to properly ready the Church for the Mass. Hence, the Saint Mary Altar Society was created around 1883. At present there are approximately 100 members in the St. Mary Altar Society.

The Altar Society sees that the Church is cleaned, candles in place, Communion bread and wine available, Baptisms and funerals prepared for, and proper cloths and vestments are clean.

Their money from the Gift Shop buys all of these things and has purchased much more, such as stained-glass windows for the chapel, new church doors, and makes many charitable donations.

Hunter Education classes offered

Hunter Education Class Field part of the On Line classes will be held at the Orangefield Fire Station on Sunday November 12, 2023 from 1:30 PM until 5:30 PM.

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The report also includes lists of local restaurants and caterers being used to provide food for Golden Triangle Polymers. The company has spent \$809,000 on those kinds of smaller purchases.

In other business, Commissioners Court extended the county burn ban for another 45 days. "We are still extremely dried out," County Judge John Gothia said.

Rain is in the National Weather Service forecast for the end of the week, but Gothia said it won't be enough to eliminate the fire hazard. "It will take a substantial amount to bring that down," he said.

County Emergency Management Director Joel Ardoin said Tuesday's KPI (drought measurement) was at 647, with the state considering a drought conditions at 575 KPI.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Chris Sowell, whose precinct includes Mauriceville, said he talked to the Emergency Services District that provides fire protection service in the Mauriceville-McLewiss area.



Heather Betancourt with Golden Triangle Polymers gave a report to Commissioners Court on how much money ChevronPhillips is spending in Orange County. The quarterly report is part of a tax agreement the county made with the company on the \$8.5 billion plant and using local businesses and workers.

They had 19 calls in the past week and have started taking Precinct 2 Constable Jeremiah Gunter with them on fire calls in case a ticket needs to be issued for violating the burn ban.

During the long, record-breaking hot

summer, the county's rural fire districts began calling law officers to issue tickets, which could bring a \$500 fine, or more if a wildfire starts. Outdoor burning is prohibited within all the city limits in the county.

Kurt Guidry, county maintenance director, gave an update on his projects, which developed into a discussion of heavy highway equipment being parked on county property at night or weekends. The equipment is being used by contractors working for the Texas Department of Transportation on state road improvements.

Some of the equipment is being left in

Avenue in Orange, which is part of Texas Business 90, have been parking their equipment on a concrete slab the county owns on West Division Avenue near the courthouse.

A building at the site was demolished, but Gothia said the slab was still good and might be used as a foundation for a future building. He said the heavy road-building machines could damage the slab.

Assistant County Attorney Denise Gremillion will research whether the owner of the machinery could be liable and if the county needs to make an agreement.



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of Engineers Galveston District is overseeing the project.

Planning work has been ongoing in Orange County for 26 miles of earthen levees plus some type of seawall from Bridge City eastward to Orange and up the Sabine River to Interstate 10. Besides the levees and seawalls, the project is to include gate locks at bayou entrances to prevent sea surge, plus drainage pumps to help get rain water out of the county quicker.

The idea for a coastal flood barrier developed after Hurricane Ike in 2008 sent a storm surge that inundated most of the Texas coast, including widespread flooding in Bridge City, along with the southern part of the county with parts of Orange, West Orange, Pinehurst, Vidor, and Rose City.

The proposal was first nicknamed the "Ike Dike," but has gone through other names. It is now called the "Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Coastal Barrier."

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From the Creaux's Nest

WE SALUTE THE VETS THAT KEEP US STRONG

Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. Government offices, banks, etc. will be closed. However many businesses are having sales so it's a good time to shop. Veterans, past and present, are our true heroes. Many brave souls have died to keep us free. Our country could use more peace and understanding right here at home. There is just too much hatred, disrespect for our country, our leaders and our flag. Too many extremists destroying our fiber instead of shoring it up. That's just a few of the many changes in my lifetime. Our veterans were true heroes back then and we were all proud to claim kinship to a veteran. We were truly one country. Today we are polarized and mean spirited.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2013

It's often been debated about the time the USS Constitution, known as "Old Ironsides" docked in Orange. Ms. Pearl Burgess said it was March 17, 1932, St. Patrick's Day, and it stayed until March 19. Pearl was 11 years old. She said all the schools closed so the children could visit "Old Ironsides" They had a great time and got to walk all over it. She says that the USS Constitution was the American 44-gun frigate famous for its exploits in the War of 1812, 200 years ago. That's what surprised me. "Old Ironsides" today is docked in Boston Harbor and I got to view it a few years ago. Now we know the rest of the story. Port Arthur born Janis Joplin, who died in 1970, was honored Monday with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Her siblings, Michael and Laura attended the ceremony that featured a performance by Kris Kristofferson, who wrote some of Janis' big hits, including "Me and Bobby McGee." Courtney Arkeen, 128th District Judge, and husband Cody are expecting twins, a boy and girl. Boy, that's a quick way to jump start a family. (Editor's note: They should be about 10-years-old.) The Bayou Bowl banquet Monday night at the new Orange County Convention and Expo Center was a big success. The Bayou Bowl, between Bridge City and Orangefield, began 13 years ago in 2001. It was the brainchild of Roy and Mark Dunn, promoted by The Record Newspapers, who after a few years turned it over to the Rotary Club. The Gunn family donated Buzzie's personal trophy to be presented to the winning team after his death.

