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Thousands work at new GTP plant site



It's not every day a piece of surplus county property wags its tail before the Orange County Commissioners Court. But on Tuesday, the court officially declared K-9 Phoenix as surplus property. The court agreed to give the dog its handler, Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Mojica for the rest of Phoenix's life. Chief Deputy Mark Dubois said Phoenix had a knee injury and surgery, however he is not up to working active law enforcement duty.

RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Nearly 4,500 people are now working at the site for the new \$8.5 billion Golden Triangle Polymers plant on Highway 87 South. The

Heather Betancourth with the company told Orange County Commissioners Court that on Tuesday during a quarterly report on local hiring and purchases.

The Chevron/Phillips/Qatar Energy project was officially announced two years ago. The county

spent a few years negotiating a tax abatement contract for the plant. The contract included the corporation adopting a Local First program to help people in the region get jobs and for local businesses of all sizes to get the plant's purchases. The quarterly reports are part of the contract.

Betancourth gave a grand total of local employment at 1,803. However, County Judge John Gothia said "there's more. I see them every day."

Betancourth said the

total employment including people from outside the nine-county region considered local, is a 4,500.

Gothia made the quip because he lives in Bridge City. The main thorough-

fare from Orange to Bridge City is past the plant's construction site. Traffic between the two cities during rush hours is getting to be notoriously slow with all the work.

The latest report covers

the third quarter from July 1 through September 30. During the quarter, the company added another 36 qualified local vendors or suppliers for a total of 132.

The local region is con-

sidered Orange, Jefferson, Newton, Jasper, Hardin, Tyler, and Chambers counties, plus the Bolivar Peninsula area of Galveston County.

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Mik C. Koats and Ashley Guillory engage in controversy during the rehearsal for "Next of Kin."

RECORD PHOTO: Penny Leleux

New blood, family legacy usher in new life for OCP

PENNY LELEUX For The Record

It has been a long haul since Orange Community Players, Inc. was forced out of its original home on Division Street after TS Harvey flooded the theater for a second time in 2017. They bought the old Brown Twin Cinema building and have worked on it through the years trying to get up and running again. They were almost there, hoping to open this past September, when the HVAC system went out. The AC is fixed and they are down to only needing a counter for the concession stand, rails on the outer steps, and handicapped spots marked in the parking lot. It's so close, they can taste it. They are hoping the Mystery Dinner Theater production of "Next of Kin" scheduled for this weekend at the Orange Train Depot will raise the funds to get them across the line so they can open in the new year.

The husband-and-wife team of Rico and Cydney Vásquez direct

the wacky comedy that will include audience participation. It's a party. Rico said if the audience needs to get up and get something else to eat in the middle of it, "do it." Treat is as if it is a regular gathering of friends. A good portion of the show will be improved to provide that intermingling with the guests.

"We can't control what the audience is gonna say especially when they're about three or four glasses in and that's the fun. That's why we like to do the murder mysteries, the dinner theaters," said Rico.

The last dinner theater they did was in 2021 or 2022, after the pandemic.

"It was a 1920s murder mystery, like a mobster murder, and that was all the old OCP," said Cydney. "It was a lot of the board members and a lot of the people who grew up doing it, but you know this is a fresh new take." The Vásquez couple directed the earlier production too. It was held at the Brown Center and sold out.

Auditions for this show were

held before Halloween and they have been practicing at First Methodist Church in Orange.

The story it is about Hamilton "Big Daddy" Sugarbaker. He's having a party where he unfortunately meets his demise. Who killed big daddy? Everyone has a reason.

Alaniz Vásquez as Hamilton "Big Daddy" Sugarbaker, a rich man from Atlanta, Georgia who moved here six months ago after the disastrous failure of his second marriage--to a woman many years his junior. His first wife, Babette, died giving birth to Aaron.

Ian Shaw as Aaron Sugarbaker, Big Daddy's youngest son. He's a struggling poet who's embittered by his lack of success, but still believes that he's a true artiste.

Nate Brown as Rhett Sugarbaker, Big Daddy's oldest son. A smarmy, slick, dirty-dealing, unethical businessman. He'll do anything to make money and what better way to make money than

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Sales drop in Orange but not county

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

The city of Orange continues to see big drops in sales tax returns while other cities, plus the county, are seeing sales tax increases for the year.

The Texas Comptroller has sent the sales tax payments to the entities, which mainly use the sales tax incomes for general operations.

Orange County has a half cent per dollar sales tax and is up for the calendar year, receiving a total of \$7.73 million compared to \$7.5 million for the

same time last year. That's an increase of 3.39. However, the county was down 6.74 percent from September this year, getting \$666,506 this year compared to \$714,733 last year.

The city of Orange, with a 1.5 percent sales tax, dropped 11.23 percent for the month of September with \$722,310 for this year and \$813,718 for September 2023. The city is down 23.35 percent, for the calendar, a loss of more than \$2 million. The city is at

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Dow Celebrates Apprenticeship Week

Special to the Record Christina Babcock

Each year, Dow's U.S. Apprenticeship Program attracts a significant number of applicants eager to gain on-the-job experience while earning a company paid associate degree in highly sought-after technical fields. Registered with the United States Department of Labor, the program offers practical experience for those aiming to pursue a career in manufacturing. Apprentices enroll in de-

gree programs offered through Lamar State College Orange (LSCO) or Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT), both of which partner with Dow Sabine River Operations and Beaumont Operations.

Chase Brumley, a current apprentice, expressed his gratitude for the program: "This program opens up a new career path for people who might otherwise never get the opportunity to work as a process operator."

Robert Lovelace, Early Career Leader for the East

Texas Hub (Dow Sabine River & Beaumont Operations), highlights that "the biggest advantage for these students is gaining hands-on experience at a local facility during their studies."

The program is structured so apprentices are paid for 40 hours per week, including benefits, tuition, and books, while they complete a two-year associate degree program and receive on-the-job training at Dow Sabine River Operations and Beaumont Operations.



Pictured is the incoming class of 2024 apprentices: Front (l. to r.) -Ezequiel Yanez Macias, Shanita Roberson, D'Maya Howard, Alberto Munguia and Ethan Blackburn. Back - Colin Dorman, Michael Durbin, Trenton Salter, Chase Brumley and Ethan McCollum. Picture courtesy of Christina Babcock.

Lovelace notes, "apprentices also benefit from a support system that includes unit leaders and the

Influential Leader Network (IFL) on site." Former apprentice, Jessica Ripka, shared "the

challenges that came with dual responsibilities of

Dow Page 5A

Picking the perfect Thanksgiving turkey

Susan Himes
Texas A&M AgriLife

The turkey is the star of the show for most Thanksgiving tables and cooking your bird to perfection can seem hard. However, choosing the right bird at the store should be easy.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service poultry expert Brett Meisinger, lecturer and collegiate poultry judging team coach in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Poultry Science "talked turkey" with us and answered some questions consumers may have while searching for the perfect Thanksgiving turkey.



Picking the turkey centerpiece for the Thanksgiving table can be the easiest part with a few tips from a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

What size turkey do I need to buy?

Choose the weight of your Thanksgiving turkey based on the number of guests you plan to invite. The safest method for choosing the size of the bird is to purchase 1.5 pounds of whole bird per guest. On average, each person consumes 8 ounces of turkey. If you don't need a whole bird for your Thanksgiving crowd, you can choose a smaller product option such as a turkey breast.

What do labels tell us and what do the words mean?

Labels simply allow consumers to have an option when putting food on the

table. There is no right or wrong label to source as the cost and visual appearance of packaging can also impact consumer preferences.

Free-range is a common label seen on poultry products. Free range means farmers give turkeys access to the outdoors as they grow. Organically produced birds have free-range access, yet not all free-range birds are grown organically. Free-range and organic labels can include a variety of rearing practices for turkeys. Organic production sets standards for feed ingredients, antibiotic use, housing designs and labeling. The U.S. Department of Agriculture outlines the rules in its Guidelines for Organic Poultry Certification.

