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Local GOP want night meetings



Emily Ross, founder of the Sugie Lane Foundation, and volunteers talk to Commissioners Court about promoting awareness of domestic violence with a display on the courthouse lawn in October. Sugie Lane Vasquez was killed by her husband. They were Ross's parents.

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MARGARET TOAL For The Record

The chair of the Orange County Republican Party on Tuesday presented Commissioners Court with a resolution asking that meetings be held at a time "more accessible to the working class."

Chair Cheryl Warren requested the meetings move from the 10 a.m. Tuesday time to sometime 6 p.m. or later. The resolution from the county Republican organization says a morning meeting "is an unrealistic time for tax paying working citizens to attend."

The request comes two weeks after Commissioners Court held a 9 a.m. public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year, along with a public hearing on the proposed budget.

The public hearings are required by state law, but no time is specified. Since 1980, a number of the tax and budget public hearings have been held in the evening, with some leading to standing-room-only in the 128th Courtroom, which holds about 125 people.

The Republican resolution also says the Commissioners Court agenda

"is vague" and the minutes from meetings "are vague." "The only way to understand what is being voted on is to attend the meeting and ask questions."

All elected officials in Orange County, including the five members of Commissioners Court, are Republicans.

No one on the court could reply to Warren's comments and the resolution because the subject was not listed on the posted meeting agenda to meet the state open meetings law.

The court's business included unanimously approving the tax rate and budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year, which starts October 1.

The new tax rate will be 51 cents per \$100 valuation, down from 52 cents per \$100 valuation. However, many property owners saw their appraisals from the Orange County Appraisal District jump up this year, so those property owners will be paying more even with a lower rate.

County Judge John Gothia emphasized that the county government does not have anything to do with the appraisals. Coun-

COUNTY 3A



LCM varsity cheerleaders lead charge in home opener

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville varsity cheerleaders pause for a photo during Friday night's home opener against Silsbee. The squad is amped up for this week's Homecoming bout against Iowa. Left to Right are: Sydney Guidry, Kendall Davis, Brooke Tinsley, Kenidee Istre, Ava Rambo, and Emmakate Station.

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Gunn's shooting Orange for four generations

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Kaycie Gunn grew up with cameras, but instead of still shots, she liked video. She enjoyed making moving shots and adding music to them. For the past decade, she's had a video business that includes drone photography. But those studio still portraits are in her blood. She's now been studying under her father, Chris Gunn, to learn the techniques and lighting needed for the profession. She is now becoming the fourth generation to operate Gunn Studio, which opened in Orange in 1945, 79 years ago.

T.L. Gunn, Kaycie's great-grandfather, opened the business. Later, T.L.'s son, known as Buzzie, was the photographer, and then the business was taken over by Kaycie's father



Kaycie Gunn is becoming the fourth generation to run Gunn Studio in Orange. Her great-grandfather, T.L. Gunn, pictured, opened the first studio in 1945.

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Bridge City set for Bayou Bowl, Hot Air Balloons

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

The Bridge City-Orangefield area has a lot going on at the end of the week and people are breathing a sigh of relief as Hurricane Francine moved away from the upper Texas coast.

The Bayou Bowl Classic football game between the Cardinals and Bobcats will be on Friday night and the Bridge City Chamber's Hot Air Balloon Glo Festival will be Saturday evening with giant hot air balloons, 11 food trucks, live bands, and performances by high school dance teams.

The designation "Bayou

Bowl" started 25 years ago with Record Newspapers owner Roy and Mark Dunn coming up with the game between the two high schools in towns along Cow Bayou. The trophy that the winner gets to keep for a year, is called the "Buzzie" after it was named in honor of the late Buzzie Gunn, who photographed decades of Orange County high school football games.

Dunn said Gunn provided the trophy that he bought years earlier when a Beaumont furniture store was closing.

The game this year is at Larry Ward Stadium in Bridge City with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m. Bridge



The Buzzie Gunn Trophy is once again up for grabs this Friday night,

City won last year's contest 26-9. The Cardinals have a 2-0 record so far for the season this year and the Bobcats are 1-1.

The Hot Air Balloon Glo Festival is a fundraiser for the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce with gates opening at 5 p.m. Saturday. The event will be at the school grounds of Bridge City Elementary and Intermediate schools off East Roundbunch Road. Admission is \$10 with children age 6 and younger getting in free.

Chamber Director Mandy Lyda said the festival will have 10 colorful hot air balloons that will be tethered to the ground.

People may pay \$25 cash only for a tethered balloon ride, which will allow the riders to float above the festival grounds but not travel away.

"I think everyone is excited," Lyda said. The chamber has been getting calls about advance ticket sales, but everything must be paid at the festival site. She emphasizes that the balloon rides will accept only cash payments.

Two of the balloons will arrive at 6:30 p.m. for viewing Tand then the rest will come after dark, about 8:15 p.m. The propane fires used to create the hot air that causes the

HOT AIR BALLOONS 3A

State Rep. James Frank to challenge Dade Phelan for House Speaker

Jasper Scherer and James Barragán
The Texas Tribune

State Rep. James Frank, a Wichita Falls Republican who is one of the Texas House's leading voices on health and foster care, announced Tuesday he is running for speaker, making him the fourth member to challenge the lower chamber's current leader, Beaumont Republican Dade Phelan.

In a statement announcing his bid for the speakership, Frank said he would work to bring better communication, member empowerment and management of the flow of legislation if he became the chamber's leader. Like the three previous challengers to Phelan, he pledged to appoint only Republicans to leadership positions on legislative committees.

"Following the end of last session, and especially after the primary election results of March, it became clear to me that the House itself and our voters want to move in a different direction," Frank said in his announcement. "By today's actions, I am asking you to consider whether I represent that direction."

Pushing back against critics who say appointing only Republicans to leadership positions would take Democrats out of the legislative process, Frank said Texas is one of only three states that continues to give the minority party leadership positions. He said restricting committee chair positions to the majority party would "allow significantly more Republicans to participate in leadership roles."

Without naming Phelan, Frank was critical of the current speaker's communication with the members of the chamber and with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Gov.



State Rep. James Frank, R- Wichita Falls, chairs the House Human Services Committee hearing at the Capitol on March 21, 2022. The committee is investigating reported allegations of sexual exploitation at a facility in Bastrop.
PHOTO: : Jordan Vonderhaar for The Texas Tribune

Greg Abbott. By the end of last session, relationships between the "Big 3" — Phelan, Patrick and Abbott — had been the worst in recent years with Patrick frequently sniping at Phelan on social media.

"Relationships don't get better by not talking," Frank said. "I have the time, willingness and understand the importance of spending as much energy as necessary to ensure communication flows between the chambers and among the members."

Frank also pledged to decentralize power away from the speaker and to "empower members" of the chamber to represent their constituents. He also said he would fast-track the passage of GOP priority legislation at the beginning of the session so that Republican priorities aren't killed in end-of-session battles.

"This will allow us to ensure that Republican members can fulfill their promises to their constituents," he said. "It will also allow members of both parties to spend the rest of session focused on the 90-95% of other bills that constituents on both sides of the aisle want us to debate and pass."