22 Years Ago-2001

On Thursday, Nov. 8, we lost one of the great ladies of our day. She was a special lady from a one-of-a-kind mold. Jewel Bearden, 83, a 60 year resident of Orange, former sheriff's department employee, retired school counselor and bailiff for Judge Pat Clark, was born in Caledonia on Jan. 2, 1928. She was preceded in death by her husband Jim Bob Bearden and son J.B. Bearden, Jr. She is survived by son Jim Sharon Bearden, two grandchildren Tyler and Jim Sharon and longtime companion "Buffy" Bearden. (Editor's note: She will forever live in the memory of this writer.) The Bridge City Cardinals and Orangefield Bobcats will meet in the second Bayou Bowl. The Bobcats are the host team. The Cardinals were winners of the Bowl last year. They received the Buzzie Gunn Trophy. The trophy is a traveling trophy that yearly goes to the winner. The Buzzie Gunn Trophy is a symbol of good sportsmanship. The late Buzzie Gunn is recognized for his contribution and love for high school football. Gunn photographed many of America's greatest athletes for scores of publications including Sports Illustration. Locally, he captured many of Orange County's most memorable events and images such as the Bridge City and West Orange-Stark state championships, as well as the Stark High Tigers in their hay-day. Nationally, he sat in the New York Yankee dugout where he was able to record Mickey Mantle and the Yankee greats. Buzz was a second generation photographer. His dad, T.L. started it all. Sammy Carpenter and Mitzi Harris will be wed later this month. Former Bridge City place kicker Dominic Colletti, son of Marialice Saucier, is having a fantastic year kicking for Mary Hardin-Baylor. He has missed only two field goals all season. (Editor's note: I wonder what became of that boy anyway.) Leah Johansson is marrying off both her boys. Eric will wed Michelle Lindley on Nov. 17 and Ryan will wed Stacy McCorkle on Dec. 22. The sons of George and Sandra Navarro, Justin and Jonathan, are both in the United States Air Force.

47 Years Ago-1976

It all began with the resignation of Judge Fred Trimble from the 163rd District Court and the appointment of County Court-at-Law Judge David Dunn by Gov. Dolph Briscoe to fill Trimble's unex-

pired term. County Judge Grover Halliburton, who was twice elected to the post, resigned and accepted the commissioners' appointment to fill the court-at-law position. With a motion by Commissioner Raymond Gould and seconded by Morris Collier, J.L. "Pete" Runnels, was unanimously selected to fill the county judge seat. Judge Halliburton, a six-year veteran of the court, was saddened by his departure. He had worked to upgrade and modernize county government. Great strides were made under his leadership. Pete Runnels, 33, is a graduate of Stark High School and Sam Houston University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He also has served three and a half years as administrative assistant to the county judge. Runnels brings lots of experience to the judgeship. Sworn in Nov. 17 by County Clerk Sallie Frazier, Runnels said, "I am indeed honored to have been selected to serve as county judge." F.L. "Butch" Butcher passed away and was buried on Monday, Nov. 15. He was a good man. Phyllis Dunn returns from a trip to Missouri where she visited relatives and also longtime friend Doris Holt Fogal. Doris and husband Frank operate Honey Bear Cave. Deer hunters go west! Bobby Smitherman, Jerry Pesson and Huey Simon and their brides are on a trip. Bob Montagne will become democratic chairman replacing Pete Runnels, who resigned to become county judge. Jimmy Conn runs pictures of Richard Corder and Roy Dunn holding their "pet sticks" in local paper. Mark Dunn covers Neil Young's concert for the family paper, Opportunity Valley News. Doug Childress and Uptown Country play for dance at the VFW. David and Debbie Fusilier celebrate their first anniversary Nov. 13.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

It had been awhile since I had visited with Judge Roy Derry Dunn. Jane is still teaching half day classes and keeping busy. Derry is still Municipal Judge in Pinehurst and is on the LCM School Board. He said that the paper mill closing came as a shock, even to the 300 people who worked there. "It's a big blow to the school district. About 23 percent of the district's income is from the paper mill. International Papers' main office is in Tennessee. Derry said they were awaiting word that might help relieve some of the pain but here will still be a lot of unemployed citizens and a tough road ahead for this great school district." The Lutch Theater this weekend solved the great philosophic debate of whether decorations should be in shades of brown and orange for Thanksgiving, or whether go straight to Christmas with red and green. Pink was the color for the Lutch's presentation of the musical "Mean Girls," based on the Tina Fey film. Pink, pink, pink everywhere, even with some of the guys. It was fetch. Barbara Dardeau and granddaughter Ella, certainly dressed for the occasion in bright pink dresses and wearing solid pink, heart-shaped sunglasses with a bit of sparkle. Jill Kunst wore pink, but husband, Mike, who is Orange city manager, opted for a white shirt. Clint Ray, though, donned a pink shirt to wear with his suit. Cindy Claybar and longtime friend Sherry Windham always know how to dress like art teachers. Wonder why? Also in the crowd were Kacey Burnitt, Alicia Wriston, Adriana Smoot and Diana Sikes. Brandy Bonnin even came back home to see the fun musical. The Beaumont Community Theater's summer kids production did "Mean Girls" this summer. Some of those kids got to meet some of the leads in the touring company. The Stark Foundation is an ace at setting cross activities between their venues. This time, they held a "date night" at the Stark Museum of Art before the theater. Gary and Angie Stelly took in a different type of music. They headed to The Oaks event center in Vidor for a concert with country music legend Gene Watson, from Palestine, Texas. Mickey Litton Gisclar, who has a heart so big it's hard to imagine how it fits in her petite body, continues with her kind gestures. She is the daughter of the late Moe Litton, the unforgettable coach-trainer at Bridge City High for decades. He died in five years ago at the age of 91. Mickey kept the purple tie that Coach Litton wore to his induction as a distinguished alumnus of Stephen F. Austin University. She sent the tie to another Lumberjack, Kent Hutchison, who nominated the coach for the honor. Kent grew up in Orange County and has returned after living years in Nacogdoches. Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr. has become known for his positive attitude and faith in God. Now, he's ready to venture out to conduct wedding ceremonies, vow renewal ceremonies, funerals, and motivational speeches. The holiday season is upon us and all kinds of events are being set up. The Lions Club is getting the big jump all the way into 2024. The annual Lions Charity Carnival will be March 13-16, and March 20-23. The St. Mary's Altar Society is having their annual gumbor and gift benefit this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 912 Cherry Avenue. Lots of baked goods and crafts will be on sale, along with silent auctions. Those ladies have a reputation for good gumbor. Roberts Ford in Orange is looking for vendors for their second Christmas festival to be held at the dealership on December 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 'fee' for vendors is a donation of a new toy, plus one of their items to be used for raffle drawings. The toys will be given to the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance to help children. The money from the raffles will go to the Sugie Lane Foundation to help victims of domestic abuse. The city of Bridge City and the Bridge City Chamber have set their community Christmas in the Park for December 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. The tree will be lighted at 6 p.m. Orange Kiwanis have set their fundraising Breakfast with Santa for the morning of December 2 at Spanky's. Tickets are \$12 for a pancake breakfast with the jolly old elf. Wonder if he drips syrup on his beard? The Orange Service League's annual Toy Coffee to gather toys and money for the OC Salvation Army will be in the Old Orange Historic District. Beth and Kenneth Wheeler are opening up their restored home, plus their recently restored Miss Laura's School building. The tiny

