

# County Record

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## County OK's ARPA projects, opioid settlement

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Orange County Commissioners approved the Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement Tuesday, which means about a million dollars this year for the county.

It is expected to hit the county's account in six to nine months, County Judge John Gothia said.

Commissioners have also agreed upon how they wish to spend about \$9.5 million of government funds coming from the American Rescue Plan Act put forth by President Joe Biden and passed by Democratic Congressmen in 2021.

ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package passed after a pandemic closed schools and shut down the economy.

The pandemic placed a new spotlight on the opioid crisis. According to the CDC, 13 in every 100,000 people nationwide died of opioid abuse.

Attorney Paul Henderson, the county's outside counsel, said the amount of Orange County's piece of the state-



Gothia

wide settlement was "confidential ... but the county will come out very well ... it will be compensated for the damage from the opioid epidemic present and in the future."

Gothia reeled off specific numbers.

"Our first payment is \$997,000 and some change, almost a million dollars," he said. "That's the initial payment without doing anything else."

"And they allocated another \$70 million plus for our region of 16 counties that we can go in and ask for specific project money out of another settlement."

While it was too soon to say how the opioid settlement would be spent, the commissioners agreed Feb. 8 on nine projects on the county wish list for the ARPA money.

The county received its first of two \$8 million grant

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## LSCO promotes McAnelley to Assistant Dean



Pictured, left to right: Brian Hull, Dean of Student Services; Dr. Wendy Elmore, Provost and Executive Vice President; Becky McAnelley, Assistant Dean of Student Services; and Dr. Tom Johnson, President.

Staff Report  
For The Record

Becky McAnelley, a staff member at Lamar State College-Orange for over 35 years, has been promoted to Assistant Dean of Student Services and Registrar.

She began as a student assistant and has performed roles since such as Recruiter; Assistant Registrar; Director of Admissions, Recruitment, and Registrar; and now, Assistant Dean of Student Services. "Becky McAnelley is an example of the best of Lamar State College Orange - someone who has invested so much of her time, talent, and energy into making our students successful. We

thank Becky for her years of service and are thrilled to see her continue to excel in her new role," said Dr. Tom Johnson, President of Lamar State College Orange.

"Becky's dedication over the years in service to our students is unmatched. She provides a very valuable role in overseeing several critical functions of our college. Lamar State College Orange is better because of her leadership and wise counsel. I know as Assistant Dean of Student Services, our college will continue to benefit from her excellence," said Dr. Wendy Elmore, Provost and Executive Vice President of Lamar State College Orange.

## WOS Mustang Basketball Seniors Celebrated



The West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs basketball team season came to a close Wednesday against Silsbee. Afterward, they celebrated the 2022 Seniors pregame. Above are the departing Lady Mustangs basketball seniors; Tashianna Williams, Sidnye Antoine, Aniah Henderson, Naudia Watson, Keyshawn Gray, and Coach Jimmesha Proctor behind them.

## Early voting now through Feb. 25

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Early voting runs from Feb. 14-25 for the 2022 Primary election that will determine the names on the ballot for the Nov. 8 midterm election

Early voting locations in the county, listed below, will be open each day during the with varying hours except for Monday, Feb. 21, President's Day.

Voters may vote in either the Republican or Democrat Party primary, but only one.

The ballot in Orange County is topped by the race for the District 14 House of Representatives seat held currently by Randy Weber,

R-Friendswood.

After the winners are sworn in next January, U.S. Rep. Brian Babin will no longer represent Orange County. That's because of the 2021 redrawing of district lines which are adjusted every 10 years, after the U.S. Census.

Because of a slow rate of growth in East Texas relative to the state average, Weber's District 14, which previously ran from Brazoria County to the Neches River, now extends to cover Orange County.

The state portion of the ballot includes Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commis-

sioner of the General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, three seats on the State Supreme Court, three seats on the Court of Criminal Appeals, one seat on the 9th Court of Appeals, and 260th State District Court, District 7 State Board of Education, District 3 State Senate and District 21 State House of Representatives.

Orange County offices on the Republican primary ballot are County Judge, Judge of County Court at Law, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Precinct 2 Commissioner, Precinct 4 Commissioner and Justices of the Peace for Precinct 1, 2,

3 and 4.

Only two Orange County races drew as many as two candidates and the Democratic Party put forth no names for the offices.

**Orange County Voting Locations Primary Election Early Voting, Feb. 14-25**

- Orange Public Library 220 N 5th Street, Orange
- Mauriceville Community Center, 7441 Cohenour Road Orange
- Orange County Airport 2640 S Hwy 87 - Orange
- Raymond Gould Com-

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## OC surveys to boost Net access

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Eighty percent of Orange County households have a broadband subscription that gives them access to the internet.

"That's not good enough. "What people once may have considered a luxury is now a necessity," Jessica Hill, director of Orange County's Economic Development Corporation, said.

"Once the pandemic started, the move to telework, telemedicine and distance learning for schools showed everyone that having access to the internet is vital," said Bob Dickinson of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission.

"This is important." Orange County Commissioners have quickly jumped on board, pledging at their Feb. 8 meeting to spend up to



Hill

\$30,000 to advertise a survey by Connected Nation Texas. The survey is to clearly identify unique challenges and opportunities for expanding high-speed internet in Orange County, so that every family, business, and community organization can access the critical resources needed to be connected.

The 10-minute survey is available online at [www.my-connectedcommunity.org/orange-county/](http://www.my-connectedcommunity.org/orange-county/)

The county is joining with the Orange County EDC, in partnership with the Planning Commission and Connected Nation Texas, to deploy an initiative to expand and improve broadband access, adoption, and use

throughout Orange County. Broadband is the most common form of internet access, a connection that allows you to surf the internet at high speeds. With it, your internet is always connected and doesn't depend on a phone line connection.