Phelan has said he plans

to seek another term as speaker when the House reconvenes next January. But his control of the chamber is tenuous: In May, Phelan narrowly fended off a primary challenger backed by his party's rightmost flank, and three GOP members were already trying to wrest control of the gavel before Frank joined the fray.

Much of the opposition to Phelan stems from his support for last year's impeachment of fellow Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton on corruption and bribery charges, which drove a wedge between Phelan's allies and the party's right flank. Frank was among the 60 House Republicans who voted to impeach Paxton.

Frank has served in the House since 2012 and chaired the chamber's Human Services Committee since 2019. He is the second committee chair to challenge Phelan, joining state Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Cypress, who was tapped by Phelan to oversee the House Insurance Committee. Also running for speaker is state Rep. Shelby Slawson, R-Stephenville and Rep. David Cook, R-Mansfield.

Slawson was one of 23 who voted against Paxton's

impeachment and Oliverson missed the vote. Cook voted for impeachment but later clarified he would have voted against three of the articles against Paxton.

Frank is a staunch supporter of private school vouchers, the other issue that has emerged as a political litmus test for GOP lawmakers amid backing from Abbott. Oliverson and Slawson also support school vouchers, or the policy of using taxpayer funding to help parents pay for their children's private school tuition.

Phelan kept his personal feelings about vouchers close to the vest as the issue fractured House Republicans last session. He did not cast a vote on a measure that ultimately killed the voucher bill, which is often the case for the House speaker. He later told The Texas Tribune he would have supported a limited voucher program.

Within the chamber, Frank is best known for his work on health care policy and child welfare legislation. He was the House sponsor of a 2017 law overhauling the state's beleaguered foster care system, adopting a new model that relied on third-party contractors to place children in residential facilities or find foster parents. This so-called community-based care model has progressed slowly since the law took effect, the Tribune has reported.

Frank has also led efforts on legislation limiting the ability of Child Protective Services to remove children from their homes.

Additionally, he has ushered a number of bills through the Human Services Committee aimed at improving Texas' Medicaid managed care program, the privatized system used to deliver the majority of the state's covered benefits,

such as drug and treatment services.

Frank, a 57-year-old businessman, owns an iron manufacturing company in Wichita Falls, where more than half his district lives.

He represents a rural and

solidly Republican swath of 14 counties, several of which run along Texas' northern border with Oklahoma. The district also covers some of the state's most sparsely populated areas south of the Panhandle.



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Community Happenings... Rotarians award Students of the Month



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary awarded Mc Kenzie Trosclair their Bridge City September Student of the Month. McKenzie ranks 49 out of a class of 211 with a GPA of 4.16. She plans to attend a University for a career in Photography.

Pictured are Chloe Tucker-Counselor, Amanda James-Principal, Dee Causey -Friend , Quentin Trosclair-Father, McKenzie-Student, Adrienne Johnson-Mother, Grandparents Pam Trosclair and Donna and Raymond Guillory, Mike Kelly-BCISD Superintendent and Charlee Chelette- Rotary President.



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club awarded Santiago Baca as their Orangefield Student of the Month for September. Santiago ranks 4 out of 114 students with a GPA of 4.53. He plans to attend LSCO in the Maritime Program to become a boat captain.

Pictured are Shaun McAlpin-OFISD Superintendent, Elizabeth BACA-Mother, Santiago-Student, Jennifer Sims-Counselor and Charlee Chelette-Rotary President.

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County business From Page 1



Orange County Republican Chair Cheryl Warren reads a resolution passed by the local party to request Commissioners Court have evening meetings to accommodate working class citizens. RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal

ty appraisal districts were established by the state legislature to do property value appraisals. Gothia pointed out that real estate values have gone up in the county because of the recent growth with new industries and businesses.

Tax statements will be sent out in a few weeks and taxes will be due on January 31, 2025.

The budget will be \$62.4 million and include employee pay raises. Judge Gothia said the court looked at a possible increase for county retirees in their pension payments, but the way the system works to cover an increase, the county could not afford one. The county though will be paying \$2.8 million in the budget to repay for retirees' medical insurance. That coverage went up about \$150,000

this year, he said.

The court approved a contract with G&G Enterprises of Orange to build the new Orange County Public Health Building for \$5.55 million. The contract went through the required bidding process.

The new health building will be constructed by the Orange County Expo Center on FM 1442 and replace the office currently on Strickland Drive.

The county is using

ARPA, or American Recovery Plan Act, grants for the construction. Those federal grants were created during the 2020 Covid 19 pandemic to help public entities with paying employees and services during the shutdown.

When the pandemic started, Orange County's public health department had been attached to the one in Hardin County.

The court gave the Sugie Lane Foundation to put up a display on the courthouse lawn in October to bring awareness to the problem of domestic violence. Emily Ross, who started the foundation in honor of her mother, made the request with group volunteers. Ross's mother, Sugie Lane Vasquez, was murdered by her father.

County Tax Asses-

sor-Collector Octavia Guzman reported that in August, her office collected \$2.45 million in taxes. The county office collects property taxes for the entities like cities, school districts, and special districts. After collection, the county office disperses the proper shares to each entity.

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Hot Air Balloons

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balloons to rise make the balloons glow like Chinese lanterns. Attendees should get a look at a unique sight as the tethered balloons go up and down with their riders.

People should bring lawn chairs for sitting as they listen to live music and taste a wide variety of foods. Lyda has recruited food trucks from around the area. The trucks will be Sweet Basil, Sassy Squeeze, Wing Junkiez, Gotham Dogs, Ice Cream Shack, Scratch Kitchen, Artisanal Pizza, Old West Smoke Company, Tacos El Primo, Bobby's Smoker, and for coffee and drinks, Revival Brew Box. No outside food or drinks are allowed.

Lyda said because the festival is being held on school grounds, no alcohol or guns will be allowed.

The Bridge City Strutters, Orangefield Sophisticats, and Tiger Rock Martial Arts will give presentations from 5 to 6p.m.

Live music will be played by bands Running on Credit and the Jamie Nichols Band.

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From the Creaux's Nest

HURRICANE FRANCINE PREVENTS DEBATE REVIEW

The hurricane that followed the Texas coast landed in Louisiana. A small turn however would have put it in our front yard. About 6 p.m. Tuesday winds were starting to pick up. When it's stormy weather in Southeast Texas you always fear losing power. It is scary when its paper deadline. For us to wait until after the presidential debate Tuesday evening between Vice-President Harris and former President Trump was a gamble we couldn't afford to take. Even though we would have liked to review the event and print our two cents worth it was just too risky. Our home delivery may be delayed until Thursday but store copies will still be available Wednesday or you can check us out on the web, therecordlive.com.