two-story house started as a stable behind and 1800s house. It was once converted into a private school. Steve and Gail Maddox have been back in Europe again. After seeing the sights in Paris, they caught a river cruise seeing more of France, plus Luxembourg and Germany. Carly Thibodeaux and Kathleen Hughes took a short jaunt to Charleston, South Carolina. Terri and Brad Childs seem to always be on the go, even if it's not across state lines. This time, it was to Renfest. Who knew City Councilor and Aggie Brad had lederhosen. Folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. Nov. 8: Bryana Hernandez, Debra Burch, Keith Longlois and Aaron Hommel. Nov. 9: Jim Reid, Madalyn Carpenter, Sue Barnes, Eric Meadows, Linda Faulk, Pauline Chatelain, Keith Royal, Susan Veillon, Cecil Welborn, Charlotte Wooten, Donna Bradley and L.C. Boudreaux. Nov. 10: Steve Carlton, Rana Miller, Troy Crochet, Della Buxton, Jeff Bland, Patricia Kemp, Karen Clopp, Trey Todora, George Roberts and Lora Hanks. Nov. 11: Greg LeBlanc, Michael Fissette, Cynthia Dupuis, Michelle Brown, Ryan Pickering, Allison Ball, Bree Hanks, Gerald DeLeon, and Janelle Cochran. Nov. 12: Sean Cade Gros, Jeanne Blacksher, Tina Duncan, Kathy Reeves, Larry Gunter, Liz Briggs, Phillip Kimbrow, Sharon Sims, Shelby Newton, Cyndi Longlois, Steve Fisher, Carol Ware, Charmaine Faircloth, Crystal Jones, Pat Stanton and Daneille Graffagnino. Nov. 13: Karla Holden, Kimberly Ray, Mary Cassidy, Karen Schrieber, Carol Lopez, Tim Johnson, Cecilia Broussard, Daniel Chasson, Darla Murphy, Donald Miller, Cody Edgerton and Katie Hoffpauir. Nov. 14: Ruby Wimberley, Kristina Schisler, Lauren Fruge, Lauren Peet, Traci Birmingham, Mary Dixon, Susie Riedel, Vicci Milligan, Anna Cappadona, Casey Smith, Dana Perkins, and Fred Fuselier. Also Rose Bottley, whose name fits her elegant sweetness, celebrated another birthday this week. Retired Orange Leader writer-photographer Bobbie Earle made another trip around the sun. Others lighting candles on cakes included young red-headed Jackson Johnson, Marilyn Prewitt, Ryan Keszeg, Laura Chumley Wade, Donna Bell, Kreshonda Armstrong, Sandra Latiolais, Kristian Russo, S'vana Kaylan Roberts, Donna Bell, Lynn King, Deborah Fezia Walker, Kay Wallace, Wade Hanchey, William Green, Theresa Cronin, Codie Vasquez, and Tim Hickey. Kent and Dallie Miller celebrated another wedding anniversary. Celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary are Debbie and David Fusilier. Brad and Carls Roy celebrate their anniversary Nov. 11. Ryan Ragsdale and fiancée Kennedie Schexnayder were honored with a couples shower. Their wedding will be soon.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Joe Babineaux came from his home in Sout Louisiana to visit his aunt in Beaumont. Babineaux went into a Beaumont store and he tell da clerk, "I'd like some boudain please."

Da clerk look at him and he say, "Are you a Cajun?"

Babineaux him, he is really offended. He answer, "Well yea, I'm a Cajun me, but let me axe you something, if I had axe for Italian sausage, would you axe me if I was Italian, hanh?" "If I axe for German bratwurst, would you axe me if I was German?" "If I axe for a Kosher hot dog, would you axe me if I was Jewish?" "Wat if I axe for a taco, would you say, are you Mexican you?" "Would ya hanh?" "Would ya?"

Da clerk say, "Well no."

Wit deep self righteous indignation, Babineaux say, "Well damit, all right den, why you axe are you a Cajun jus because I axe for boudain?"

Da clerk answer, "Well sir, it's because you're in Home Depot."

C'EST TOUT

THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS

Former President Donald Trump, according to a new report, is plotting to use the Department of Justice to go after his political foes, including some members of his prior administration. The Washington Post reported Sunday, in a piece authored by Isaac Arnsdorf, Josh Dawsey and Devlin Barrett, that the former president is now plotting vengeance against his political foes in a very pointed manner. Donald Trump and his allies have begun mapping out specific plans for using the federal government to punish critics and opponents should he win a second term, with the former president naming individuals he wants to investigate or prosecute. Trump has been open about his desire to go after his political foes in a second term. The Post report is noteworthy because of the revelation that Trump is also looking to exact revenge on numerous high-level officials from his first term. In private, Trump has told advisers and friends in recent months that he wants the Justice Department to investigate onetime officials and allies who have become critical of his time in office, including his former chief of staff, John Kelly, and former attorney general William P. Barr, as well as his ex-attorney Ty Cobb and former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. Mark A. Milley, according to people who have talked to him. Trump has also talked of prosecuting officials at the FBI and Justice Department, a person familiar with the matter said. Milley did not comment to the Post about the report, but the other three Trump officials named in the piece did. "There is no question in my mind he is going to go after people that have turned on him," Kelly said. "I'm quivering in my boots," Barr added. The report first appeared on Mediaite. In a previous report Trump said he would pardon those charged in the January 6 Capitol invasion. Well, I've probably done all the damage I can do for one week. Keep those cards and letters coming. If you don't have a stamp send an email. Be sure to check us out daily on our website, therecordlive.com and please shop our family of advertisers. (Note: To place a birthday or anniversary notice, free of charge, in this publication, please call 409-886-7183 or email to therecordlive.com. Take care and God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Marie S. Young, 74, Orange

Marie S. Young, 74, of Pine, Louisiana, currently residing in Orange, Texas, passed away on November 1, 2023.

Marie was born on June 7, 1949. She was a member of Community Church in Orange, Texas, Marie was a loving wife, Mother, and Grandmother. She was loved by everyone who met her.

