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## Christmas 120 years ago featured elegant gifts



**History downtown circa 1900 pic:** This photo shows Fifth Street looking south in downtown Orange about 1902. The trees at the end of the street are the old Thompson house, which was built in the 1800s along the river where the city's Riverfront Pavilion is today. The turret of the newly-constructed Holland Hotel can be seen on the right in the distance. Photo is from the Heritage House Museum collection.

**MARGARET TOAL For The Record**

Stores in downtown Orange were full of "fine" and "elegant" food and wares one hundred and twenty years ago as the city drew shoppers from all over the county.

Luckily, a Christmas Eve tragedy was averted thanks to H.F. Frazee and other "gentlemen." They grabbed the bridle of a horse that had gone wild, saving the two young Depew ladies who were in their buggy on Fifth Street.

The evening Orange Daily Tribune reported the "Exciting Runaway" that morning at Ortmeyers Furniture. The two daughters of S.M. Depew were driving in a buggy when their horse became frightened and started to run. The sister at the reins gained control, but the horse starting kicking "fu-

riously" and ran onto the sidewalk at the Rein and Telephone Building.

Though Frazee and others got the bridle, the horse went through the large plate glass window of the store, "smashing the window all to pieces and breaking several handsome toilet sets that were on display in the window."

The sisters had no injuries "except for a terrible fright," the newspaper reported. The buggy had not turned over, even though the curb to the sidewalk was a foot above the street level. Ortmeyer's had a total damage of about \$40 for the window and the broken toilet sets.

Despite the excitement the day before Christmas, people carried on with their celebrations.

It was a year worth celebrating. The grand Holland Hotel had opened on

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## Government offices set holiday closings with no garbage changes

**MARGARET TOAL For The Record**

Christmas and New Year's are on Sundays this year which means garbage schedules in the five largest Orange County cities will run as normal with no skipped days.

The government offices have announced their holiday closings for the next two weeks. Though offices will be closed, first responders will work those

days.

Orange County offices at all locations will be closed Thursday December 22, Friday December 23, and Monday December 26. For the New Year's break, the closing will be Monday January 2.

Bridge City City Hall will be closed Friday December 23, and Monday December 26. Regular garbage pickup routes will

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## Rotarian donation benefits 'Meals on Wheels'



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club presented a check for \$2,000.00 to Meals on Wheels. Executive Director for Meals on Wheels Kristen Burman accepted the donation. Pictured are Rotarians Sam Comer, Mark Bunch, Kirk Roccaforte, Mark Messer, Jerry Jones, Brent Walker, Eric Andrus, Jack Comer, Kristen, Amy Townsend, Bill Nickum, Ronnie Hutchinson, Karen Collier, John Dubose, and Lucy Fields.

## Sowell takes his community service to Commissioners Court

**MARGARET TOAL For The Record**

Anyone living in Mauriceville for the past few years has run into Chris Sowell. He's worked with youth sports leagues, 4-H, and is president of the Mauriceville Heritage Association. He's delivered meals to shut-ins. He's shown up with a chainsaw to cut storm debris.

"I found a passion for helping my community," he said.

He's assisted so many people that they kept asking him to run for county commissioner. This year was right, especially when the incumbent Precinct 2 Commissioner Theresa Adams Beauchamp decided to retire.

He was told that with five people in the Republican primary and no incumbent, there would be a runoff. He surprised everyone. No runoff was needed. He got 60 percent of the votes with the other four candidates splitting the remaining 40 percent.

"That is unheard of," said his friend and businessman, J.W. Dalton. He said the results were not a surprise to the people who know and work with Sowell. "He is a salt-of-the earth guy. If he give you his word, it's as good as a contract. Chris is just the true meaning of a good man."

His work in the community drew the admiration of former Precinct 2 Commissioner Owen Burton and his wife, Nelda. They endorsed Sowell and praised him for his volunteer work.

Sowell is a widower who has been raising his two children since his wife, Christi, died in 2020 in a car accident. Son Kolbie



Incoming County Commissioner Chris Sowell.

**RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal**

is 18 and at Alvin Community College studying and playing baseball. Daughter Kyleigh, age 14, is in the eighth grade at Mauriceville Middle School. His bonus daughter, Presley Parra, is also 14 and a freshman at LC-M. She's part of his life now because he has a relationship with her mother, Mindy Nance.

Sowell is 46 years old and has lived in

Mauriceville for 40 years. His ties to the town are deeper. His grandmother is from Mauriceville.

Sowell said he was born in San Augustine and he moved to Orange County with his parents, Ralph and Ann Sowell, when he was 6 years old. He said his father worked in a shipyard and the

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### BCCC names Red's Liquor 'Business of the Month'

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Red's Liquor has been named Business of the Month for December 2022. Frank Chakkiwala was presented the award, sponsored by Energy Country Ford, by Ambassador Candace Mulhollan at the December Networking Coffee hosted by Bridge City High School. Pictured are: Candace Mulhollan and Frank Chakkiwala

## DONALD TRUMP'S TALENTS

### Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

Anyone who knows me knows that I am not a fan of our past president, Donald Trump. He does, however, have some strong points which we must all recognize or someone just like him will be selected to be president in the not-too-distant future.

First of all, Donald Trump is a showman. He puts on a good show and attracts people to come and figure out what he is going to say next. But his most important talent in my opinion is that he can very accurately determine things that American people are unhappy about without the use of some professional poll.

Professional polers took a real beating when the vast majority of them inaccurately projected that Donald Trump would get smashed in his race for president when running



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.

against Hillary Clinton. The main problem with our big-time professional polers, I believe, is that they spend far too much time in the halls of Congress and Austin and not nearly enough time in the local barber shops, churches or other public places where people freely

discuss their opinions about how our government should be run.

The problem with Trump is the same problem with the average American citizen and that is—What do we do about the problems we recognize we have. Churchill said that democracy was a terrible form of government, but just better than everything else. The main American problem is the same one possessed by Mr. Trump. While an expert in determining what is wrong, he totally fails in how to fix those things. I am certain that if you listen for just a little while at your favorite bar, barber-shop or church gathering you will find someone who absolutely knows what we need to do to fix all serious problems existing in the United States. To know this, requires talent, skill, intellect and dedication to Constitutional Democracy. That's the hard part.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Hal Wade Porterfield, 69, BC

Hal Wade Porterfield, 69 of Hemphill Texas, passed away on December 17, 2022 in Jasper, Texas after battling mesothelioma lung cancer.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating will be Jimmy Kay.

Visitation will take place prior to the service at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Hal was born in Orange, Texas on October 29, 1953 to William and Helen Porterfield. He graduated from Bridge City High School in 1973. After high school, Hal joined the Marine Corp and served at Camp Pendleton in California. He then went to work for the Asbestos Workers Local #22 for 10 years. Later, he went to Lamar and received an Associate degree in



Hal Porterfield

Computer Aided Drafting and worked as a Pipe Designer at Motiva in Port Arthur, Texas. Hal worked for Petrocon Engineering, Englobal and Jacobs Engineering. He retired in 2017.

Hal was a friend to many. He loved fishing, hunting and being at the lake. He made it his full-time home in 2019. He also loved to travel and be with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jake Allen Porterfield, his parents, William and Helen Porterfield and his sister, Beverly Porterfield.

Hal is survived by his wife of almost 40 years, April Gauthier Porterfield, his brothers Henry Porterfield, Hugh Porterfield and wife, Jean. Niece, Christy Bradley and husband Steven and Nephews, Chad Porterfield and William Porterfield. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

### Barbara Ann Salazar, 85, Bridge City

Barbara Ann Salazar, 85, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on December 4, 2022, at her home in Bridge City surrounded by her daughters and son in laws.

Visitation was held prior to the Rosary which was recited by Deacon Steve Obernuefemann on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

The Funeral services were held at on Friday, December 9, 2022, at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Bridge City. Officiating was Reverend Ernie Carpio. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on January 12, 1937, she was the daughter of Henry Carl Lyons of Port Arthur Texas and Olive (Leblanc) Richard of Bridge City Texas. Barbara was a devoted Catholic woman, who was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church. She was a strong woman and a great person to have as a friend. She was an excellent seamstress who sewed all her children's clothing in their early years. Aside from sewing, she loved to shoot pool, dance the jitterbug with her husband, play the slot machines at the casino, and she truly enjoyed watching the Houston As-



Barbara Salazar

tros. She was an avid dog lover, but above all, Barbara loved spending time with her family and visiting with her dear friends. Her memory will be cherished by all who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Raymond L. Salazar; her parents, Henry Carl Lyons and Olive (Leblanc) Richard; her sons, Raymond Salazar Jr. and David Salazar; her brother, Daniel Lyons; and her sister Nona Romero.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, Ramona Louise Fullerton and Mike, of Bridge City and Rhonda Lorayne Wells and Scott, of Bridge City; her grandchildren, Edward Lisotta, Erin Guerra and husband Freddy, Kayla Verdin and husband Randy, Raygon Gibbs and husband Garrett, Chris Wells and wife Carol, and Ashley Wells; and her 10 great-grandchildren, plus one on the way.