This broadband initiative will be for the benefit of local residents and businesses. The partnership will work with Connected Nation Texas and their "Connected" program to assess the present state of broadband in Orange County, as well as establish a broadband planning process and plan to address current and future broadband needs.

The broadband committee will be conducting surveys of residents, businesses, and other organizations across the County. Responses to these surveys will help Connected Nation better under-

stand the existing resources and capabilities to support access, adoption, and use of broadband technology in homes and businesses.

The surveying period is relatively short, ending on April 6.

"We would like everybody to take the survey," the EDC's Hill said.

"Links to the survey will be on EDC website, the county website, we're utilizing the Chamber's website for distribution of the survey. We'll be advertising in the newspapers, billboards, getting the school districts involved, Facebook, yard signs, fliers and Market Basket circulars, pizza boxes, a large sign for the lobbies of county buildings, restaurants, drive-thrus, a Facebook Boost.

Results from this work will be shared with the public

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# What Is A Politician?

**CARL PARKER**  
For The Record

How many times have you heard someone running for office say, "I am not a politician"? The phrase seems to suggest that being a politician is necessarily a bad thing. I disagree.

Anyone hoping to win in any game, be it athletics, business, cards or even monopoly must know the rules. To me in a free, democratic form of government one who knows and understands the rules and how to apply them is a politician.

Washington, Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin et. al. were all consummate politicians.

Orange County has recently lost a person I consider the epitome of what a politician should be like. That person is Essie Bellfield. She



Carl Parker has practiced law in Port Arthur since 1958. He 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.

knew how to wield influence and what government should be about. Essie was a dear

friend of mine and one of my early and loyal supporters of my political ventures.

I recall one way that Essie was an influence, not only in local politics but even at the state level. She once brought to my attention the fact that the state of Texas did not have a single highway trooper of color. As a result of my conversation and on her urging I was able to gather a delegation of state representatives to bring the matter to

the attention of Governor John Connally. Within weeks of my conversation with Essie on the subject, Texas had its first person of color highway trooper.

Unfortunately today, we have plenty of showmen, snake-oil salesmen, grifters and people seeking public, some successfully, for all the wrong reasons.

Unfortunately, we are short on what I consider true politicians.

## Free Diabetes Classes

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Orange County will be holding free Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes. Join us in learning how to prevent and control your type 2 diabetes, eat healthy and much more to control your diabetes. The series will last for 5 classes on February 15, 22, March 1, 8, and 15 and will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. They will be held at the City of Orange Neighborhood Facilities Building at 303 N. 8th St, Orange, TX. To get the full educational benefit, you need to attend all 5 classes if possible. Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 to sign-up for this series.

## Just Say You Saw It In 'The Record'

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- ★ I received my Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 2002 from South Texas College of Law.
- ★ I sign evidentiary warrants that my opponent would **NOT** have the legal authority to sign.
- ★ **Transparent** - My Campaign Finance Reports are in compliance with the Texas Elections Code and Texas Ethics Commission Rules, unlike my opponent's reports. She intentionally failed to disclose expenses and contributor information, filed reports late, and failed to file a mandatory report.
- ★ If the afore-mentioned inadequate performance is an example of my opponent's work product, how will she manage a budget, mandatory state and county reports, and other important documents in the JP office?
- ★ I am dedicated to my position as JP and I believe in having a high-quality work product and work ethic.
- ★ I respect my position and I can proudly say that I have NEVER used my "title as leverage."
- ★ I have disposed of over 17,000 cases since January 1, 2015.
- ★ I have maintained a conservative budget for the past 7 years benefiting the citizens of Orange County.
- ★ I followed recommendations by the Texas Justice Court Training Center and the CDC regarding inquests ("death inquires") during the pandemic.
- ★ I am accessible to the community and always have been.

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## Record reader responds to recent article

By JW Dalton - Orange County resident

This is in response to last week's front-page article in the Record Newspapers. I am baffled how being involved as a citizen in county politics can be painted as a bad thing.

We continually hear how our country is in trouble, how our votes matter, and how we should make our voices heard. Yet, in so doing, supporters are called out by name. Many folks do not even take the time to research candidates and make an informed decision prior to going to the polls, if they vote at all.

We should all be mindful that a mere four years ago, the election for Precinct 2 commissioner came down to two votes. We probably all know more than one person who should have gone to the polls, but didn't realize how important their vote was until the election was over. So it is incumbent on every voter in the county to take our civic responsibility to heart and cast a vote if they want growth in Orange County.

It is my firm belief that as citizens, we must be engaged in the process. My businesses, my family, and many of my employees and friends live in Orange County. I want to see the best for all of them and that requires getting involved at the local level. I care enough to not only put my support behind a candidate but also to "make it rain," as Mr. Rogers quipped in last week's paper.

I have never proclaimed myself to be the "Mayor of Mauriceville." What I have done as a lifelong resident of Orange County is heavily invest in our County by locating multiple businesses here. These include Top Deck, Inc., Malone and Dalton Investments, and Top Deck Flooring. It was also emphasized by Mr. Rogers that I donated over \$10,000.00 to the Sowell campaign. My goal is to see Orange County flourish because it is good for all area businesses and residents if the county is growing. Therefore, I invested the time to research each candidate so I could place my support behind the candidate that will do the most good for both Precinct 2 and the entire county.

There are several reasons why I have chosen to support Chris Sowell. Firstly, I actually see Chris involved in activities that benefit our precinct and county. He has either facilitated or been present and involved in almost every major event in Precinct 2. He has been to commissioner's court, standing up for Pct. 2 residents when game rooms became a problem. He has moderated town halls regarding housing and drainage issues in the county. Chris Sowell has proven himself to be a leader by his constant involvement in the community. His understanding of budgets and business made it possible for the Mauriceville Heritage Association to navigate hurricanes and Covid. In fact, his leadership has been vital in MHA staying fiscally sound. This fine organization continues to support students throughout the county with scholarships, continued support for disaster relief projects, and many community programs.

