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## Church wants to donate building, parking lot holds up deal

**MARGARET TOAL**  
For The Record

First United Methodist Church wants to give Orange County a downtown building that can be used to house first responders and volunteers during an emergency like a hurricane. But an impasse on an agreement for use of a parking lot across the street is holding up the deal.

Tuesday, Orange County Commissioners Court tabled accepting the building at 702 Elm Avenue until a parking agreement can be worked out with the Stark Foundation.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Johnny Trahan presided over the meeting in the absence of County Judge John Gothia. He said Gothia was adamant about getting the parking agreement with the foundation.

The Stark Foundation's Stark Museum of Art facing Green Avenue is across the street from 702 Elm. The foundation owns a parking lot catcorner to 702 Elm. The county is wanting a contract with the foundation for the use of the parking lot when needed.

Assistant County Attorney Denise Gremillion said the Methodist church will allow the county to use its

parking lot nearby. However, the county has reached an impasse with the foundation.

"The insurance demands cannot be legally met by the county. There are legal things the county cannot do," she told commissioners.

Commissioners at the previous meeting had tabled the donation and the foundation agreement. After learning about the parking lot impasse, they agreed to take no action. They then tabled accepting the deed from the church.

The building to be donated is a one-story red brick building at the northwest corner of Sixth Street and Elm Avenue. It had once been part of the old Southwestern Bell building. The church acquired it decades ago and has used it as a spiritual enrichment center.

During the citizens comments part of the meeting, Anne Edwards, who lives at the end of Burton Road, asked the county's help to solve an on-going problem with the man who owns property next door.

She said her father bought her land in 1976, and she and her husband

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Charlotte Alford, director of the Heritage House Museum welcomes Orange County residents to the grand reopening of the museum on Wednesday, December 7th with a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m., followed by an open house. Santa will greet the kiddies 6-8 p.m.  
RECORD PHOTO: Penny Leleux

## Heritage House Museum reopens after five year closure from Harvey

**PENNY LELEUX**  
For The Record

The Heritage House Museum located at 905 W. Division St. in Orange has been closed since sustaining damage in 2017 from Hurricane Harvey. They are happy to announce a grand reopening today at 4 p.m. Santa will make an appearance 6-8 p.m. for pictures and to listen to youngsters wish lists for Christmas.

"We are excited to get to show the community once again inside the Heritage

House Museum," said Adam Conrad, museum board president. "It has been closed since Hurricane Harvey for repairs. Each additional hurricane added more stress to the house. We have made some final touches and are ready to show her off again."

"We have been working nonstop," said Charlotte Alford, director of the museum about getting the building ready for its debut. "It has been a labor of love, but it has been intense."

She said Hurricane Lau-

ra blew out a window causing more damage to the building.

"All the ceilings are wallpaper and they fell," she said. Supply issues caused other delays. "It's just been a lot."

"We've had numerous contractors for various things," said Alford. "The damage was so intense and it's a historical home, we wanted to do everything in the same era of the house, so it's been a lot."

Cost of repairs were paid for through FEMA funding and insurance.

They were able to continue their Ghost Walks, Evergreen cemetery tours and the even did drive-through visits with Santa during the closure but are happy to get back to business on a regular basis.

The Ghost Walk has become very popular. Over 1,000 people attended this year.

Alford said there are also plans to hopefully start a camp this summer with activities of the period (1903) in which chil-

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# Pearl Harbor Recalled

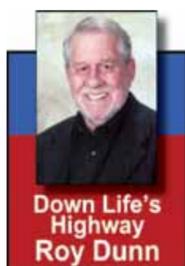
## Attack and war that changed America

**Roy Dunn**  
Down Life's Highway  
For The Record

It's come to the 81st anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Prior to the attack, life in the little Cajun community of Abbeville was slower and more country than any Norman Rockwell painting. Our home was a one-room grain storage shed that wasn't wired for anything. Our light came from a coal oil lamp and our heat from a small coal oil stove. Mom had paid \$70 for the little shack that was delivered on a mule drawn sled. After the war she sold it for \$90.

The old hand pump I used as a boy to draw water sits in my courtyard today as a reminder of those dirt road days a long time ago. The times and the circumstanc-



Down Life's Highway Roy Dunn

es molded me. I'm very thankful, because of that upbringing, for the good fortune that has come my way.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, our quiet, simple life was interrupted when word reached us that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. Very few people had telephones; conversations were passed word of mouth. People gathered in little groups in neighborhoods. Men gathered on street corners in Abbeville, speculating on what the invasion meant. Cajuns are a hearty people whose ancestors had withstood hardships and deportation. Many ancestors had fought in the Civil War and World War I. The Cajuns feared that our mainland would be attacked.

Either Sunday or Monday evening, we

went to Grandma's to listen to President Roosevelt on her battery radio. He de-

spoke of her first born. Our Bridge City friend, Cedric Stout, is a Pearl Harbor survivor. He also was only 20 years old. I wonder if he and my cousin Hubert, both in the Navy, ever crossed paths. The weeks and months following the attack

changed our lives. We went through the nightly blackouts. That wasn't much of a problem for us. Communities and also individuals planted Victory Gardens. We gathered scrap iron and foil for the war effort. People who could afford it bought war bonds. Most everything was rationed.

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# My 5-Cents By State Sen. Robert Nichols

I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with family, friends, and wonderful food. We all have much to be thankful for. Now, the holiday season is upon us!



Sen. Nichols

Here are five things happening around your state:

### 1. Stephen F. Austin State University votes to join University of Texas System

During a special called Board of Regents meeting on Tuesday, November 29, the SFA Board of Regents voted to affiliate with the University of Texas System. The vote came after a months long process during which four university systems made proposals to SFA. Other systems that made offers included Texas A&M University System, Texas State University System, and Texas Tech University System. The system

affiliation evaluation subcommittee met with each system, collected public comment, and reviewed written proposals from each system. The subcommittee

focused on five areas while evaluating their options: SFA's ability to remain autonomous, culture and fit, transition, financial impact, and intangibles. The UT System made a strong financial pitch, committing \$80 million in Permanent University Fund (PUF) bond proceeds in year one to capital projects at SFA. UT System also committed to \$1 million in annual student scholarship and \$5.5 million to increase faculty salaries. Overall, UT System estimated it would provide \$124 million in additional value over the first four years. One key aspect of affiliating with a system for SFA was maintaining their name, mascot,

and colors. UT System has assured the Board of Regents that the university will maintain their identity, including the name, mascot, and colors.

### 2. TEA announces new facilities requirements for school safety, \$400M in safety grants

This month, the Texas Education Agency announced their new facilities standards to improve school safety. In conjunction, Governor Abbott announced an additional \$400 million in grant funding to help school districts replace and upgrade doors, windows, fencing, communications, and other measures outlined in the facilities requirements. The new facilities standards included requirements that exterior doors, exterior classroom doors, and portable building doors must be closed, latched, and locked unless actively monitored or in a secured area. Any windowed doors on the ground

level or windows adjacent to doors must be reinforced with entry-resistant film unless within a secured area. Campuses must have exterior door numbering, radio signal repeaters, and exterior secure master key lock boxes. Schools will also be required to conduct weekly exterior door sweeps and provide an exterior door numbering site plan to local law enforcement entities.

The \$400 million in grant funding is allocated on a per-pupil basis, however small and rural districts will receive a base allocation of \$200,000. The grant will allow for spending on security-related items, but schools must first spend on items necessary to comply with the new rules. Once those standards are met, remaining funds can be spent on other eligible security-related costs as defined by the grant program.

### 3. Bill filing for 88th Legislative Session begins

Legislators are ready and

gearing up for next session. As of November 14, bill filing for the 88th Legislative Session has begun. Over a thousand bills have already been filed with many more to come before the Legislature convenes on January 10 next year. I've filed two bills already, one regarding maternity leave for state employees and the other relating to continuing transportation funding. This is an important time of year for policymakers to begin to set the agenda for the next session and find out what our colleagues are interested in as well.

### 4. AT&T unveils new cell tower in Jasper to boost connectivity

This month, AT&T announced an expansion of its network in the Jasper area, boosting wireless connectivity. The new tower brings Band 14 spectrum to the area. Band 14 is nationwide, high-quality spectrum for FirstNet, which can be used to enhance public safety. AT&T has invested \$5 mil-

lion in Jasper over the past several years and \$70 million in the Beaumont area. These investments enhance speed, performance, and coverage for our communities.

### 5. Over \$300M grant approved for UT-Tyler Medical Education Building

Earlier this month, the University of Texas Board of Regents gave final authorization for UT-Tyler School of Medicine's new Medical Education Building. The total project cost of the building is \$308 million. The building will support interdisciplinary education for graduate medical students, resident training, and nursing training for students. It will also play a role in the medical education program expansion through the UT Health East Texas Health System. It will provide outpatient and specialty clinical services with exam rooms, specimen collection and processing, and imaging facilities. The project is expected to be completed in March 2025.

## KNOW THE RULES

### Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

Several years ago, an old pal of mine, a great golfer, entered a big golf tournament in one of our smaller East Texas towns. He figured he would be a contender to win the tournament; he had won several other tournaments and held the course record at the municipal course in Port Arthur. He entered the tournament and when I called to ask him how things were going, he informed me that he figured that he had very little, if any, chance of winning this tournament. When I asked why he related the following story.