Serving as pallbearers were Garrett Gibbs, Mike Fullerton, Randy Verdin, Scott Wells, Freddy Guerra, and Chris Wells.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to any children's hospital of your choice.

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## Chris Sowell From Page 1B

family lived in the Cove neighborhood of Orange a year before moving to Mauriceville. His parents are now deceased. He lost his father in 2012 and his mother in 2016. Then the death of his wife came in 2020. He quietly says he's hoping not to lose someone dear in 2024.

He went to Mauriceville schools and graduated from Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School in 1994. "I went straight to work," he said. He was a welder for a while before deciding to switch. He worked as an industrial firefighting company until Hurricane Rita. Then he went to work for Mueller Inc., which manufactures steel buildings. "I've been in the steel building business since," he said.

Currently, he's working for Schulte in outside sales, but he'll give notice soon. He takes the oath of office on January 1 at 1 p.m. in the 128th District Courtroom. He hopes his 86-year-old grandmother, Carol Morgan, of Mauriceville can attend the ceremony.

Friends pushed him to run for commissioner in 2012 and again in 2016. "I wouldn't do it when the kids were little," he said. But 2022 seemed like the right time.

He said it's also a good time to be a county commissioner. The county is seeing lots of growth and he likes the other members of Commissioners Court. "Everybody's goal is to better the county," he said.

The county will be continuing to grow, especially with the announcement of the new Chevron-Phillips-Qatar Entergy chemical plant as a sure thing. The county is also hoping to land an Enterprise LNG plant on the Neches River side.

Mauriceville is growing, too. More houses are coming in and new businesses are opening. Sowell pointed out the new hardware store that opened this year plus the new Market Basket grocery store constructed after the old one flooded. O'Reilly's Auto Store is coming and he's heard about plans for a Dollar Tree. And the established businesses are thriving, he added.

Precinct 2 covers a wide swath of the county, including all of Mauriceville and Pinehurst, plus part of Orange and "a small piece of Vidor."

Sowell has been out the past few months studying his new territory and getting ready to help with the roads and drainage, the main concerns of people. He's also been working with incumbent Beauchamp. "She's been very helpful," he said.

However, he still hasn't gotten a key to his new office to help Beauchamp move. She fell and broke a hip two weeks ago and is now in a wheelchair.

One of the major drainage problems in Mauriceville and his part of Vidor is a railroad bridge that blocks water. He hopes to work out a solution for that.

Sowell said the county's new engineer, Corey Oldbury, has done a good job reorganizing and working on the roads.

On Tuesday, he was talking about the upcoming freeze and taking hay to his cattle. But don't call him a rancher. That word, he said, describes Wayne Peveto

and Dan Harris. "I have some cattle," he said.

Later, he jokes, that he's "just a red neck." But not any more. Come January 1, he'll be an Orange County Commissioner.

## Christmas in Orange County From Page 1B

at Fifth and Division at a cost of about \$140,000.

The school superintendent met with leaders at the Orange Rice Mill and reported classes were increasing. More room was needed. A \$23,000 bond issue could provide more space. The newspaper bragged that any school-age child living within the city limits could get nine months of education free.

The Orange Progressive League of business leaders reported a site had been selected for a huge cotton mill. The League was trying to gather \$3,700 to give to the company as a bonus to come here. Also, a man from Michigan had been in town searching sites and gathering samples to see about getting another new paper mill here.

The future shows, though, the cotton mill never came and it took more than 60 years to get another paper mill.

On Monday, December 22, 1902, The Daily Tribune reported the Green Avenue Baptist Church (later First Baptist Church) had been filled for the Sunday music service. Pastor Rev. G.A. Coulson said "more commodious quarters" could be coming because the congregation needed to build a new church.

Stores heavily advertised their goods in the daily advertisements in the newspaper, which offered home or business delivery six days a week for 50 cents a month.

Gate City Drug Store sold "fine candies in fancy boxes" plus "fine cigars in Xmas packages." Only 25 cents for those fine cigars. You could also buy an "elegant line of perfume."

The Orange National Bank touted a barrel-shaped bank for children so they could save a barrel full of money by the next Christmas.

Griggs Stationery in the Link Building on Fifth had more than paper and pens. They sold toys, dolls, and fireworks.

Fireworks were popular at many places. Bland's Bakery and Confections had fruitcakes, cakes, pies, rolls, and bread for those who didn't want to make theirs at home. They also had Gunther's and Lowney's candies at prices from three pounds for 25 cents up to \$1 a pound. You could get fruit, nuts, cigars, and tobacco there. Plus they had "a big stock of fireworks." George W. Bland was propri-

etor.

The Orange Gun Club, all men of course, met at Sabine Supply in downtown on December 23 and decided to have a trap shoot on Christmas Day at Bland's pasture. The location must have been well-known because Orange and Orange County had a lot of Blands. Sabine Supply advertised fine guns and the best ammunition.

McLean & Curry, touted as "The Fancy Grocers," had "sweets for the sweet" with the largest selection of boxed candy in town. They had crystalized frits, chocolates, bonbons, coconut chews, and "something new," Mexican pecan candy. The store was carrying a "Bon Voyage" trunk. A small trunk with lock and key "full of extra fine cakes which make an elegant present for children."

Pond Brothers and Company had groceries and its own "Orange Brand" of coffee, which they roasted and ground for customers.

Orange Furniture in the Link Building had book cases, tables, and sideboards, advertising "nothing is more acceptable to the lady of the house than an elegant sideboard."

Graves and Forsyth, "The Busy Big Store," sold clothing and had a pre-Christmas close-out on caps. They had 65 fur-trimmed caps at clearance for 25 cents. A child's Eiderdown cloak could be purchased at prices from 35 cents to \$1.35.

Other businesses in town included Wing Lee's oyster parlor on Front Street, where a person could board upstairs for \$18 for 30 days.

Eastin & Stark Livery Stable was on Fourth Street. The Central Fish Market, with Collins and Morrison as proprietors, sold fish, game, and oysters. They also paid cash for hides, fur, and "all kinds of game."

Link and Rein Land Co. thought people should get "something substantial for Christmas." Put a down payment on land in town and you could soon have a house.

J.W. Link was the land developer and a lumber mill owner. He built the finest mansion on Green Avenue and served as mayor. However, somehow he lost interest in Orange and moved to Houston. There he developed the Montrose area and built a mansion similar to his one in Orange.

## Holiday closings From Page 1B

be run. Then city hall will be closed Monday January 2, with no change in garbage schedules.

Orange City Hall and offices will be closed Friday December 23 and Monday December 26. The public library will be closed Saturdays through the holiday weekends. Waste Management will run the usual garbage pickup schedule. For New Year's city offices will be closed Monday January 2. Regular garbage routes will be run on the weekdays.

Pinehurst City Hall will closed at 10:30 a.m. Thursday December 22 and be closed Friday December 23. Offices will re-open on Monday December 26. For New Year's, city hall will be closed Mon-

day January 2. Pinehurst has citywide garbage pickup on Tuesdays and there will be no change during the holidays.

Vidor City Hall will be closed Friday December 23 and Monday December 26 with regular garbage routes being served. Offices will again close on Monday January 2 with regular garbage pickup all week.

West Orange City Hall will be closed Friday December 23 and Monday December 26. The city has Piney Woods garbage pickup on Fridays and it will continue on the holidays. City hall has an extended New Year's holiday and will be closed Friday December 30 and Monday January 2.

## Duram Ellis Pecans and Walnuts still available

Wesley United Methodist Church is still selling this years crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts. Pecan halves or pieces \$11.00 per pound, walnuts \$8.50 per pound. Call Jan 409/734-8036 or the church 409/886-7276 to place an order or for additional information.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a happy new year



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## From the Creaux's Nest

### RECORD COLD DAYS AHEAD

Low to dip to 18 degrees: wind chill to drop single digits according to the **National Weather Service**, temperatures will drop below freezing later in the week as an arctic air mass makes its way over the region. "Big weather changes are in store for Thursday according to meteorologist **Donald Jones**. A very strong cold front will move through the area Thursday evening into Thursday night. Temperatures will be very low Thursday night dropping to 18 degrees," **Jones** said "Hard freezing conditions are dangerous for anything that's going to be outdoors. In under 20 to 25 MPH winds, at a temperature of **wind chill will drop into the single digits**. Around 18 degrees, frostbite can occur in just 30 minutes. A fairly long duration of freeze events beginning Thursday night and continuing possibly until sometime Saturday afternoon is predicted before we finally get above freezing." **Christmas** will be gumbo weather.