How early do I need to buy my turkey and when do I need to defrost it?

Buy early for the best selection. A frozen bird can keep for over a year so there really is no such thing as "too early" to buy. Consumers can freeze fresh turkeys for storage also if they wish.

Plan for defrosting time when making your purchase. The recommended method for defrosting for food safety is from the freezer to the fridge. Allow 24 hours for each 4-5 pounds of bird weight in a refrigerator 40 degrees or lower. Once refrigerator-thawed, a turkey can be left in the refrigerator for one to two days before

cooking.

Is there a nutritional difference between fresh and frozen?

There is no nutritional difference between fresh and frozen turkeys at the grocery store. Most whole turkeys at the grocery store are frozen. This is the easiest way to ship and store them for sale.

Farm-to-table style means smaller producers can provide fresh options. However, they cost more and these products are not available until just before the holiday season. However, consumers can freeze them for storage if they wish.

Is my turkey Texas-grown?

Odds are good that the

turkey you find in Texas supermarkets has come from out of state. Minnesota, North Carolina and Arkansas are the top states for turkey production.

Texas does not have large-scale commercial turkey farms. The 4-H and

FFA youth of Texas produce the most turkeys in the state for major stock shows and judging contests. But you can reach out to local markets, butchers or specialty shops to determine if they have locally grown turkeys.

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Gum Drop Shop Dec. 7th

The Explore Orange - Convention and Visitors Bureau is bringing back the Gumdrop Shop Holiday Market at Stark Park in downtown Orange, 201 7th Street, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.- 3

p.m. Discover unique one-of-a-kind items from local vendors that you won't find anywhere else. Immerse yourself in a winter wonderland filled with lights,

music, and the warmth of the holiday season. By shopping at the event, you're supporting local businesses and contributing to the community. From holiday crafts, activities, and entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy. The Ki-

wanis Christmas Parade is scheduled to be held at 6:00 pm in downtown Orange following the Gumdrop Shop.

Additional information may be obtained from the Convention & Visitors Bureau office at 409-883-1011.

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County business From Page 1

During the quarter, another 17 approved engineering, procurement, and construction companies drew in \$8 million from the project. GTP spent \$8.7 million with local companies previously contracted.

Since the project was announced two years ago, a grand total of \$355.5 million has been spent on local contracted work, not including the small vendors and businesses.

A total of nearly \$1.3 million were spent during the quarter on small purchases with local vendors and businesses. Lists of the local businesses include a wide variety of restaurants, printing, pest control, plumbing, printing, appliances, photographers, and rental companies.

Bethancourth said GTP will be hosting a holiday mixer exclusively for Or-

ange County businesses on the approved vendor list so then can meet the company's new procurement official.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan was back at his first meeting after being hospitalized getting an internal infection that required surgery. He thanked everyone for the calls, texts, cards, and emails he has received during his recuperation.

Business included the presentation of the Sheriff's Office's retiring K-9 Phoenix, who was injured. Deputy Brandon Mojica, the dog's handler, is now his official owner.

Judge Gothia reported the tax assessor-collector's office received \$2.29 million in back taxes last month with the county's share as \$298,876. The county office contracts to handle tax property collections for all local enti-

ties. The 2025 taxes will be due January 31.

County Maintenance Director Kurt Guidry reported the county is going to save about \$50,000 by taking donation of a generator from the McLewis Volunteer Fire Department, which is part of OC Emergency Services District 4. He said the county has been looking to get a generator for the elections administration office. The one being donated was purchased with grant money in 2010 and has been used only 69 hours. The generator has been sitting inside a building and not outside. The project will cost the county the expense of getting the generator hooked up to natural gas. Guidry said natural gas lines run along the streets near the elections office and should not be a problem for connection.

New life at OCP From Page 1

stealing from his father's bottle capping company in Atlanta.

Amy Carroll as Bobbie Joe Butler, Big Daddy's nurse confidante, and friend. She would do anything for the man who saved her from certain death five years ago.

Mik C. Koats as Savannah Sugarbaker, Big Daddy's neurotic second wife who's prone to drastic mood swings and irrational, insane, behavior.

Codie Vásquez as Philly Sugarbaker, Big Daddy's drunkard of a sister. Philly's had a sad, miserable life--she even spent some time in prison for robbery, theft, even prostitution.

Ashley Guillory as Scarlett Sugarbaker, Rhett's selfish, social-climbing wife who tries to be classy and fails - miserably. She comes from the wrong side of the tracks and it shows.

Rachele Allen as Melanie Sugarbaker, Aaron's supportive but very eccen-

tric wife. She's an "interpretive dancer." She and Aaron snobbishly cling to a lifestyle neither can truly afford.

Crystal Kelley as Edwina Edwin, Big Daddy's accountant. She's an obsessive compulsive who has devoted her entire working life to Big Daddy. She knows what he's worth and expects that she'll receive a sizable chunk of his money in exchange for her loyalty.

Unless their name is Vásquez, the cast is new to the local audience.

"That's what we've been trying to do this whole time... get fresh people to get more interest because if it's the same 10 people doing it, people get tired of it," said Rico. "Here we are like on the cusp of opening the theater, like a new generation, which is amazing and all of them are just incredibly excited for us to get open so they can start doing shows in the theater."

Alaniz and Codie

Vásquez are Rico's parents. Participation in OCP has been a family affair for over 20 years and they are proud of the leadership role Rico and daughter-in-law Cydney have taken in the organization.

"It's all about passing the torch and it's always been about making sure that theater continues on to the next generation and the next and that has been our mission statement for the last 20 years, to keep local community theater alive," said Alaniz. "You can't do that if you don't pass the torch."

Codie's mother, Judy White is also involved in OCP, so they are four generations deep in the organization.

Next of Kin presents this weekend, 7:37 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23 and a matinee at 2:37 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Orange Train Depot. Doors open one hour before the performance. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online.

Sales tax revenue From Page 1

\$6.81 million so far this year compared to \$8.89 million this time last year.

Bridge City has a 1.5 percent sales tax and saw a drop in this September compared to September 2023. However, the city is up nearly 7 percent for the year to date. The city got \$222,621 for September this year and \$236,448 last year. For the year to date, the city is at \$2.22 million compared to \$2.07 million last year.

West Orange has a 1.5 percent sales tax and went up 34.11 percent for the month with \$159,131 this September and \$118,655 last September. The city is now at \$1.51 million for the calendar year, up 12.71 percent from the \$1.34 million for the same time in 2023.

Pinehurst with a 1.5 percent sales tax collected \$61,384 for the month, up 2.8 percent from \$59,711 last year. The city is up 6.6

percent for the year with \$633,503 compared to \$613,055 last year.

Orange County's only special district with a sales tax is OC Emergency Services District 3 for the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department. The district has a 1.5 percent sales tax and collected \$27,737 for September and is at \$305,717 for the year to date.

Deaths & Memorials

Stella Mae "Katie" Mulhollan Bridge City



Stella Mae "Katie" Mulhollan

Stella Mae "Katie" Mulhollan of Bridge City left this earth on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Services for Katie were held under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. There was a visitation for family and friends on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 10am, with funeral services immediately following at 11. Pastor Josh Fuels of First Baptist Church Orange officiated. Katie was laid to rest at Autumn Oaks Memorial Park in Orange.

Katie was born Aug. 15, 1935, in Hamlin, Texas, to Eunice and William Hamric. At an early age, she decided she didn't care for her given name and would thereafter be known as "Katie." Her passion in high school was twirling; she was a proud member of the renown Bengal Guards Drum and Bugle Corps.

On April 11, 1953, she married Stewart Charles Mulhollan in Orange, Texas. They eventually made their home in the Bridge City area, where they raised their five children.

After Stewart's death in 1990, she began her second act as a full time Maw Maw and avid bridge player. She loved weekly gatherings with her dear friends, affectionately known as "the Bridge Ladies," for more than 40 years.