Chris Sowell treats all individuals with respect, and shows a genuine connection with and concern for the residents of Orange County. He understands that as commissioner he will work in tandem with the entire court to see all Orange County flourish. He will go to work on day one as a full time commissioner for Precinct 2.

There are also reasons why I chose not to support other candidates in the Pct. 2 commissioner's race, and I believe those are equally important to choosing the right candidate. None of the following are personal. Rather, they are merely reasons why I have carefully chosen to support Chris Sowell.

One candidate seems like a solid guy, I just don't know him. He hasn't been involved with the projects I've been involved with in the community. He was well spoken in the debate, has experience that would assist in commissioner's court, and is invested in Orange County. Honestly, I have no doubt he is a fine man. However, he will not be able to maintain his current commitments and be a full-time commissioner.

A second candidate made it clear at the Commissioner's debate that he really had no idea how county government operates. He was even confused by the statement that his paycheck from the county is paid for with tax dollars. Maybe most disturbing was the fact that he clearly did not understand why tax abatements are essential to encouraging new businesses to come to Orange County. These are fundamental elements of the work commissioners do on a daily basis.

A third candidate is retaining his current job until retirement as well as already sitting on a board whose meetings he doesn't always attend. He will not be a full-time commissioner and that is simply unacceptable for Precinct 2. We deserve and desperately need full time representation on the commissioner's court.

Finally, we have a candidate who has lived in our precinct less than two years and has never chosen to locate a business or nonprofit in Orange County until recently. Of those nonprofits, two are now defunct apparently due to funding issues. It is my understanding that he currently has a tax levy in excess of \$10,000.00 against him in St. Tammany Parish District Court. How can he be trusted to care for Precinct 2 budget and funding if he can't budget his own affairs? Most of his businesses and endorsements are from outside of Orange County which leads me to believe his priorities lie outside of our county as well. All that aside, he appears as a "hard democrat" according to the state Republican database. If you have the courage of your convictions, run in the party you have supported and where you have always voted. That is something I can respect, regardless of party affiliation.

In all this, we have candidates who deliberately do not follow the voting rules act and have not bothered to turn in a treasurer's report as required by election code 255.001. Signs are being placed in right of ways, in front of people's businesses without permission, and with improper labeling. How can we expect these people to run the county efficiently when running a campaign seems to be so difficult? Chris has done his due diligence to research and follow all of the rules regarding the election code.

As stated, I'm sure many residents go to the polls with the information they have and do the best they can. I know that I want to make a difference in my community, my county, and my country. So for me, my vote is a sacred duty and is one of the most important things I will do this year. It is incumbent upon all of us to research and choose the best candidate for our community. And it is without reservation that I believe Chris Sowell is that candidate. That is why I have proudly given him my support, financially and otherwise.

## Early voting underway From Page 1

community Center  
385 Claiborne - Vidor

### Polls open:

Feb 14 - Feb 18 (Mon - Fri) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Feb 19 (Saturday) 7:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Feb 20 (Sunday) 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Feb 22 - Feb 25 (Tues - Fri) 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

**Orange County Voting Locations**  
**Primary Election March 1**  
**Polls open:**  
**7:00 am - 7:00 pm**

### BY VOTING BOXES

1. Cove Baptist Church, 1005 Dupont Dr., Orange
2. West Orange Cove ISD Administration Bldg, 902 W. Park Ave., Orange
3. North School, 801 Cordrey St., Orange
4. Alexander Homes Senior Citizens Center, 2023 N.

- 4th St., Orange
5. West Orange Cove ISD Administration Bldg, 902 W. Park Ave., Orange
6. North Orange Pentecostal, 7144 N. 16th St. (N. Hwy 87), Orange
7. St. Francis Catholic Church, 4300 Meeks Dr., Orange
8. LCM Administration Building, 6586 FM 1130, Orange
9. Sabine River Authority, 12777 N. Hwy 87, Orange
10. Winfree Baptist Church, 19525 Hwy 62 S., Orange
11. West Orange City Hall, 2700 Western Ave., Orange
12. West Orange Stark High School, 1400 Newton St., Orange
13. Masonic Temple, 3528 South St., Orange
14. West Orange-Stark Elementary, 2605 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Orange
15. Texas Dept. of Transportation Building, 3128 N. Hwy 62, Mauriceville

16. Mauriceville Volunteer Fire Department, 10691 N. Hwy 62, Mauriceville
17. Pine Forest Baptist Church, 4800 N. Main St., Vidor
18. Vidor Junior High, 945 Tram Road, Vidor
19. Raymond Gould Community Center, 385 Claiborne St., Vidor
20. Vidor High School, 500 Orange St., Vidor
21. Rose City City Hall, 370 Rose City Dr., Vidor
22. Pecan Acres Baptist Church, 14795 Duncan Woods Lane, Vidor
23. Orangefield Cormier Museum, 9908 FM 105, Orangefield
24. Bridge City High School, 2690 Texas Ave., Bridge City
25. Bridge City Public Works Building, 220 Nitsche St., Bridge City

26. Bridge City Knights of Columbus Hall, 495 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City
27. Pine Forest Elementary School, 4150 N. Main St., Vidor
28. St. Paul Methodist Church, 1155 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City
29. Vidor High School, 500 Orange St., Vidor
30. Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Hwy 90, Orange
31. Precinct 2 Commissioners Office, 11867 Hwy 62, Orange
32. Orange County Expo Center, 11475 Hwy 1442, Orange
33. Vidor Elementary School, 400 E. Railroad St., Vidor
34. Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1600 N. Main St., Vidor

## Orange County survey for broadband From Page 1

and will be followed by additional work to develop a Technology Action Plan to address identified areas of need.

Orange, Hardin and Jefferson County are represented in the SETRPC participation in the survey, but not Jasper County, the Planning Commission's new member.

Dickinson said that's because Jasper County was in-

cluded in a Connected Nation Texas survey already conducted for the Deep East Texas Council of Governments.