PATRIOT DAY--9-11

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11, to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States in 2001. On the direction of President Obama, the U.S. Flag should be displayed in homes and flown at half-mast in all U.S. government buildings around the world. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:40 a.m. Central time. This marks the time the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Patriot Day is not a Federal holiday. On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked then deliberately flown, one into the Pentagon and two into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused was the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil. Nearly 3000 people died in the attack and the economic impact was immense. George W. Bush was president at the time. Since then, the attacks have greatly increased attention to security in the United States. The flag of the United States, displayed on 9-11, reminds Americans that our country remains strong in the face of massive terrorist attacks. However, the terrorist changed our way of life in many ways. Our life style is not as casual and security is priority. We did however, have a domestic invasion of the United States Capital on Jan. 6, 2021. Patriot Day should not be confused with Patriot's Day, which commemorates the battle of Lexington and Concord in 1775. Two of the earliest battles in the American Revolutionary War. Our government works over time to keep our homeland secure. All we hope and pray for is that God will bless America, not just on 9-11 but every day.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

Home boy, Bridge City native, Matt Bryant, NFL kicker for the Atlanta Falcons, kicked a 51-yard field goal to put the Falcons in overtime in Sunday's game. Then Matt kicked a 52-yarder, flying over the crossbar with plenty of room to spare to beat the Saints. It's always good to see one of our home gown youngsters do good.

We had watched Matt at B.C. since he was just a puppy. In fact, all three of Mary and Casey's boys were good athletes. Matt started; his pro career with the New York Giants. Since then Matt has become one of the top, most reliable kickers in the NFL. On Sunday, the most impressive team besides the Falcons, was the Houston Texans. J.J. Watt lived up to his \$100 million billing. Saying goodbye to 81-year-old Joan Rivers, who died last week in New York, was like watching a Broadway show. I had watched her on the Red Carpet and Fashion Police etc. She was always enjoyable to watch because you never knew what she would say. A simple throat procedure where a patient is put to sleep and a hose inserted down the throat was done to try to determine the cause of her raspy voice. Anytime an elderly person is put to sleep its dangerous and should be done only by a trained anesthesiologist, not a nurse. Remember what happened to Michael Jackson. Be sure you know who's putting you to sleep. Judge Claude and Pauline Wimberly were honored at a 60th wedding anniversary celebration at the Masonic Lodge Saturday. Daughter Paula did a wonderful job with the arrangements, the hall was beautifully decorated, the food and cake were good and plentiful. The Wednesday Lunch Bunch gathered at Robert's last week. Judge Derry Dunn attended, escorted by his doctor son Mark, who was down from Portland. The Judge is getting around but his leg is ugly. He is very fortunate to still have it. We were sorry to hear about the death of Austin "Goose" Gonsoulin, number 23 for the Denver Broncos. He was the first draft pick ever for the Broncos. He played seven seasons, 1960-1966. He holds the single season record for 11 interceptions and a single game of four. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson, in Port Arthur, in 1956 and went to the

Baylor Bears where he starred as a wide receiver, running back and defensive back. He played in six pro bowls. He played his final year with the 49ers. As an all pro, "Goose" never earned more than \$20,000 a year. J.J. Watt just signed a \$100 million dollar contract. Many of us watched Gonsoulin in his glory days at T.J. The Commissioner's Court Monday moved Sheriff Keith Merritt up one step allowing him, for the first time, to be paid more than four of his captains. The chief deputy will still be paid more than Merritt and the county judge. It was long overdue.

20 Years Ago-2004

Vada Tinsky turned 102 on Sept. 8. She was born in 1902, the year the Kansas City Southern Railroad reached Orange. Also the year the town plat for West Orange was filed. Gone But Not Forgotten: We lost Bobby Houseman this week. Bobby was an active community leader and president of the Lamar Foundation. Virginia "Ginny" Plunk, 83, died Sept. 12. What a sweet lady she was. James Allen Young, 68, of Orange, died Sept. 11. Huel "Shorty" Swindell, 79, died Sept. 13. Stella Floyd Goodwin, 88, died Sept. 13. Kenneth 'K.P.' La-maire, 64, of Orangefield died Sept. 11. Robert Lee Livingston, 72, died Sept. 9. Harold Wayne Kirby, 74, of Orangefield, died Sept. 9. Donald Ocoela Edwards, 64, of Orange, died Sept. 11. Gerald Wade Gearen, 52, of Mauriceville, died Sept. 6.

50 Years Ago-1974

On August 14, Bridge City Band officials, Boy Scouts and Bridge City School District representatives planted the first of 200 Live Oak trees, given to the community by Bridge City Bank. The Bank is now making available to customers free Live Oak trees who can then donate them to the school district. Several have already been planted at all campuses. Scouts participating in planting the first tree were Arnold Majors, David Nabours, Joe Brody, Pat Burleigh, Elton Myers and Brandal Herman. George Besse was scout master of troop 133 sponsored by Knights of Columbus 3406. Steak lunch at Bonaza will set you back \$1.19. This includes crisp, tossed salad and Texas toast. Free refills on beverages. You might want to leave a 15-cent tip. Twelve ounces Ribeye special on Tuesday night, only \$1.99. John Holland, a former professional actor on the New York stage, is now an Orange resident. John is now handling the promoting for Orange Community Players. The new head football coach at Little Cypress Mauriceville is Randall Dorsett. Bill Powers, #52 and Neal Jenkins, #33, will both play multiple positions for the Bridge City Cardinals. Reggie Kelly, #80 and #51, Dale Dailey, will be big guns for Stark. Tough linemen for the West Orange Chiefs are #55, Junior Henry and #52, Junior Lacagton. Phyllis and Jim Berwick are the proud parents of Alica Renee, 9-pound, 4-ounce baby girl. Grandparents are the Wilburn Stokes and the David Landry's. Spotted eating gumbo at La-Place this week was two great Italians, Tony Pavia and Tony DaSasso. Those two guys were eating Cajun like they were born in the swamp. McLauri's Appliance is now home owned by Joe Norman and Bill Robinson and will continue to be managed by Larry Bergeron. Last week, Charles Patton "Mr. Gravely Tractor" cut one of his fingers off. When the hospital sent someone to retrieve the finger, the cat was sniffing it and even the dog wouldn't have anything to do with it. They sewed it back on.

REGISTER TO HAVE A VOICE

Don't forget National Voter Registration Day this September. It's crucial to reflect on the significance of the right to vote, a fundamental pillar of democracy that many fought tirelessly to secure. Voting is more than a civic duty, it is an expression of your voice, your values, and your vision for the future. In early America, voting rights were reserved for white, land-owning men, excluding entire populations who were deemed unworthy of having a say in the government of their country. Women, Black Americans, and other marginalized groups. Voter participation in the United States remains alarmingly low. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only about 66% of eligible voters cast a ballot in the 2020 presidential election. National Voter Registration Day, the fourth Tuesday of September, is an opportunity to reclaim our power. Whether you're registering for the first time, updating your information, or helping others get registered, taking this first step is crucial to making sure your voice is heard. Registration is just the beginning. Voting requires commitment, especially in a system that can seem hostile. That's why we must educate ourselves about the issues, understand the stakes, and recognize the impact our votes can have.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

It's Bayou Bowl Week in Bridge City and Orangefield. The two high school football teams meet and the winner is awarded the Buzzie Gunn Trophy. Bridge City's coach Josh Smalley had coached both teams through the years. The former Bridge City quarterback is the Cardinal Head Coach and AD. Congratulations to Cowboy Church on their new arena. It is something to be proud of. It is available to all of Orange County. Judge Carl Thibodeaux had heart surgery Monday morning in Webster at Clear Lake Health Clinic. The procedure was to remodel his old pacemaker, installing a new one with new wiring. According to Micha everything went well. His heart will be much stronger now. "Tib" is one tough Cajun. The wonderful cool front last weekend couldn't be enjoyed long enough as everyone prepared for another storm, Francine. A collective sigh of relief went out as the storm moved away from Texas. Prayers for our neighbors in Louisiana. Texas Longhorn fans were celebrating a big victory over Michigan on Saturday. Michael Catt and friends Aaron Harrison, Patrick Bell, and Mike Rogers, trump the vice to Ann Arbor to see the game. Trum and Vance are dead wrong. Economist unanimously agreed that United States tariffs are a tax on American consumers. Democrats

flew a small airplane over Michigan Stadium Saturday with a banner spotlighting 'Project 2025.'