Katie loved science fiction - specifically Star Trek, hosting family dinners, and was an inspired snacker - always ready for "a teaspoon of ice cream" or "two or three french fries."

She never met a stranger - she loved to talk to people and share stories about her life and family. Until her disease inter-

vened, she was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City, delighting in fellowship.

Katie wasn't just a typical mother and grandmother; she was arts and crafts director, chef, baker, confectioner, chauffeur, and teacher. She was a model homemaker and the world's best giver of hugs. She lived to serve her family and friends, forged her own happiness through that of others.

Katie was predeceased by her parents, her husband Stewart, and her siblings Richard Hamric, Juancy Cannifax, Billy Hamric, and Addie (Wiggy) McDonald.

She is survived by her son Chuck Mulhollan and wife Kellie, her daughters Debbie Lyles and husband Glen (with whom she lived for many years), Cindy Mims and husband Ralf, Jan Akers and husband Scott, and Leslie Potts and husband David. Also surviving are her eight grandchildren Chad Porterfield, Charla LaRocca, Lee Mims and wife Katie, Tara Allen and husband Thomas, Laci Gibbens and husband Logan, Michael Schrieber, Brandon Lyles and wife Makayla, and Nicole Davidson and husband Jimmy, as well as 16 great grandchildren. She was also "Maw Maw" to many more, hosting sleepovers for friends of her grandchildren, including many in the neighborhood. Katie was loved and treasured by many and will be missed greatly.

Serving as pallbearers were Glen Lyles, Scott Akers, David Potts, Lee Mims, Michael Schrieber and Brandon Lyles. Honorary pallbearers are Chuck Mulhollan and Ralf Mims.

Salvation Army's Red Kettles returning

As The Salvation Army's primary fundraising initiative, the Red Kettle Campaign plays a vital role in providing life-changing programs and services throughout

the year. These programs include food assistance, emergency financial assistance, youth programs and disaster response.

From the beginning of November until Christ-

mas Eve, red kettles will be stationed outside various stores and local businesses in Orange from Monday to Saturday.

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From the Creaux's Nest

CAN PHELAN SURVIVE AS SPEAKER

The race for speaker of the Texas House has narrowed, pitting **Beaumont Republican Dade Phelan**, who has held the gavel since 2021, against **Rep. David Cook, R-Mansfield**, who has emerged as the challenger designated by a group disillusioned with House leadership. **Phelan** says he has the votes to be reelected to a third term as speaker. The speaker race typically takes off in the fall, but the quest to replace **Phelan** by his critics got started before the last legislative session even ended. Critics blamed **Phelan** for the **House's impeachment of Attorney General Ken Paxton** and for the deadlock between the **House and Senate** on property taxes, the border and education. That included the House's ultimate failure to pass **Gov. Greg Abbott's school vouchers** measure in November. **Paxton, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and former President Donald Trump** endorsed **Phelan's primary opponent** in an attempt to oust the speaker, buoyed by millions of dollars spent by organizations from outside his district and outside the state. Between the flanked attacks from **Abbott's and Paxton's** respective camps, nine Republicans lost their primaries, and **Phelan** and seven others were forced into primary runoffs. Although **Phelan survived his primary runoff** at the end of May, six of the seven others lost theirs. **Phelan's camp** says they're confident he has the votes. "The path to the speakership is a matter of simple math," **Phelan's spokeswoman Cait Wittman**, said to the Tribune. **Speaker Phelan** has the clear majority votes needed to be the speaker today and will have the clear majority support needed to become speaker again come January." **Phelan has the support of an inner circle** of loyal GOP lieutenants, and he would likely have the support of most, but not all, of the **60-plus Democrats**. **Phelan** has been the only **Republican speaker** candidate this cycle who would continue the longstanding practice of appointing **Democrats** to committee chairmanships as part of a bipartisan leadership team. The combination of a minority of **Republicans plus Democrats** would likely get **Phelan** to 76 votes. Texas law calls on the secretary of state to preside until the election of the **House speaker**. However, if the secretary of state is absent, the attorney general would preside, which could leave **Paxton, Phelan's No. 1 political rival**, with the gavel as **Phelan** fights on the floor to retain his speakership.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago 2014

County Judge Carl Thibodeaux's retirement reception was a very special event held Dec. 19, at the **Orange County Convention and Expo Center**. The retirement reception honored **Judge Thibodeaux** for 20 years of service. Many improvements have been made throughout the county under his leadership as our longest serving county judge. ****After traveling 10 years a comet probe named **Philae** landed on a four-billion-year-old comet traveling through space at 87,000 miles an hour. **Spacecraft Rosetta** orbited then dropped **Philae** off from three miles away from the comet. That really boggles my mind. I came from an era when we brought sugarcane to the mill in a wagon drawn by a pair of mules.**** I understand **Kenny Dupuis** will be parade marshal for the **Bridge City Christmas Light Parade** on Dec. 6. That's a good thing and well deserved. I would make only one adjustment. **Kee-Kee** should have **Ray Leleux** ride with him. It would be like **Charlie McCarthy** with his **Mortimer Snerd**. The crowd would get three clowns for one. (Editor's note: **Ray and KeeKee** are now gone.)

26 Years Ago-1998

Michael Cory St. Clergy, 18, was arraigned on first degree murder and robbery charges. He is charged with the murder of **Ernest Alan Ford**, in Pinehurst and a gunpoint robbery of a convenience store in Orange. Police Chief **Dan Robertson** said, "The boy seemed to show no remorse for his actions." Pinehurst policeman **Lt. Ronnie Barrett** and D.A. investigator **K.C. Breshers** said **St. Clergy** has confessed to both crimes. Dist. Attorney **John Kimbrough** said, "There is no doubt we have the right person." **Ford** was found shot inside a white Lincoln at Sussex Manor apartments.****I have a hard time believing some of the following events occurred that long ago. On Sunday, Nov. 15, banker **Fred Charles Gregory**, 64, died at his residence. Service was held Tuesday, Nov. 17. **Fred** was a United States Army veteran, former Bridge City Bank president and chairman of the board of **Amtex Bancshares**. Survivors include his wife **June**, daughter **Sharon** and son **Darin**. He is also survived by his mother **Pauline** and sisters **Barbara Broussard** and **Vicki McKinzie**.******Dr. David Jones**, of Bridge City, has come home to practice **Physiatry**, the non-surgical treatment of musculoskeletal injuries with rehabilitation and medication. **Physiatry** allows **David** to practice sports medicine. While a student at Bridge City High **David** participated in football, basketball, baseball and

track. As **Coach Andy Griffin's** quarterback and defensive back, he earned the title "**Orange County Athlete of the Year**." He attended Lamar on a full ride, athletic scholarship. ******The Bobcats**, of **Coach Randy Theriot**, will take on **Crockett** in **Conroe**. **Daville** gained 1660 yards and 19 TD's in regular season. ******The West Orange-Stark Mustangs** walked through District 20 4-A undefeated, with 10 straight victories. The **Mustangs** are number two in the state and were, in the second week of the playoffs, being compared to the 1987 state championship team. The results shocked fans around the state. **WO-S lost to Silsbee 21-20** on a missed field goal in a game played at T.J. Yellow Jacket stadium, in Port Arthur. Just like that, in the upset of the decade, the playoffs were over for **Coach Hooks' Mustangs**.******Chris Farkas**, the **Record Newspapers "Jack-of-All Trades"** leaves for a new job in Florida. He was a special part of a great team at **The Record**, made up of **Pattie Hanks**, editor, **Vickie Parfait**, writer, **Karen Gros**, head of sales, **Mark Dunn**, layout specialist and photographer and **Roy**, who keeps all the parts working for Orange County's most popular publication.

46 Years Ago-1978

Attorney Sharon Bearden, on his first deer hunting trip of the season, killed an eight-point buck. He hung him overnight while he dreamed of that fine kill. He got up early to marvel at his deer and all hell broke loose when hanging where his deer should have been he found a jackrabbit. He threatened to kill everyone in camp before they finally produced his deer. ******Betty Harmon** has been added to the board of directors of **County National Bank**.******Joe Burke** will celebrate another birthday on Nov. 22.