"I've been working on better broadband access for a long time," he said.

SETRPC has a Broadband Advisory Committee.

Its vision statement says it's to "increase access, availability, speed, reliability,

consistency and affordability of broadband services to large and small businesses, local governments, schools, institutions of higher learning, medical facilities, nonprofit organizations and the general public in our four-county South East Texas Region."

The survey can be accessed at [myconnectedcommunity.org/orange-county](http://myconnectedcommunity.org/orange-county).

Only one survey per household will be accepted, but all respondents are encouraged to complete a survey under each category that applies.

For more information, contact Jessica Hill, Orange County Economic Development Corporation at (409) 883-7770 or [jhill@orange-countytedc.com](mailto:jhill@orange-countytedc.com).

## County business From Page 1

payments last year but required legal advice on what expenses were allowed.

The first project is for a \$5 million building to house a health clinic services, public health emergency preparedness and other services for residents disproportionately impacted by COVID. Orange County.

The estimated costs were published in the Feb. 8 meeting agenda.

The second costliest item was actually four \$850,000

buildings, one per county precinct, to house vaccination and testing services and store PPE and host other disaster-related uses. Total estimate: \$3.4 million.

The third item on the list was \$575,000 for new electronic voting machines. These would assist in preventing close contact and would also go toward the county's goal of modernizing voting.

Thirty-five new computers costing \$60,000 to be used

by the Emergency Operations Center to track COVID, as well as other emergencies, are on the list. Also 65 portable radios for \$80,000 and \$6,500 for a portable X-ray machine for the county jail.

Rounding out this list are \$316,000 for a total update of county phones; and two projects with no cost estimate: a PPE storage building for the EOC and GIS (Geographic Information System) software.

"The projects we approved went a little over the \$8 million we already have, but none of those would happen before we get the second \$8 million payment in June," Gothia said.

"We just proved the steps to move forward. Other than the architectural fees, some of the stuff we're doing for the Sheriff's Department, radios, things like that will happen. But that's just a couple hundred thousand dollars compared to \$9 million."

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Live Entertainment | 2pm  
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**MARDI GRAS**

**Parade Route**

Map showing parade route starting and ending at Riverside Pavilion, passing through Green Avenue, W Front Road, and 1st Street.



## From The Creaux's Nest

### EARLY PRIMARY TO CAUSE LOWER TURNOUT

Texas has the earliest primary election day in the nation, for a midterm election cycle, **March 1**. **Early voting** is set from **Feb. 14 to Feb. 25**. No other state in the **United States** holds primary elections before May. The new election date in **Texas** was by design by state-wide incumbents. The **Governor, Lt. Governor** and **Attorney General** are all on the ballot. Political experts say the early primaries sneak up on the voters that will likely result in the worst voter turnout in the nation. A low turnout always favors incumbents. Locally, only two precincts have contested races. **Precinct 2** has a county commissioner's race and **Precinct 3** has a justice of the peace race. Those two precincts will get more turnout than the other two. My guess is about 23 percent and about 17 percent where there are no local races. I hope I'm wrong and the turnout is better. Until **Orange County** gets back to purple we won't have real contested races. Some **Democrats** are voting in the **Republican Primary** just to vote in a local race. We will all be better off when we get back to a two party choice. This way you have to take what you can get. I look for those voters not to vote in state wide races or vote against the incumbents. By all means you should vote and encourage others to do so. We will probably have low state turnout both democratic and republican, with the total turnout to be about **25 percent**.\*\*\*\*I have to move on. Please hop on board and come along, **I promise it won't do you no harm.**

### CANDIDATE REQUIRED REPORTS DRAWS RESPONSE

In a news report last week, our reporter **Dave Rogers**, submitted a story on the political reports submitted by all the candidates. That is required by law. All of the amounts reported are public record and factual, open to every citizen and news media. In this week's issue **J.W. Dalton** responded to why he has donated to help Pct. 2 candidate for county commissioner **Chris Sowell**. I've known **Mr. Dalton** and his community involvement over the years. His first interest is always for the betterment of **Orange County**. This is not the first time **J.W.** has played a vital part in the election of the candidate he found to be most qualified and I'm sure it won't be his last. Others supporters do the same thing but are secretive with their funding. **J.W. Dalton** has always been above board. Others who are not reporting their contributions over \$50 are violating the law. Finally, **Dalton** has invested a lot of money in the county because this is the place he calls home. Example: His two million dollar, state of the art, **Top Deck Flooring** is fit to be in Beaumont's West End but yet he chose to put this top of the line structure on **IH-10** between Orange and Beaumont, in **Orange County**. Giving to a candidate of your choice is a good thing if you can afford to do so. We should all help qualified candidates running for public office and also encourage the citizens to vote for them.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 15 Years Ago-2007

**Wade Phillips**, a native son born at downtown **Orange's** hospital, was named head coach of the **Dallas Cowboys**. **Wade's dad, Bum**, former NFL coach of **Houston's 'Luv Ya Blue'** fame, was also born in **Orange**. **Wade's great-grandfather Parrish** was an **Orange County** pioneer. **Wade's** roots run deep in **Orange County** where he still has relatives. Everyone should be proud of the position **Wade** has achieved, starting with his very first coaching job at **Orange Stark High School**. **Wade** has other local ties to the area; he is married to the late **'Stinky' Nunez's** lovely daughter, **Laurie**, from Port Neches.\*\*\*\***Anna Nicole Smith**, age 39, dead. A sad end to a troubled life. She was never far from the spotlight. Her last few months were tragic, with the death of her 20-year-old son **Daniel**. She would never believe the coverage her death has received. For several days, wall-to-wall, on all 24-hour news channels. I bet her life story will be made into a movie. This week, we should find out who baby **Daniel's** papa is. It won't be **Zsa Zsa's husband, Prince Frederick**, unless **Anna Nicole** was artificially inseminated. It's probably **Stern** or more likely **Larry Birkhead**, but then, it could be the yardman or stable boy. \*\*\*\*We were sorry to learn about the death of **Capt. Jack Piediscalzi**, 76, on Feb. 7. The **Bridge City** entrepreneur, born in **New Orleans**, lived a most interesting life in his world travels. He and wife **Anneita**, owner of **Remax Real Estate** in **Bridge City**, moved here four years ago.