Phillip and Pat Caillavet are continuing their European trip with a jaunt to Italy to enjoy the food and wine. Bob and Cheryl Stalnaker took a vacay to New Orleans. Orange City Councilor Matt Chandler with wife Brittney loaded up the car with their children and headed to Houston for an Astros game. Jay and Summer Hall were in town and they gathered with old friends, lots from Lions Club work, for dinner Saturday. Attendees included Butch Campbell, Nancy Broussard, John and Bonnie Backer, and Linda Craft. Tony Perry went to Garner State Park for another visit and hiking. Kevin and Angie Williams were among the guests as granddaughter Collins Ruth Carr celebrated her fourth birthday with a princess theme party. Parents Sydney and Cody Carr are expecting another baby soon. Congratulations to Mel and Joey Campbell on their 46th wedding anniversary. Congrats also to John and Julie Hurn on 58th years together. Others with anniversaries including Phillip Jr. and Katie Caillavet, plus David and Amy Ingram with 31 years.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Special folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. It is a big week for the Dunn clan. The family monarch, Phyllis Dunn, celebrates on Monday, Sept. 16. Ms. Phyl married Roy right out of high school. Granddaughter Jenna, who is Mark's youngest, celebrates on the 13th. Mark's wife Ethel on the 15th. Longtime friend since Abbeville days, Fadra Thibeaux, celebrates on Sept. 14. Special friend, Cathy Garrison, who sold advertising for the Dunn newspaper 50 years ago, celebrates on September 15 as does Thomas 'Bubba' Lund, husband of employee Brenda Lund, who will celebrate on September 12. Others celebrating are: Sept. 11: Ester Jeans, Andrea Peoples, Beth Arnold, Billy Fontenot, Casey Stephenson, Chris Kovatch, Donna Lanthier, Shannon Sparks. The September 11 attacks, commonly known as 9/11, took place on this date 23 years ago. Sept. 12: Greg Ball, Jona Gilchrist, Karen Warner, Llyd George, Molly Anthony, Shannon Eickenhorst, Tiffany Higgs, Bryan Riedel, Buffy Bean, Collin Findlay, Cynthia Claybar, David Haddock. Sept. 13: Kade Hanks, Margaret Jeffcote, Connie Swope, Gregory Barclay. Sept. 14: James Braus, Justin Granger, Kim Norris, Morgan Milligan, Nikki Wingate, Pat Tilley, Bo Dilbert, Greg Choate, Janis Leyendecker. Sept. 15: Jon Berry, Madison Lewis, Ginger Ellis, Nick Heil, Shonna Hunt. Sept. 16: George Navarro, O'Shanique Foster, Ian Putman, Stephanie Morris, Todd Estes, Valerie Gilbeaux, Mark Conner, Tommy Purdy, Landin New, Linda Schulz. Sept. 17: Darlene Montagne, Mark Anderson, Delana Huebel, Lynda Stout, Chase Burch. Also celebrating are Alva Thibodeaux, known as 'Grandmeaux' to her grands on down to great-great-great-grands, celebrated her 98th birthday. Local film maker and writer Penny LeLeux had two birthdays in her family. Husband Gerald LeLeux and daughter Janet LeLeux. The family went to see a movie. Others who had birthdays included Ron McAnelley, Norma Harper, Cheri Burch, Mark Ledet, April Crim Goodman, Frank 'Shot' Coffin Jr., Crystal Pachuca, Shaun Mayfield, Adrienne Garrett, Bruce Perry, Judy Prudhomme, Craig Holland, Shelia Dove, Kacey Burnitt, twins Trevor and Treyvon Trahan, Lisa Blackstock, Beverly Roberts Hanes, retired sheriff Keith Merritt, Jeff Brown, and Kyle Eatman.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Sugar Bee and Sostan's little granddaughter Casey, the eight year old daughter of dere daughter Agnes, was talking to her teacher, Miss Landry, bout whales.

Miss Landry told Casey it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

Casey, her, is like her grandma Sugar Bee and very headstrong. Casey told Miss Landry dat Jonah, him, was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated by now, Miss Landry said, "Casey, I told you a whale could not swallow a human. It's physically impossible. Now, that's it."

Casey wasn't finished jus yet. She said, "Well, Miss Landry, wen I get to Heaven me, I will axe Jonah myself."

The teacher axe, "Well, Casey, wat if Jonah went to hell him?"

Casey, frustrated wit da teacher, answer, "Den you can axe him."

C'EST TOUT MEMORIES OF IKE-2008

The hurricane blew in during the wee hours of Sept. 13, sixteen years ago, in 2008. I was upstairs about 2 a.m. the blowing wind was deafening; the house seemed to be shaking. I went downstairs to fine the water coming in. I awoke everyone, and then it got worse. Madelyn Bailey made it up into her attic then the snakes got so plentiful when the winds died down and daylight came, she made it to her roof. The next few days seems like a bad nightmare. On every block and every street people's belongings were stacked four to six feet high on both sides of the road. At the time, it seemed impossible that Bridge City would ever recover. Our county was hit the hardest, yet thanks to Judge Thibodeaux and the leadership, we were the first to recover. Thibodeaux used the county reserves and started digging us out. I couldn't be any prouder for Mayor Roccaforte and the city's leadership during those trying times. Just as important is the recovery and tremendous improvements the city has made since that awful night that brought so much destruction. Bridge City today is far better off than anyone would have expected. The storm was damaging to many small businesses that never recovered. Following week after the storm, we published a special Ike edition, with many photos taken by Mark Dunn, who stayed through Ike. Gotta go. Thanks for your time and loyalty. Please shop our family of advertisers. Take care and God bless.

Gunn's Studio returns From Page 1

and Buzzie's son, Chris.

Kaycie's grandmother and Buzzie's widow, Dayle Gunn Weatherford, worked in the office for many years. Some of Kaycie's early memories include watching her "Paw Paw" as a kid shoot a wedding.

Gunn Studio portraits for decades filled the senior sections of high school yearbooks, were printed in high school football programs, and hung framed in living rooms across Orange County. Teens dressed in formal attire for proms would line up outside the studio for portraits.