### PANEL ASKS FEDS TO PROSECUTE TRUMP

The first time in U.S. history Congress has referred a former president for criminal prosecution is the coda to the committee's intense 18 month investigation into **Trump's** effort to overturn the **2020 election** that culminated in a violent mob of the former president's supporters laying siege to the **Capitol**. The **House committee** investigating the **Jan. 6, 2021** attack on the **Capitol** accused former president **Donald Trump** Monday of inciting insurrection. The panel referred five other **Trump allies**, **Mark Meadows**, his final chief of staff and lawyers **Rudy Giuliani**, **John Eastman**, **Jeffrey Clark** and **Kenneth Chesebro**, for potential prosecution for actions the committee said warranted **Justice Department** infestation. The charges would carry lengthy prison sentences if federal prosecutors chose to pursue them. The referrals send a powerful signal that a **bipartisan committee of Congress** believes the former president committed crimes. **Trump's** relentless drive to remain in power after he lost the **2020 election by 7 million votes**, identifies co-conspirators who aided **Trump**, but it singles out the former president as the primary cause of the mob violence. The panel urged the **Justice Department** to investigate **Trump** for four crimes. The panel also referred four **Republican** members of **Congress** to the **House Ethics Committee**, including the man seeking to become the next speaker, **Rep. Kevin McCarthy**, because of their refusal to comply with panel subpoenas. The other three are **Reps. Jim Jordan**, **Scott Perry**, and **Andy Biggs**. The report demonstrated how despite **Donald Trump** being told time and time again that his claims of election fraud were false, he kept repeating them.

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

We were indeed saddened by the death of **Dorothy Harmon**, age 81, who passed away Friday, Dec. 14, at St. Elizabeth. **Ms. Dorothy** had been fighting numerous illnesses the past few months. Time after time the families' hopes would brighten only to meet another challenge. She fought on until she was called home. **Dorothy** and **Don** had been married **60 years**. They remained **extremely close and best friends** and over the years, had **two sons and several grandchildren**. She wasn't only a mother hen to **Don** but also to all the offspring. She was an avid reader of this column and as we share an office with **Don** and **Corky** her passing hit close to home. **Dorothy Harmon** was a very nice woman and always a lady. Condolences to our friend **Don**, our prayers are with him and **sons Donnie and Kevin** and their families and friends. (Editor's note: **Don** passed away in 2014.)\*\*\*\*We were saddened also to learn of the death of our longtime friend **Donny Garsee**, age 66, who passed away Dec. 13, at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. He was a native of San Augustine and had **lived in Orange 45 years**. He had been employed by **Boilermaker Union Local 587** for the last 35 years, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mauriceville. **Donny loved the outdoors**, he loved to hunt, fish and ride his motorcycle.\*\*\*\*At this time of year, for over 20 years, our friend **Dot Esbach** would come driving up, delivering a gift of her famous fudge. **Dot** passed away this year but to keep the tradition going, **Cal** and **Connie Esbach** duplicated **Dot's** recipe and blessed us with an annual gift package of fudge.\*\*\*\*Our friend **Donna Peterson Stutes** (mom) had hip joint replacement at Methodist Hospital in Houston. The first time she tried to get up she passed out. The attendant thought she had a heart attack. That rumor sped through Orange. "**Mom**" is fine, her heart is good.\*\*\*\*We ran into **Al Lyons**, the butcher at **Bridge City Market Basket** the other day. We had a lot to visit about and told stories about "**Spec**" **Faries**, who was a famous **Orange and Bridge City butcher**. Everyone who ever knew "**Spec**" has a story. He even once worked for **Frank Todaro** at the **Save-way Super Market**, on Park Ave. Those two were a pair of aces. Both are long gone now. I wonder if **Pat** and **Rosalie Clark** remember "**Spec**."

### 20 Years Ago-2002

After 22 years, **Justice of the Peace Flo Edgerly** retires from Pct. 3. **Dec. 31** will be her last day as J.P. Longtime employee **Janice Menard** was elected to the J.P. post and takes over Jan. 1, 2003. **Judge Flo celebrates her birthday Christmas Day**. She says, "I can not imagine having a birthday at any other time. Our **Christmas tree** has both birthday and **Christmas gifts** under it. I get more gifts than anyone."\*\*\*\*The **Bridge City Chamber named Marialaice Saucier "Citizen of the Year."**\*\*\*\***Bill** and **Betty Smith** celebrate their **50th wedding anniversary** Dec. 23. (Editor's note: **Betty** passed away a few years ago but **Bill**, the railroad engineer, is still going strong.)\*\*\*\*Point of interest. This week, back in 1945, **Gen. George Patton** was buried after being **killed in a Heidelberg, Germany** auto accident on Des. 21. I didn't realize that he hadn't made it to **D-Day**.\*\*\*\***Bridge City's Matt Bryant** and the **Giants** beat **Payton Manning** and the **Colts**, 44-27.\*\*\*\*Services were held for **Lee Roy Arnaud**, 66, who died Dec. 22. A native of **Arnaudville**, he was a resident of **Bridge City**. His wife **Lynn** died a couple of years ago. His children are **Tony**, **Mary Ann** and **Richard**.\*\*\*\***Margaret "Peggy" Toal Garrett**, 80, a native of Orange, died in Dallas on Dec. 19.\*\*\*\***Derrick Bufford, 12, of Orange**, wins the '**Silver Gloves State Champion Bantam Weight**' championship in **McKinney**. **Derrick** is a student at **Little Cypress-Mauriceville Junior High**. The 119 pound youth will fight next in **Region 6**. A win would sent him to the national championship.

### 50 Years Ago-1972

The **All Orange County Fellowship of Christian Athletes** football team was announced by six coaches. Coaches were **Chief Wilson** of Bridge City, **Bill Parker** of Little Cypress-Mauriceville, **Cliff Larson** of Stark, **Mike Trevathan** of Orangefield, **Jeep Colburn** of Vidor and **Glen Green** of West Orange. The team was recognized Sunday afternoon at Little Cypress-Mauriceville auditorium at an **FCA rally**. Popular spiritual singer **Ray Hildebrant** was special guest.\*\*\*\***Clyde Haynes** is outgoing state representative, **Wayne Peveto** replaces him next month.\*\*\*\***James Stringer**, county judge, likes to marry people so well he married himself this year.\*\*\*\***Joe Blanda** is the town's most famous barber.\*\*\*\***Bridge City judge is Guy Rasco**.\*\*\*\***West Orange police chief is Tony Taylor**.\*\*\*\***John Greco** is a colorful doctor who is **married to Joan**. (Editor's note: she hadn't yet hooked up with **Ed Lovelace**).\*\*\*\***Sallie Frazier** is county clerk. **David Dunn** is judge of County Court at Law. **Larry Gunter** is city judge of Pinehurst. **Louvenia Hryhorchuck** is the new tax assessor. **Casey Peveto** is still commissioner, Pct. 1.\*\*\*\***Jerry Peveto**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Peveto**, wins **RCA National Rodeo Championship Steer Dogging** for 1972 held last week in Oklahoma City. He also won \$3,500 in prize money.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

The **Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce** held its annual banquet last week and **Al Granger** was named **Citizen of the Year** for his contributions to the community. **Steve Jones**, a previous citizen of the year, took the gavel to become the new chairman of the board for 2023. **Robert Currie's Innovative Air Solutions** was given the business community service award while the **Stars of Gate City #57** was honored with the non-profit community service award. **Benitris Edwards**, who is active with the **Stars of Gate City**, was named **Ambassador of the Year** for her contributions. **Heather Montagne Mankopf** was chamber **Chairperson of the Year**.\*\*\*\***Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr.** can rack up accomplishments in office, but he got the biggest award out of town last week. The mayor went back to college and was **graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas A&M Commerce with a bachelor's degree**. He finished 42 hours with a 4.0 GPA. The graduation came 21 years after he earned an associate's degree. He dedicated his degree to his late parents, **Peggy** and "**Scubby**" **Larry Spears Sr.**\*\*\*\***Robert** and **Mindy Currie** picked up their community service award at the chamber, but they had big plans. **They traveled to Germany** where they are visiting the Christmas markets and enjoying the sights. They aren't the only ones traveling for the holidays. **Craig and Elva Couvillion** are on a **10-day cruise** on the Enchanted Princess. **Chris and Christi Kovatch** have **taken their crew of kids to Disney World**, where **KK, the youngest**, got to celebrate his seventh birthday. The **Kovatches** might run into some other peeps from the OC. **Johnny** and **Becky Trahan** are taking their grow children, their spouses, plus grandkids to **Disney World** for the holidays.\*\*\*\***Adam Conrad** drew rave reviews for his performance as **Buddy the Elf** in the **Beaumont Community Players** production of the musical version of the now-classic **Christmas story**. He's now in a throw-down with **Will Ferrell**. Who did **Buddy** the best? Wonder if **Ferrell** will accept the challenge to see who does **Buddy** best.\*\*\*\*The **Stark Foundation's venues** continue to help those in need. The **Lutcher Theater** and **Shangri La Botanical Gardens** collected 52 new pairs of pajamas along with 30 new blankets to give to the **Salvation Army**. Believe it or not, a lot of kids asking for Christmas presents at the **Salvation Army** request bedding. Those PJs and blankets will come in hand this week as an Arctic front moves in. **Shangri La will be open Wednesday** for the last night of lighted Christmas strolls this year. People are asked to bring non-perishable food donation for **Orange Christian Services**. The elaborate lights have been drawing big crowds.\*\*\*\*Speaking of donations, **Paul** and **Raul Burch** collected more food donations for the **Salvation Army** by having an open house at their **Old Orange Historic District** home. The couple have hosted the **Service League Toy Coffee** in the past, but decided spontaneously to open up to help the charity's pantry. Helping with the tour were **Mike** and **Caroline Hennigan**, **Tanya Guillotte**, and **Judy Smith**.\*\*\*\***Bridge City ISD Police Chief Cliff Hargrave** spent time reading Christmas stories to elementary students, who in turn decorated his door. Over at **Bridge City Intermediate**, art students earning blue ribbons to send them to the next round of