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28



Marie Young

Marie is preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Young.

She is survived by two sons, Jim Young and his wife Billie Young, and Jesse Young Jr. and his wife Jessica; six grandkids, Christopher, Allie, Alize, Andrew, Hunter, and Levi; and four great-grandkids, Krystal, Sebastian, Kinzlee, and Brayden.

Marie was loved dearly and will be greatly missed.

Fly high Mom. Congratulations on finally being able to reach the top shelf.

Explore Orange announces schedule for annual Gumdrop Shop events

The Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau is thrilled to bring back the Gumdrop Shop to downtown Orange. The Gumdrop Shop will be held at Stark Park on Saturday, December 2, from 9AM to 3PM.

Spend the day strolling throughout Stark Park and find unique items provided by a multitude of artists and crafters from southeast Texas, southwest Louisiana, and surrounding areas. Food and drink vendors will be available on site.

Registration for the Gumdrop Shop will be first come, first serve by turning in an application and registration fee to the Convention & Visitors Bureau office. Applications may be found online at www.orange-texas.gov.

Please note, dogs and coolers will not be allowed at the Gumdrop Shop.

December 2nd not only includes the Gumdrop Shop, but an entire day of "Downtown Christmas" fun! The Explore Orange team is working in conjunction with the Stark Foundation, Kiwanis, Heritage House, and Lamar State College Orange to bring the holiday spirit to our community. The halls will be decked, and the streets will be lit!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30AM-10:00AM

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9:00AM-3:00PM
Gumdrop Shop at Stark Park

9:00AM-5:00PM
Stark Museum of Art Open

3:00PM-5:00PM
Stark Museum Childrens Holiday Craft Handout

12:00PM-5:00PM
Stark Family Christmas Tours

1:00PM-3:00PM
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6:00PM
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c/o: Kevin Wyatt Holley
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Dated the 31st day of October, 2023.

Tommy Gunn
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Attorney for:
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c/o: Alice Faye Plaisance
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Dated the 31st day of October, 2023.

Tommy Gunn
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Dated the 1st day of November, 2023.

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Dated the 1st day of November, 2023.

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Bears open playoffs against Bulldogs

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Little Cypress Mauriceville finished the regular season with a win last week. Now the Bears open the post season against a team they faced two years ago in the fourth round of the playoffs.

The Bears went to Huffman with second place in district already sewn up for themselves. LCM defeated the Falcons 42-28 to improve to 6-4 on the season and conclude district with a 4-1 record.

Coach Eric Peevey thought it was a great week for his Bears. "We finished off district with a road win. We had a new quarterback with Evan Worster who did a fantastic job plus we got a running back return with Dustin Helm. I felt like offensively the kids were excited and ready to put some points up on the board. Our punt team did not have to come on the field the whole game. That's always a positive when you don't have to punt one time," Peevey recalled.

The running game was clicking on all cylinders for Little Cypress Mauriceville. Peevey credited Worster with doing a good job directing the Bears' offense.

LCM did surrender some points to Huffman. Peevey commented, "Defensively, I felt like we didn't play up to our highest capabilities which I



Running back Dustin Helm of LCM returned from an injury to get several carries for the Bears in the win over Huffman.

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kind of felt that throughout the week of practices. We definitely need to be better this week on defense."

There were two takeaways by the Bears on defense. One of those was a pick six by sophomore defensive back Braylon Lewis.

"It's really good to finish the year in the right way. Finishing that way guaranteed us a winning season, and for the first time in the school's history we've had three years in a row with winning seasons. I felt like it was great for the kids to make history like that," Peevey reminded.

Dustin Helm had been out since early in the season, and he got several carries in the game. Also taking some snaps on defense for the Bears was Jackson Smith who was held out the week before against Lumberton. Khayden Reed at wide receiver got a little banged

up making a touchdown catch, but he should be fine to play this week. Peevey added, "We want to be definitely at full speed going in to this playoff game."

The Chapel Hill Bulldogs are the third seed from District 9-4A Division I. The Bulldogs suffered their only losses on the season to district champion Kilgore last week and second place Lindale earlier in district action.

Two years ago Little Cy-

BATTLIN' Page 3B



Bridge City Lady Cardinals advance in playoffs

Bridge City advanced in its bi-district round playoff against Hardin-Jefferson as the Lady Cardinals won three out of four sets against the Lady Hawks.

SEE ARTICLE PAGE 3B

Bobcats bowled over by Bucs

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The Orangefield Bobcats scored first but the East Chambers Buccaneers came back and scored four times to take control of the game. The Bucs won the game 28-6 to earn second place in the district over the Bobcats on Thursday night at F. L. McClain Stadium.

Orangefield (5-5, 4-2) closes the regular season with back-to-back losses to East Chambers and last week to the district champion Kirbyville Wildcats. East Chambers (8-2, 5-1) won its fifth straight district game since losing its district opener to Kirbyville.

The Bobcats opened the game with an impressive twelve play drive on which they marched 70 yards taking over five and half minutes off the clock. Four Bobcat backs Mason Manning, Kane Smith, Fernando Sandoval-Rodriguez, and Lane Gipson carried the ball on the possession.

A major penalty on the Buccaneers for fifteen yards helped move the ball from the East Chambers 37 to the 22 after a first down run by Manning. Sandoval-Rodriguez got two more first downs on his runs moving the ball to the one.

A procedure penalty moved the Bobcats back to the six. Manning scored on the next play to put Orangefield up 6-0



Running back Fernando Sandoval-Rodriguez was the leading rusher for Orangefield with 67 yards on 11 carries in its game with East Chambers.

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with 6:28 to play in the first quarter. Ky Butler's kick hit the left up right and was no good to keep the lead at six points.

Ball control maybe the game plan of the Bobcats, but the Buccaneers showed they like to run the clock too. Eight running plays consumed almost four minutes and got East Chambers four first downs as it went 68 yards for a score with Hadyn Reeves going over from the one. Eric Davila put his kick through the up rights and the Buccaneers led 7-6 with 2:25 left in the first period.

The Bobcats fielded an apparent onside kick by East Chambers and took over at their 47. Sandoval-Rodriguez galloped 12 yards for a first down to the Bucs' 35. A holding penalty against Orangefield on a short pass play proved costly.