On his opening drive he soared the ball almost 300 yards down the fairway, however, it landed near



Former State Senator Carl Parker

Carl Parker is a 1958 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976.

one side of the cleared vegetation. He approached a club steward (referee) and asked whether the ball was in play or

out of bounds. The steward who was a local guy grinned, looked at him and said, "I don't know. Whose ball is it?"

The point being you better not enter any kind of athletic contest without thoroughly knowing the rules.

In America we find life rules far more important. Our rules are found in the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence. Unfortunately, a few of us are trying to play without knowing the rules. I have met and talked politics to some of my friends who do not even know the difference between the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Adherence to these documents has allowed us to live free over 200 years. If we want to live free for another

200, we had better spend more time learning the rules.

Those of us claiming to be good citizens need to re-read these documents occasionally just as sort of a refresher course in democracy. Public schools need to grant them more emphasis. I am told that several schools have unfortunately even reduced the amount of time spent on civics, which is nothing but how to practice democracy and what it means.

Young people need to understand that democracy is not something to study as a part of a required class but relates to our businesses, jobs, worship, speech, voting, being able to write for the Penny Record. This is my sermon for the week.

AMEN!

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## County plans to allow voters to go to any box

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

A common complaint about voting may be gone if Orange County Commissioners Court approves a new plan to allow countywide Election Day voting. The plan, though, could eliminate the number of voting boxes by nearly one-third.

Commissioners Court will have a public hearing about the proposal on Tuesday, December 13, at 1 p.m. in the Courthouse Administration Building. Any member of the public may give their opinions on the planned changes.

Currently, and for more than a century, county voters had to go to a spe-

cific voting box precinct to cast a ballot on Election Day. The county currently has 34 individual neighborhood voting box precincts.

Often, at least one or more box is moved each year or every two years because of different circumstances like a school closing or a church not wanting elections to be held there any longer. A voter may go on Election Day to vote at a church where they had previously voted for years, only to find the box had been moved to a public office or school.

The frustrated voter will then have to travel to the site of the new box, decide not to vote, or cast

a provisional ballot that would not be counted because it was made at the wrong box.

County Elections Administrator Donna Alford said the countywide voting plan would allow any registered Orange County voter to cast a ballot on Election Day at any voter box. The county has been allowing countywide voting during the early voting periods two weeks before an election. The county usually has four early voting sites with one early box in each of the four county commissioner precincts. Any registered county voter may go to one of those early sites. But then on Election Day, voters must

go to their assigned box.

"Our main goal is to make things more convenient for the voters of Orange County," Alford said about the proposal for countywide Election Day Voting.

Also with countywide voting, the county will be allowed to cut back on the number of neighborhood voting boxes. Alford said Orange County would be able to eliminate up to 11 of its current 34 boxes.

The county could save money on eliminating the number of boxes because of not paying as many election judges and not paying expenses like maintenance crews to open and close buildings used for voting.

## BCMS has two dozen band students make All-Region

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

The Bridge City Middle School placed 24 students in the All-Region Band along with two alternates. They were chosen after judging by outside band directors and music teachers on Saturday, December 3.

Kennedy Smith on tuba was selected to Band 1 first chair, making him the top choice of the judges. Other tuba players in All-Region are Max-Buysse, Band 1 fifth chair, and Jackson Hoffpauir, first alternate.

The alto saxophone students earning honors are Blake Branef, Band 1 second chair; Evan Hull, Band 2 third chair, and Gavin Renshaw, Band 2 sixth chair.

Tenor trombone players making All-Region are Nathaniel Morton, Band 1 second chair; Eli Winfrey, Band 1 fifth chair; Duc Le, Band 1 eleventh chair; Caleb Woodard, Band 1 twelfth chair, and Adrian Hersey, Band 1 eleventh chair.

Trumpet students chosen are Carter Gassen, Band 1 seventh chair; Jack Womack, Band 2 fifth

chair; Charles Hayes, Band 2 seventh chair, and Luke Boudreaux, Band 2 eighteenth chair.

Percussionists selected for All-Region are Kade Gassen, Band 1 sixth chair, and Carter Coleman, Band 2 second chair.

BCMS students playing B-flat clarinet making the special band are Haley Gremillion, Band 1 third chair; Abby Collins, Band 2 sixteenth chair, and Khylie-Ana Chance, Band 2 eighteenth chair.

The bass clarinetists earning honors are Camilo Mendoza, Band 1 third chair, and Emma Khoury, Band 2 third chair.

Flutist Debanie Davila was selected to Band 2, sixth chair, and Xavier Snell made Band 2 sixth chair on French horn. Archer Lundy on baritone made Band 2, fourth chair, and Peyton Dupuis was selected second alternate on baritone sax.

BCMS had 63 students audition for the All-Region Band, which is sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association.

The All-Region Band will give a concert on January 14 at the Nederland Performing Arts Center.

## Shangri La lighted night strolls evokes holiday spirit

Warm muggy weather doesn't evoke feelings of Christmas, but Shangri La has a way to get into the holiday spirit.

The gardens area of the botanical center is decorated with tens of thousands of lights and is ready

for the annual Christmas night strolls. The strolls will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on December 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, and 21. Admittance will end each night at 8:30 p.m.

Visitors will be able to go through tunnels of

lights and visit areas covered in brilliant colors. Seasonal decorations are also placed throughout the garden area. The gardens walkway is a circular mile and has benches to rest or to relax and soak in the sights.

Also, dozens of Christmas trees have been set up and decorated using recycled materials. The Christmas trees are decorated by businesses, families, civic clubs, churches, and individuals as part of a contest.

## Heritage House reopens From Page 1

dren can participate.

"While we are ready to reopen to the public, we are still saving money to address some problem areas of the home," said Conrad.

"Our Williams building is now completed also," said Alford. "It has the research center in it. It con-

tains Dr. Howard Williams, all his research."

Alford says people have already come to do research in the center, including volunteers from the Orangefield Cormier Museum. They have been researching for the new Livingston Shipbuilding exhibit that is almost com-

plete in Orangefield.

"Our files will be open to anyone that wants to come do research of their family, their home, their business," said Alford. Research materials can be found covering all of Orange County.

"We can't wait to share Orange County history

again," said Conrad.

Tours will now be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Group tours can be arranged at special times by calling the office at (409) 886-5385.

## County business From Page 1



This is 702 Elm Avenue. First United Methodist Church wants to donate the building to the county. It will be used for emergency services to house first responders and volunteers.

moved there in 2004. The next year they acquired the property. In 2006, a man who bought adjacent property tore down their fence and cut down pine trees. She said the man told them he was going to build a nice house. They did not object.

However, when they were out of town, they came back to find the county had put in a 35-foot culvert on their land to help the neighbor. Then instead of building a house, the adjacent property owner put in an RV park. The park has all

kinds of traffic including dump trucks and school buses. Edwards and her husband filed a lawsuit in 2007.

However, recently, the other man removed their cattle guard and took out their surveyed markers. The man has also run a tractor on their land.

"This man feels like he owns my property," she said.

She told commissioners that when she tried to contact the other property owner, he responded that she needs to work with the county.

Assistant County Attorney Gremillion said she went to look at the Edwards' land and is reviewing the old lawsuit. Also, County Engineer Corey said he has also talked with the Edwards and is going back to look at old records. "We're looking at it. We don't have a resolution," he told commissioners.

Edwards thanked Gremillion and Oldbury for their efforts.

Commissioners Court is not allowed to act or respond to comments about

subjects not on the agenda.

In other business, the court approved Precinct 4 Constable Matt Ortego to buy a duty Taser 7 with 30 cartridges for \$3,688. The money is coming from his budget.

The court also agreed to put a down payment of \$11,900 to replace damaged glass doors at the Expo Center on FM 1442. Precinct 4 Commissioner Robert Viator said the payment is to order the specialty glass for the door.



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club awarded Kailyn Young the December Orangefield Student of the Month. Kailyn has a 4.56 GPA and is ranked 10/120 students. She plans on pursuing a degree in Psychology. Pictured are: Shaun McAlpin OFISD Superintendent, Kailyn, Misty Cooksey-Mother, Rebecca and Johnny Fults, grandparents, aunt Telice Terro, Carrisa Bonnin OFHS Counselor, and Dr. Mark Messer-Rotary President.

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## From the Creaux's Nest

### NAME CHANGE COMING TO MONTAGNE CENTER The late Bob Montagne Remembered

The Montagne Center, Lamar's basketball arena, has been named for the late A.H. "Bob" Montagne since it opened in 1984. He was a 22-year member and president of the Lamar Board of Regents. Montagne, along with Senator Carl Parker was the key figure in getting the \$12 million basketball complex built. It seats over 10,000 and is often used for functions other than basketball. "Bob" did a lot of background and behind the scenes work to put the arena deal together. Senator Parker is more qualified to speak to what it took for Bob to put that deal together. Bob Montagne died in 1984. I had known him for many years. He was active in the Democratic Party in Texas and served as Orange County Democratic Party chairman. He knew the art of grass roots politics better than anyone I have ever known. He was a political king maker. In a very modest way. I often met with him at his boiler room-make shift office at Orange Hospital, where he was a longtime employee as head of maintenance. Sometime we supported the same candidates but often opposed each other in county politics. I always had the highest respect for him and admired his political talent. He also was the head of a great family. The reason I bring this all up is because it is very likely that the Montagne Center name will change. The Neches Federal Credit Union donated \$3.5 million to the Cardinal basketball arena. The Texas State University System Board of Regents gave Lamar president the authority to announce the gift and also the acceptance of the gift would give Neches Federal Credit Union the new name of the arena. It's possible they could also maintain the Montagne name associated with the center in some way. I believe that would be the right thing to do. The Credit Union is to be complimented for the large gift. They promise to make improvement to the arena in the next few years of a ten-year contract. Bob Montagne earned the right to have the center named for his efforts and longtime service to Lamar University and the Orange and Port Arthur campuses that followed.