The family didn't stick totally to portraits and through the years managed to capture a lot of Orange's history and landscapes.

Buzzie and Chris Gunn had hundreds of credit lines in newspapers through the years of shooting sideline photographs of sports, mainly high school football. The Buzzie Gunn trophy named for the photographer is awarded to the winner of the Bayou Bowl, the football game between Orangefield and Bridge City.

Kaycie said she's found files of aerial photographs that her grandfather took of Orange while leaning out of a helicopter. T.L. Gunn also took an iconic snow scene picture of downtown Orange. The photo was taken at night in February 1960 during a rare big snow fall. It shows Green Avenue looking south down Fifth Street.

Of course technology has changed drastically in the past 79 years. Kaycie said she has a large camera that belonged to her great-grandfather. It weighs about 100 pounds and moves about on wheels.

Cameras and flash equipment not only got smaller, lighter, and more compact, it also moved from film to digital.

Kaycie said Gunn Studio isn't open all the time like it was during the old days when people could walk in



T.L. Gunn, Kaycie's great-grandfather, opened the business. Later, T.L.'s son, known as Buzzie, was the photographer, and then the business was taken over by Kaycie's father and Buzzie's son, Chris.



The studio's home in 1947 was a small wood-frame building.

off the street to be greeted by an employee. People could come in to see about photo packages and book a portrait reservation.

People wanting to add another Gunn Studio photograph to their generational family scrapbook can contact Kaycie for an appointment through social media sites or at kayciegunninfo@gmail.com. Her phone is 409-313-0159.

And though Kaycie's aunt is not officially part of the family's studio, Lacey Gunn Hale, the daughter of

Buzzie and Dayle, is a retired teacher. After teaching video and other subjects at West Orange-Stark High School for many years, she's now taking portraits of dogs.

As a volunteer, Lacey is going to the Orange, West Orange, and Pinehurst animal shelters to take photos of dressed up dogs up for rescue through adoption. The pictures posted on social media have helped abandoned pups find forever homes.



Adam Tsan named BCCC Student of the Month

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the September Student of the Month for Orangefield is Adam Tsan. Adam is ranked 1 of 109 with GPA: 4.83. Pictured are: Rea Wrinkle, Pan Tsan, Phuong La, Adam Tsan, Britni Briggs, Wanda McGraw and Shaun McAlpin.

County business From Page 1

The county's share of the August collections was \$271,300. Guzman said 96.7 percent of the 2023 taxes have now been collected, which is inline with the yearly average rate of 97 percent.

Other business included approving budget transfers from the 2023-24 budget in the Elections Administration office so that \$62,760 in new equipment can be bought now so it can be programmed to work properly for the November 5 election.

Judge Gothia said the new equipment will replace

out-of-date electronic poll books that are used by poll workers to check voters with proper ID match the registered voters list.

The county will now be maintaining four roads in the Phase 1 of Orange Gardens subdivision. County Engineer Corey Oldbury said the developer-built roads have been inspected to meet the county standards.

The subdivision is along FM 105 near the intersection with State Highway 62 in Precinct 3 and the Bridge City ISD.

Bills paid included

\$110,000 from the general fund to Miracle Recreation Equipment for playground equipment at Blue Bird Park off Simmons Drive at Little Cypress Bayou.

Also \$49,900 from the general fund for workers comp insurance, \$41,000 to the city of Orange for annual radio system use, and \$42,400 from the Mosquito Control Fund to Silsbee Ford for a 2023 Ford F150 pickup truck.

The county buys vehicles through a regional government cooperative that gets competitive bidding.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **RAYMOND MCCRAY, Deceased**, were issued on **SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, in Cause No. P20051**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **PATRICIA E. MCCRAY**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Patricia E. McCray
2880 Elm Street
Orange, TX 77632

Dated the **10th day of September, 2024.**

Tommy Gunn
Tommy Gunn

Attorney for:
Patricia E. McCray
State Bar No.: 08623700
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **KATHERINE FREY, Deceased**, were issued on **SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, in Cause No. P20041**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **STEPHANIE FREY LEGGETT**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Stephanie Frey Leggett
4949 White Oak Road
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Dated the **10th day of September, 2024.**

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas
To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

RELMON DUHRAM COTTEN, Deceased
Cause No. P20108
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on the 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of RELMON DUHRAM COTTEN, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas the 4th Day of September, 2024.

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Friday Night Spotlight . . . LCM Battlin' Bears Homecoming this Friday



At quarterback Little Cypress-Mauriceville senior Evan Worster takes the snap and moves to handoff to Jonah Fuller against the Silsbee Tigers. The Battlin' Bears hosted the Tigers on the first time the two teams have met since 2017. RECORD PHOTO: Kayleigh Ritchey



LCM Bear senior Kaden Boatman gets into position during game action against the Silsbee Tigers on Friday. The Battlin' Bears fell short in the contest as Silsbee took the win 27-14. The Bears regroup for Homecoming this week against Iowa. RECORD PHOTO: Kayleigh Ritchey

WOS Mustangs lose thriller to Nederland



West Orange-Stark defender William Pitre (8) chases Nederland quarterback Ayden Sunday in the first half of Friday's game in West Orange. The Bulldogs defeated WO-S 14-13 in non-district action. RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.



Mustangs running back Khelvy Jefferson (4) tries to find some running room as Nederland defender Andreaus Taylor (21) pursues. Jefferson finished with 116 rushing yards in the game. RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.

The Mustangs will take a road trip to Madisonville this Friday for a neutral site game against the Waco La Vega Pirates.

TOMMY MANN JR.
For The Record

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs took an early lead but could not hang on as the Bulldogs scored a touchdown as time expired and left West Orange with a 14-13 victory this past Friday at Dan R. Hooks Stadium.

The Mustangs scored on their first possession of the first quarter when quarterback Marcus Turner Jr. found receiver Ja'mikael Davis open on the left side for a 16-yard touchdown pass and a 7-0 lead.

Both teams traded possessions, but it was Nederland threatened a short time later. However a 32-yard field goal attempt sailed wide left and gave WO-S possession once again.

The Mustangs threatened to extend the lead at halftime, but a Turner pass was intercepted near the goal line as WO-S maintained its 7-0 lead at intermission.

West Orange-Stark (1-1) took the opening possession of the second-half and marched downfield for another touchdown as Turner rambled in from

10 yards and a 13-0 lead over Nederland following the blocked extra point.

Nederland (2-0) answered the Mustangs with a touchdown of their own as quarterback Ayden Sunday ran into the end zone on a 3-yard keeper

around the left side to narrow the score, 13-7 late in the third quarter.

The Mustangs threatened once again late in the fourth quarter but were forced to punt and and trapped the Bulldogs deep in their own territory at

the 3-yard line. However, the Bulldogs found their groove when they needed it most and methodically moved the ball 97-yard down the field.

With three seconds remaining on the clock and the ball on the 1-yard line,

Sunday rolled to his right and zipped a pass into heavy traffic but found receiver Jabneel Serrano open for the touchdown as time expired to tie the score, 13-13. Kicker Lance Resch successfully converted the extra point kick

to give the Bulldogs a 14-13 victory.