It appeared the Bobcats

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HUNTING SEASON

Season opener does not disappoint

OUTDOORS
Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

There are very few things that are as satisfying as a well thought out plan coming together and for many local hunters that's exactly what this past weekends opener provided. Nice temps and light winds greeted local hunters as they took off into the woods and marshes as the 2023-24 Texas general hunting season opened up on Saturday.

Deer hunters and waterfowlers converged on their favorite spots as months of anticipation, planning and waiting turned into great expectations as the season got underway. For virtually every local hunter the thought of how the weird weather patterns of the past few months would affect their season was in the back of their minds and also a big unknown. Judging from many of the reports I received the drought may not have hurt as much as we feared. The whitetail hunters seemed to not be bothered much by the drought as several nice deer were taken and most hunters seemed to be pleased with the overall conditions and numbers of deer they encountered.

Local waterfowl hunters hit the marshes in big numbers on both public and private water. The yearly spectacle that is opening morning at JD Murphree did not disappoint, as the line of trucks and boats waiting to get launched looked like a parking lot after a big football game. Despite the crowd there were some solid hunts reported as most hunters took advantage of good numbers of teal, both blue wing and green wing, as well as gadwall, shovelers, and some pintails to fill most straps. The overall numbers of birds were not bad, most of those were courtesy of the coldest weather we have seen so far this year along with a big full moon that showed up at just the right time. If you had to put a grade on the opening weekend I would have to lean towards a "B minus", it was better than expected but still has plenty of room to get better.

This weekend will be the opening weekend for those local hunters across the Sabine River as Louisiana kicks off their season. Many local waterfowl hunters cross the river and call the vast amount of marsh on the Louisiana side home during duck season. High salinity levels for most of the summer dealt many areas over there a bad hand as vegetation is more scarce than normal. Other areas that were spared some of the higher salinity levels look fantastic as widgeon grass and other duck favorites are thick. There are signs that there may still be another bloom of grass before it gets really cold and that would certainly help all of the hunters in that area.

With the big push of hunters on opening weekend now behind us things should settle down somewhat and get into a more predictable pattern. Everything from deer to ducks gets a culture shock on opening weekend as the woods and the marshes go from being quiet to basically being invaded overnight. It takes a few days for things to get settled out and that should be the case as we get farther along in the season. If you plan to get out and hunt, please remember there is no animal worth risking your safety or the safety of others. When you get the opportunity to get out please remember to take a kid and share the outdoors with the next generation.

Orangefield Bobcats bowled over From Page 1B

might gamble on fourth and short but another five yard penalty spoiled that and Sandoval-Rodriguez punted instead for Orangefield. East Chambers took over at its 17 yard line.

The Buccaneers cranked up the running game again going 83 yards in seven plays. Quarterback KJ Fontenot carried twice for 29 yards and tailback Ja'den Thibodeaux ran four times for 36 yards scoring the touchdown from the three. Davila added the extra point for a 14-6 lead with 9:21 to go in the half.

Orangefield started its next possession at the 36 and got three first downs on a run by Gipson and two by Sandoval-Rodriguez to the Buccaneers' 19. A fumble by the Bobcats was recovered by their quarterback Carson Gonzales but the play lost three yards. Smith got the three yards back, but a pass incompleteness set up fourth and ten on which Kane could only pick up six yards to turn the ball over on downs.

No ball control on the

next drive for East Chambers. On the second play wing back Jarrell Smith swept right end and sprinted through a big hole to go 83 yards for a touchdown. With the point after the Buccaneers stretched their advantage to 15 points with 2:19 remaining in the half.

Both teams possessed the ball one more time in the second quarter. East Chambers had a long touchdown pass called back on a holding penalty but there was no further points scored and the teams went to the locker room with the Buccaneers on top 21-6.

To start the second half East Chambers danced with what brought them into the lead as the Buccaneers put together a thirteen play drive that included only one pass and erased almost seven and a half minutes off the third quarter clock. Reeves took the lead carrying the ball nine times waltzing

his way for 44 yards and his second touchdown from six yards out to put the Bucs up 28-6.

In the second half Orangefield could not muster much of any offense. The Bobcats only got two first downs, one on each of their two second half possessions.

The Buccaneers quick kicked on their second possession near midfield. They then ran out the final five minutes forty-five seconds in the fourth quarter to clinch the victory with ten running plays the last being Fontenot taking a knee at the Orangefield 13.

The Bobcats gained 187 yards in the game with 171 rushing and 16 passing. Fernando Sandoval-Rodriguez was the rushing leader for Orangefield with 67 yards on 11 carries. Kane Smith had 44 yards on ten rushes.

East Chambers ran the ball 46 times totaling 297 yards. Thanks to his long

touchdown Jarrell Smith lead the Bucs with 106 yards rushing on just three carries. Hadyn Reeves had the most carries with 18 good for 76 yards and two touchdowns. KJ Fontenot ran 11 times for 65 yards and was 3 of 5 passing for 23 yards.

The Orangefield Bobcats will represent District 10-3A Division I as the third seed in the state playoffs which begin next week. The Bobcats have a rematch in the bi-district round with the Woodville Eagles who beat them 19-7 in Week 4 of the regular season. The game between the Bobcats and Eagles will be played at 7:00 on Thursday night in Lumberton. Orangefield is the designated visitors for the seating at the stadium. East Chambers will be the second seed in the district and play Palestine Westwood which lost to Woodville 34-31 also on Thursday.

American Legion Fish-Fry

The American Legion Post 49, located at 108 Green Ave in Orange, will be having a fish fry on Thursday, Nov. 9th, starting at 11 am at the Post. The menu will consist of fried fish, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, bread and dessert for \$10.00. Orders can be placed on Wednesday, Nov. 8th for orders to go or by 9 am on Thursday morning, Nov. 9th for delivery. Walk-ins are welcome. Delivery is available. To place an order call (409) 886-1241

American Legion Veterans Day Dance

The American Legion Post 49, located at 108 Green Ave in Orange, will be having a dance on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11th, starting at 7pm at the Post.

The band will be Joey Ward Band. Admission will be \$7.00 for single admission and \$10 for couple. The time is 7pm to 11 pm, please come out and help us support our Veterans on Veterans Day.