### TRUMP ATTEMPTS BACK TRACK

GOP senators on Monday criticized Donald Trump's statement over the weekend claiming the Constitution can be terminated to reinstate him as president. In a post to his Truth Social platform, Trump suggested terminating the Constitution to put him back in power, referring to false claims of widespread election fraud in 2020. Senate Republicans weighed in on Trump's remarks. Asked about Trump's remark, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, an adviser to Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell, said, "I don't know why anybody would say something like that, certainly not an ex-president. I think that's irresponsible." Reactions to Trump's post on Capitol Hill were reminiscent of his four years in office, when many GOP lawmakers often walked a fine line of trying to distance themselves from his remarks without becoming a target of Trump and his base of supporters. Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, who was among the few Senate Republicans who voted to convict Trump during his second impeachment trial in 2020, tweeted Monday that his remark was an "affront" to the nation. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy said that House Republicans would be putting the Constitution front and center under their majority, starting on the first day of the new Congress. "On the very first day of the new Republican-led Congress, we will read every single word of the Constitution aloud from the floor of the House, something that hasn't been done in years," he tweeted on Nov. 25. In a statement Sunday, White House spokesman Andrew Bates said that attacking the Constitution was "anathema to the soul of our nation and should be universally condemned." Meanwhile, MSNBC host Rachel Maddow aired footage compiled by the Right Wing Watch project that shows Nick Fuentes calling for a dictatorship to "force the people to believe what we believe." "The white people got to make the right decision, and then Trump's got to get in there and never leave," Fuentes said. "It's time to shut up, elect Trump one more time and then stop having elections." Trump's meeting last week with Nick Fuentes blindsided his 2024 campaign staff and rattled GOP Leaders.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2012

The State of Texas has 2,917 people who are over 100 years old. The United States has more centenarian than any other nation, 80 percent are white and female, and few are obese. Men are lean with no history of smoking and handle stress better than the average. Texas is the 40th healthiest state and Louisiana and Mississippi are tied for 49th. The life expectancy in the United States is 78.5 years. \*\*\*\*\*Con. Jack Brooks, 89, died last week. He had served 42 years in congress when he was defeated by Steve Stockman, who sup-

posedly lived under a bridge at the time. It was the Republican revolution. During his service, Brooks took care of his district and brought many government projects to the area, including the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and the Federal Prison Complex, employing many local people. Brooks was praised for his service by many. Something people may have forgotten is how Brooks punished Orange County. He was our representative when Dr. John Greco ran against him as a Republican. The Bridge City resident carried Orange County. Jack got so mad he had us cut out of his district, and then when the MLK Bridge was built in Port Arthur, it wasn't high enough for ships built in Orange to get under it. The work had to be completed at Gulf Port Shipbuilding in Port Arthur. It was said that was Brooks' payback for losing Orange County.\*\*\*\*\* Congrats also to John Gothia on receiving the Greater Orange Chamber's "Citizen of the Year" award. He well deserved it. Also to Mary Behnke on receiving the "Athena Award," and to Shirley Zimmerman, named "Ambassador of the Year."

### 24 Years Ago-1998

Moon Mullican's piano, located in Vidor, is handed down through the family. Moon, who was a poor kid was born in Polk County. He was a rare white boy in a laboring all black community. A young black, Joe Jones, taught Moon how to play the piano. Leaving home at age 16, he became "The King of Hillbilly Piano Players." He and Hank Williams wrote "Jambalaya" together on that old piano. He made it to the top of the billboards in 1951 and joined the Grand Ole Opry. A few of his hits were, "I'll Sail My Ship Alone," "Mona Lisa," "Goodnight Irene," "You Don't Have to be a Baby to Cry," "Southern Hospitality," and a big hit, "Cherokee Boogie" to name a few. (Editor's note: I wonder if that famous piano is still around Vidor. It has been handed down through the Morgan family. Coy Morgan, of Bridge City, is a member of that family.)\*\*\*\*\*Longtime Bridge City teacher Helen Phillips passed away over the weekend. She and Max had been married many years. (Editor's note: Max also died a few years ago.)\*\*\*\*\*State senator elect David Bernsen is preparing to take his seat in January. (Editor's note: He was the last state senator to serve from our neck of the woods.)\*\*\*\*\*The Montagne's move their Economy Insulation office into a new building at Roundbunch and Stewart Street in Bridge City. (Editor's note: Hard to believe that was 24 years ago.)\*\*\*\*\*Pattie Hank's young son, Jimmy Skadowski, is home from Texas Children's Hospital learning to live with diabetes. (Editor's note: Four year old Jimmy is 28 now and graduating from a Las Vegas school.)\*\*\*\*\*Margaret Mosier was born Nov. 29, 1920, in Vinton and raised in East Orangefield. She married Lionel Louviere and they had two children Mike and Sue. Lionel worked at DuPont until he dropped dead at age 46. Margaret became a widow at age 44. Vickie Parfait wrote her life's story, "Seventy-eight Years of Memories" which appeared in The Record, Dec. 9, 1998. Her son Mike is a historian, a great writer and great guy. \*\*\*\*\*All Orange County Football Team is named. Coach of the Year is Randy Theriot of Orangefield. Player of the Year, Beaux Deville, Orangefield. Defensive MVP, Gayron Allen, West Orange-Stark. Offensive Special Teams MVP, Derrick Thibodeaux. Defensive Special Teams MVP Charles Higgingbotham. Newcomer of the Year, Paul Thomas, West Orange Stark. Heart Award, Jason Menard, Bridge City. Punter, Raun Bryant, Bridge City. Kicker Tyler Thibodeaux, West Orange-Stark. Quarterback, Jermaine Feathers, West Orange Stark. (Editor's note: Just to mention a few.)

### 44 Years Ago-1978

Rosemary and B.D. Slaton are proud parents of a girl born on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7. \*\*\*\*\*Mike and Patricia Barry have a new baby girl, Lea, born Dec. 6, the first girl born to a Barry in several generations. \*\*\*\*\*Debbie Fusilier is expecting some time this summer. \*\*\*\*\*Lucy Sciarillo and Susan Kazmar have birthdays this week. \*\*\*\*\*Ten-year-old Stacey Savoy captures the Little Miss Texas title at the Houston pageant. She is the daughter of Judy and Gary Savoy.\*\*\*\*\*Nina Scales is on the principal's honor roll at Bridge City; she's one of 10. Karen Dunn is one of 20 seniors on the regular honor roll.\*\*\*\*\*The Loading Dock Lounge and Oyster Bar at the Ramada Inn is serving fresh Matagorda Bay oysters on the half shell daily.\*\*\*\*\*Murray Spector was awarded the coveted Silver Spur Award at the 1978 Orange County 4-H awards banquet. \*\*\*\*\*Spotted at Cotton's Cay Saturday night were a few natives. Willie Gregg's band played while Joan Chumley kept trying to convince Leonard to dance. Andy and Ann Guidry, Hal and Laverne Ridley, Betty and Don Guillory and Shorty and Faye Taylor were among the revelers. Ron Smith took his turn at the mike and serenaded everyone. \*\*\*\*\*Hughes Food Mart is a Market Basket store, located at 2015 Texas Ave. in Bridge City. Sale items are sugar, 49 cents, 5 lbs.; Maxwell House Coffee, 69 cents, lb.; Jax Beer, 6-pack, 12 oz. cans, 99 cents; whole fryers, 39 cents, lb.; Borden Mellorine, 1/2 gal., 39 cents.\*\*\*\*\*The Southeast Texas Historical Association has changed its name, according to James W. Broussard, president. It's now the Orange County Historical Society. Roy Dunn was appointed to the board of directors at the last meeting.\*\*\*\*\*Angie Tinsley is the new stylist at Ron's. Other pretty girls there are Pam, Juanita, Dot, Donna, Debbie and Jean.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