51 Years Ago-1973

For more than a year, **President John F. Kennedy** sought the trip to Texas that ended tragically the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963. The national pain and trauma that followed his assassination 10 years ago produced the **Kennedy legend**.****While **Richard Corder** and **Joe Kazmar** were broadcasting the West Orange- Crosby game in Baytown last Saturday, **Carl Thibodeaux** hand delivered a mess of boudain to the press box. **BBRC** flew into the Cajun vittles; **Yankee Kazmar** was a little suspect but tried it anyway and got hooked. ******Millie and Cathy**, the **Harper girls**, drive in from Mauriceville every morning. They are still asleep when they show up at the Jack Tar at 5 a.m. to serve breakfast. Their old truck just drives itself in. ****East Zone 10-AAA All-District team is named. The coaches' pick is loaded with talent. On offense QB **Ray Pousson** of West Orange, RB, **Lanston Fall**, BC; **Roy Williams**, WO; **Lorraine Wills**, WO; **Donald Solco**, SEA; E's **Randle Teate**, WO; **James Hadnot**, Jasper; T **Robert Moody**, LCM; **Victor Enard**, WO; C **Duane Callahan**, WO; G's **Clint Belk**, BC; **Mark Champagne**, SEA. **The Offensive Player of the Year** is **Ray Pousson**.****All District defense, E **James Long**, WO; **Paul Bingham**, WO; T **Mike McDonald**, WO; **Kenny Brown**, BC; NG **Randy Fults**, BC; LB **Mark Dunn**, BC; **Larry Spears**, WO; **Charles Hillebrand**, BC; HB **Gary Dean**, Silsbee; HB **Keneth Stephenson**, WO-S; **Dale McCall**, LCM; S **Bo Worrell**, BC. **The Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year** is **Larry Spears**. **Glenn Green** of West Orange is **Coach of the Year**.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Sue and Tommy Simar, along with **Sue's** niece **Sharon**, visiting from Pennsylvania and driven by **Bud**, stopped by Tuesday. They brought some frozen figs that we plan to make fig tarts with. It was a pleasure meeting **Sharon**. She attended the debate and we think a lot alike. She's pretty and interesting. They just didn't stay long enough.******The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce** is now accepting nominations for **Business and Citizen of the Year**. Nominations can be made online, by mail or dropped off at the chamber office. There is a slot in the door. Put the letters in a sealed envelope to the attention of the nominating committee.******The Salvation Army Angel Trees** are now available in local businesses until Dec. 12. More than 400 children and senior citizens are registered this year. **Adopt an angel** if you are able and help provide love beyond Christmas morning.******Country Music Awards** are Wednesday night, Nov. 20. The best of all award shows but not as good as it was several years ago. This week we are running a two part **Life's Highway** column, written by **Roy**, about country music and the **Grand Ole Opry**.******Wanda** and **Coach Les Johnson** visited **Phyl and Roy** over the weekend. **Les** brought some fresh picked pecans which he said slept in the tree the night before. **Coach Johnson**, a former **Bridge City High School** coach is 89 and will turn 90 in Oct. They have been married 69 years. **Wanda** is still very pretty, **Les** looks the same, but he's a great guy.****Only **West Orange-Stark** survived the first week of playoffs, defeating **Sweeny 41-14**. **LCM** lost to **Lindale, 49-21**; **Bridge City** lost to **Pine Tree, 35-28** and in a hard-fought battle, **Orangefield** lost 49-42 to **Fairfield**. **LCM District Police Chief Mike Hennigan** did his best to keep the spirits high for **Bear fans**. He was seen holding a homemade 'Cheer or You'll Go To Jail' sign along the sidelines.**** **Texas Workforce Commission** just released unemployment statistics. Orange County dropped from 5.4% in September to 5.3% in October. Any drop is good. It was 4.6% in October of last year. We are consistently half a percent below the figures for all of Southeast Texas.******Sharon Bearden** has no problem talking about his grandkids. Granddaughter **Hallie Bearden** went to Chicago and came out with first place in the **World Powerlifting Championships**. A few weeks ago, she was crowned **homecoming queen** at **Bridge City High**. Plus her brother, **Hutch Bearden**, was named to the **4A District 10 All-District football team** for his work as quarterback for the **BC Cardinals**. **Jim Sharon Bearden** is their dad.****And speaking of lawyers with football star sons, **Doug Manning's son Mason**, running back for **Orangefield**, was named **All-District plus the MVP** for the district.******Phillip and Pat Caillavet**, along with **Paula and Randy Ragsdale**, made sure to take their sweaters with them on their cruise to the Bahamas. It wasn't just any cruise, it was the **Hallmark Christmas Movie Cruise**. All

things Christmas on the trip, plus meeting the stars of the popular holiday TV movies and having an ugly sweater night. **Lady Whistlebreaux** thinks **Jody Chesson** may be jealous. He's probably sulking by watching the classic animated **Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer** over and over. **Dayle Gunn** and daughter **Lacey Gunn Hale** took off to College Station to visit **Vinny Hale** and the **Texas A&M Songfest**.****Another grandmother, **Vivian McMillan**, got to see her grandson **Adam Conrad** at work at the **Lutcher Theater** while taking in the **Cirque Dreams Holiday**. The theater company spent the week in Orange perfecting everything before setting out for a tour of more than 60 cities. The theater companies are learning the advantages of starting in Orange. They bring in a lot of performers and behind-the-scenes workers to stay here.******Della Gallien** got her dream trip to see the **Dallas Cowboys** at AT&T thanks to sons **Richard Bonnin** and **Don Bonnin**.****Eighteen years ago I bought my hearing aids from **Brown Hearing Center**. Because of good service from **Eddie and his staff** my hearing aids serve me as well today as the day I bought them. If you're having hearing problems I strongly recommend **Brown's**, right here at home. One pair of quality aids is all you ever need.****I was feeling forgotten when I got a call from **County Judge John Gothia**. We are fortunate to be served by our present Commissioners Court. I understand Commissioner **Johnny Trahan** is feeling well enough to attend this week's meeting.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Roy and Phyl's middle child, **Allen Clay Dunn**, marks a birthday on Nov. 20. The family celebrated with a fish fry Sunday evening. Also grandson **Sean Cade Gros**, **Karen's** middle sons, celebrated a belated birthday Nov. 12. He brought **Jessica Windel**, his special girl. Brothers **Garrett and Collin** brought their favorite ladies, **Nika Lagana** and **Morgan Shaw**. This day is also the birthday of **Carey Green**, former **Bridge City** resident, now living in **Sherman, TX**. **Other special friends celebrating on Nov. 20 are **Edgar Eschbach** and **Lon Hubbard**.****On Nov. 22, **Butch Campbell**, **Jason Leleaux**, **Cecil Broom**, and a great guy **Judge Rodney Price** celebrate.****My buddy, now retired, **Jackie Roberts** celebrates on Nov. 23. Also **Rodney Petty**, **Scott Mackey**.****Nov. 24 finds **Kim Hubbard**, **Debbie Hughes**, **Candance Tadora** and **Jeff Hollis** celebrating.****On Nov. 25, **Sherry Hickman**, **Vivienne Mathews**, **Amber Permar**, **Sherry Hommel** celebrate.******Eric Andrus** marks a birthday on Nov. 26 along with **Judge Courtney Arkeen** and **Taryn Hubbard**, **Dana Bryant Jessica Harkness** and a very happy birthday to a long-time friend **County Attorney John Kimbrough**. **John** has done to ride the range with all these many years. They are building a new home in the Hill Country near where **Judge Dennis Powell** landed.****Birthday greetings go out also to **Judy Tuter**, **Brandy Bonnin**, former **Pinehurst** police chief **Fred Hanauer**, **Helen Mazier**, **Monica McCoy**, **Michael Mazzola**, **Gene Sopa**, **Suzanne Magee**, **Melanie Musemeche Claybar**, **John Goss**, **Ray Lavan**, **Jaycelyn Duval**, **Vicki Bingham**, **Cathy Bryan**, **Tom Westover**, **Vicci Waguespack**, **Diana Seal Perry**, **Amber Wagstaff**, and **Kade Parkhurst**.**** **Clint and Phyllis Fegia** celebrated their 32nd anniversary.***Others with anniversaries this past week included **David and Amy Worsham**, along with **Scott and Alayna Magnuson**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Otto Comeaux showed up at **T-Boys Bar and Grill** sporting two black eyes him. "Mais, wat da hell happen to you, hanh? **Tee-Neg Dartez** axe.