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BC Lady Cardinals advance to third round

DANPERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals have reached the regional quarterfinals of the UIL state volleyball playoffs. The Lady Cardinals will face the always tough Huffman Lady Falcons on Tuesday, November 7, in Baytown's Lee College at 6:00 PM. This is a rematch of last year's third round of the playoffs between Bridge City and

Huffman.

The Lady Cardinals advanced to this round with a four set win in the area round over Henderson played Thursday, November 2, in Huntington. Bridge City dropped the first set 19-25 to the Lions.

Then the Lady Cardinals pulled out two very close sets both by the score of 25-23 to go up two sets to one. Bridge City controlled the fourth and final set by a score of 25-11 to take the victory.

In Bi-District the Lady Cardinals came out and took the first two sets 25-16 and 25-21 before Hardin-Jefferson narrowed the lead taking the third set 18-25. Bridge City rebounded grabbing the fourth set 25-14 to advance to the area round.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears volleyball team completed their season on Monday, October 30. The Lady Bears were defeated by Huffman in three sets

during the first round of the state playoffs.

An excellent season came to an end for the Orangefield Lady Bobcats volleyball team on Tuesday, October 31. The Lady Bobcats were eliminated by the Diboll Lumberjacks in the first round of the state playoffs with five dramatic sets.

Orangefield won the opening set 26-24 to grab the early advantage. Things were looking very good for the Lady Bobcats

when they captured the third set 25-20 to move one set away from the win.

Diboll battled back to win the next two tightly contested sets winning the third 23-25 and the fourth 25-27 over Orangefield. The decisive fifth set was another close battle but the Lumberjacks took it 11-15 to take the match.

Among the leaders for Orangefield was Lela Francis with 6 aces, 4 blocks, and 8 kills. Brian-

na Moore had 42 assists, served 3 aces, and made 20 digs. The top Lady Bobcat with 20 kills was Greenlea Oldham who also had a block. Kaitlyn Jenkins had 7 kills and Mikayla Locke served 3 aces. Eliese Gravett and Addi Moore made 15 and 14 digs respectively.

Orangefield finished its season 29-11. The Lady Bobcats claimed a share of the District 22-3A district title for the second time in school history.

WOS meets Brahmas as the post season begins

DANPERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

A blowout win by West Orange-Stark concluded the regular season. Up next is a post season date with a familiar foe for the Mustangs.

The final district game of the year saw West Orange-Stark go to Sour Lake to play the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks. The Mustangs came home with a 61-7 victory to even their record at 5-5 for the overall season and 3-3 in district.

Coach Hiawatha Hickman of the Mustangs reflected on their lopsided triumph. "It was good to finish things up in district on a winning note to get ready for the playoffs," Hickman replied.

A least two Mustangs had their best games of the year. Key'shawn Robinson ran for a touchdown and caught a pass for a touchdown and Nicholas Crosson did the same thing.

The West Orange-Stark offensive line worked on some things during the previous off week to get polished for the playoffs. The Mustangs in the front line had a very good game executing very well according to the coach.

Quarterback Marcus Turner was rested somewhat in the game with Hardin-Jefferson. More will be expected from Turner this week with the start of the post season.

Junior Ja'Mikael Davis got to see a lot more action replacing Turner at quarterback. Davis played the whole second half running for a score and throwing for another touchdown.

Sophomore Michael Turner ran for two touchdowns. Sophomore Dylan Myers had been out of action with a sore shoulder but returned to have several good carries in the game.

The Mustangs on defense had one of their best games. Everybody is back healthy on the defensive squad. Jalen Gilmore was joined by Davis who also had a good game on the defense with an interception. William Pitre and Tahj Amerson also contributed on the defensive side for West Orange-Stark.

Hickman evaluated, "All around I think it was a good win. I think it was what we needed. I think everybody here is pretty much ready to go for the playoffs."

Weak side linebacker Arthur Turner should be back this week. Turner has not played much since the Silsbee game seven weeks ago dealing with a sore shoulder and soreness in his back.

Turner played a little bit against Jasper two weeks ago but reinjured the shoulder. "He's one of our best tacklers, so it's going



Backup quarterback Ja'Mikael Davis of WOS played most of the second half for the Mustangs scoring one touchdown and throwing for another score.

ondary. The Brahmas do not shift out of that formation very much. They remind Coach Hickman of the Port Neches-Groves defense in alignment and their sound technique.

A standout on the Bellville is junior defensive end DJ Sanders who has started since he was a freshman. Sanders has several D-1 offers from colleges for his services upon his graduation after next year. Hickman insisted the Mustangs will have to account for Sanders on every play they have the ball.

Joining Sanders in the D-Line for Bellville are CJ McKee, Gavin Mays, and Cory Richardson. The middle linebacker Jacob Shepherd has been a starter for the last two years and is very disciplined.

Some skill players on offense also play on defense. DD Murray plays as a defensive back using his outstanding speed in pass coverage.

"The Brahmas are very sound on defense, very disciplined, and they don't give up very many points. We're going to have to be real patient in what we do. Other teams have gotten impatient and tried to take shots and the Brahmas are where they're supposed to be and they take the ball away. We scored twenty points on them last year, but I think this year we're a lot better than we were on offense last year. We've just got to execute," Hickman evaluated.

First round games of the playoffs pit a number one seed from one district

to be crucial getting Arthur back this week," Hickman announced.

West Orange-Stark will play the Bellville Brahmas in the bi-district round of the state playoffs this week. This will be the sixth meeting between the Mustangs and the Brahmas in the last nine years with WOS winning all of them except in last year's opening round of the playoffs.

The Brahmas run their offense out of the Slot-T formation. Bellville has three very good running backs that run the football almost every play. The proficiency of the Bellville running game is evident by the fact that all three running backs rushed for over a thousand yards apiece.

Junior DD Murray is an explosive runner who has started for the Brahmas since he was a freshman. Hickman described, "Murray is a one cut guy who can really hurt you. He is probably their biggest threat."

At fullback for Bellville is senior Sam Hranicky. He is a pounder inside and is the typical Slot-T fullback like Vidor and other teams use in that formation.

The third running back Corrian Hood is a junior. Hood is a good option to give the ball for the Brahmas in their Slot-T.