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OUTDOORS

Teal hunters prepare for opener as Francine threatens to spoil the party



The much anticipated early teal season opens statewide on Saturday.
RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

OUTDOORS
Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

In what has become a highly anticipated yearly ritual, wingshooters from all over Texas will make their way to the fields and marshes as the 2024-2025 waterfowl hunting season officially gets underway Saturday.

The teal season opener has become a real gathering of sorts, almost a social get together if you will. Hunters eagerly awaiting each new hunting season head to the fields for their first taste of what is in store and this one looks promising thanks to some recent rains. Both fields and marshes are abundant with life and fresh growth, a plus for some and a curse for others.

The early teal season is a great September option for waterfowlers who want to get a jump on their hunting opportunities. The 16 day season opens statewide on Saturday and runs through Sept. 29th. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset and the bag limit is 6 teal, any species. Heavy rains in recent weeks have made the marshes flush with new vegetation and fresh water, both of which may be compromised by the predicted storm surge from Hurricane Francine. A big dose of saltwater is not exactly what the doctor ordered for many hunters along the coastal prairies.

With the promise of the year's first cool fronts coming in September it is understandable that the hunters have high hopes. So far nature and the weatherman have cooperated, at least up until this point. Now all we need is some cooperation from the birds and hopefully just minor impacts from the storm. September has been an active month historically in the Gulf of Mexico and we are look-

CAPT. CHUCK Page 5B

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• **Sabine Lake**

GOOD. 87 degrees. Start in the jetties early in the morning for trout on a popping cork with live shrimp or work a Carolina rigged shrimp for sheepshead or drum. Sabine Channel rocks piles and shell flats with 3.5 inch red shad plastics, redfish and trout.

Ladyfish and sharks are all over the bait. Intra-coastal Waterways holding some good redfish and numbers of speckled trout from Pleasure Island Point to Texaco Island on shell flats, rock piles and bulkheads. Bulkheads are producing catches of mangrove snapper, sheepshead and drum with live shrimp under a popping cork or Carolina rigged.

Salinity is improving on the south end of Sabine Lake, so expect the trout bite to improve. Target redfish and flounder on points and drops making long drifts on shell flats and drops, and along the Bayou drop-offs, cuts and points with artificial baits. Stick with artificial baits because shrimp will attract an array of ladyfish and gafftop catfish.

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

• **Bolivar**

EXCELLENT. 83 degrees. The fishing has been very good for flounder, speckled trout, red snapper, vermilion snapper, redfish, grouper, yellowfin tuna, and mackerel for dinner. Water temperature staying in the low 80s.

Bull redfish and black drum are feeding off the surf and jetty. Anglers are catching lots of speckled trout, redfish, croakers, sand trout, a few flounder, black drum, speckled trout, and crabs caught along the jetty plus lots of stingrays and sharks. A few Spanish mackerel and some mangrove snapper are being caught as well. The surf is still producing limits of speckled trout, lots of bull reds and black drum, lots of stingrays, and bigger sharks along the whole peninsula. Anglers are using all kinds of different things for bait with awesome results. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp.

• **Trinity Bay**

SLOW. 85 degrees. Mixed results from the northwest area of this large bay, Fair bite on



September begins to kick-off Fall patterns and anglers are taking home slot size redfish in area waterways.

speckled trout and redfish. Lots of black drum and sheepshead along the ship channel spoil islands. Report by Captain David

Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Pay very close attention to tides. During the high tides focus on shell in mud for

redfish using the WACKy shrimp rigged weedless by WAC Attack Lures and live shrimp under a popping cork. Trout are being caught at rock structures with sand in 4-5 feet of water, but you must find a place very close to deep water being caught on gulp shrimp rigged weedless. Drum and sheepshead are abundant by the ship channel on rocks being caught free-lining live shrimp. Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• **East Galveston Bay**

GOOD. 85 degrees. Still producing plenty of speckled trout, redfish, and black drum using live shrimp and/or finger mullet. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp.

Surface water temperature 85 degrees. The water clarity is still stirred up in East Galveston Bay, with clearer / saltier water as you get West of Stingaree with a distinct line as you venture closer over towards Galveston. This week we have spent more time in the intracoastal

FISHING Page 5B

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Texas Connector Pipeline, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Issuance of Permit 177187

This application would authorize construction of a Natural Gas Compressor Station. The applicant has provided the driving directions to the site: from Interstate 10 take Farm-to-Market 105 Road south for 5.75 miles. Head west on South Mansfield Ferry Road for 0.4 miles. The site will be on the northside of South Mansfield Ferry Road, Vidor, Orange County, Texas 77630. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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• **Toledo Bend Fishing Report**

FAIR. Water normal stain; 89 degrees; 3.57 feet below pool. Anglers can almost feel a touch of fall in the air first thing in the morning, unfortunately the fish have not felt this yet. Bass are slow with little to no early action, but the deep bite is finally seeing some action in 14-20 feet of water. Some reports of 12-18 fish caught up to 4 pounds, some some 8 pounders in the mix. The best baits have been Texas and Carolina rigged worms or big crankbaits. Expect the bass bite to improve as the cooler fall weather settles in. Crappie bite has been just fair. A few good size catches, but just not the numbers. These fish are coming on deep timber and brush piles with live bait. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• **Sam Rayburn Fishing Reports**

FAIR. Water stained; 85 degrees; 0.05 feet above pool. Bass are fair in shallow water over grass with topwaters, or on secondary points Carolina rigs and dropshots. Crappie are fair on brush piles with the best bite on minnows over jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair in 20-27 feet of water on cut bait and minnows. Several catches of blue catfish up to 10 pounds. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

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LCM Battlin' Bears Go In To Action...



LCM Bear wide receiver Parker Freeman heads down the sideline in the pouring rain during fierce game action against the Silsbee Tiger.
RECORD PHOTO:Kayeigh Ritchey - KR Photography



Jackson Smith checks in with the sideline during a time-out against the Silsbee Tigers on Friday. This week the Battlin' Bears host Iowa for Homecoming.
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Heavy rain is pouring down as LCM Bear quarterback Braylon Lewis hands off to Jonah Fuller during tough football action against the Silsbee Tigers last Friday.
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Cardinals cruise by Kirbyville on way to Bayou Bowl Friday

Tommy Mann Jr.
For The Record

For the second consecutive week, the Bridge City Cardinals dominated their opponent and came away with the win.

The Cardinals traveled to Kirbyville this past Friday and made quick work of the Wildcats with a 50-0 victory. In just two games, Bridge City has outscored opponents 104-6.

Cardinals quarterback Hutch Bearden threw for nearly 190 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for 90 yards and two more touchdowns against the Wildcats, while receiver Abraham Mungia was the



Bridge City Cardinal quarterback Hutch Bearden cruises down the sideline to score in their 54-6 season opener at home over the Buna Cougars.

beneficiary of that passing yardage with more than 80 receiving yards for the

game.