"Well, it's like dis, **Camilla** has been trying to get me to go to mass wit her so me, I dress for church and go wit her. Boy, **Tee-Neg**, dat's a dangerous place yeah. I was sitting in da pew me, and dere was dis fat lady wat was sitting in front of us. Wen she got up from kneelin' down, her dress, it was caught in da crack of her butt. You know, like da cow eating da cabbage. Well, I figure I help da lady out so I pulled it out of her crack. Boy, dat lady turn around and pop me right in da eye."

Tee-Neg say, Keyaw! Tell me how you got dat utta black eye hanh?"

Comeaux say, well me, I figure dat lady don't want it out her, so wen we all stand up again I reach over da bench and shove it back in like it was."

C'EST TOUT DISMAY INSIDE DOJ AFTER TRUMP TAPS GAETZ

According to the Associated Press, **Donald Trump's** choice of **Matt Gaetz** to be attorney general has many **Justice Department employees** reeling, worried not only about their own jobs but the future of the agency that the **Trump** loyalist has railed against. The president-elect's pick of the **Florida Republican** sent a shock throughout the Cabinet department, considering **Gaetz's** lack of experience in law enforcement and the fact that he was once the subject of a federal sex trafficking investigation. It is unclear whether **Gaetz** has enough **Republican support** in the Senate to be confirmed. **Trump** has broached the possibility of bypassing the traditional confirmation process by pushing through his nominees while the **Senate** is in recess. **Gaetz** faces continued scrutiny over a federal trafficking investigation. **House Speaker Mike Johnson** said Friday that he will "strongly request" that the **House committee** not release the results of its investigation, rebuffing senators who are demanding access now that **Gaetz** is **Trump's** pick for attorney general. The **department runs on career employees**, people who are apolitical in work, and politics aside, if all of these people are so dismayed at the selection of the attorney general that they leave, who will carry out the functions of the department. The prospect that the department could be led by "somebody who is highly compromised" and also may have a "personal vendetta" against it.****I've got to shut down, times up. Read us cover to cover; check us out on our web 24-7 at therecordlive.com. Please shop our family of advertisers. Take care and God bless.

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Roy Dunn - Columnist
For The Record

"I wondered home one day, where I used to run and play, only to find I was too late. Old Rover was gone from his pallet on the lawn, the old folks had died and gone away."

Jimmy Rogers, the singing brakeman, blues and yodel man died about the time I was born but his songs lived on for years. They still bounce around in my head today. As a child, I met a young hobo who played guitar and sang Jimmie's songs. There is one song he sang that I've spent a lifetime looking for its origin.

The few words I recall are, "I wondered home one day, where I used to run and play, only to find I was too late. Old Rover was gone from his pallet on the lawn, the old folks had died and gone away." My Uncle Dan had bought us an old radio. We didn't have electricity so it was a radio with fuses, tubes and I suppose a battery. When we held the ground-wire, the volume went up. The old radio became our entertainment and connection to the outside world. We sat on Grandma's porch at night and listened to the music from the Grand Ole Opry and the Louisiana Hayride.

Roy Acuff was named the King of Country Music by baseball great Dizzy Dean. Roy Claxton Acuff emerged as a star during the early 1940's. He was born in Maynardville, Tennessee on Sept. 15,

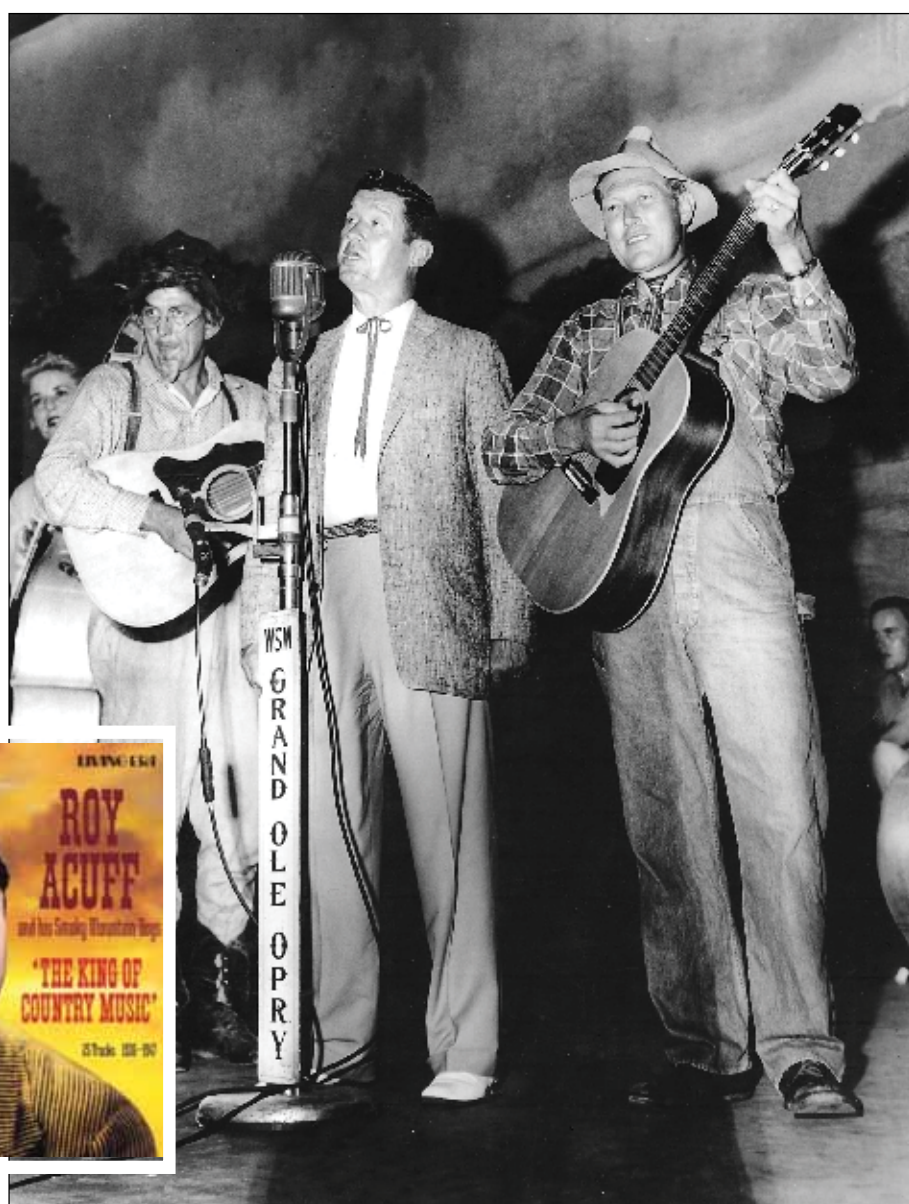
1903. Acuff helped intensify the star system at the Grand Ole Opry and remained its leading personality until his death. He co-founded Acuff-Rose Publications with song writer Fred Rose thus laying an important cornerstone of the Nashville music industry. Acuff came from a rural folkbased background.

His father farmed while also serving as Maynardville's post master and as pastor of the town's Baptist church. As a youth Acuff soaked in music of all sorts but his real love at the time was sports; in high school, he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. Acuff gained 13 varsity letters in high school. After graduation, Acuff turned down a scholarship to nearby Carson-Newman College. He played semi-professional baseball and boxed informally.