Holiday parties, fundraisers, and other social events are in full swing, however it looks like men are outdoing women these days with festive dress. Car mogul Al Granger once again hosted his annual drive to raise cash and food for the Orange County Salvation Army and Orange Christian Services. Gary Stelly is co-sponsor. Al stole the attention with his green sports jacket adorned with colorful candy canes and white snowflakes. The red bowtie set it off perfectly.\*\*\*\*\* On Monday night when the city of West Orange had their annual Christmas Tree Lighting, retired County Judge Carl Thibodeaux, who now serves as West Orange city judge, showed off a Christmas patterned vest with his three-piece suit

worn with a Victorian red shirt. Wonder what LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson has been sporting. He's known for his colorful bowties. West Orange had a big turn-out for the annual event with kids of all ages helping with the countdown to send the tree aglow. Afterward, Santa met with kids to hear their Christmas wishes. City Councilor Meritta Kennedy even got a chance to sit on Santa's lap. City Council members wore red polo shirts. Councilor Lanie Brown was there and talking about her new grandson, Greyson Parker. Mayor Randy Branch oversaw the festivities. He's getting his wrist in shape to ring the Salvation Army bell at Walmart in West Orange. He's competing with Orange Mayor Larry Spears to see who can get the most money in their red kettles. The Orange County Salvation Army reminds people that all the paper and change you drop into a kettle here stays here to help local people.\*\*\*\*\*Reigning Citizen of the Year Charlotte Alford marked a birthday on Friday. She's also the director of Heritage House Museum and has been working to get the museum complex ready for the public for the first time in five years after hurricane repairs. Other birthdays this past week included Steve Johnson, Mica Craft, David Bonneaux, Christopher Thibodeaux, Linda Melton, Hammond Willey, and Gerald Burleigh. Gerald may have been too busy catching feral pigs on his property to celebrate. Cynda and Keith Perry reached their 50th wedding anniversary.\*\*\*\*\*James Scales had a good time going back to high school. He participated in Bridge City High School's art classes for adults taught by high school art teacher Debbie Gregg. Scales will be busy this Wednesday and Thursday at Heritage House. He accepted the job as Santa left vacant by the late Larry David. Wonder if his niece Indy Jaymes will recognize him. Her older sister, Stella, kinda caught on last year. Heritage House Board President Adam Conrad will be there Wednesday afternoon for the Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting to open the museum again. He won't have time to stay for Santa because he plays Buddy the Elf in the musical version of the Christmas classic "Elf" for Beaumont Community Players. The Watters family, Sam, Laura, and Ronan, were among those from Orange seeing the production this past week.\*\*\*\*\*Speaking of productions, the Lutcher Theater has been drawing the crowds with two big musicals in a week. The Million Dollar Quartet Christmas audience included Carly Thibodeaux and Kathleen Hayes, Gina and Skipper Yeaman, Ronnie and Margaret Peveto, Burke and Leslie Gautreaux, Glenda and Johnny Lucia, Pat and Cyrena Hight, and Melissa Anne and Elvis Rushing. Don't know if Elvis Rushing was invited to the stage by the Elvis in the musical. "My Fair Lady" played the Lutcher on Monday night and lots of friends of LC-M grad Sophie Braud showed up. This is the second time for the professional singer and dancer to tour at the theater. Longtime pals Sandra Gross and Frances Lewis attended and posed for a photo wearing pink feather boas. Another group of friends going together were Lisa Edwards, Pauline Hargrove, Sue Craft, Karen Colburn, and Tanya Gauthier.\*\*\*\*\*The Old Timers gathering in Mauriceville, held on the first Saturday in December, was another good outing. Judge Derry Dunn says there are not many of the old, old timers left, however, many young old timers are now showing up, like he, Owen and Tom Burton and the mid-70's crowd. I believe Judge Chad Jenkins, a youngster, was part of the entertainment. That's not new; anywhere Chad, the auctioneer, goes he brings entertainment with him.\*\*\*\*\*I also spoke to Judge Rodney Price, truly one of the great guys. Rodney lost his wife Sandra three months ago and is having a hard time moving forward. They had been married 55 years. He's not alone though, he has two daughters in Vidor and a grandson who is an attorney and handles the law firm.\*\*\*\*\*John Dubose is on the road to recovery after having stint surgery on his leg. He borrowed a treadmill from Roy that he's been working out on.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Natives celebrating birthdays in the next few days. Dec. 7: Lisa Durso, Jim Keith, Buddy Sheppard, Randy Philpott all celebrate.\*\*\*\*\*Dec. 8: Happy Birthday to Leah Cummings, Channing Larkin, Samantha Peveto.\*\*\*\*\*Dec. 9: Barry McKenzie, Mark Braus, Sharon Johnson, Tracie Wood, David Jones celebrate.\*\*\*\*\*Dec. 10: Happy Birthday to Joshua T-Ray Sehon, John Ellis, Doris Peveto, Sean Ureta, Cindy Briggs, Karri Piccone.\*\*\*\*\*Dec. 11: Celebrating today are George Sehon, Richard Teague, Tom Orozco, Lois Johnson, Brandy Rainwater, Kent Sarver, Cody Caples, Tara Fountain, Scott Derouen.\*\*\*\*\*Dec. 13: A year older today are Melissa Poydence, Melinda Swares, Kristy Kidwell, Dennis Lee, Hailey Tally, Jenny Duncan. Happy Birthday to all.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Banker Purvis Dartez saw his old friend Clovees Boudreaux, an 80 year old rice and sugar cane farmer. Clovees had lost his wife Agnes about a year ago. Da banker had heard a rumor dat Clovees was marrying a "mail order" bride. He axe him if dat was true. Clovees said, "I sure am, she'll be 22 nex month." Purvis, the wise old banker, could see dat da sexual appetite of such a young woman could not be satisfied by an 80 year old man. Wanting his old friends remaining years to be happy, Purvis tactfully suggested dat Clovees should consider getting a hired hand to help him at da farm, knowing nature would take it's own course. Clovees taught dis was a good idea, he would get one. Four months pass and da banker run into his old friend Clovees. "How's da new wife?" Purvis axe. Clovees proudly said, "She's good her, she's pregnant." Da banker was happy dat his advice had worked out. Den he axe, "And how's the hired hand?" Without hesitating, Clovis say, "Oh, she's fine, she's pregnant too."

### C'EST TOUT

Today is Pearl Harbor Day. Roy wrote a Life's Hwy. column recalling the day and the times 81 years ago.\*\*\*\*\* I'm about to go over my time so thanks for yours. Until we meet again happy trails to you. Take care and God bless.

# To the moon and beyond

## OHS Alumni integral member of Artemis I mission, Orion Spacecraft design team

**Penny Leleux  
For The Record**

For Jeffrey Perkins, Orangefield Class of '93, it IS rocket science. The former Orange Countian has been involved with the Orion program, helping to design the spacecraft that will take Americans back to the moon, since the design part of the project started in 2007.

His involvement came about serendipitously. He happened to be in the right place, at the right time.

After Perkins graduated from Orangefield, he spent two years at Lamar University, then transferred to A&M. Graduating with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, he joined Lockheed Martin in August of 1999 and began a career in avionics working with F16s.

He then worked on the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program, which is a design and development initiative to create a fifth-generation fighter jet that combines air-to-air strike and ground attack capabilities into one aircraft. He spent seven years working on that program.

"Around that time, I found my wife and my wife wanted to move to Colorado," said Perkins. He said it was easy to transfer with Lockheed Martin.

"So, I stayed with Lockheed Martin who had just received the contract, I think in August or September of 2006, for the Orion Program, so it was just at the right time and the program was ramping up."

He started on the program in January of 2007 and has been with it ever since.

"I started in the labs putting together avionics and software," said Perkins. He also helped build the test environment. He said there have been several phases to the program.

"I built the first set of power and data unit (PDU) configuration tables that go under the controllers of the avionic boxes," said Perkins. That statement needed a little more explanation.

In layman's terms, Perkins helped develop the "nervous system" of the crew capsule. He didn't create the "brain" (computer), but the system of wires and such that delivers the instructions from the "brain" to the boxes, switches, valves and such (basically the "hands") that open and close to perform the different functions needed. If the nervous system doesn't work correctly in the human body, you would be paralyzed. It's the same with the Orion. Without the wiring harnesses and systems developed by the electrical engineers, the capsule can't perform needed operations. There are eight PDUs connecting everything in the Orion.

"From avionics and software, I went into the actual software team with the guys writing the brains to control the vehicle, because I knew the box that 'tickled' all those things and how to integrate it," said Perkins. "So, I helped integrate all those avionics with the software guys."

Once the Launch Abort System (LAS) and the crew module (the top and middle sections of the capsule) were built, the Orion spacecraft was then sent to Germany for the design of the bottom section or European Service Module (this would be like the chassis of a car) where the life support systems, fuel, oxygen, temperature controls, rockets and such would be installed.

Perkins joined the team in Bremen, Germany to make sure the bottom section was integrated properly into the other two sections.

"I became the chief engineer delegate,



**Jeff Perkins  
OHS Class of '93**

said Perkins. "I had all the avionics experience on our side of the vehicle." He was able to take his family with him and he helped integrate the European Service Module with the rest of the vehicle.

In 2018 they returned to Houston where he became the Spacecraft Systems responsible engineer. It was his responsibility to certify that everything was tested and verified when they delivered the craft to NASA.

"It's been a 15-year ride." The Space Launch System (SLS) rocket the Orion sits on was built by Boeing.

The hydrogen leak that held up a couple of the initial launch dates was an issue with the SLS, not the Orion.

Weather, including hurricanes, also caused delays, but the Artemis I blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida Nov. 16, completing the first step preparing for America's return to the moon to stay and later get humankind to Mars.

The Orion capsule has performed even better than they expected. Originally there were 14 tests planned during the mission, but with the exceptional results and some of the data they received, 16 more were added to the mission.

"We can only test so much on the ground because we don't have zero g," said Perkins.

He has been either on the console at Mission Control Center in Houston or available by phone for consultation since the mission started, but he did manage to get a break on Thanksgiving.