competition in the Houston Livestock Show art contest area **Jaeda Igueroa**, **Emily Sensat**, **Macie Andrews**, **Taryn Pellegrin**, **McKayla Willis**, **Layla Smith**, **Dallex Pelt**, **Natalie Wilson**, **Addison Landry**, **Jaxson Jones** and **Paloma Ortiz**.\*\*\*\***Chris and Linda Gunstream** celebrated their **38th wedding anniversary** this week. Birthdays included **Johnny Mallory**, **Raven Walker**, former **Orange mayor Brown Claybar**, **Hallie Jo Picard**, artist **Lauren Leigh**, and **Lucy Terry**, who turned 59. **Sarah Todaro Berryman** marked another birthday with longtime friends **Rosalie Eason** and **Pam Burrow**. Recent groom **Jack Dallas** turned 24. Hard to believe eight years have gone by since he had to forego his **16th birthday driver's license test** because he was **playing quarterback for WO-S in the state championship game**. And congrats to his former teammate and childhood friend, **KJ Miller**, who earned **All-American Division III honors** as he set records playing for **Mary Hardin Baylor**.\*\*\*\*I had not had a home-grown tomato in a couple of years till **Judge Derry Dunn** brought me some large, red, ripe, right off the vine, tomatoes from his four remaining plants. You can't beat a homegrown tomato. That will all come to an end with the bad freeze coming but I'm sure grateful for what I got.\*\*\*\***Argentina** won the **World Cup** title over **France**. **Argentina** won 4-2 on penalties after a 3-3 draw. **Lionel Messi's** career is complete. The **Argentinian** super star scored two goals then another in the **Shoot-out**. There is no debate **Messi** is one of soccer's greatest players alongside **Pele**, three time **World Cup** champion from **Brazil**.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know who will be celebrating birthdays. **Dec. 21**: Longtime friend, a great guy who has done to ride the range with, **Judge Buddie Hahn** celebrates his birthday today. Also in a couple of days on Dec. 23, **Buddie** and **Carol** will celebrate their **56th wedding anniversary**. **Harold Beeson** introduced me to the West Texas boy from Sanderson almost 50 years ago. For that I'm thankful. Happy Birthday and congratulations on you and **Ms. Carol's Anniversary**.\*\*\*\***Dec. 22**: Happy Birthday **Jason Chapman**, **Janet Williams**, **Yvonne Veillion**, **Dale Burns**, **Debi Foster**. Happy Anniversary to **Dr. Mark and Becky Messer**.\*\*\*\***Dec. 23**: Happy Birthday to a good guy we have known since he was in short pants, **Dayle and Buzzie's** little boy **Chris Gunn**. Also best wishes to **Virgie Baker** and **Sue Cowling**.\*\*\*\***Dec. 24**: Happy Birthday to **Ms. Helen DeRoche**, way up in her 90's. Also **Sydni Beuhler**, **Billy Moore**, **Mike Dillion**, **Terri Estes**, **Toni Thompson**, **Mindy Granger** and **Trey Clark**. A special day for our friends **Rene** and **Lucy Hanks** who celebrate **67 years** on Dec. 24.\*\*\*\***Dec. 25: Christmas Day**. Our longtime friend **Flo Edgerly** celebrates today. This will be **Judge Flo's** first Christmas without **Gene** who passed away recently. Also having birthdays are **David Kerr**, **Gina Zuniga**, **Ronnie Hutchison** and **Evelyn Foster**.\*\*\*\***Dec. 26**: Happy Birthday **Janelle Deutsch**, **Ashley Burris**, **Jennifer Ferguson** and **Kent Broussard**. The **king of Cajun music Harry Choate** was born on this day in 1922.\*\*\*\***Dec. 27**: A bunch of great folks celebrate today. **Sharon Bearden** will be 84, **Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte**, **Bobby Fillyaw**, **Russell Bottley**, **Irene Stevens**, **Bobby Sibett**, and **Terri Turner**. For birthday and anniversary announcements call 409-886-7183 or email to [news@therecordlive.com](mailto:news@therecordlive.com).

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

**Alcid Comeaux** him, walked into da crowded wait-in room at **Dr. Boudreaux's** office. Da receptionist, **Ms. Agnes**, her, axe **Comeaux** why he needed to see da doctor him?

**Comeaux** say, "Well, dere's something wrong with my weiner." **Ms. Agnes** her, came unglued, got huffy and say, "**Mr. Comeaux**, you shouldn't come into a crowded room and say anything like dat."

**Comeaux** say, "Mai, you axe wats wrong wit me and I toll you." **Ms. Agnes** say, "**Mr. Comeaux**, you caused a lot of patients in dis room to be embarrassed. You should have said something is wrong wit you ear and wen **Dr. Boudreaux** axe you in private, tell him wat is wrong wit you."

**Comeaux** say, "Okay," and turned and walked outside. In a few minutes he come back in. **Ms. Agnes** smiled and say, "Yes."

**Comeaux** say, "Dere's something wrong wit my ear." **Ms. Agnes** smile her, knowing **Comeaux** had taken her advice. Den she axe, "Wat seems to be da problem wit you ear, hanh?"

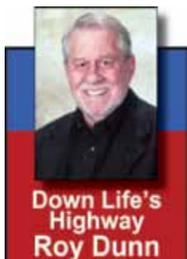
**Comeaux** anser, "Mai, I can't pee out of it."

### C'EST TOUT BEARDEN MARKS 57 YEARS IN PRACTICE

On December 16, 1965, 57 years ago, **Jim Sharon Bearden, Sr.**, was licensed and sworn in to practice law. **Sharon** was only a few days away from his 27th birthday. I recall the time. He had recently graduated from **Baylor Law** and was sharing an office with **Roy Dunn** that joined **Bernard Abrego's** store on Border Street, just down from the jail. **Dunn** owned the **Gulf Coast Bail Bonding Company**. **Sharon's** mom **Ms. Jewel** was **Sheriff Chester Holts's** secretary. A lot of water has run under the bridge since then. The following year **Sharon** ran for state representative against **State Rep. Clyde Haynes**. **Bearden** carried all the boxes until he got to Vidor where **Clyde** clobbered him with 90% of the vote. Later **Sharon** was elected **District Attorney** at a time when criminal activity in **Orange County** history was at its worse after **Sheriff Holts** was replaced by **Buck Patillo**. **Holts** had left office with no unsolved major crimes. **Sharon** gave up the **County Attorney D.A.** position which didn't pay much, to go into private practice at his present location. **Bearden** has a long history as a successful criminal attorney. He will be **84-years-old** on December 27 and is still winning cases and working every day. Someday soon someone needs to do a story on this guy and the two other attorneys, **Jim Dunaway** and **Jack Smith**, who have been practicing law over 50 years and are the best in their field. I'm proud to know and have been friends with those three great guys for over 50 years.\*\*\*\*To our friends, loyal readers and supporters over all these many years we wish you a very **Blessed and Merry Christmas**.

# Thankful for Christmas memories, even hard times

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



When you're poor, really poor, Christmas can be a very sad time, especially for a youngster.

Sometimes the scar is so deep that even a lifetime won't remove it. My childhood Christmas' were spent in extreme poverty. If you ask me about my fondest memories of Christmas, without hesitation I will say it was midnight mass at beautiful old St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

The church sits up on a knoll near the bank of the Vermilion River in the Acadian town of Abbeville. With its high ceiling and rows of massive stained glass windows on both sides,

it always seemed to me to be the Christian foundation of the township and surrounding area. It is the church I was baptized in, where I made my first communion and attended mass regularly. The service always left me with a sense of hope. A statue of Father Antoine Mergret stands next to the church he founded in 1847. He named the town after Abbeville that sits on the banks of the Somme River in France, his homeland.