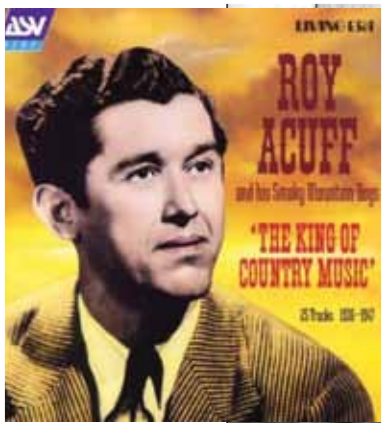
Early in 1929, major league baseball scouts recruited Acuff for training camp. The King of Country Music could well have become another Lou Gehrig or Babe Ruth.

Eventually, while playing minor league ball and being considered for the New York Yankees, a severe sunstroke put an end to his career. In the early 1940's, Acuff zoomed to the top of his field in music, with the help from the WSM 50,000-watt transmitter. Fast selling songbooks, hit records such as "Wabash Cannon Ball," "The Great Speckled Bird," "Wreck on the Highway," and "Fireball Mail" and mushrooming gate receipts on the road all boosted his income.

During the '40's Acuff's recordings became so popular that he headed Frank Sinatra in some major music polls and reportedly caused Japanese troops to yell. "To hell with Roosevelt to hell with Babe Ruth, to hell with Roy Acuff," as they banzai charged at Okinawa. He unsuccessfully ran for the governorship of Tennessee on the Republican ticket in 1948. Acuff made his first international tour with an Opry troupe that performed at U.S. military bases in Europe in 1949. In 1971, Acuff received a substantial boost



Roy Acuff at the Grand Ole Opry. He died on November 23, 1992, following a short illness.



by participating in the famous "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" album project which featured the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and a number of country artists.

Other testaments to his continuing popularity were the 1974 chart making records, "Back in the Country" and "Old Time Sunshine Song," written by than Acuff-Rose singer-songwriter Eddy Raven, a native of Lafayette, LA and cousin of Doug Kershaw. Acuff's tremendous

contribution to country music was recognized in November 1962 when he became the first living musician to be honored as a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame. He continued to appear regularly on the Grand Ole Opry throughout the '70's and '80's. He died on November 23, 1992, following a short illness. He brought sunshine to this kid over that old radio.

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WOS Mustangs advance in playoffs



WO-S quarterback Marcus Turner Jr. (3) runs through the Sweeny defense for a big gain. Turner finished the game with 176 yards rushing and four total touchdowns.

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Mustangs running back Michael Turner III (24) evades as Bulldogs defender during the second-half of West Orange-Stark's bi-district game.

RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.

TOMMY MANN JR.
For The Record

It was a rough weekend for local teams as only school made it through the bi-district round of the playoffs. West Orange-Stark advances to the area round this week, while Bridge City, LC-M, Orangefield and Vidor all had their football season come to a sudden end this past Friday.

WO-S Mustangs blasts Sweeny

The Mustangs traveled to New Caney this past Thursday and took care of business as West Orange-Stark came away with a 41-14 victory over the Sweeny Bulldogs in the Bi-District round of the Class 4A Division 2 playoffs.

Sweeny struck first with a 73-yard touchdown run, but it was all Mustangs after that as quarterback Marcus Turner Jr. took charge with touchdown runs of 42 yards and 97 yards in the first quarter. Turner would add a 23-yard touchdown pass and another 11-yard rushing touchdown, both in the third quarter. Running back Khelvy Jefferson had rushing touchdowns 2-yards and 28-yards to put the game away.

The No. 9 state-ranked Mustangs move on to the area round of the playoffs and will have a rematch with the No. 10 state-ranked Waco La Vega Pirates (8-3) at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22, at Bulldog Stadium in Magnolia. The Pirates defeated La Grange, 56-2, in the bi-district round of the playoffs this past weekend.

LC-M season ends with loss

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Battlin' Bears season came to a halt this past Friday as the Lindale Eagles left Battlin' Bear Stadium with a 49-21 victory.

The Eagles offense generated more than 500 yards of offense, while its defense held the Bears offense to 344 total yards on the night with nearly half of that coming in the final minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Eagles scored first on a 20-yard pass, but the Bears responded on the next drive with a 40-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Braylen Lewis to receiver Evan Worster. Lindale added two more touchdowns to take a 21-7 lead at half before

breaking the game wide-open in the third quarter with three touchdowns, an interception, and an inside kick recovery.

LC-M added a 2-yard touchdown run by Worster and 48-yard touchdown catch by Keagan Cockerham in the final 4 minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Bears finish the season with an 8-3 record and are the champs of District 10-4A Division 1.

Second-half surge dooms Bobcats

Orangefield appeared to be in charge at halftime, as the Bobcats led Fairfield 21-7 at the end of the first quarter and at the break, but it all changed in a second-half shootout that left Or-

angefield on the losing end. The Bobcats season came to an end Friday night with a 49-42 loss to the Fairfield Eagles.

Quarterback Carson Gonzalez put the Bobcats on the board first with a 1-yard touchdown run and a 7-0 lead. Fairfield tied the game on a big pass, but the Bobcats would lead 21-7 at halftime courtesy of two Mason Manning rushing touchdowns.

The third quarter started with a bang as Fairfield returned the kickoff for a touchdown to cut the Bobcats lead 21-14 and then tie the game on its next possession.

Manning added two more rushing touchdowns in the third and fourth quarter, and defensive back Zach Morrow had a

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In every sport there are different levels of accomplishment, different levels of skill. In baseball you have rookie leagues, minor leagues, and then you have the guys in the majors who are at the top of the food chain so to speak. Far too many times in magazines the writers take for granted that everyone out there fishes just like they do. Nothing could be farther from the truth if you just get right down to it.

On more than a regular basis I get asked about certain techniques or how to use different lures by fishermen who genuinely want to get better. Each individual has strengths and weaknesses and for some the thought of fishing with a lure many of us take for granted is a daunting task. I can remember when I was really fishing a bunch of freshwater lakes and all I could think of was catching bass. There were different times during the year that I could catch fish with the best of them, throwing spinnerbaits and topwaters along with Texas rigged worms were right down my alley. Now my baits of choice didn't always work and other techniques were needed to catch fish, at that point I had a problem.

For the life of me I could not fish a jig, I felt like I was suffocating it was so slow. Finally I made myself take only a tackle box full of jigs so I had nothing else to fish or change to and was forced to fish only a jig all day long. The radical thinking proved to be a good idea as I finally became better at the art of jig fishing, I still don't like it but at least I can do it.

Saltwater anglers have similar difficulties and for many more than you would think it's a real problem. I can't tell you how many people have asked me for my opinion on how to fish a Corky, it's way more than you would believe. For many situations just like this there are some excellent alternatives that often times will work even better than the lure you struggle with. For example we'll just use the Corky since we already mentioned it. The Corky is easily one of the most recognizable lures on the gulf coast, especially here in Texas where it's almost considered royalty by many.

For all those who praise this lure for it's fish catching ability there are just as many who curse it because they can't get a grip on how to properly fish the bait. Well for all those of you who fall into the struggling category let me introduce you to "plan B", shallow running crankbaits or stick baits as they are also known are just what the doctor ordered.

For years these baits have been a staple of freshwater fishermen all over the country, they have a subtle motion that really attract vicious strikes and can make even the most finicky fish turn on one in a violent reaction strike. I have really become a fan of these baits as well as other crankbaits for saltwater use. Crankbaits are usually categorized by the depth that they will run, some shallow models swim just under the surface to about 1 foot.

Other big billed models will plow down to depths of over 20 feet if need be. My favorites are the 1 to 4 foot models, they are roughly 4 inches in length and have a small bill that creates a tight wobble when reeled down or twitched below the

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Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

• **Sabine Lake**

GOOD. 80 degrees. Freshwater will push the fish and bait to higher salinity areas in the marshes and Sabine Lake. Before the influx of freshwater in the Neches River, redfish were being caught on the points and bayous with live shrimp under a popping cork.