"Bellville kind of spreads it around between its three-headed monster of running backs in the Slot-T. The Brahmas don't throw it much, they just kind of throw it to keep you honest," Hickman indicated.

The Brahmas do not run their quarterback Zach Leuschner very often either maybe only once or twice a game. Hickman added, "The quarterback is not a big runner. He kind of operates the offense. He facilitates getting the ball to the three running backs."

The offensive line for Bellville may not be as big as what the Brahmas have had in the past. "I think we'll have the opportunity up front to move them a little bit, but their line does a good job with the Slot-T," Hickman observed.

On defense Bellville lines up in a 4-3 with a cover two in the deep sec-

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Orangefield Bobcats have rematch with Woodville

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Orangefield received a double dose of bad news last Thursday, and both items will impact this week's game for the Bobcats. First was the injury status report for one of the team's leaders, and that was followed by a loss which dropped the Bobcats into third place in the district standings.

Starting inside linebacker Kyle Michael hurt his knee in the previous game against Kirbyville. Michael, his parents, and eventually the Orangefield trainer were informed on Thursday prior to the Orangefield game with East Chambers that Kyle had a torn MCL and ACL in his knee which means his senior year for the football season is over.

An all round athlete Michael will have surgery and then begin rehab on the



Senior Blake McRight has been a leader for the Orangefield offensive line this season.

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knee. It is hoped Kyle will recover from the surgery in time to be a part of the Orangefield baseball team for which he has been a star performer and leader since he was freshman just as he was for the Bobcat football team.

Bobcat Athletic Director Josh Smalley praised Kyle Michael as the best example of a student athlete at Or-

angefield. "You can't ask for a better kid than Kyle Michael and what he's given to the program. He's what a Bobcat should be and what a Bobcat is. When people ask about the Orangefield Bobcats, I just point at Kyle," Smalley responded.

The game between the Bobcats and East Chambers was for the second seed in District 10-3A Division I. Orangefield took the initial lead scoring on the first possession of the game, but the Buccaneers dominated after that scoring 28 unanswered points for the victory and to claim second place in the district.

Coach Smalley gave credit to the Buccaneers and the East Chambers' coaches for their decisive win over Orangefield. Smalley elaborated, "They did a good job and had a good plan. They kind of 'Orangefielded' us by not throwing the ball a whole lot. They lined up and ran it down our throats

and we couldn't stop them. When we had the ball offensively we looked good early and then kind of struggled towards the end of the game. When we got behind three or four scores it put us in some things we're not great at doing."

Some consolation for Orangefield was running back Mason Manning finishing the regular season as the leading rusher in the district games by eight yards. Manning ran for 582 yards on 78 carries which is a 7.46 yards per carry average with 11 touchdowns during the six games.

A bright spot was the effort given by the Bobcats. "I thought our kids for the most part continued to play hard throughout the game and got after it. Some Bobcats were in different positions because of injuries and playing in spots they haven't had to play in a while. I was also proud that kids like Lane Gipson, Kane

Smith, Mason Houghton, Blake McRight, and those guys that are seniors that have been here in the program since seventh grade continued to fight, continued to battle, and that was good to see and hopefully we can continue that this Thursday," Smalley expressed.

This Thursday marks the beginning of the state playoffs for Orangefield. The Bobcats play the Woodville Eagles who they faced in Week 4 losing by a score of 19-7 at Orangefield.

Woodville is the second seed from District 9-3A Division I. The Eagles are 7-3 on the season and their only loss in district was to Diboll the district champions.

The Eagle offense operates out of the Spread Formation with four wide receivers on most snaps and usually one running back with the quarterback. Sometimes Woodville use an H-back out of the shot-

gun. Coach Smalley has seen some film on Woodville where the Eagles did get into a two tight end Wish Bone look. It may have been geared just for the team they were playing in that particular game or as an alternative goal line offense.

There are some dangerous weapons for Woodville to use on offense. The quarterback Ralon Williams is a dual threat being able to throw the football as well as run with it.

Ralon is a four-year starter for the Eagles. In the game earlier this season against Orangefield he passed for three touchdowns completing 11 of 17 passes for 132 yards while running 12 times for 53 yards.

The primary target for his passes is Ty'Marion Walker. He caught six pass-

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LCM Bears playoffs From Page 1B

press Mauriceville lost to Chapel Hill in the fourth round of the state playoffs. The Bulldogs have been eliminated in the semifinals of the post season the last two years.

The Bulldogs have an explosive offense that operates out of the Spread. They use multiple receivers but their main weapons are at quarterback and at running back where there are two three-year starters.

Juniors Rickey Stewart at running back and Demetrius Brisbon at quarterback have been producing big plays for Chapel Hill since they were freshmen two years ago. They were key factors for Chapel Hill during the Bulldogs' playoff runs the last two seasons.

"Rickey Stewart is probably the best running back I've seen in years. He's a three year starter for them, started as a freshman, he's only a junior. His feet look like their angry at the ground when he runs. He doesn't keep them on the ground very long. Rickey's a load to tackle and at the same point he's about as fast as any running back we've seen, very extraordinarily talented running back," Peevey described him.

Brisbon has started close to forty games at quarterback since he was a freshman. Peevey said, "Demetrius can run it, he can throw it. He's as explosive as it gets. Brisbon is a very talented quarterback."

"Those two alone can cause your defense as much problems as any team can get. They have a good solid O-line and solid receivers, but everything rotates around Stewart and Brisbon," Peevey continued.

Chapel Hill is 8-2 on the season in a very tough district. The Bulldogs' defense has surrendered a few points on the season against the quality opponents they have played.

The Bulldogs are very active on defense. This has resulted in Chapel Hill creating a lot of turnovers to help its offense.

Probably the strongest defensive player for the Bulldogs is Kendall Allen in the defensive line. Allen is about 6-4, 270 pounds, and can run. Chapel Hill moves Allen around in the front line from noseguard to tackle to end. Peevey analyzed, "We've got to do a good job of getting on him in order to be able to move the ball."

At linebacker is Da'Veon Ross who had 7 sacks and 12 tackles for losses last year. "They're very talented on defense, and they definitely try to cause a bunch of turnovers. The Bulldogs use their speed, that's what they have is speed on defense. Sometimes you feel like you have the edge or have things on them and they recover very fast. They're just a very sound defensive football team with some extraordinary players," Peevey indicated.