He had modeled the village after the French original with two squares and a park in the middle of town. In the fall of 1853 a plague of yellow fever swep south Louisiana; smallpox and cholera were all epidemic in the middle 1800s. Father Mergret attended the sick and buried the dead until he contracted the disease himself. He was the last to die in the epidemic on Dec. 5, 1883. Abbeville is a unique town. When I was a boy, the town buildings were not very old. A fire had completely destroyed the downtown in 1907. The Palms Sanitarium was massive and even the governor, Newton C. Blanchard, was there for the dedication; also the archbishop and the mayor of New Orleans.

What also stands out in my mind is the Bank of Abbeville, also built after the fire. The brick two-story building facing the church is the city' architectural centerpiece with its distinctive twin tower design. All my Cajun folks

are buried at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery including my mom, who died Sept. 2, 2004. I went around the horn to get back to my Christmases, but the church, the town and especially the midnight masses are really the best thoughts that have been my companions down this highway. The beautiful mass was said in Latin by Father Edmund Duall, the gospel in French and English. The large choir sang so beautifully. We were probably the poorest people in the area.

My father had flown the coop before I could talk. Our clothes were made from feed sacks, but that didn't keep us from attending the old traditional Catholic services. Imagine a solitary tree limb and decorations of paper chain, colored with crayons, cut and pasted with flour paste, draped about that branch leaning in the corner against the wall. That was our usual holiday tree.

As I recall we never had but one real Christmas tree. The teacher gave it to me after it was used at school, two days before Christmas. We proudly decorated it. I had very few gifts, maybe a handmade toy, but mostly something useful—socks and so forth. Once I got a new pair of shoes that I think an uncle brought for me. Through necessity or habit we took Christmas in stride. Strangely enough, I don't recall even feeling sorry for myself. As I grew older, times got better. As I worked, we still didn't have much, but we had more to eat. Recalling those days in that little Cajun town and the bleak Christmases makes me thankful for today's good fortune. I have a very special place in my heart for the poor and unfortunate. This time of year is difficult and scarring to poor kids who don't have much of

a Christmas celebration. So many poor children are happy at Christmas with the slightest, even discarded gifts. As I review my childhood, maybe it is in that, with the exception of insufficient food, that I was indeed fortunate. Even though I didn't have material things, I hold something more valuable: the warm, wonderful feeling of that joyous midnight mass at that old historical church. My ghost of Christmas past, even though hurtful, was really a blessing.

Many years have gone by since those



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Abbeville, Louisiana.

childhood days. The material things would have long been gone. What I got from attending that old church, a poor boy in that Cajun town, gave me much more than any material gifts or fancy clothes could. I learned in that life to be appreciative, compassionate and that life is what you make it. You can rise above if you're willing to work for it.

Over the years Phyl and I put together the best Christmases we could afford for our children. We never splurged on ourselves but we took care of each other throughout the years. Next week, on New Years Eve, Dec. 31, we will be married 58

years. We raised our three and two others and now have five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Even though we don't get to see them as much as we'd like, they are always in our thoughts. Most will never know my background as a depression baby and the trip that took me down this life's highway. It's been a great ride with Phyl at my side. I wonder what memories our children have of their childhood Christmas'?

I hope yours are all good. From Phyl and I and our family, have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

## LSCO sees enrollment growth

ORANGE, TX – Lamar State College Orange (LSCO) announced today that its Fall enrollment of 2,629 students is the highest since 2012. This represents an 11.7% increase in enrollment from last Fall.

Enrollment at LSCO has grown by creating new academic and vocational programs as well as expanding to 8-Week Terms. Additionally, more dual credit students in area high schools are now being served by the college.

"We are seeing that when students are given opportunities to thrive, they are taking them here at Lamar State College Orange. More and more people in Orange and Southeast Texas are seeing the benefits of creating a bright, Orange future. The increased enrollment we're seeing is a testament to the incredible work our faculty and

staff are doing to meet students where they are and to offer innovative and state-of-the-art educational instruction," said LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson.

"Our increased enrollment is undoubtedly a result of our faculty and staff working to ensure that LSCO students are prepared for the needs of our local industry. LSCO takes great aims to cultivate constructive conversations and partnerships with our local industries, ensuring that our students are ready-to-work upon graduation and are adding value in the workplace with the credentials and degrees that they are earning here at LSCO," said LSCO Provost and Executive Vice President Wendy Elmore.

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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.

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Dated the 14th day of December, 2022.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARY ANN MORA HUNT**, Deceased, were issued on **DECEMBER 9, 2022**, in Cause No. **P19540**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **ROWENA TERESE ROMERO MCKEE**.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The three properties, the first commonly known as 1520 Buckhorn St., Vidor, TX 77662, the second as 3266 Brent Drive, Orange, TX 77632 and the third as 375 E. Railroad St., Vidor, TX 77662, are scheduled to be sold at public foreclosure auction on 01/03/2023 at 01:00 PM or no later than 3 hours thereafter at the back door of the Courthouse County Courthouse in Orange County, Texas, or if the preceding area is no longer the designated area, at the area most recently designated by the Orange County Commissioner's Court. The Substitute Trustee will be Margie Allen, Kyle Barclay, Tommy Jackson, Keata Smith, Stephanie Hernandez, Selim Taherzadeh, Mo Taherzadeh, or Michael Linke, any to act. The winning bidder buys "as is" and must pay at the auction with certified funds.

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

**JONATHAN ALLEN DRODDY, Deceased**  
Cause No. P19561  
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DECLARE HEIRSHIP in this estate on NOVEMBER 15, 2022, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of JONATHAN ALLEN DRODDY, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

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

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

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on November 15, 2022.

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61. \*Broadway state
65. Loaded
66. Marbled bread
68. Bad car
69. South Pacific sailboats
70. "\_\_\_\_\_ Milk?"
71. Related on mother's side
72. Unload on eBay
73. Gilligan's home
74. Tap, e.g.

### DOWN

1. Spike, as in punch
2. Iraq's neighbor
3. Like a maxi skirt
4. Soap plant
5. \*One of two countries to see Niagara Falls
6. Mail a package
7. Agha, alt. sp.
8. Gloria Estefan's hit
9. Disease-causing organism
10. One of algae
11. Diagnostic test
12. One-trick unguisate?
15. Sluggish
20. \_\_\_\_\_-canceling earbuds
22. Ambulance squad, acr.
24. RE/MAX agent, e.g.
25. \*Amalfi Coast country
26. Kenyan tribesman
27. Amazon "club"
29. Vegas cube
31. Cone-shaped quarters
32. Throat dangler
33. \*Mona Lisa city
34. Go stealthily
36. Nervous biting victim
38. \*Haleakalā, isle land
42. Accent mark
45. Software plug-ins
49. Barack Obama, pre-pres.
51. Wailed
54. Frustration, in a comic book
56. Laughing African predator
57. \*Swiss or Italian skiing destination
58. Steak option
59. "White Wedding" Billy
60. Eagerness
61. Post-deductions amount
62. Yemen's neighbor
63. College cadet program
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# Boys basketball action started in Orange County's Class 4-A district

OC SPORTS BEAT  
DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

Three local Orange County boys basketball teams play in District 19-4A. Two of the schools saw the start of district action on Friday, December 16.

The Bridge City Cardinals opened district at home against the state ranked Silsbee Tigers. With many of their basketball players also on the football team the Tigers have only had their full lineup available for the week prior to the start of district basketball games and actually started the district with a losing record.

The Tigers strutted their stuff at Bridge City winning the game 88-47. Silsbee jumped out to a 28-10 lead at the end of the first quarter and was up 49-21 by the end of the first half.

Walker Britten led the Cardinals in scoring with 11 points. Bryce Linder tallied 8 points and topped Bridge City in rebounds with 7 boards. Rayburn Hebert a recent callup to the varsity scored 7 points. Aaden Bush and Fernando Rodriguez both added 6 points.

Earlier in the week the Cardinals played in South Cameron, Louisiana. The



Dan Perrine

game was a bit of a mismatch as Bridge City won easily 69-13 as a final preparation for the start of district.

On Monday, December 19, the Cardinals played a non-district game at Buna. Bridge City won an exciting contest 51-50 over the Cougars when Fernando Rodriguez hit a three-point basket at the buzzer. Britten was the leading Cardinal scorer with 14 points just ahead of Linder who had 13 points. Bush scored 9 points and had 6 rebounds.

The Bridge City Cardinals will participate in the Little Cypress Mauriceville Tournament which will be played Thursday and Friday, December 29-30. On Tuesday, January 3, the Cardinals will play their next district game at LCM.