"Nobody called, so I got the day off," he said.

The Orion splashes down on Dec. 11, then more testing begins.

This mission was unmanned, but Artemis II will be manned. It will circle the moon and return so that all the life support systems can be checked out. The target date for that flight is 2024.

Artemis III will land on the moon with the first female and first person of color making history joining Apollo astronauts as having walked on the moon.

Perkins is slated to be in the same position for that historic event targeted for 2026.

Most people wouldn't have a clue Perkins' "fingerprints" are from the very top of the craft that will carry us back to the moon to the bottom. He's very quiet about his involvement. He only posted a launch info page and changed his profile pic and background to NASA photos of the launch and Orion Craft in space with no explanation, less than any space enthusiasts would have done.

He says he is just very task oriented. "What's the next task that needs to get done."

He gets excited by seeing other people's excitement about the mission.

Perkins has no aspirations to go to the moon himself.

"That is not in my plans. To go to the moon I would have to be an astronaut and I'm an engineer," said Perkins. "NASA has some pretty rigorous selection criteria. Anyone can apply and they take different people with different skill sets, different disciplines, for different objectives on missions in space, but it is not in my plans to apply to be an astronaut."

# Deaths & Memorials

## Clifford "Guy" Darrell Fox, 76

Clifford "Guy" Darrell Fox, 76, of Orangefield, Texas, passed away on November 30, 2022, at his home.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Citrus Cove Apartments, 140 Charles Avenue, Bridge City, Texas 77611.



**Clifford Fox**

Born in Orangefield, Texas, on November 3, 1946, he was the son of George Fox and Ludie "Bobbie" Lejeune Fox. Guy was a hardworking man who began working at the age of eight years old. He worked as a boilermaker for 26 years before going on to work as a truck driver and later retiring. He was a longtime member of Boilermaker Union 587, as well as a member of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows. Guy had a tough exterior, but a kind heart. He enjoyed spending time

outdoors and fishing. Guy will always be remembered for his sense of humor and his ability to make people laugh with a good prank. He will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ludie "Bobbie" Fox; and his son, Darrell Wayne Fox.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cora "Angie" Fox of Orangefield; his daughter, Ginger Fox of Orangefield; his daughter-in-law, Teresa Fox of Orangefield; his brothers, George Fox, Sr. and wife Loraine of Tyler, and David Fox and wife Cindy of Virginia Beach, Virginia; his grandchildren, Juel Fox and wife Serenity, Christen Fox, and Connor Fox, all of Orangefield; as well as 9 great-grandchildren.

Cremation is under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

## Doris Evelyn Cogburn, 82, Orange

Doris Evelyn Cogburn, 82, of Orange, Texas, passed away on November 21, 2022, at Silsbee Oaks Health Care in Silsbee, Texas.



**Doris Cogburn**

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at MacArthur Heights Baptist Church in Orange. Burial followed at Linscomb Cemetery in Orange.

Born in Orange, Texas, on January 28, 1940, she was the daughter of Russell Linscomb and Agnes (Cooper) Linscomb. Doris was a woman of great faith and was a member of MacArthur Heights Baptist Church.

She was very talented and enjoyed playing the organ and the piano for the church. She also loved to spend her time crafting and working on ceramic projects. Doris was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll Cogburn; and her parents, Russell and Agnes Linscomb.

She is survived by her daughter, Melanie Ellis and husband Travis; her son, R.L. Hornaday and wife Debbie; and her grandchildren, Aubry Ellis and Stori Perry and husband Steven.

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## Down Life's Highway From Page 1

Families were issued coupon books. Stamps were used when purchasing rationed items, like sugar, gas and so forth. Cardboard soles replaced leather soles on shoes.

The war brought prosperity to some areas, such as the shipyards in Orange, Texas. Many families in our area moved away seeking wartime jobs, which put a burden on farms that saw a shortage of farmhands. Women and children took up the slack. Mom and I worked in the fields.

The attack on Pearl Harbor, by the Japanese, became their albatross. The atomic and hydrogen bombs were introduced to

the world.

Through the years, as I traveled down life's highway, my roots, that little house Mom and I shared, always remained my anchor. It has always served as my point of reference. It has kept me from taking myself too seriously. The views I hold today were molded back then. Any good fortune I've had ties back to those days, which didn't offer much hope but were filled with people who loved me.

As I've traveled, I mentally hung on to those apron strings and the soil and times that produced me.

## 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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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: **James R. Dunaway**  
 Attorney at Law  
 P.O. Box 100  
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Dated the 30th day of November, 2022.

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Dated the 30th day of November, 2022.

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Dated the 30th day of November, 2022.

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# District Basketball Games Start This Week

OC SPORTS BEAT  
DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

The start of December means it is just a few days before the start of the district basketball games for local high school teams. Most of the girls' teams begin their district games on Friday and the boys will start in a week.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats in Class 3A actually began their district schedule on Tuesday of this week against the Lionettes at Kountze. The Lady Bobcats play their first district home game against the Kirbyville Lady Wildcats on Friday.

Leading up to the district season Orangefield played in the West Tournament near Waco. The Lady Bobcats dropped their first two games in the tournament 53-49 to Rice and 43-32 to the host school West on Thursday, December 1.

Friday morning Orangefield won 63-26 over Cameron Yoe. The leading scorer for the Lady Bobcats was Harleigh Rawls with 19 points. Charlee Sanchez scored 10 and Brooklyn Waggoner tallied 9 in the win. Sterling Richard played strong defense for Orangefield and chipped in with 4 points.

Later on Friday the Lady Bobcats continued their strong play clobbering the Coolidge Yellow Jackets 53-22 for their second win of the day. Rawls was once again the high scorer with 19 points to go with her 4 steals and 4 rebounds. Greenlea Oldham matched Harleigh with 4 rebounds and scored 8 points.

Orangefield had scoring contributions from Bri Moore getting 7 points and Steeyle Franklin with 6 points. The Lady Bobcats got strong rebounding from Alexis Maddox who pulled down 5 boards, Sterling Richard and Jaylynn Alfaro who grabbed 4 each, and Moore with 3 rebounds. Franklin had 8 steals and 2 assists to help the team.

The Class 4A district which includes the Bridge City Lady Cardinals, the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears, and the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs starts district action on Friday, December 9. The opening games on Friday include the Lady Bears and the Lady Mustangs playing at the Dr. Pauline Colburn Hargrove Gymnasium on the LCM High School campus.

The LCM Lady Bears won a monumental game for Coach Eddie Michalko on Thursday, December 1, at the Evadale Tournament. The Lady Bears defeated the Legacy Lady Warriors 42-30. The victory gave Michalko 1,100 wins during his illustrious coaching career in Texas and Louisiana.

The Lady Bears defeated Kirbyville 51-29 also on Thursday and just got by the Bridge City Lady Cardinals 24-20 on Friday to advance to the tournament's championship game against the host team Evadale Lady Rebels on Saturday. Evadale defeated LCM 40-32 to win the tournament. It was only the second loss of the season for Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

The Lady Mustangs also played in the Evadale Tournament. WOS dropped its opening game to the eventual champion Evadale in a tight one 40-38 on Thursday. West Orange-Stark lost 34-13 later to Kountze. All of the Lady Mustangs played



Dan Perrine

hard with Carlysia Simien being the leading scorer for West Orange-Stark in the tournament.

Coach Jaden Spell was still pleased with the progress being made by the Lady Mustangs. "We performed very well. We're taking steps in the right direction. Our key point is to stay consistent, to play the same game every time we go out there, and to continue to improve each time we play," Spell emphasized.

The opening game of district on Friday will be a great opening test for the Lady Mustangs. Coach Spell elaborated, "It's going to be a great way to open district for us. It's a really big game regardless of the outcome. It will really test us in the environment and the situation of LCM. I'm hoping that we can go out and play our best game."

Before losing to LCM on Friday the Lady Cardinals split their first two games at Evadale. Bridge City was edged by Kirbyville 28-27 in its first game on Thursday before defeating Legacy Christian 40-30. The Lady Cardinals play their opening game of district at home on Friday, December 9, against the Jasper Lady Bulldogs.

The boys played tournaments this past week as well. The Orangefield Bobcats participated in the Nederland tournament over the past weekend.

Orangefield defeated the Kelly Bulldogs on Thursday 65-64 using a late three-point basket from freshman Jaden Scales for the win. Peter Ragusa led the Bobcats in scoring with 18 points and rebounds with nine. Koen Maddox and Cameron Dischler finished in double figures with 11 and 10 points respectively.

The Bobcats next won 67-59 over the Lumberton Raiders on Friday. Ragusa with 18 points again was top scorer ahead of Scales with 15 and Zane Wrinkle's 11 points. Dischler was the top rebounder for Orangefield with 6 and steals with 3 to go with his 9 points in the game.

Saturday morning the Nederland Bulldogs rallied in the second half to beat Orangefield 67-59 to earn the right to play in the tournament finals. For the third straight game Ragusa was the Bobcats' leading scorer with 18 points. Scales scored 13 points. Wrinkle also finished in double figures with 11 and had 7 rebounds to lead Orangefield in that category.