### 45 YEARS AGO-1977

**Jarvis A. Buckley, Jr., Melvin Hogan** and **Gary Johnson** will run as a slate for the **West Orange-Cove** school board. They are running as an anti-merger slate. \*\*\*\*The 1977 Chevy El Camino is tough, beautiful to look at, and is on sale at **Harmon Chevrolet** at 3rd and Green in **Orange**, for only \$5,217.\*\*\*\*Country western songwriter and vocalist **Mac Davis** will be the headliner for **Orange County Night** at the **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo** on Feb. 26. \*\*\*\***Hanks Real Estate** now has a full

crew including pretty **Kim Thrailkille**, **Edward Patton**, and **Florence Miller**, who is **Sheila Beeson's** mother. **Robert Hanks** is owner. \*\*\*\***State Rep. Wayne Peve**to has enough backing in **Orange County** to warrant the introduction of a bill, which would create **Orange County's** third district court. \*\*\*\***'The Followers'** have just released their first gospel album. **Daryl Segura** and **Charles Hartman**, two young **Bridge City** guys, are part of the musical group. \*\*\*\***Orange Savings and Loan** opens their new location on 16th. St. in **Orange**.\*\*\*\***Ribbon** cutting held at **'The Shoe Tree'** in **Bridge City**. City Manager **C.R. Nash** did the honors.\*\*\*\***Bill Boren** is fighting the rainy weather as he tries to complete his apartment complex on **Patillo Road** near **Bridge City**.\*\*\*\***Terry Bridges**, former **Bridge City** baseball star, pitched his first game for **Lamar** in a tourney held in **Mexico City**. **Terry** won his first game. \*\*\*\*According to **W.T. Oliver** and **Roy Dunn**, gumbo captains of the **Bridge City** gumbo team, **Bridge City, Louisiana**, declared the **'Gumbo Capital of the World'** by **Governor Edwin Edwards**, has challenged the **B.C. Texas** team to a gumbo cook off. The **Texas** team has accepted and the cooking duel will take place in **Orange**, April 30. \*\*\*\* Filing as **Bridge City** school board incumbents are **Bill Townes**, **Gus Garza** and former teacher **Barbara Landry**. \*\*\*\***Rusty Wilson**, **Bridge City Distributive Education** director, has talked several **Rotarians** into judging D.E. competition to be held in **Port Arthur**. Judges are **H.D. Pate**, **Tim Lieby**, **J.R. Wilson**, **Barry Wiseman** and **Ken Wyatt**.\*\*\*\*The number one country song is **'Near You'** by **George Jones** and **Tammy Wynette**.\*\*\*\*We discovered our old friend and poet, **Pat Laverne**, who wrote the poem **'The Sun Rises on Orange County'**, at the **Longhorn Casino**, where she is manager. Her last name has changed since she sent **Jimmy** on his way with his cardboard sandwiches. (A very funny story.) \*\*\*\*Everyone has a story. **Rev. Leo Anderson** has a good one about **Elvis**. While **Brother Anderson** was working for a **Monroe, Louisiana**, funeral home, he was also moonlighting as an emergency ambulance attendant. About six months or so before **Elvis** died, he performed in **Monroe**. After throwing away a few scarves, **Elvis** started kissing some of the girls lined up at the stage. One of the females bit his tongue and it was bleeding a gusher. **Leo** put two fingers in a glass, got some ice and put the cubes on **Elvis' tongue**. His doctor, who arrived shortly, complimented **Rev. Leo** for doing the right thing to slow the bleeding.\*\*\*\*This is the first year in many that no **Bridge City** football players were signed on **National College Signing Day**. Some may still get an offer somewhere but I haven't heard of any. We do know that **Johnny Dishon** has signed for a full ride in baseball at **LSU**. They might have told him he could go out for football but I wouldn't bet on it. He will be too big a baseball recruit to let on a football field.\*\*\*\*Speaking of sports, **Joe Louis' boxing gloves**, worn in his first historical fight with **German Max Schmeling** in 1936, were donated last week to the **Smithsonian**. \*\*\*\***Frankie Laine**, 93, died last week. His name may not register with some of you but in the late 1940's and through the 1950's, us kids of that day were entertained by the big voice singer. He had a string of big hits such as **'That's My Desire'**, **'Mule Train'**, **'Jezebel'**, **'Ghost Riders in the Sky'**, **'I Believe'**, **'That Lucky Old Sun'** and many more. My personal favorite and the theme song for the television show **'Rawhide'** and **Mel Brooks'** comedy western, **'Blazing Saddles'**. **Laine** was one of the last Italian crooner types. He sold more than 100 million records and earned 20 Gold Records. You could understand every word he sang.

### 50 YEARS AGO-1972

**Specials at Blanda's Grocery & Market**, 202 Cypress, **Orange**. **Freezer meat deals**: 5 lbs. pork chops; 5 lbs. hamburger; 5 lbs. fryers; 5 lbs. stew meat, **\$10.45**.\*\*\*\***Soul Food Deal**: 5 lbs. port bones; 3 lbs. pig feet; 3 lbs. pig tails; 3 lbs. hog jowls, **\$3.60**.\*\*\*\*Large eggs, **45 cents dozen**.\*\*\*\***Seaport** coffee, **59 cents**.\*\*\*\*Wedding bells: **Charlotte Ann Schexnider** and **Thomas W. Chiasson** will be married March 3.\*\*\*\***David Dunn** is the new County Court at Law judge.\*\*\*\*At a convention in **Houston** **Roy Dunn**, who was on crutches because of a broken left foot visited with his longtime friend **Heloise Cruise**, national column writer of **'Hints from Heloise.'** **Heloise** was also on crutches due to surgery on her right leg. The two tried to dance but it didn't work out.\*\*\*\***Betty Harmon** and **Levenia Hryhorchuck**, two **Orange** ladies listed in **'Personalities of the South.'** Editor's note: **Levenia**, former tax assessor died a few years ago but **Betty** is still going strong although I haven't seen her in some time.\*\*\*\*Two local artist, **Virginia Gilbeaux** and **John Ferguson** both celebrated birthdays. (Editor's note: **Orange County** has many artist but none any better than those two.)