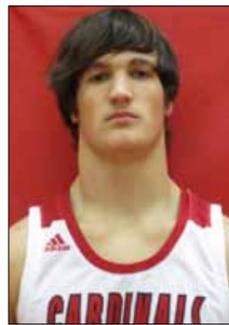
Little Cypress Mauriceville had a bye on December 16. The Bears will not play their first district game until January 3 with Bridge City.

In a non-district warm up game LCM played the Liberty Panthers on Tuesday, December 13. The Bears won 67-46 to raise their record to 14-4 on the season. Ben Elliott had a big game for the Bears



LCM's Ben Elliott had a double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds against Liberty in a pre-district win for the Bears.

with a double-double scoring 23 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Da'Marion Morris scored 10 points and dished out 8 assists. Noah Fuller was also scored in double figures with 10 points.



Bridge City's Bryce Linder had 8 points and 7 rebounds in the district opener for the Cardinals.

The week between Christmas and New Year's Day will be the Little Cypress Mauriceville Classic on Thursday and Friday hosted by the Bears. The

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## Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast College Bowl Games This Week

★ **NEW ORLEANS BOWL** — 8 p.m. Today at New Orleans, LA. (ESPN)—South Alabama (10-2) over Western Kentucky (8-5).

★ **ARMED FORCES BOWL** — 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Fort Worth, TX. (ESPN)—Baylor (6-6) over Air Force (9-3).

★ **INDEPENDENCE BOWL** — 2 p.m. Friday at Shreveport, LA. (ESPN)—Houston (7-5) over Louisiana-Lafayette (6-6).

★ **GASPARILLA BOWL** — (ESPN)—Missouri (6-6) over Wake Forest (7-5).

★ **HAWAII BOWL** — 7 p.m. Saturday at Honolulu, HI. (ESPN)—San Di-

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# Lady Mustangs open district with wins

Dan Perrine  
For The Record

The West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs got their second straight district win Friday, December 16 against the Vidor Lady Pirates. The Lady Mustangs (2-1) defeated Vidor 64-51 at the WOS gym.

A somewhat slow start for the Lady Mustangs found them down 5-3 in the opening minutes of the game. Forward Marilyn Guillory worked to put the Lady Mustangs on top converting a three-point play and two more consecutive baskets after which West Orange-Stark would never trail again.

The Lady Pirates did cut the lead to one point 12-11 on a field goal by Reagan Stephenson but Guillory then went on a run scoring the next seven straight points giving her 14 for the opening eight minutes. Venicia Collins chipped in with a free throw to make the score 20-11 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period Vidor was able to trim a few points off the WOS lead. The Lady Mustangs were guilty of several turnovers and were held to just eight points in the second quarter less than half of what they scored in every other quarter. They went to the locker room up 28-21 at the half.

Scoring the first five points to start the second half got the momentum going again for West Orange-Stark. Six different Lady Mustangs scored at least two points in the third quarter led by Collins with four to increase the WOS advantage to ten points 44-34.

The depth for West Orange-Stark was apparent

as Junaiya Winston tallied six points and Nathia Allison tossed in five points in the final quarter. The Lady Mustangs closed out the game matching their first quarter point total scoring twenty to outdistance the Lady Pirates.

Guillory the leading scorer in district for WOS had her best game yet totaling 25 points. Winston was in double figures too with 10 points. Balance scoring was evident with Jordynn Patton tallying 9 and Allison finishing with 8 to lead four other teammates that also got in the scorebook.

The victory was a team effort for the Lady Mustangs. Coach Jaden Spell of West Orange-Stark explained, "We worked really hard on defense today to limit the Lady Pirates to less than two shots so that allowed us to really push the ball and get down the court. We're back and fully functional with our whole lineup now available."

The Lady Mustangs evened their district record the Tuesday of that same week. The Lady Mustangs won at home 49-38 against the Bridge City Lady Cardinals.

The opening basket of the game was by Jordynn Patton to give WOS the initial lead. The Lady Cardinals tied the game with a basket by Morgan Louvier. Marilyn Guillory put the Lady Mustangs back in the lead with her first basket of the evening.

Nathia Allison crinkled the cords with a three-pointer, the first of six threes by the Lady Mustangs, to put them up 7-3 about midway through

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# Santa is full of surprises

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

After sitting around the house for nearly five hours Saturday without any heat or electricity, I decided to hike around the corner to where the transformer was being worked on.

There were a couple of curious onlookers also at the site-- one being an old man with a white beard and the other being a gal who had been jogging and was taking a break.

After Entergy told us the problem would be taken care of between noon and 12:30 p.m. and then revised to between 2:00-2:30, I went back home just as the power was restored.

It took the cable about 10 minutes to restore its power and then I got to see the final half-hour of the Jackson State-North Carolina Central match-up in the Celebration Bowl where Head Coach Deion (Prime Time) Sanders' team lost its first game of the season 41-34 in overtime after posting a 12-0 regular-season record.

Early Sunday morning wife Susan informed me that we were again without power and that the temperature in the house was 63 degrees. Again, we lit the fireplace and eventually got the temperature up to 66.

Our neighbor informed us the power would be restored between 2-2:30 p.m. after being told noon. Again, I jaunted to the work site and once again I saw that same old man pacing back and forth.

I told him that the power should be restored between 2-2:30 p.m. and he snapped "No way, Sonny." Now, I haven't been called Sonny in more than 70 years.

"You must be a retired Gulf States Utilities worker to be so concerned about this outage," I said. "No Sonny, I just want the problem to be solved and it's not going to happen until around sunset," he replied.

"How do you know that?," I asked.

"I know everything, he said without blinking an eye.

"You must be a relative of my old boss," I said jokingly.

He just turned around and walked away, walked slowly about 10 feet away and dropped something from his coat pocket. I rushed to pick it up and return it to him. By the time I looked up, he was long gone. He either ran the 100-yard dash in under seven seconds or just disappeared into thin air.



Joe Kazmar

The old man was right, the power wasn't restored until almost 5 p.m. When I returned home, I took a peek of his rumpled sheets of paper. It contained the following gifts for various people from Santa:

**ENTERGY**—The 3-F Award. There are thousands of Frustrated Football Fans in the Orange area who suffered through Saturday and Sunday's lengthy power outages, unable to watch a total of 17 games (10 bowl games and 7 NFL contests) shown on TV. Don't be surprised if we get hit with another rate increase to help pay for the workers' overtime hours.

**TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH JIMBO FISHER**—A Five-Blade Electric Fan to help him fade the heat put on him by the wealthy alums, chancellors and most fans for the Aggies not even being eligible for the lowest bowl game available. And, he led the nation in recruiting this year.

**NEW LAMAR CARDINALS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH PETER ROSSOMANDO**—A pair of fancy Cowboy boots and a 10-gallon hat so he will at least look like a Texan, even though he was born on Long Island, N.Y.

**LOS ANGELES RAMS**—Penthouse To Outhouse Award for winning the Super Bowl in February and sitting in last place in the NFC West Division today with most of the same players.

**ORANGEFIELD HEAD FOOTBALL COACH JOSH SMALLEY**—The novel "The Right Stuff" that you gave the Bobcat program and it's been paying huge dividends.

**NEW YORK YANKEES**—The Gift of Hope that 2022 MVP Aaron Judge will play as well making millions of dollars as he did on his rookie contract. For an incentive, the Yankees named him team captain, the first player to receive that honor since Hall of Famer Derek Jeter wore the "C".

**WEST ORANGE-COVE SUPERINTENDENT RICKIE HARRIS**—A Huge Eraser. One can 'cook the books' on most directives handed down from Austin, but there's no way to expunge that 5-6 football record you're responsible for.

**GRANDSON LT. LOGAN SMITH**—An engraved signature from Tommy John himself for needing a second surgery on his right arm that he is recuperating from today.

**LA RAMS QUARTERBACK BAKER MAYFIELD**—A copy of the book "How To Get Along With My Teammates in the Locker Room". It may help him stay with this team longer than the others.

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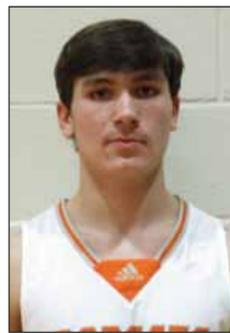
**DALLAS COWBOYS**—A 2023 Schedule that doesn't involve the NFL's weakest division—the AFC South—after the Cowboys had to rally to beat the one-win Houston Texans last week and then managed to lose 40-34 in overtime Sunday to Jacksonville—the only team the Texans were able to beat this season.

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**NEW COLORADO HEAD FOOTBALL COACH DEION (PRIME-TIME) SANDERS**—A Brand-New Flavor—the taste of defeat—occurred Saturday when undefeated Jackson State lost to North Carolina Central in overtime 41-34. Those fans who didn't see the game missed one of the most exciting finishes ever. His only setback this season will indoctrinate Coach Prime to losing when he starts working in the Rockies.