In the third place game played later on Saturday Orangefield faced the Hamshire-Fannett Longhorns. The game went down to the wire with the Longhorns pulling it out 53-52 over the Bobcats. Ragusa upped his scoring from the previous games finishing with a team leading 21 points. Wrinkle scored 12 and Scales added 11 for the Bobcats.

Orangefield was 6-3 on the season after the Nederland tournament. The Bobcats host a tournament at the Orangefield gym Thursday through Saturday. Their first district game will be Tuesday, December 13, at home against the Buna Cougars.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears played in the Aransas Pass Best of the Bay tournament over the weekend. On Thurs-



Walker Britten of Bridge City was named to the All Tournament Team during the Evadale Tournament the first weekend in December.

day the Bears stopped Sinton 68-58 in their opening game. Ben Elliott was the leading scorer for LCM with 19 points and had 10 rebounds. Alantone Winn scored 11 points while grabbing 12 rebounds.

Later that day the Bears ripped Robstown 81-26



Carlysia Simien was one of several West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs that played well in the girls tournament in Evadale.

with four of them scoring in double figures. Elliott again topped LCM with 22, followed by Winn with 16, and Da'Marion Morris and Noah Fuller with 12 apiece.

The Bears dropped their game to the Hardin-Jeff-

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# Houston has it's 'Super Bowl' Sunday, still loses 27-14

**KAZ'S KORNER**  
**Joe Kazmar**  
**For The Record**

All of the Houston Texans players and many fans had a big red circle around December 4, 2022 on their calendars since early August when they found out their team would be hosting the Cleveland Browns on that date.

What's so significant about playing a football game against the Browns in NRG Stadium?

That's the day their former first-round pick and producer of many victories—DeShaun Watson—would be able to play in the NFL again after serving an 11-game suspension for conduct unbecoming an NFL player.

But this time Watson would be wearing the orange and white-colored uniform of the Cleveland Browns as their starting quarterback, despite the fact he hasn't had any contact from an opposing player for 700 days, coincidentally in this same NRG Stadium.

To say Watson was rusty would be grossly understated—he looked like a Pop Warner quarterback who got thrown in to play with the big boys.

If Watson wasn't playing against perhaps the worst football team in America, his team would have been trampled much like the Texans have been 10 times this season and he would have been relegated to the bench before halftime.

But he's been relatively lucky throughout his football career and always with a pretty decent team until now, but I think he's in for a rough final five games in 2022. And he'll never have to worry about having enough money for a quick back-rub, Watson



Joe Kazmar

is rolling in dough.

An article in Sunday's Houston Chronicle described Watson, "A dynamic QB in a town starved for football success, he was the best Houston has seen since Warren Moon. (Google him, kids, he was spectacular)."

He had the city of Houston by the short hairs while playing for the Texans. Everywhere you looked there would be someone wearing a Houston jersey with Watson No. 4 on the back.

After he claimed to never play another down with the Texans, some wealthy—but bitter—fan offered to pay a few bucks for everyone's Watson jerseys and had a huge bonfire with them.

"In the end, Watson, the man who would be king, proved to be a fraud. Not as a player, mind you, but as a person, He did well because he was good.

"No longer good people, reputation ruined, Watson somehow convinced the Browns to sign him to the richest guaranteed contract in NFL history," the article continued.

Sunday the Cleveland Browns' fans got their first glimpse of their high-dollar quarterback in action.

He led his team to victory only because the Houston Texans gave them two easy touchdowns on a four-yard fumble return and a 16-yard interception return.

The Browns also scored on a 76-yard punt return that Watson had nothing to do with, plus a pair of field goals. The closest Watson came to lighting

the scoreboard himself was when he threw a pass in the end zone—right at a Houston interceptor.

Watson's statistics weren't anything to write home to Cleveland about, either. He completed 12 of 22 passes for a skimpy 131 yards—the worst of his career-- and an interception. He posted the lowest OBR rating of his career (28.6), but yet, walked off the field as a two-touchdown winner 27-14.

"NRG Stadium was nowhere near full, but those on hand brought energy to boo Watson every time he came out of the Browns' huddle in the first half," the article stated.

The sad fact is that the Texans defense played well enough to win. The only problem is that Watson's poor performance was matched by Houston quarterback Kyle Allen.

The Houston Texans have all but locked up the No. 1 overall 2023 draft pick. And if they were smart, they would select TCU quarterback Max Duggan, who can do everything as well as Watson did at Clemson.

And as a bonus, Duggan doesn't visit massage therapists!!!

**KWICKIES...**

Hopefully the Lamar Cardinals will emulate Colorado's search methods for a new head football coach and open-up those purse strings and land someone who's been a successful head coach. There's a few out there who want to get back as a head man and may just accept an offer from Lamar. Deion Sanders signed a five-year contract with Colorado for \$29.5 million last weekend and plans to bring his Jackson State quarterback son with him.

When Matt Nagy was an assistant coach for the Kansas City Chiefs, he spent a lot of time with Patrick Mahomes before the draft, so when he was chosen No. 10 in the first round, he was very familiar with most aspects of the Chiefs' offense. Then he spent the first year observing this offense in action and the rest is history.

And speaking of Patrick Mahomes, he surprisingly is favored over Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts for this season's MVP award, according to Caesar's Sports Book.

And speaking of Caesar's, their odds to win the College Football Playoffs are Georgia -135 (You must bet \$135 to win \$100), Michigan +\$290, Ohio State +\$350 and TCU +\$1600.

Sunday, the two teams trying to catch the Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys in the NFC East Division—the New York Giants and Washington Redskins-- played to a 20-20 overtime tie. The Commanders (old Redskins) are the only NFL team without an overtime victory since 2017.

**JUST BETWEEN US...**

News broke early Monday afternoon that Houston Astros' ace and 2022 AL Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander agreed to a two-year, \$86 million contract with the New York Mets. He's going to miss the warm hospitality of Houston, going to a city where most people don't even know (or like) their neighbors. And if he thought the Astros were a weak-hitting team for him, wait until he sees what the Mets' lineup looks like.



Jaden Scales hit the game winning three-point basket for the Bobcats in one game and scored in double digits in multiple games of the Nederland Tournament.



Pete Ragusa was the high scorer for the Bobcats in each game they played in the Nederland tournament the first weekend in December.

## District basketball action

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son Hawks 62-56 on Friday. Winn and Elliott both tallied 19 points in the loss.

On Saturday LCM won 57-41 defeating Aransas Pass to capture the third place trophy in the tournament. Winn led the Bears with 17 points followed by Elliott who had 16 points. Morris was credited with 12 assists in the game and scored 6 points. Winn, Elliott, and Morris were all named to the All-Tournament Team for Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

The Bears are 9-2 on the season. This weekend LCM plays in the Hardin-Jefferson Hoops Marathon. The first district game for Little Cypress-Mauriceville will be Tuesday, January 3, at home against the Bridge City Cardinals.

Like the girls from Bridge City the boys of Bridge City were playing in a tournament at Evadale over the first weekend in December. The Cardinals started slowly losing both of their games on Thursday 64-42 to East Chambers and 59-52 to Jasper.

On Friday Bridge City

beat the Kirbyville Wildcats 68-41 before falling 63-54 to Tarkington. The Cardinals easily defeated the hometown Evadale Rebels 57-25 on Saturday with Aaden Bush putting in 16 points and Walker Britten totaling 15 points. The win earned Bridge City a spot in the third place game.

The contest was a rematch as the Cardinals faced the Tarkington Longhorns for the second time in the tournament. Bridge City won a thriller 46-43 in overtime to grab third place in the tournament. Bush was a star for the Cardinals with 11 points which included a three-pointer that forced the overtime. Britten who was selected to the all-tournament team was the leading scorer for the Cardinals with 17 points.

Bridge City will play in the Orangefield Tournament which is scheduled for this weekend Thursday through Saturday. The Cardinals play their opening game of district on Friday, December 16, at home against the Sils-

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## Verlander agrees to 2-year contract with New York Mets

**Staff Report**  
**For The Record**

SAN DIEGO — Justin Verlander agreed to an \$86.7 million, two-year contract with the New York Mets on Monday, reuniting the AL Cy Young Award winner with Max Scherzer and giving the team a high-profile replacement for Jacob deGrom.

The Associated Press reports that the contract is worth \$43,333,333 per season and includes a vesting player option for 2025 at \$35 million, according to a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because there was no immediate announcement.

Verlander, who turns 40



Houston Astros pitcher Justin Verlander agreed to an \$86.7 million, two-year contract with the New York Mets.

in February, leaves World Series champion Houston to step in for deGrom, who left New York after nine seasons when he agreed to a \$185 million, five-year contract with Texas last week. It also puts Verlander on the same team as Scherzer after they played together with the Detroit

Tigers from 2010-14.

Depending on the final details, it appears Verlander's deal matches Scherzer's for baseball's record for highest average annual salary. Scherzer finalized a \$130 million, three-year deal with New York a year ago.

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# WOS Mustangs, BC Cardinals chosen All District

**Dan Perrine**  
For The Record

Members of the West Orange-Stark Mustangs and the Bridge City Cardinals football teams were selected to the 9-4A Division II All-District team. The names of the players selected as All-District were not to be announced until all the schools in the district were eliminated from the University Interscholastic League state football playoffs. The district champion Silsbee Tigers lost a thrilling triple overtime game 58-56 to the Cuero Gobblers on Friday, December 2.