As the freshwater moved we moved south focusing efforts on the bulkheads and rock piles for catches of redfish, drum and sheepshead. Fish were stacked up on the buoys and feeding on bait on the shell bottom. Limits of redfish could be had in the ICW with live shrimp under a popping cork on rock piles, bulkheads, shell flats and buoys.

Fewer catches of trout. Sabine Lake was rough and muddy due to the northwest winds, but these conditions should improve after the wind lays. Some birds are still working in the lake, so fish under the birds.

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

• **Bolivar**

GOOD. 75 degrees. Water temperature staying in the upper 70s, but should cool after the forecasted north winds. Water levels swapping back-and-forth this week between super high and average low tides. Anglers are still catching plenty of redfish everywhere. There are plenty of big croakers along with sand trout, black drum, speckled trout, and crabs caught along the jetty with a few small stingrays and sharks. Reminder, flounder are catch and release only through December 14. The surf is producing lots of redfish and black drum, a few gafftop, lots of small stingrays, and bigger sharks along the whole peninsula with high activity towards Gilchrist/High Island mainly. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp

• **Trinity Bay**

SLOW. 78 degrees. Birds are working in most areas of this big bay. One will have to be persistent in order to cull out the keeper size fish. Waders are catching better quality fish. Spoils islands producing decent numbers of black drum, a few redfish and some speckled trout. Best on live shrimp and soft plastics under birds. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• **East Galveston Bay**

GOOD. 78 degrees. A few more slot-sized speckled trout, black drum, and redfish being caught on live shrimp, croakers, and finger mullet. A few reports of good fishing by the old broken bridge, Siever's Cut, and near the boat ramp by Rollover. Water clarity is still extremely good for East Galveston Bay. We have experienced some stronger north to northeast winds this past week, limiting us to fishing back in the marsh and back lakes most of the time, as well as the better protected shorelines of the intracoastal. We have fished flats with scattered shell in areas with good tide movement, and bait present, resulting in good numbers of trout. Redfish have still been around grass lines where nervous bait is close by. Imitation Shrimp lures

under popping corks with 12 inch leaders have still been producing very well for our anglers, as well as Gulp Shrimp. The crowds have thinned, so grab your friends and family and get out and enjoy God's beauty in the great state of Texas. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Service, LLC.

speckled trout. Birds working in the bay over smaller specs and sand trout. Chocolate Bayou and Bay producing decent numbers of speckled trout and redfish over shell.

Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• **Freeport**

GOOD. 78 degrees. Birds have been working over trout and redfish feeding on shrimp in the mornings and in the evenings in Chocolate Bay, Bastrop Bay, and upper West Galveston Bay live shrimp under a four horseman pop n corks have been working well or gulp with 1/16 ounce jig head. The old river been good with trout, redfish, sheepshead and mangroves snapper.

The river has been good

for trout, redfish, drum, sand trout and big croaker using either live or dead shrimp. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adventures

• **Texas City**

GOOD. 77 degrees. Bull redfish run is on in full force, with good catches off the rock and along the Galveston jetties. Bolivar Wells are producing a few bull redfish and some oversized black drum. Best bite on cut mullet, fresh dead shad and live crab. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Anglers are still catching plenty of speckled trout, redfish, and black drum with the occasional sand trout, gafftop and big croaker. Successful wade fishing around Mosquito Island and inside the Moses Lake Tidal Gate in the late afternoons. Along the dike has been productive.

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• **Toledo Bend Fishing Report**

FAIR. Water normal stain; 80 degrees; 4.18 feet below pool. Cooler weather is finally here and this first touch of fall will help to improve the bite. Shallow bass are still best with swim jigs, swimbaits, topwater, and frogs. The bite in the creek should start this week on lipless, square bill crankbaits and small spinnerbaits in 4-8 feet of water. We did get some rain, but not enough to muddy up the creeks. There are numbers of deep fish just not quality, but this should improve as the temperature drops on spoons, tail spins and dropshots. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• **Sam Rayburn Fishing Reports**

GOOD. Water slightly stained; 72 degrees; 2.43 feet below pool. Expect the lake level to continue to drop slowly through the winter. Shallow bass are centered around shoreline brush and hay grass along with high spots, shallow ditches and creek channel swings. These fish can be caught on Texas rigs, wacky rigs, shallow water crankbaits and topwaters. There is a large population of schooling bass heavily chasing bait balls around main lake ledges in 17-22 feet, main lake drains in 10-17 feet, and main lake and secondary points. Cast a dropshot, Carolina rig, 1/2- 3/4 ounce, or deep diving crankbait. Report by Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Guide Service.

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Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears quarterback Evan Worster hands off to running back Angel Mendoza during fierce game action against Lindale Eagles.
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LCM Battlin Bear quarterback Braylon Lewis gets good protection as he drops back to pass in the heartbreaking 49-21 loss to Lindale.
RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



LCM Bear defensive players Kaden Boatman (12) and Jackson Smith (14) shutdown a Lindale pass attempt.
RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



LCM Bear running back Jonah Fuller gets a good block as he pierces the Lindale defense to pick up good yardage,
RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

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pick six interception for a touchdown to give the Bobcats a comfortable 42-28 lead, but that is when it all changed as Fairfield returned another kickoff for a touchdown and scored two more touchdowns on big pass plays for the 49-42 win.

Orangefield finishes its remarkable season with a record of 8-3 and as champions of District 10-3A Division 1.

Cardinals push Pine Tree in loss

The Bridge City Cardinals traveled to Longview to face the No. 7 team in the state, and the Cardinals gave Pine Tree everything it could handle in a 35-28 loss at Pirates Stadium.

Pine Tree showcased its big play capabilities when the Pirates scored on a 67-yard run to take a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. The Pirates extended the lead to 14-0 when Pine Tree scored on a 80-yard catch

and run early in the second quarter.

The Cardinals offense demonstrated its resilience with a nice, sustained drive that was capped off by a 15-yard run by Ashton Sumrall to cut the Pine Tree lead to 14-7.

Another Pine Tree series resulted in another big play as the Pirates connected on a 54-yard catch and run up the sideline for a 21-7 advantage late in the second quarter. The Cardinals responded with a quick drive of its own that was capped off with a 3-yard touchdown run by Sumrall to make the score 21-14 at halftime for Longview Pine Tree.

The Pirates used another big run, this time a 36-yard score, to extend the lead to 28-14 over BC early in the third quarter, but the Cardinals would respond with another nice drive. This time quarterback Hutch Bearden punched the ball into the end zone on a 2-yard run to trim the Pirates lead to

28-20 after the failed extra point.

The Cardinals defense made a big play when it was needed with an interception of the Pirates quarterback to give BC the ball deep in Pine Tree territory. A few plays later Bearden scored on a

1-yard run and, after the successful two point pass conversion, the game was tied 28-28 at the end of the third quarter.

As explosive as Pine Tree had been all game, the Pirates utilized a methodical, time consuming drive that started in the third quarter and chewed up nearly half of the fourth quarter. The Pirates scored on a 13-yard pass

to go back on top, 35-28.

The teams traded possessions, but it was the Pirates defense forcing the Cards into a turnover on downs that ended the game.

The Cardinals finish the season with an 8-3 record and as the third place team in District 10-4A Division 1.

Kilgore

demolishes Pirates

The Vidor Pirates ran into a brick wall on Friday night as the Kilgore Bulldogs dominated the Pirates, 66-6, to end Vidor's season.

The Pirates finished the season with a 5-6 record and the fourth place team in District 10-4A.