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Brayden Parker of the Bobcats scored 13 points against Buna including five late free throws that secured the victory.



Bobcat Zane Wrinkle scored 9 points and grabbed 7 rebounds to help Orangefield win its district opener over Buna.

## Orangefield beats Buna in district opener

**Dan Perrine**  
**For The Record**

One boys basketball team in Orange County began its district schedule Tuesday, December 13. The Orangefield Bobcats opened the district at home with a win against their longtime rivals the Buna Cougars.

The game started like it would be an easy win for the Bobcats as they scored the first five points on two baskets by Pete Ragusa. Buna cut the lead to two points before Orangefield went on an 11-3 run with a three-point play by Koen Maddox and four field goals split between Kane Smith and Jaden Scales.

The Cougars got a three-point basket late in

the first quarter to cut the Bobcat lead to seven points. Their point guard Garrison Connell made a shot at the buzzer to make the score 18-13 after one period.

The second quarter started much as the first did with the Bobcats scoring early. Zane Wrinkle scored four points to help Orangefield open up another ten-point lead 27-17 with about three minutes left before halftime.

Once again Buna bounced back and scored ten of the final twelve points of the quarter. Connell added a second buzzer beater to make the score 29-27 in favor of the Bobcats as the teams went

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## WOS Lady Mustangs From Page 1B

the first quarter. Guillory added two more buckets including a put back of a rebound to make the score 11-6 after one quarter.

Bridge City had its best minutes of the game to start the second period. The Lady Cardinals scored six straight points with field goals by Louvier and Kaley Nelson plus single free throws from Louvier and Ryllyn Thornton. The free throw by Thornton gave the Lady Cardinals their first lead of the game 12-11.

Trinaisa Burnom drilled a three to put the Lady Mustangs back on top. The two teams exchanged the next four baskets keeping West Orange-Stark ahead 18-16 in the closing minutes before halftime.

The Lady Cardinals' Julia Johnson tied the game with a field goal and JoLee McGuire put Bridge City ahead by two with seconds left before the half. With just five seconds on the clock Vernicia Collins put up a long shot that found nothing but net and gave the Lady Mustangs a 21-20 lead at the end of

two quarters.

Patton started the third quarter just as she did the first quarter with the opening basket of the half. Guillory and Collins each scored to expand the Lady Mustangs' lead to seven points.

Kaylee Britten stopped the WOS streak hitting the only three-pointer of the game for Bridge City. Burnom and Allison both answered for the Lady Mustangs though with their second threes apiece to make the score 33-23 midway through the third quarter.

Louvier made a pair of field goals for the Lady Cardinals which were offset by the inside duo of Guillory and Patton for the Lady Mustangs each scoring a basket. West Orange-Stark went to the final quarter enjoying a ten-point lead 36-26 after outscoring Bridge City 15-6 in the third period.

Twice in the fourth quarter the Lady Cardinals cut the lead to six points on baskets by Whitney Cunningham and Nicole Sasser. In the end Guillory tacked on

three late field goals to regain the double digit lead and ensure the 49-38 victory for the Lady Mustangs.

The high scorer in the game was Guillory with 14 points. Patton was right behind her notching 12 points. Allison totaled 9 points on three threes. Louvier led the Lady Cardinals with 12 points followed by Cunningham who had 9 points.

Coach Spell of the Lady Mustangs analyzed the difference for her girls in this win compared to the opening district loss to the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears. "We did all the little things correctly. We boxed out, we rebounded, we protected the ball a little bit more, we made layups when we're suppose to make layups, 50-50 balls were ours, so it was definitely our night," Spell concluded.

Next up for West Orange-Stark will be Buna in a non-district game and then playing in the Buna Tournament on December 29-31. The Lady Mustangs resume district ac-



Junaiya Winston of the Lady Mustangs scored 10 points including six in the fourth quarter of the WOS win over Vidor.



Lady Mustang Jordynn Patton had 12 points to help WOS defeat Bridge City.



Morgan Louvier with the Lady Cardinals put in 12 points during the game with West Orange-Stark.

tion against the Lady Raiders in Lumberton on Tuesday, January 3.

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals (0-3) have had a difficult start to their district schedule. Prior to their loss to the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs the Lady Cardinals fell 52-30 to the Jasper Lady Bulldogs. Last Friday, December 16, Bridge City was crushed by the Silsbee Lady Tigers 82-22 in Silsbee.

Bridge City won a non-district game on Monday at Legacy. The Lady Cardinals won 41-35 in overtime. Freshman Kennedy Campbell of the Lady Cardinals hit two free throws with under a

second to play in regulation that forced the overtime. Louvier was the high scorer for Bridge City with 13 points, 7 of them in the overtime. Cunningham tallied 9 points and Thornton scored 7 while pulling down 13 rebounds.

Like the Lady Mustangs the Lady Cardinals will participate in the Buna Tournament the Thursday through Saturday before the New Year starts. Bridge City plays its next district game is against the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears at the Bridge City High School gym on Tuesday, January 3.

The LCM Lady Bears (1-

1) have played just one other district game since their opening district win December 9 at home against the Lady Mustangs. The Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Bears 72-46 on December 13 in Silsbee. LCM lost a non-district game to Hardin-Jefferson 84-39 on Friday, December 16.

The Lady Bears will participate in the East Chambers Tournament on December 27 through December 29 in Winnie. After the game with Bridge City on January 3 Little Cypress-Mauriceville will return home to play the Vidor Lady Pirates on Friday, January 6 in another district game.

## Kaz's Christmas wishes From Page 2B

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# Waterfowl hunters hit the road for second split action

## OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

For months the faithful waited in anticipation for opening day and in what seems to be the blink of an eye the 2022-23 duck season is just about gone. With a few weeks to go before the end, many water fowl hunters have resorted to road trips to get that last little fix in before the party's over. For many hunters the coast has been the destination, especially the Rockport and Port O' Conner areas since they have been covered up with ducks for most of the season. The stories about rafts of redheads that black the sky are more than most hunters can stand, especially hunters who have had slow years. Don't discount the reports because they are true, the ducks along the coast are thick and are absolutely amazing to watch. The opportunity to hunt ducks in a different type environment is always a welcome change of pace and sheer numbers of birds down there right now is



Chuck Uzzle

worth the trip. Perhaps the biggest draw is the fact you can hunt so much public water and have success doing it. With a little bit of effort a resourceful hunter can make a great trip down there and not break the budget. It's far more acceptable down along the coast to hunt ducks in the open water along the bays than it is anywhere else so just about any hunter who can put together a blind can set up on some prime real estate. Plenty of ducks and places to hunt equal a good time for any water fowl hunter.

Another popular venue for the water fowl hunter is the Katy prairie and Eagle Lake areas as well as the surrounding El Campo and Garwood. These towns are smack in the middle of some prime agriculture and are just absolute magnets for ducks and geese. Rice is the key to this part of the

world and when you have food and water the ducks and geese won't be far behind. This season has been strange for many hunters in that area due to the fact the snow geese have acted funny all season, typical patterns have gone out the window and made it tough to get consistent results. The one thing that has remained the same is that if you get weather like fog or good low clouds and a stiff south wind you can really work the birds over. Duck hunters on the other hand have had great success as it seemed like the green winged teal just won't leave and the pintails are plentiful. Many hunters are reporting limits of ducks along with a handful geese being the norm.

Last but certainly not least on the water fowl hunters road trip list is the panhandle, places like Amarillo, Dumas, and Knox City are all hot spots that you may or may not know about. Easily the biggest draw for hunters to this area is the opportunity to shoot Canada geese. The



panhandle area of Texas affords hunters the best shot at taking these beautiful birds in big numbers. With miles and miles of open agricultural country to choose from the geese in that area have a steady diet and little hunting pressure which translates into some great shooting opportunities for anyone who makes the trip. Also what many folks don't know or maybe don't hear about is the fact that the snow geese up there receive even less hunting pressure than the Canada geese do. Once the snows reach the panhandle they get a chance to rest because very few if anyone hunts them until the special conservation starts at the end of regular

duck season. The panhandle is probably one of the best places you can go during the special season simply because the snow geese have not been hunted and are much easier to decoy. If you are considering a late season hunt I would certainly think about this area and put it near the top of any wish list.

Speaking of "wish lists" I can't help but wish that at some point in the near future some of the folks who are so fixated on former president Trump would share what they are most proud of when speaking about the current president. The reason we never hear anything about what the current president has done

is because in all reality those who lean to the left and vote blue can't come up with anything that is not a total mess. The list is long and distinguished, leaving billions of dollars in weapons and gear while evacuating Afghanistan, the entire southern border debacle, the overall state of the economy, and the latest one where he traded a known arms dealer for a WNBA player who hates America and left a United States Marine behind in a Russian jail. My wish for the new year would be that at some point president Biden would actually put America first and quit destroying it from the inside out. In this country as well as at this time of year we have much to be thankful for and one of those is that we only have a short time left before we can get someone else to lead us off of this road to ruin that we have been traveling for the last 2 years.