Leading the list from West Orange-Stark quarterback Marcus Turner was selected by the district's coaches as the Newcomer of the Year on Offense. Turner just a sophomore took over the reins of the Mustang offense in Week 4 of the season against the Newton Eagles and started every game from that point to the end of season in the first round of the playoffs.

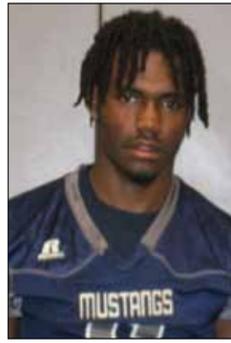
Another Mustang deserving special recognition is Dakarion Judge who was selected 1st Team All-District at three positions and 2nd Team at another. Judge was voted to the first team on offense at wide receiver and kick re-



Sophomore Marcus Turner quarterbacked the Mustangs the last nine games of the season and was named Newcomer of the Year on Offense by district coaches.



The Mustangs' Dakarion Judge was chosen First Team All District at three positions and was Second Team All District at a fourth position.



Jailen Brown with the Mustangs was chosen First Team All District on defense as an outside linebacker.



Andrew Wilson with the Mustangs was selected First Team All District on offense at center and Second Team All District in the defensive line.



Inside linebacker Mason Pruitt of the Cardinals was selected Second Team All District by the coaches.



Nick Lejeune of the Cardinals was selected to the Second Team All District in the defensive line.



Gavin Bodin the punter for the Cardinals was named to the Second Team All District.



Austin Bellanger of the Cardinals received Honorable Mention on offense as a kick returner and on defense at corner back.

turner. On defense Judge was the first team punt returner and chosen to the second team as a safety.

Andrew Wilson of West Orange-Stark was named to the 1st Team as the center on offense and to the

2nd Team in the defensive line. Junior Nicholas Crosson was honored as 2nd Team All-District as a wide receiver on offense and at a corner back on defense.

The Mustangs placed

two more lineman on the first team offensive unit. Josh Miller and Daylen Edwards were so honored. Members of the first team on defense from West Orange-Stark included De-shawn Brunson at inside

linebacker, Jailen Brown as an outside linebacker, and cornerback Jamaal Shaw all seniors.

Austin Bellanger of the Cardinals received Honorable Mention on offense

as a kick returner and on defense at corner back

• Second team All-District honors went to sophomore Raymond Mallet at running back on offense. Chosen to the second team on defense were Clayton Whatley in the defensive line, Jalen Gilmore at inside linebacker, and A'Myrian Scott as an outside linebacker.

Bridge City had three Cardinals named to the 2nd Team All-District Defense. Mason Pruitt was a leader for Bridge City on defense all season and was named all district at inside linebacker for his outstanding play during the year. Juniors Nick Lejeune in the defensive line and punter Gavin Bodin also got second team recognition from the district coaches.

Seven Cardinals received Honorable Mention. Austin Bellanger was named on offense as a kick returner and as a corner back on defense. On offense tight end Noah Broussard, linemen Ayden Richardson and Matt Livingston got honorable mentions. Defensive honorable mention went to Bryce Linder and Kayden Kibodeaux in the defensive line and to Jagger Carlin at corner back for Bridge City.

## Norfolk Island Pine: A Living Christmas Tree

**John Green**  
Orange County Master Gardener  
For The Record

The needled branches of Norfolk Island Pine trees (*Araucaria heterophylla*), look right at home during the holidays! They can be decorated as Christmas trees and once the holidays become pleasant memories, remove the decorations, and enjoy their classic look anywhere you have bright light in your home. Norfolk Island Pine trees are not deciduous, maintaining needles year-round, unless the trees become stressed. They are evergreen conifers and despite their resemblance, not "true" pine trees. The trees are tropical, with their native habitat originating in the South Pacific Islands of New Zealand, Australia, and New Caledonia.

Grown indoors, the tree is slow growing but over the course of a few years can easily grow to 8 or 10 feet. While small, the tree makes a wonderful accent to a kitchen counter, Livingroom end table, or mantle. As the tree grows larger, it is better situated as a floor plant used as a stand-alone focal point, to fill bright corners or flank large furniture. If faster growth is the goal, move the Norfolk Island Pine tree outdoors to a protected site which is shaded, or an area which only receives morning sunlight. Since the tree is tropical, wait until all danger of frost has passed before relocating the tree outdoors and make certain to return it indoors before our initial frost.

The Norfolk Island Pine tree enjoys growing in our homes when it receives medium to bright light. One of the most important things to remember is the plants light requirement-the less light it receives, the slower the tree will grow. Avoid low light situations since the tree will not perform well if it doesn't receive enough light, becoming flimsy, unsightly, and lanky.

The watering requirements for Norfolk Island Pine trees are straight forward, they like evenly moist soil but do not like "wet feet" where the roots are standing in water. The tree's roots will rot quickly if they remain standing in water. If the plant remains dry for long periods, the tips of its branches will die, turning brown. Fertilize the tree twice annually-once during the spring and again during the summer months, or more often if you prefer faster growth. Norfolk Island pines are low maintenance plants for the most part but do require some care. Use the following tips to maintain a beautiful tree almost effortlessly, year after year!

### Tips for Growing Norfolk Pine Trees:

- Growing Medium- if the tree was



Norfolk Island Pine tree simply adorned and lighted by a homes entryway.

purchased during the holidays, remove the festive colored wrap once the holidays have passed, they retain too much water, and the tree will suffer from root rot. Repot the plant with a good quality, peat based potting soil mix adding perlite, sand, pebbles, or bark for increased drainage. Choose a new pot with substantial drainage holes at the bottom of the pot to ensure adequate drainage.

• Light Requirement- for the Norfolk Island Pine tree to flourish indoors, make certain they receive enough light. Direct sunlight can severely damage the tree. Place the tree near a south-facing window as bright, indirect light is best. Mist the tree daily, if you can remember too or consider purchasing an inexpensive humidifier for gardeners like me, who tend to forget this step.

• Root Care- Norfolk Island pines are highly susceptible to root rot. If the needles begin to brown or the tree limbs wilt, immediately look at the tree's roots as this is preventable with the correct soil mix. If root rot is noticed, remove the clumpy, rotten roots and rinse thoroughly with clean water and repot the remainder of the root system in a soil mixture which provides increased drainage.

• Fertilizer Application- fertilizing these pines infrequently, unless faster growth is wanted. Provide them with the extra boost of fertilization half as often as you would with other plants. Keep in mind your young Norfolk Island pines want to grow—and grow very tall, for that matter. While these tropical plants are slow growers, if the tree begins reaching heights beyond what is manageable to you, consider pruning it.

- Pruning- the pruning process is sim-

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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



Chuck Uzzle

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, its 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 the remedy, 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 vi-



Rapla Long Cast Minnow.

rious 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 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 redbait, 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.

# Santa Claus keeps WO tradition

## Staff Report For The Record

The annual pre-Christmas visit by Santa Claus to the City of West Orange was done on Monday night, December 5, at the City Hall. Santa took all the Christmas wishes from the numerous boys and girls who came to see him.

In anticipation of Santa's arrival West Orange Municipal Judge Carl Thibodeaux read "The Cajun

Night Before Christmas" for everyone. This year there was even a video on two large screens to show the pictures from the book as Thibodeaux read.

Outside by the gazebo on the lawn of the City Hall the official Christmas tree's lights were turned on. The choir from the McDonald Memorial Baptist Church sang Christmas carols for the almost two hundred people attending to sing along with them. The last

carol was "Here Comes Santa Claus" and Santa promptly arrived riding in a big West Orange fire truck.

While the kids were sharing their wish lists with Santa Claus holiday refreshments were served to everyone attending. Mayor Randy Branch said this was one of the largest group of people in several years to attend the annual event in West Orange.



Carl Thibodeaux read "The Cajun Night Before Christmas" while pictures from the book were shown on video screens in the City Hall. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine



Santa Claus visited West Orange to hear first hand all the Christmas wishes from boys and girls who came to see him. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine



Members of the Mauriceville Heritage Association recognized past and present Mauriceville residents on Saturday by hosting the 47th Annual Senior Citizens Supper at Mauriceville Elementary. Along with food, gifts, and entertainment, prizes were awarded for the Mauriceville resident who'd traveled the furthest, oldest male resident, and oldest female resident. Donations for the event were provided by local businesses and community members.

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## Entertainment: Holiday season concerts begin



Jamie Lin Wilson will perform at Courville's in Beaumont on December 14.

### Tommy Mann Jr. For The Record

The official start to the holiday season has begun and there are a bunch of great events on tap for the next several weeks. A few big shows have been announced for 2023 already as well including Aaron Lewis

at the Jefferson Theatre on Feb. 4, The Mavericks at the Jefferson Theatre on Feb. 10 and For King and Country at Ford Park Arena on May 6. Check out the shows below and visit the venue websites for more details.

• Dec. 8 Soen, Scout Bar, Houston

• Dec. 9 REO Speedwagon, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Rodwave, Too-sii, Mariah the Scientist, Toyota Center, Houston

• Dec. 11 Zoe, House of Blues, Houston

• Dec. 14 Jamie Lin Wilson, Courville's, Beaumont

• Dec. 15 Charley Crockett, Greyhounds, House of Blues, Houston

• Dec. 16 Geoff Tate, House of Blues, Houston

• Dec. 27 Toadies, House of Blues, Houston

• Dec. 29 Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Toyota Center, Houston

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• Jan. 13 Air Supply, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• Jan. 19 Eden, House of Blues, Houston

• Jan. 20 Cody Johnson, Randy Houser, Jesse Raub Jr., Cajun Dome, Lafayette, La.