The Cardinals defense continues to be a nightmare for the opposing teams by feasting on turnovers and pressuring the quarterbacks, while holding offenses out of the end zone.

In Week 3, the Cardi-

nals (2-0) will host the Orangefield Bobcats (1-1) at 7:30 p.m., Friday, at Larry Ward Stadium in the annual battle for the Buzzy Gunn Trophy. The Cardinals will be on a bye in Week 4 ahead of starting district competition on Sept. 27.

LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM STANDINGS ...

WEEK 2 RESULTS

Bridge City 50 Kirbyville 0
Orangefield 29 New Waverly 21
Silsbee 27 LC-M 14
Vidor 28 Santa Fe 14
Nederland 14 WO-S 13
PN-G 45 Beaumont United 14
PA Memorial 41 Spring Legacy 34
Deweyville 48 Cushing 13
Evadale 35 Spring Frassati 14
West Brook 19 Lumberton 16
Danbury 40 Hull Daisetta 2
Huffman-Hargrave 34 Hou. Furr 6
Splendora 28 Liberty 27
Needville 42 Livingston 8
Coldspring 36 Shepherd 34
Jasper 35 Palestine 21

Hitchcock 71 Hamshire-Fannett 48
Tarkington 44 Snook 6
Anahuac 29 Woodville 20
East Chambers 26 H-Jefferson 7
Wallis Brazos 26 Buna 0
Jefferson 47 Newton 38
Elkhart 51 Warren 7
Hardin 26 Corrigan-Camden 6
Waskom 63 Hemphill 12

Week 3 Schedule

Orangefield at Bridge City
Iowa at LC-M
WO-S vs Waco La Vega in Madisonville
Vidor at Hamshire-Fannett
Deweyville at Hardin

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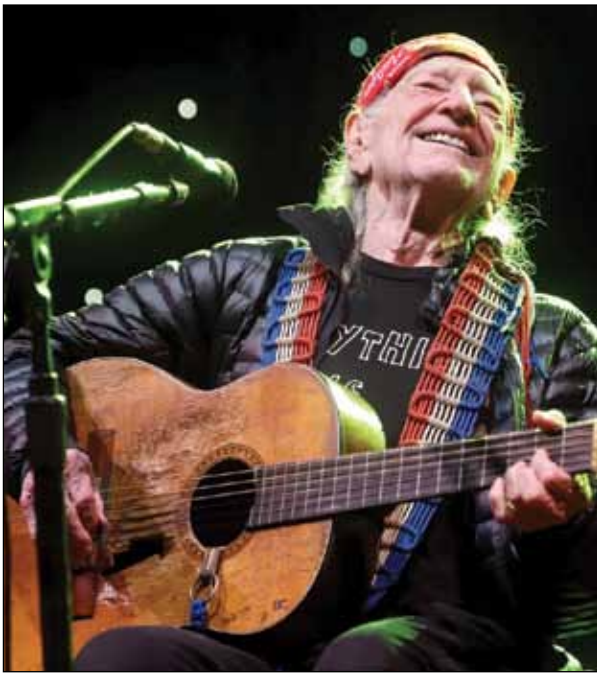





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Chris Botti will be in concert at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles on September 13.

Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Sammy Kershaw, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **Oct. 22**

Judas Priest, Sabaton, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land

• **Oct. 24**

Breaking Benjamin, Staind, Daughtry, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; 10 Years, Conquer Divide, Scout Bar, Houston

• **Oct. 25**

Cody Johnson, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion,

• **Oct. 26**

Tyler Hubbard, Alana Springsteen, House of Blues, Houston; Cody Johnson, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands.

• **Oct. 31**

Whiskey Myers, JJ Grey and Mofro, Colby Acuff, Lake Charles Event Center, Lake Charles, La.

West Orange accepting booth reservations for 2024 Holiday in the Park

Booth registrations are now open to the public beginning for this year's "Holiday in the Park" festival hosted by the City of West Orange.

The festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 in the park next door to West Orange City Hall (2700 Western Avenue; West Orange, Texas). This home-town, community festival brings in people from around the area wanting to kick off the holiday season. The event will have food booths, craft booths, children's activities and will feature local entertainment. Non-electrical booth spaces (14' x 14') are available for \$40 each, while electrical booth spaces (20' x 14') are \$65 each. Booths are rented on a first-come, first served basis.

The City of West Orange reserves the right to the sale of all carbonated beverages. NO alcohol of any kind will be sold at, or allowed on, the festival grounds. Rules and regulations, as well as a site map and registration form can be found on the City's website located at www.cityofwestorange.com. For further information, or to reserve a booth space, contact West Orange City Hall at 409-883-3468.

Dementia Care Givers' Support Group

The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m..

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TOMMY MANN JR. FOR THE RECORD

September is rock'n and the regional concert scene is announcing new shows with national acts performing from Houston to Lake Charles just about every week. Scan the list below and check out the full schedule online at www.therecordlive.com

• **Sept. 12**

Creed Fisher, Scout Bar, Houston

• **Sept. 13**

The Mavericks, Asleep at the Wheel, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land; Chris Botti, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.; Jelly Rolly, Warren Zeiders, Alexandra Ray, Cajundome, Lafayette, La.

• **Sept. 14**

Creed, 3 Doors Down, Finger Eleven, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Alec Benjamin, Matt Hansen, Bayou Music Center, Houston; Dwight Yoakam, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake

Charles, La.

• **Sept. 15**

Rob Zombie, Alice Cooper, Ministry, Filter, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; The Mummies, House of Blues, Houston

• **Sept. 17**

Loveless, Beauty School Dropout, Julia Wolf, House of Blues, Houston

• **Sept. 18**

Marianas Trench, Cassadee Pope, PIAO, House of Blues, Houston

• **Sept. 19**

Five Finger Death Punch, Marilyn Manson, Slaughter to Prevail, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Niki, 713 Music Hall, Houston; Omar Apollo, Malcolm Todd, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **Sept. 21**

Glass Animals, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **Sept. 22**

Signs of the Swarm, Cane Hill, Ov Sulfur, 156 Silence, A Wake in Providence,

Scout Bar, Houston

• **Sept. 28**

Weezer, The Flaming Lips, Dinosaur Jr., Toyota Center, Houston; Zedd, 713 Music Hall, Houston; Brooks Nielsen, House of Blues, Houston; Brett Young, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **Sept. 29**

Sum 41, The Interrupters, 713 Music Hall, Houston; Friday Pilots Club, House of Blues, Houston

• **Oct. 3**

Lorna Shore, Whitechapel, Kublai Khan TX, Sanguisugabogg, House of Blues, Houston

• **Oct. 4**

Rival Sons, Clutch, Black Stone Cherry, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• **Oct. 5**

Justin Moore, Randy Houser, 713 Music Hall, Houston, Architects, We Came as Romans, Brutus, House of Blues, Houston; Danny Ocean, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• **Oct. 6**

Jinjer, House of Blues, Houston

• **Oct. 8**

Zheani, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **Oct. 9**

Sub-Radio, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **Oct. 11**

Jon Pardi, Priscilla Block, Larry Fleet, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• **Oct. 13**

Meghan Trainor, Paul Russell, Chris Olsen, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands; Cristian Nodal, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land

• **Oct. 16**

Jeff Lynne's ELO, Toyota Center, Houston

• **Oct. 18**

Testament, Kreator, Possessed, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **Oct. 19**


The Bacon Brothers, Lutch Theater, Orange, Tx

• **Oct. 20**

Willie Nelson and Family, Ford Park in Beaumont, TX


• **Oct. 21**

Korn, Gojira, Spiritbox,




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Texas Game Wardens See Decline in Fatalities, Rise in Boating Accidents Over Labor Day Weekend

Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN – Texas Game Wardens patrolling water bodies across the state reported a decline in water-related fatalities but noticed an increase in boating accidents compared to last year's Labor Day holiday weekend.