The strategy for Little Cypress Mauriceville on offense is to do what the Bears are good at doing. Peevey elaborated, "At this point we know what we're good at, we know what we can hang our hat on, and we're good at running the football, and our passing game is getting there. We're going to have to do what we do and do it at a high level to be competitive in this game and not just competitive but have a chance to win."

Two years ago LCM entered the playoffs as the number two seed in the district and advanced to the fourth round of the playoffs. Could the Bears make another run like they did then? "I really feel like Chapel Hill is going to overlook us completely. I think this is a chance for us to come out and be ready to play some football. We

have just grown up so much. We've really played well since the Kinkaid game. We've played physical, and our kids have started playing the way we know how to play football and we're doing it at a high level. That's what we want. The biggest key to stopping Chapel Hill is we've got to keep everything in a phone booth. You know Clark Kent stays Clark Kent not Superman if he stays in the phone booth. As soon as he gets out of that phone booth he's Superman. So, we've got to keep their guys from being Superman by keeping them in the phone booth and not letting them get outside and doing our part defensively to keep them contained as much as we can. Then offensively we've got to keep the ball away from them and we've got to get physical and go right at them. I think if we do that we'll have the opportunity to win the game," Peevey concluded.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears travel to Nacogdoches to play the Chapel Hill Bulldogs. The game will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday in Dragon Stadium.

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Orangefield rematch with Woodville from Page 4B

es against the Bobcats for 127 yards and scored all three of Woodville's touchdowns in that game.

The leading rusher Zayon Williams runs behind the Eagles' big offensive line led by Bart Sylestine and Layne Ledoux. Zayon ran for 92 yards on fifteen carries in the earlier meeting with the Bobcats.

The Woodville offense is a very good one. "They put 34 points up on Palestine Westwood last week and they've put over 50 on some other teams in their district. They line up on the ball, look to the sideline for the coach to signal in the play after seeing how the defense is lined up, and then he calls plays to attack where they think you're vulnerable. Defensively,

we're going to have to disguise some things, move some stuff around, make them think we're in one thing when we're actually in another, and try to confuse their kids. We have a challenge on Thursday night," Smalley analyzed.

The Eagles base out of a four man front in kind of a 4-2-5 alignment. According to Smalley they are very aggressive.

Linebacker Jaythan Traylor gave the Bobcats fits in the earlier this season. Film from other games have shown Smalley that Traylor has continued to be a menace to other teams' offenses.

Defensive end TyQuan Miller was injured and did not play in Week 4 against Orangefield. Miller has

played really well since his return to the defensive lineup for Woodville. Also in the defensive line are Tayvion Hunter, Dwayne Koenig, and Nick Horn who all get after it.

Smalley summarized, "The Eagles are an attacking style defense. They'll shoot the gaps, they'll blitz linebackers. They run up

field a lot. Woodville is not going to sit back and wait for you and read the line of scrimmage. The Eagles are coming after you."

Orangefield played a good game against Woodville in the first meeting. The only problems were two fumbles by the Bobcats inside Eagle territory that spoiled potential scoring

drives and two of three big pass plays could have been knocked down by the Bobcats but instead resulted in touchdowns for Woodville.

What must change for a Bobcat triumph. "We can't turn the ball over and we can't give up big plays. We can't have penalties in the playoffs, those things can cost you football games against teams like this. We're confident, the Bobcats feel like we can go

compete with Woodville. Our coaches will have a good plan ready for Thursday, and then it's just a matter of executing and playing hard and competing which I feel most of the time the Bobcats do," Smalley concluded.

The Orangefield Bobcats play the Woodville Eagles at the Lumberton High School Stadium. The game begins at 7:00 on Thursday night.

Salvation Army 'Red Kettle' campaign back in Orange County

From Staff Report

The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign is back in Orange, ushering in the festive spirit of Christmas. The Red Kettle Campaign is The Salvation Army's primary fundraising initiative, providing life-changing programs and services throughout the year, including food assistance programs, shelter for people experiencing homelessness, emergency financial assistance, youth programs, and disaster response.

"From its humble origins in 1891 when a Salvation Army Captain used a crab pot to collect funds in San Francisco, the Red Kettle Campaign has grown to become one of the most recognized charitable initiatives worldwide," said Captain Dante Salgado of The Salvation Army in Orange. "The funds raised in the Red Kettle will serve as a

lifeline in our community, offering essential assistance, including nourishment, shelter, and vital social services to people during their greatest need."

Red Kettles will be stationed outside area stores and local businesses, Monday-Saturday, from the beginning of November to Christmas Eve. Last year, The Salvation Army raised \$58,231.33 and is hoping to raise \$70,000 this season to support our community.

"We are grateful for the spirit of giving in our community and for the unwavering support we receive from our generous donors and corporate partners," added Captain Salgado. "Together, we can ignite hope and support people in our community who are in the most need."

The Salvation Army is also looking for volunteers to ring the bells at the Red Kettle. Sign up.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK WEST ORANGE-COVE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ORANGE, TEXAS

Proposal Information

Sealed proposals will be received by:

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and shall be received until **2:00 p.m. (CST), November 16**, at the above address, to provide Construction Management at-Risk services for the **WEST ORANGE-COVE CISD District-wide projects**. A total of **five (5) bound copies and one (1) electronic copy** of all submitted material are requested. The proposals will be opened at that time - **5:00 p.m. (CST), November 16**, at **Claycomb Associates Office**.

The successful firm will be required to enter into an Owner/Construction Manager Agreement, AIA Document A121 (draft attached to the RFQ), as modified by **West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District** and to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds through an approved bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Texas and currently listed in the Department of Treasury Federal Register in an amount of not less than 100% of the contract price, conditioned upon the performance of the contract.

Attention is called to the fact that the Construction Manager must comply with all Federal, State and local labor laws, including Chapter 2258, Texas Government Code, Title 10, and the prevailing minimum wage rates as set by the **West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees**.

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Applicants may obtain an information packet with general details concerning the proposed project from:


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Lessons in Words and Ways

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

The Christian culture we want to foster is more a

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

Creating a Christlike Culture

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

• WAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

• WORDS

What we say is of course

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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