• Feb. 4 Aaron Lewis, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

• Feb. 10 The Mavericks, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

• Feb. 11 Lainey Wilson, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La., Anthrax, Black Label Society, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• Feb. 12 Danny Ocean, House of Blues, Houston

• Feb. 14 Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band, Toyota Center, Houston

• Feb. 17 Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• Feb. 23 Journey, Toto, Cajun-Dome, Lafayette, La.

• Feb. 25 John Mellencamp, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land

• Feb. 25 Tracy Lawrence, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• March 9 TobyMac, Crowder, Cochren & Co., Tasha Layton, Jon Reddick, Terrian, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.

• March 12 Static-X, Fear Factory, Mushroomhead, Dope, House of Blues, Houston

• March 14 Skillet, Theory of a Dead-

man, Saint Asonia, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• March 31 Sammy Kershaw, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• April 22 Taylor Swift, NRG Stadium, Houston

• May 6 For King and Country, Ford Arena, Beaumont

• June 16 Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, Nate Smith, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.

• June 30 Matchbox Twenty, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

• July 8 Blink-182, Turnstile, Toyota Center, Houston

• July 22 Shania Twain, Mickey Guyton, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

## Top 10 Most Wanted Fugitives Captured in Houston, Edinburg and Austin

### Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN – Three of Texas' 10 Most Wanted offenders are back in custody. Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender Patrick Carrier was arrested in Houston. Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive Eduardo Fuentes was arrested in Edinburg, and Jaquille Chefney was arrested in Austin. No Crime Stoppers rewards will be paid.

Patrick Paul Carrier, 47, of Houston, was arrested by Texas DPS Special Agents and Troopers on November 21. In 1993, Carrier was convicted of murder and received a 45-year sentence. In 2013, he was convicted of possession of cocaine and subsequently sentenced to six months of confinement. He was last released on parole in October 2020.

Carrier had been wanted since January 2021, when the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles issued a warrant for his arrest for a parole violation. Additionally, in March 2021, the Harris County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for his arrest for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

Eduardo Quinones Fuentes, 28, of Edinburg, was arrested by members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offender's Fugitive Task Force, including the U.S. Border Patrol, on November 23. In 2016, Fuentes was convicted of assault of family/household member by impeding breath/circulation and sentenced to two years of confinement. The following year, he was convicted of smuggling aliens and served time in federal



(Left to right: Patrick Paul Carrier, Eduardo Quinones Fuentes, Jaquille Carl Chefney)

custody. In 2021, he was convicted of sexual assault after an incident involving a 29-year-old woman. He subsequently received 10 years of probation.

Fuentes had been wanted since July 2021, when the U.S. Marshals Service issued a probation violation warrant for his arrest. Additionally, Fuentes had been wanted by the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office for

a probation violation, two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one count of unlawful possession of a firearm by felon. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

Jaquille Carl Chefney, 25, of Austin, was arrested by members of the U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, including DPS Special Agents on Novem-

ber 28. The Austin Police Department, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Texas Attorney General's Office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement all assisted in the multi-agency fugitive investigation. In 2020, Chefney was convicted of terroristic threat and sentenced to two years of probation. In 2021, he was convicted of aggravated robbery and sen-

tenced to six years of probation.

Chefney had been wanted since February 2022, when the Austin Police Department issued warrants for his arrest for aggravated sexual assault and arson. Additionally, in July 2022, the Travis County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for his arrest for a probation violation. For more information, view his captured bulletin.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of Texas' 10 Most Wanted Fugitives or Sex Offenders. So far in 2022, DPS and other agencies have arrested 66 Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives and Sex Offenders, including 22 gang members.

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# Cow Bayou boat parade set for Dec. 10

## STAFF REPORT For The Record

The spirit of Christmas will light up Cow Bayou in Bridge City with a boat parade scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10. The "Christmas on the Bayou" boat parade will wind its way along the Cow Bayou shoreline in a course that begins and ends at High Tides Restaurant and Marina.

A fleet of boats adorned in Christmas lights will navigate past the many neighborhoods on the bayou entertaining residents and spreading Christmas cheer. The procession will depart High Tides at 6 P.M. Upon returning, awards will be given to the best decorated boats. All boat owners wishing to join the parade are welcome to get on-board.

This is the first boat parade on Cow Bayou in several decades. An earlier, yet smaller version, was once led by Bridge City's most famous cajun, A.J. Judice, whose fun loving antics made him one of the most renown Cajun characters west of the Sabine River. Judice died in 2008 at the age of 80. Bringing back the event was the idea of Bridge City

resident Wesley Dishon who teamed up with A.J.'s son, Al Judice Sr., to restart the annual celebration kicking it off this year. "We've already got about 50 boats participating and we're looking to sign up more," Dishon says. "It's going to be a spectacular sight as the Christmas lit boats navigate the route that will pass along all of the natural bayou in Bridge City." Dishon estimates the entire route will take about two hours. Residents and property owners on Cow Bayou will have the opportunity to enjoy the colorful procession of boats as it slowly glides by. The general public can view the boat parade from High Tides which is the the main staging area and center for the awards ceremony and entertainment for the remainder of the evening. There is no charge to watch the parade dockside at High Tides.

Live music by the band Twenty-Twos will begin performing from 7 pm - 11 pm while the boat parade is underway. High Tides restaurant will also have "Christmas on the Bayou" dinner and drink specials for the event. Boat owners interested

in joining the parade are welcome to participate. There is no entry fee. Boats should be decorated in Christmas lights and ready to depart High Tides at 6 P.M. For more information call High Tides at (409) 792-5001. The "Christmas on the Bayou" boat parade is co-sponsored by High Tides and Judice's Cajun Cafe in Bridge City.

Boat owners interested



Christmas is coming to Cow Bayou in Bridge City with a boat parade scheduled for Dec. 10 at High Tides.

## Norfolk Pines From Page 1B

ple and consists of cutting the tree down to a desirable height, discarding the top portion, and allowing it to grow again from that point. Consider trimming the upper branches at this point and leaving the lower branches intact for a more natural look.

• Pests- Norfolk Island Pine trees are susceptible to the same insect assailants as any other house or garden plants. Utilize insecticidal soaps or pesticides as necessary depending on pest infestation: aphids, mealybugs, etc. and following insecticide use guidelines.

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• Propagation- propagation of the tree is possible through planting of seeds or cuttings. Seeds should be purchased rather than from the tree itself. Cuttings must be taken from the tree's trunk (center)—as limb cuttings will not propagate.

So long for now fellow gardeners! Let's go out and grow ourselves a greener, more sustainable world, one plant at a time!

If you have specific gardening questions or would like more information, send me an email: jon-greene57@gmail.com or contact the Orange County Master Gardeners Helpline: (409) 882-7010 or visit our website: https://txmg.org/orange, Email: extension@co.orange.tx.us.

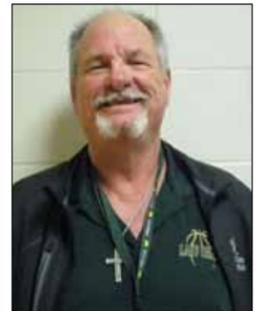
## District basketbal From Page 1B

bee Tigers.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs took part in the YMBL Tournament in Beaumont over the weekend. The Mustangs lost their opening game 77-43 to Aldine on Thursday. The next day Darren Anderson of WOS scored 14 points but it was not enough as the Mustangs fell 68-57 to Angleton. The results were no better on Saturday with West

Orange-Stark losing to Dallas Madison and Houston's Grace Christian Academy.

A non-district game is scheduled for next Tuesday at Sour Lake against the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks. West Orange-Stark plays cross-county rival the Vidor Pirates to open the district on Friday, December 16, at Vidor.



Coach Eddie Michalko reached a monumental milestone as the LCM Lady Bears won over Legacy in the Evdale Tournament for the 1,100 win in his career.

## Kaz's Fearless Forecast From Page 1B

Boerne (14-0) over Tyler Chapel Hill (12-2); Div. II—Carthage (14-0) over Glen Rose (13-1), Wimberley (14-0) over Cuero (13-1).

Malakoff (13-1) over Brock (10-4), Franklin (14-0) over Edna (13-1); Div. II—Gunter (13-0) over Canadian (12-2), Poth (13-1) over Gilmer Harmony (9-5).

Hawley (14-0) over Crawford (14-0), Timpson (14-0) over Refugio (13-1) Div. II—New Home (13-1) over Albany (12-2), Mart (14-0) over Burton (13-0).

### ★ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

UAB over Miami, O. (Friday); Army over Navy, San Diego

State over Middle Tennessee State (both Sat.)

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nesota, Buffalo over NY Jets, Philadelphia over NY Giants, Kansas City over Denver, Seattle over Carolina, Tampa Bay over San Francisco, Miami over LA Chargers (all Sunday); New England over Arizona (Monday Night). Bye week for Indianapolis, Atlanta, Chicago, Green Bay, New Orleans, Washington.

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