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to **Dr. Mark Messer**, who was presented the **Building Community Award** last Thursday night by the **Bridge City Masonic Lodge #1345**. This is the highest award a non-Mason can receive. **Dr. Messer** is one of the pillars of the **Bridge City** area community.\*\*\*\***Nelda** and **Owen Burton** are both fighting **COVID**. **Commissioner Burton** said he was just sitting at home minding his business when **Nelda** brought home the **Pandemic**, apparently from school where she teaches. **Owen** got a lot sicker than she did. **That figures**. \*\*\*\*My two grandsons were betting on the **Super Bowl** Sunday. I said, "Take the points." The **Rams** were four-point favorites over the **Bengals**. **LA** beat **Cincinnati** 23-20 in the last minute. In a way **Orange County** has connection to the **Rams**. When 36-year-old **Sean McVey** took over as coach of the **Rams** in 2017 he hired **Orange** native **Wade Phillips** to set up a defense. **Wade** was replaced in 2019, however, he and **Laurie's** son, **Wes Phillips**, is tight end coach and is the second member of the **Phillips** family to get a **Super Bowl** ring. His granddad **Bum** was a native of **Orange** and I still believe something should be done to recognize **Bum** and **Wade** in **Orange County**.\*\*\*\* Speaking of **Super Bowl**, we tailgated with the seafood special from **Peggy's Place on Cow Bayou**. It was great and more than four of us could eat. **Peggy's Place** wants to apologize to those who had to wait for service. The response to their ad in **The Record** was overwhelming. Spotted waiting for their order was pretty **Jackie Thurman** and husband **Butch**, **Jerry McInnis**, one of the **Fredrick** boys from **Mauriceville** and several others, including **Phyllis Dunn**.\*\*\*\***John Dubose**, the CPA, came down with the crud that is going around. He tested negative for **COVID** but it's a bad time in the middle of tax season for him to be sick. Also he is helping with his daughter **JP Joy Dubose Simonton's** election campaign.\*\*\*\***President Abe Lincoln** was born on Feb-

ruary 21. Our first president, **George Washington**, was born on February 22. In the past we celebrated their birthdays independently but several years ago the birthdays were combined and today we celebrate all presidents on February 21.\*\*\*\*All's good that ends good. My buddy, attorney **Sharon Bearden** had a scare last week; he thought he was fixing to buy the farm. When 911 got him to the hospital all systems were indicating a heart attack ready to happen. After medication and a short hospital stay **Sharon** was declared fit to go. This used to happen to my late friend **Doug** and I would kid him about gas pains. It was a busy week for the **Bearden's**. **Liz** had to return to **Houston** Friday for the last check up on her thumb and on Sunday, **Liz** and **Sharon** marked their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.\*\*\*\*I was disappointed to learn that **Judge Chad Jenkins** didn't deer hunt this year. He and **Wendi** make the best sausage I've ever eaten. Before I started to cry however, I learned that the **Judge** has bought up the best pork butts he could find, along with some beef clods. He is going to put the seasoned ingratiate into sausage and smoke it, as soon as he can get **Wendi** to help of course.\*\*\*\*Just wondering why did **Gov. Greg Abbott** make a quick, unannounced photo-op in **Orange County** over the weekend. I also wonder what his polling is showing. Can he win without a runoff.\*\*\*\*I had a question and consulted the tax office. It took **Assessor Karen Fisher** just three minutes to respond. That's what makes her such a valuable public servant.\*\*\*\*I was glad to hear from our friend **Phillip Welch**. He is always good to visit with. He gets around and is always on the know.\*\*\*\*I recently visited with longtime friend **Judge Flo Edgerly**, who served 21 years as the **Justice of the Peace in Pct. 3**. She and I fought many political battles, some together, others against each other. **Flo** talked about how we never ran campaigns that were personal, they were run on the issues, experience, qualifications or lack of. We never involved a candidate's family. **Flo** doesn't attend union meetings much anymore, she and **Gene** are just hanging out. Did you know for many years **Flo's** mom was secretary for the **J.P. in Pct. 3**. The small **J.P.'s** office is still standing in **Bridge City** on **Texas Avenue**. No one realizes what it once was.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few weeks. **Feb. 16: Port Commissioner**, the **Reliable Cleaners** guy, our buddy **Keith Wallace**, turns another notch. He's a year older today. Happy Birthday also to **Judy Brownlie** and **Gary Stephens**, who turns 59.\*\*\*\***Feb. 17:** Happy Birthday to **Kim Harmon**, **Mellisa Tuttle**, **Toni Edwards** and **Ashley Floyd**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 18:** Longtime friend **Norman Berry** is 82-years-old today. It seems like just a couple of years ago I wished him his 69<sup>th</sup>. Also Happy Birthday to **Justin Broussard**, **Jeremy Crocker**, **Leah Gunstream** and **Charlotte North**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 19:** Today **Christy Faulk**, **Darain Havens**, **Jason Clark** and **Martha Pittman** all celebrate birthdays.\*\*\*\***Clay Dunn** died on this day in 1959.\*\*\*\***Feb. 20:** Celebrating today are **Ty Broussard**, **Ron Teaff** and **Allison Gloyd**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 21:** A beautiful lady, **Roy** and **Laverne McDonald's** daughter and **Dr. Servet Satir's** wife **Beverley** celebrates today. Also celebrating are **Pauline Stevens** and **Jim Izer**. Today is **President's Day**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 22:** **Judge Brint Carlton**, **Chad Boatman** and **John Cuffy** celebrate today.\*\*\*\*If you, a friend or loved one is having a birthday or anniversary please let us know at 409-735-5305 or the news at **therecordlive.com**.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Da young widow **Miss Maude** and her little boy child, **Tee-Mac**, live way out in da country on da bayou near **Forked Island**. Las week, **Miss Maude** sent **Tee-Mac** to da bayou to get a bucket of water. **Tee-Mac** say, "Okay, **Mama**, I go me."