*I thank all of you who message and comment and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.*

# Orangefield Lady Bobcats to host Bill Tennison Tournament

## Dan Perrine For The Record

With the current Christmas break the Orangefield Lady Bobcats will be preparing for the annual Bill Tennison Tournament to be held the week between the Christmas and the New Year's Day weekends.

The tournament will be held at the Orangefield

Gymnasium Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27-28.

The Lady Bobcats (1-2) dropped their last district game to the Buna Lady Cougars on Tuesday, December 13. It was a tough loss 34-31 at home for Orangefield.

Buna controlled the momentum and took a comfortable lead 22-11 at half

time. The Lady Bobcats battled back in the third quarter outscoring the Lady Cougars 12-7 to cut the deficit to six points 29-23 with one quarter to play. Greenlea Oldham and Harleigh Rawls both scored four points on the comeback trail.

In the fourth quarter a basket by Oldham and a later free throw by Sterling

Richard narrowed the Buna lead to two points with less than two minutes to play. The Lady Cougars had bumped it back up to five points when Brooklyn Wagener of the Lady Bobcats nailed a three-pointer with ten seconds left.

Buna made a free throw before Orangefield got the ball back trailing by three but a long shot at the buzzer

missed securing the win for the Lady Cougars.

Oldham was the Lady Bobcats' leading scorer with 9 points. Greenlea had a complete game with a co-team leading 9 rebounds and 2 blocked shots.

Rawls contributed 6 points, with 9 rebounds, and 3 steals. Charlee Sanchez tied Rawls at 6 points and had 6 rebounds.

Richard played well with 5 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 steals. Steelye Franklin was strong on defense for the Lady Bobcats with 5 steals.

District action resumes for the Orangefield Lady Bobcats on January 3 at Hardin.

The Lady Bobcats play Warren on January 6 at Orangefield.

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## Entertainment: Holiday season concerts begin



Trans-Siberian Orchestra will perform Dec. 29 at the Toyota Center in Houston.

### 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. 27  
Toadies, House of Blues, Houston

• Dec. 29  
Trans-Siberian Orches-

tra, Toyota Center, Houston

### IN 2023

• 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, CajunDome, 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 Deadman, 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

Aug. 12  
Foreigner, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

## Gardening: Poinsettias for every season



Poinsettias create dramatic focal points but grouped en masse, transform into stunning visual marvels (courtesy im-JOHN GREEN Certified Texas Master Gardener

Christmas is near at hand, and in case you haven't noticed this week, winter is no longer "tippy toeing" into Southeast TX, she's showering us with her frigid, icy kisses and just in time for many of you (fellow gardeners) have been hoping for more winter-like temperatures. I hope you're all happy, your wishes are coming true (I'm muttering derogatory yet inaudible comments about cold weather under my breath)! If you haven't already done so, prepare for the colder weather by protecting temperature sensitive plants (move them to an enclosed area or cover them where possible-don't use plastic), people (dress in layers to stay warm and remain hydrated while exposed to the elements), pets (provide them warm, dry enclosures including adequate food and water or better yet, bring them inside) and pipes (make certain exterior pipes are well-insulated). According to local meteorologists, a couple days before Christmas, night tem-

peratures will plummet, dropping below 20 degrees F. On Christmas eve, our daytime high temperature is anticipated to be one degree above freezing! Good-bye mosquitoes-well at least for a few days. And just in case you've missed my personal comments regarding cold temperatures in past articles (I don't enjoy cold weather), you can keep them as this gardener is heading farther South for Christmas this Year, it's considerably warmer in South Texas, more than 20 degrees warmer-thank you!

No other holiday plant is more beautiful than Poinsettia. But do you know the history behind the "Flower" which symbolizes Christmas for many of us? The Christmas Eve Flower or "Flor de Noche Buena", which is how Poinsettias are known in Mexico & Central America, their native habitat, are woody, tropical shrubs growing to 10 feet. Aztec Indians used the bracts (which are colorful modified leaves) surrounding the small yellow flower centers, as dye, while also using the plants milky, latex sap as medicine, to reduce fever. During the 17th

century Franciscan friars included them in their Christmas celebrations, hence the poinsettias association with Christmas. The star-shaped patterns of the leaves symbolize the Star of Bethlehem, while the red color represents Jesus' blood sacrifice. The plants' popularity in the United States is attributed to one man, Joel Poinsett, who was the first U.S. Minister to Mexico, a botanist and physician. The plants winter "flower" intrigued him, so in the 1830's, he carried it with him to his home in South Carolina, for cultivation.

There is no reason to toss away your poinsettias after the Christmas holiday as they are easy to care for year-round.

During the Christmas Holiday keep your Poinsettia in a bright, indirectly lit location inside and water the plant when the potting mix begins to feel dry to the touch while keeping them away from hot or cold drafts. You'll want to begin fertilizing after their color begins to fade and always protect from temperatures 50 degrees F or below.

After Christmas through the beginning of fall, place Poinsettias in a sunny location (indoors) keeping the soil barely moist. Trim plants to a height around 8" once leaves begin to fall in Spring while continuing to water and fertilize. Once new growth appears, repot, and relocate outside, into an area which receives morning sun, and fertilize weekly. Pinch a quarter of the tips of the Poinsettia back to encourage branching and bring plant indoors when night temperatures begin to fall below 50 de-

grees F.

From the beginning of October (01Oct) to mid-December (15Dec) you must restrict the amount of light the plant receives, which forces it into bloom. To do this, place the plant in a

dark place or cover from 4PM to 7AM daily. You must make certain the plants receive NO light during the daily dark periods! Only provide the plant 6 to 8 hours sunlight daily. Once the leaf bracts begin setting color, discontinue long nights (dark period) and no longer apply fertiliz-

er. Place the majestic Poinsettia as a grand focal point inside your home and enjoy!

Until next time, so long for now gardeners. Let's go out and grow ourselves a greener, more sustainable world, one plant at a time!

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## Orangefield Bobcats From Page 1B

to their locker rooms. Buna Coach David Wilson must have given a good talk to his Cougars at the half as they came out for the third quarter on fire. Buna grabbed a 34-31 lead before Ragusa sank a three-pointer to tie the score. Orangefield took a three-point lead only to see Buna respond with five straight points to retake the advantage 39-37.

The Bobcats' Brayden Parker made two late baskets but for the third time Connell got the last shot at the buzzer to give the Cougars a 43-41 advantage going into the fourth quarter. Orangefield's Scales started the final period with a huge three-pointer to put the Bobcats back on top to stay. Wrinkle, Ragusa, Parker, and Scales strung together four straight

baskets for Orangefield to make the score 54-45 with 2:57 to play in the game. There was no miracle finish for the Cougars. Parker made sure of that by sinking five of six from the free throw line in the closing minutes to insure the 63-56 victory for Orangefield. Bobcat Coach Jake McDonald was relieved to get the win over Buna. "Those guys had a great game plan tonight. I felt like we were a little lethargic in the middle portion of the game. At the

end of the day I think part of being a good team is figuring out how to win when maybe you don't have your best night, you don't have your A-game. Hats off to the Bobcats we had several guys step up tonight and do big things down the stretch," McDonald replied. Ragusa was the leading scorer for Orangefield with 17 points. Parker and Scales both contributed 13 points in the game. Wrinkle scored 9 points, was the leading Bobcat rebounder with 7

boards, and was tied with Cameron Dischler making 3 steals apiece. The win over their longtime rival Buna was big but being the first game in district makes the triumph even bigger. Tournament action for the Orangefield Bobcats will occupy the next couple of weeks. The Bobcats resume district action on Tuesday, January 3, at Hardin. The next district home game for Orangefield will be Friday, January 6, against Warren.

## Kaz's Christmas wishes From Page 3B

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## Kaz's Fearless Forecast From Page 1B

ego State (7-5) over Middle Tennessee State (7-5).  
**Quick Lane Bowl**— 1:30 p.m. Monday at Detroit, MI. (ESPN)—Bowling Green (6-6) over New Mexico State (6-6).

**Camellia Bowl**— 11 a.m. Tuesday at Montgomery, Ala. (ESPN)—Georgia Southern (6-6) over Buffalo (6-6).  
**First Responder Bowl**— 2:15 p.m. Tuesday at Dallas,

TX. (ESPN)—Memphis (6-6) over Utah State (6-6).  
**Birmingham Bowl**— 5:45 p.m. Tuesday at Birmingham, Ala. (ESPN)—East Carolina (7-5) over Coastal Carolina (9-3).  
**Guaranteed Rate Bowl**— 9:15 p.m. Tuesday at Phoenix,

AZ. (ESPN)—Wisconsin (6-6) over Oklahoma State (7-5).  
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