Wardens patrolling Aug. 31-Sept. 2 reported nine boating accidents — several of which involved personal watercrafts — one boating-related fatality and one open-water drowning. They also arrested five individuals for boating while intoxicated and one minor for boating under the influence.

During the same weekend in 2023, wardens responded to five boating accidents, two boating-related fatalities and two open-water drownings. During the holiday weekend in 2022, wardens responded to three boating accidents, no boating-related fatalities and one open-water drowning.

The boating-related fatality occurred at Amistad Reservoir, where a fatality also occurred over Labor Day weekend in 2023. The open-water drowning occurred at Lewisville Lake.

"We are saddened by the loss of life during the holiday weekend and game wardens make every effort to prevent these types of tragedies from occurring," said Cody Jones, Texas Game Warden assistant commander for marine enforcement. "It is concerning that the number of boating accidents increased over the holiday weekend. While the accidents are unfortunate, we hope they'll serve as a reminder of why taking a boater education course is so important."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Boater Education Team hosted two outreach events over the weekend at Lake Travis in Austin and Lake Ray Hubbard near Dallas. The team partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Colin's Hope, Travis County Parks and



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Chandler's Landing Marina to remind boaters about safety requirements and handed out free life jackets to those who needed them.

Even though Labor Day Weekend typically marks

the end of the unofficial boating season and there will likely be a decrease in the number of vessels on Texas' lakes, rivers and coast in the coming weeks, game wardens would like to

remind boaters that they shouldn't become lax about safety. Wearing life jackets, operating at a safe speed, being aware of passengers and swimmers before starting the motor, avoiding al-

cohol and following the rules and regulations in the Texas Water Safety Act can save lives and prevent serious injuries.

"Whether they are in the field or on a boat, game wardens will continue to serve the mission of TPWD by helping to conserve the natural resources of the state, and most importantly, keeping Texans safe," said Jones.

As with previous years, the holiday weekend also coincided with the opening of dove season, making it a busy time. Texas Game Wardens across the state were also in the field checking hunters for proper licensing and gear. As the season kicks off, hunters should keep safety at the forefront by making sure they have taken a hunter education course and being aware of how far pellets can travel. It is illegal for shots to travel over a public roadway or across property lines without landowner consent.

Captain Chuck From Page 2B

ing right into the teeth of it at the moment. There are also a few other disturbances out there that will need to be monitored in the coming days as well. This month could certainly be a roller coaster ride.

The hunting outlook for Teal hunters is outstanding as the numbers of birds in the area and in the flyway are solid. Local scouting reports have been favorable as a huge push of birds made their way into our part of the state during the past full moon. The first cool front, along with this months full moon on the 17th, will help usher more teal south as they continue

along their migration towards Mexico and beyond. Rice fields and areas along the

prairies that are holding water are seeing huge concentrations of teal while the same can be said for the coastal marshes. I wouldn't be surprised at all to see the public hunting areas along the coast do very well for this weekends opener, especially after a recent scouting trip I made. Of course all that is 100% dependent on what happens with "Francine".

A few things to remember about the early teal season that shouldn't be ignored. First and foremost is

safety for everyone involved in the hunt. It's warm outside and that means all the creepy crawlies will still be hanging around. Alligators and snakes will certainly make their presence felt so be on the lookout, especially if you bring a dog. Mosquitoes will be another concern and with the West Nile Virus lurking around it's important to take proper precautions so don't leave home without repellent.

Now as far as hunting



goes don't make it too complicated, teal are usually rather easy to decoy so

scouting is more important than decoy placement or calling. Be in area where

the birds want to be and you should be fine. If you feel like calling a whistle is the best call you can have on your lanyard, a few easy "peeps" on a whistle is often all you need to get teal to commit to your spread. The shooting can be fast and furious at times so always be aware of those around you, no bird is worth an accident. The forecast is good for opening morning so hopefully the birds cooperate, there are certainly enough of them out there to make this one a memorable opening day.

Fishing reports From Page 2B

finding trout, reds, and flounder, around structure, as well as a few fish over structure on the South Shoreline, closer to deeper drops on tails with 1/8 ounce heads.

As in previous weeks, when the weather cooperates, and we can dodge the storms and lightning, we are once again burning a good deal of fuel and time taking the ride over to the Jetties to find good looking water and a solid early am trout bite. The Topwater bite has still been good when utilized on our early morning and late afternoon trips, so if you like throwing walking baits, now is a great time to get on the water and make it happen, and the color does not seem to be that critical, with bone being one of our favorite colors we have the most confidence in. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Service, LLC.

• Galveston Bay

SLOW. 82 degrees. Anglers seeking protected waters from the nagging northeast winds were rewarded with good trout catches, fair action on redfish, black drum, and sheephead. Best bite on live shrimp. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 84 degrees. Those that fished between thunderstorms and showers were rewarded with catches

of speckled trout. A few redfish are being caught over the shell. Best bite on live shrimp and croakers. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• Freeport

GOOD. 85 degrees. Trout, redfish and drum catches are good in Christmas Bay, Chocolate Bay, Bastrop Bay and the upper West Galveston Bay drifting with shrimp under a popping cork. San Luis Pass and the beachfront have been good early in the morning for trout and redfish with topwater, plastics, live croaker free-lined or on chatterweight, and with shrimp under a popping cork. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adventures

• Texas City

GOOD. 91 degrees. Texas City Dike to the Galveston causeway bridge remains productive for speckled trout and the occasional redfish. Galveston jetties are good for speckled trout and redfish. Shark catches remain steady in the near shore waters. Anglers are still finding good numbers of red snapper offshore. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Anglers are catching plenty of speckled trout, more redfish, and a few flounder every day with some occasional black drum.,

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What Will Your Home Teach?

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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 stovetop.

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.

Detecting Indifference

A family’s culture is not established in five minutes. Family culture is the sum total of the parents’ relationship with God, with each other, with the children, and with the world. No aspect of life is irrelevant to this enterprise, right down to what you say and how you say it, what you do and how you do it, what you

Awe Begets Awe

Beware of trying to argue anyone — including your children — into seeing the surpassing beauty of Christ. Though arguments may be necessary in establishing a culture, they are not sufficient. You can’t argue a blind man into seeing the multicolored clouds of the sunset. Therefore, allow children to witness your unsolicited and uncon-



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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