Before long he came running back to da house as fas as he can him. Out of breath, he say, "Mama, Mama, I didn't get no water me. A big gator done snatched da bucket rat ottua my hand him."

His **Mama** say, "Son, you know we got to have some water us, to cook wit, to wash wit and to drink. Now **Tee-Mac**, you take dat utta bucket and bring youself back down dere and get us some water. Dat alligator was probably as scared of you as you was of it."

"Mama," **Tee-Mac** say, "If dat dere gator was as scared of me as I was of him, dat water, it ain't fit to use no."

### C'EST TOUT

#### Welcome to the Good Old Days

Do you realize that only **five percent** of the population alive today, several generations that have come and gone, and **95 percent** of today's population never heard of **Gene Autry**, never tasted **homemade root beer** or smoked a **corn silk cigarette**. They can't imagine what **gas and sugar rationing** would be like. They never made a **rabbit trap**, never chased an **ice truck** for the chips, never had **Grandma** put a **mustard poultice** on their chest or an **asafetida bag** around their neck, never sent a **penny post card**, **hitched a horse**, carried a **bucket of water** or chewed **roof tar**. They never had a **milk cow**, never had to **drag a cotton sack** all day hoping to pick 100 pounds to earn **35 cents**. Never wore **cardboard shoes**, shirts and dresses made from **feed sacks** and underwear made with **flour sacks**. Most of you reading this missed the **Good Old Days** when you could watch a movie at the theater for **5 to 8 cents** and watch it more than once, get a **hamburger and fountain drink** for **10 cents** and **5 cents** could get a **bus ride** downtown on Saturday to spend the **35 cents** you had earned. You knew you weren't the only one to go barefooted and only wear shoes on Sunday. Never again will the **Good Old Day** return. That may be a good thing. Possibly today's youngsters, 60 years from now, might say, "The **2020's** were **Good Old Days**, we had a democracy and constitution and we beat a **worldwide pandemic**."\*\*\*\*I've hung around here way too long and I've gotta get gone. Thanks for your time. I hope you will read us cover to cover. We have stuff you won't read elsewhere. **Take care and God bless.**



# Deaths & Memorials

## Raymond Lee Campbell, 78, BC

Raymond Lee Campbell, 78, of Bridge City, passed away on February 2, 2022, in Port Arthur.

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Cremation will follow services.

Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Zwolle, Louisiana, on October 17, 1943, he was the son of Robert Lee Campbell and Catherine N. Campbell. After being given 6 months to live in 1992 after suffering a stroke, Raymond defied all odds and lived another 30 years. During his time on Earth he impacted many lives with his faith in God and fighter spirit. His trust in his Lord and Savior carried him through all of life's tribulations.

Raymond always stayed busy and loved working on cars. On Sunday's he could al-



Raymond Campbell

ways be seen crossing Texas Avenue in his wheelchair dressed up and carrying his American Flag. Raymond will be deeply missed by all those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Linda Campbell; and parents, Robert and Catherine Campbell.

He is survived by his daughters, Lisa Mitchell and Brenda Campbell and husband Preston Ratley, all of Bridge City; grandchildren, James Campbell, Brandi Wilson and Sailor Wilson; great-grandchildren, Gavin Lionheart Campbell and Renesamae Dawn Campbell; siblings, Glen Campbell of Orange, Buddy Campbell of Orange, Donnie Campbell of Orange and Kathy Jones of Orange.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled Veterans National Foundation <https://www.dvnf.org> or the Paralyzed Veterans of America at <https://pva.org>

## Thusnelda "Mickey" Ellen Stanton, 89

Thusnelda "Mickey" Ellen Stanton, 89, of Silsbee, passed away on February 6, 2022, in Silsbee. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Pastor Sadie Brink. Burial will follow at Dorman Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.



Thusnelda Stanton

spent crocheting. Mickey was known for her impeccable sense of humor and contagious big laugh. She brought joy wherever she went and was loved by so many. Mickey was the most incredible mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and will forever be cherished in the hearts of all who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Elsie Baetz; husband, Billy G. Stanton; and sister, Alma Geyer. She is survived by her children, Shirley O. Stanton and husband Mike Godfrey of Shepherdstown, Michael L. Stanton and wife Tina of Bridge City and Glenda S. Delano and husband Roray of Silsbee; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jason Delano, Wesley "Butch" Arabie, Frank Arabie, Gary Sonier, Donnie Stanton and Kevin Keen.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, on October 27, 1932, she was the daughter of Joseph Baetz and Elsie (Davis) Baetz. Mickey was a dedicated member of 1st United Methodist Church in Silsbee, and a prior member of St. Mark's Luther Church in Bridge City before Hurricane Ike. She devoted her life to charity work through the ministerial alliance in Bridge City and serving as a prayer warrior for all those around her, whether she knew them or not. Her favorite down time was

### Orange Mardi Gras This Weekend

The City of Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau, in partnership with the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting the 18th Annual Mardi Gras Weekend – February 18 & 19 at the Riverside Pavilion, located at 708 Simmons Drive. For parade applications or additional information concerning Mardi Gras weekend, please call the Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau at 409.883.1011 or the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce at 409.883.3536.