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LCM defensive back Jackson Smith nales a Lindale Eagle running back during game action at Bear Stadium on Friday. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Kaden Boatman trudges for yardage in the grip of a Lindale Eagle tackler. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Jonah Fuller cruises downfield for the LCM Bears in the bidistrict loss to Lindale. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Tucker Floyd struggles against Lindale Eagles in the 49-21 season ending loss for the LCM Bears. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

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surface. These baits are perfect for working shallow shell because they dive down to the shell and rattle around in there as they are being retrieved. Once you feel the shell you can stop reeling and the bait will actually back up and start

floating to the surface, this is when you get a high percentage of your strikes. That subtle motion once you have come into contact with the bottom is tough for fish to resist. I know these baits are some of my favorites for catching red-

fish, they just inhale them. Some of the more productive models I have ever fished are the Slapstick by Bill Lewis, Thunderstick, Rogues, Crystal Minnows and the Long Cast Minnow by Rapala. In order to fish these

baits you don't need a ton of finesse or a secret pattern to catch fish, these lures are very user friendly. Using basically the same action you use working a topwater plug you just point your rod tip towards the surface of the water and either reel in with a constant retrieve or twitch the bait with brief pauses

as the lure comes in contact with the bottom. The built in action and sound will take care of the rest, it's hard to work them wrong. I have found that taking the split rings off the nose and tying a loop knot seems to help the action and keeps the rings from fouling on the bill of the

plug. If and when you get caught up in shell most of the time the lure will come free when given a little bit of slack. Even when you break one off about 80% of the time the lure will float to the surface where you can retrieve it and use it again. How's that for a confidence boost?

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Mustangs defender Amyrian Scott (2) sacks the Bulldogs quarterback for a big loss during last Thursday's bi-district game. RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.



WO-S defensive back Raymond Mallett Jr. (7) gets tackled at the 3-yard line as he heads out of the end zone after intercepting the Sweeny quarterback. RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.



LCM Bear Braylon Lewis scrambles from the poskett as Lindale defensive players close in. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Bears defenders Christian Carrillo (18) and Ian Loncon (52) tackle the Eagles running back during the second-half of the bi-district game against the Lindale Eagles. RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.



LC-M quarterback Brayden Lewis (0) hands the ball off to Bears running back J'Lynn Morris (7) during Friday's bi-district game against the Lindale Eagles. PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.



LC-M receiver Kaden Boatman (12) picks up some yardage after the reception. RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.

Area Football Playoff Schedule

West Orange-Stark (9-2) vs Waco La Vega (8-3) at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 at Bulldog Stadium in Magnolia

PN-G (10-1) vs Kaufman (7-4) at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21 at Randall Reed Stadium in New Caney

PA Memorial (8-3) vs Angleton (10-1) at 7 p.m., Friday, 22 at Pridgeon Stadium in Houston

Hamshire-Fannett (10-1) vs Sealy (8-3) at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 at Woodforest National Bank Stadium in Shenandoah



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Resting in the Bigness of Jesus

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It was an intimidating setting. I sat before the ordination council with only my Bible and statement of faith. For several hours, ten men questioned me about my beliefs. The time became a blur, but there was one moment that stuck out among the rest. Dr. Duane Litfin — former college president, pastor, and professor — took a moment to clear his throat. He began by complimenting my statement of faith. It was orthodox. It was clear. It was good. He then transitioned to make his point.

“Don’t neglect the lordship of Jesus Christ,” he said. He went on to say that my statement of faith was relatively thin on the deity of Christ compared to the humanity of Christ. He emphasized how transformative the lordship of Jesus had been for him, sharing that he had failed to fully grasp this doctrine for the first 25 years of his ministry. And he exhorted me, young pastor and ordinand: grasp the bigness of Jesus.

I have long forgotten most of the ordination exam. But this moment still resounds: grasp the lordship of Jesus Christ. Jesus is not only our Savior; he is Lord over all creation.

Our Human Christ

In recent years, many good books have empha-

sized the humanity of Jesus. He is gentle and lowly. He is tenderhearted. He will not blow out the smoldering wick or break the bruised reed. He is kind, gracious, and meek. He sympathizes with us in our weaknesses. He is patient and long-suffering toward his people. His steadfast love never ceases. Yes and amen. These biblical truths are worth rejoicing in and meditating upon. Praise God for the patient, gentle love of Christ for sinners!

But could this emphasis on Jesus’s humanity lead some of us to neglect his divine nature? Do we think of Jesus only like us? Is he the friend who hears our confessions and offers merely comfort? It’s natural for us to dwell on Jesus’s humanity since we too are human. Jesus did come to earth as man, died as man, rose as man, and now reigns as man. The incarnation is a glorious truth. He is Immanuel, God with us.

And Jesus is the God-man. Do we subtly and unintentionally undercut the divinity of our Lord? Do we accidentally minimize his divine nature?

Good News of Divinity

Jesus’s humanity is indeed good news — but not apart from his divine nature. Yes, we marvel that God sent his Son into our world. But before the incarnation, the divine Son was there. He has been



working since eternity past and works now in redemptive history.

The Jesus we know was instrumental in the world’s creation: “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” (Colossians 1:16). Nothing exists apart from the creative power of Christ. Right now, he holds all things together — every atom and molecule (Colossians 1:17).

Jesus, like the Father, is the great I Am (John 8:58). Jesus reveals the Father. He is not some poor facsimile, a knockoff version of the original. Rather, as the eternally begotten Son, Jesus is distinct from the Father yet fully God, perfectly revealing the Fa-

ther’s nature (John 14:9). “He is the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15).

Isn’t it remarkable when paradoxical qualities hold together? We delight to see a strong and intimidating man who speaks tenderly with his wife and children. We admire a petite woman who exhibits feminine courage in the face of fear. A celebrity who takes an interest in a lowly stranger makes us marvel. A man with great riches who lives generously and sacrificially impresses us.

So it is with Jesus’s humanity and divinity, perfectly embodied together. Imagine the disciples in the boat with Jesus as the storm raged. Their fear dissipated when they realized that Jesus commands the wind and waves. Their anxiety over having no

food left when they discovered that Jesus feeds thousands from a few loaves. This was no mere teacher, but God in the flesh. The Lord of the universe allowed wicked men to crucify him for his Father’s glory and the redemption of mankind. Marvel at the humanity and divinity of Jesus.

will lead the armies of heaven with a sword protruding from his mouth, treading down his enemies in the fury of the wrath of God (Revelation 19:11–16). This Almighty One is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Resting in His Lordship

To this day, I find myself needing to come back to Dr. Litfin’s words again and again: grasp the lordship of Jesus Christ. I default to Christ as near, comforting, forgiving, and kind. But those qualities are good news because he is the one who holds me fast in his sovereign hand. He made heaven and earth and every cell in my body — even if some turn cancerous against me. He ordains all my days — even the ones when I walk through the valley of death. He knows my frame — even when it crumbles under external pressure. He numbers my days — whether they are many or cut short. He is Lord, and he draws near to his beloved children.

So, how does Christ’s lordship transform how you approach him? Hold together his divinity and humanity. Meditate upon his greatness, power, and holiness, even as you rest in his gentleness, kindness, and long-suffering. Let the truth of his humanity and divinity lead you to entrust yourself to his tender and sovereign hands. There is no better place to be. Come and rest in Jesus, a big God who de-flames of fire. Clothed in a robe dipped in blood, he

Recovering His Lordship

Recovering the lordship of Jesus is critical in our man-centered age. Jesus’s lordship makes his humanity a comfort. If Jesus is only human, he is weak and powerless. He can sympathize with us in our weaknesses but cannot grant forgiveness. He can try to give comfort but cannot save. He offers us a shoulder to cry on, but he cannot wipe away every tear and bring us into his heavenly kingdom. He is patient but cannot rescue us from the wrath to come. He can encourage us but cannot bring real hope to bear upon our lives.

But when we recover his lordship, we see the wonder of his incarnation. Jesus is God incarnate. The Creator and Sustainer of everyone and everything condescends to his people. The Holy One who dwells in unapproachable light beckons us into his presence. The fearsome and awe-inspiring Lord, who rules and reigns over all, is gentle and lowly with his own.

His name is Faithful and True. He will return to make war, his eyes like flames of fire. Clothed in a robe dipped in blood, he



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