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Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge, in recognition of his commitment to continuing educations, was recently awarded the Texas Municipal League Institute (TMLI) Certified Municipal Official designation.

The award was presented at the TMLI Awards ceremony at the Texas Municipal League and Texas Association of Mayors, Council members and Commissioners' Elected Officials' Conference on recently in Sugar Land. The recognition honors individuals who completed 62 or more continuing education units (CEUs) during the 2021 calendar year and is the top award in the TMLI program. The required 62 CEUs included two hours of open government training. Only forty-six elected city officials from across Texas were honored with the 2022 Certified Municipal Official designation.

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# OC softball teams hit the diamonds for 2022 season

## ★ Season Preview: Lady Bears, Lady Cardinals, Lady Mustangs and Lady Bobcats ★

**DAN PERRINE  
FOR THE RECORD**

We're covering all the bases this week previewing Orange County high school softball teams as the 2022 season gets underway.

• **LCM Lady Bears**

Winning is a tradition in girls softball at Little Cypress-Mauriceville. The Lady Bears are expected to be a strong contender again this year for a district championship and to advance in the post season.

Last year was another good one for the Lady Bears and Coach Dena Adkins. It was a season Adkins said goodbye to a few girls she had been coaching since they were eight-years-old including her daughter.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville performed well as a team making it into the third round of the state playoffs before being eliminated by a very strong Huffman team. "I lost some pretty good talent, some good hitters, good infielders, and pitchers, but I think this year's team will do them justice, do them proud," Adkins suggested.

The Lady Bears return several key players from last year's team.



Ava Wright



Shae Fontenot

• **BC Lady Cardinals**

A new season has begun for the Bridge City Lady Cardinals softball team. The outlook is positive with a good group of young ladies returning this year at Bridge City. Last year was a very good one for Bridge City. The Lady Cardinals did not really finish the district where they wanted to, but they did make the playoffs. An early exit was no fault of the Lady Cardinals as they played eventual state champion Liberty in the first round and gave the Lady Panthers as close a contest as the champions would have throughout their post season run.

The playoff battle with Liberty gave Bridge City the opportunity to see what it will take to reach that higher level. "That's our goal for this program is to be one of those powerhouse schools like Liberty, so we were very pleased with how it went. We're hoping to maybe do a little bit better this year, get a little deeper, but we were pleased with how last season went," Coach Raven Harris of the Lady Cardinals replied.

A list of returning Lady Cardinals for this season starts in the circle with ace pitcher Carson Fall who is just a sophomore. Fall is one of the strongest arms among the pitchers of the outstanding district in which Bridge City competes and for the entirety of southeast Texas. Several seniors will lead the

Lady Cardinals including Kaylyn Dosch who has rehabbed from an injury last year. Dosch is excited to be on the field again, and Harris is glad to have her back behind the plate catching for Fall.

Amaris Larkin is a roving centerfielder and is a powerhouse as the leadoff batter for Bridge City. Hannah Murchinson brings back her experience on the varsity to



Carson Fall



Makenna Carey



Brooklyn Droddy

help the Lady Cardinals. Junior Makenna Carey is moving from leftfield to fill a hole in the infield for the Lady Cardinals. "I feel like this year we have a really great outfield, and I hope to get on base and contribute in the middle infield," Carey said.

Olivia Hornsby spent most of last season on the junior var-

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sity. Hornsby is a senior and should be a big help this year on the varsity running bases and playing the outfield.

The numbers are good with plenty of Lady Cardinals to fill any holes in the lineup. Harris announced, "I've got a lot of those corps kids that will go anywhere that you need them to go, and that's been very helpful. It's been helpful to have all these kids that are just kind of willing to do whatever we need them to do."

Some younger Lady Cardinals will be mixed in with the veteran girls to improve Bridge City for this season. Freshman Brooklyn Droddy will probably be the starting first baseman.

Droddy swings a good bat and is solid defensively. Droddy indicated, "I'm a little nervous, but I feel like we're going to do good. I feel like I'm going to be able to hit some solid balls and get some good plays at first."

A sophomore Lexi Nugier has stepped up in the early practices working hard and putting in the effort to improve. This has earned Nugier the starting position at third base for the Lady Cardinals. Harris was quick to point out the addition of Droddy and Nugier makes Bridge City solid on the corners at first and third.

A backup pitcher will be junior Kaydence Corkran, and she will play a little bit at first base. "I really do have a good corps group, we are kind of still pretty young so that's very helpful for me in the next couple of years for sure," Harris evaluated.

In the first four or five games to start this season the Lady Cardinals hit more hard shots than they did all of last season. Offensively Bridge City is doing much better.

The return of Kaylyn Dosch to the Lady Cardinal lineup will be a big impact. Dosch was a hole Bridge City could not fill when she when

out with an injury last year. She has showed up in the preseason and has been very productive.

One of the best leadoff hitters that Coach Harris has ever had is Amaris Larkin. She gets the job done reaching base with her super quickness running to first to beat out slow rollers and bunts.

Runs should be more plentiful for the Lady Cardinals this season. Harris predicted, "I really do think that we're going to have a lot of productivity at the plate this year. Just a lot of kiddoes coming in focused on being productive, moving runners, and scoring runs. That's been very, very good for us so far this year, I'm hoping we keep riding that wave."

Everybody in the area knows that Carson Fall is the real deal as far as outstanding pitchers. Carson revealed, "I'm just working on being efficient, just making sure nobody gets on base so we have a chance to keep them from scoring." She is doing that by striving to increase the speed and the spin on her pitches to throw the batters off their game.

Beyond being a phenomenal pitcher Fall is the epitome of the kind of kid you want in your program according to Coach Harris. Carson shows up every day wanting to get better by working hard focused on her goals. "She's got the stuff, but she's also got the work ethic to go with it so that's just been a breath of fresh air honestly to have her come and kind of set the tone for the new kids," Harris praised.

Two new Lady Cardinals will backup Fall in the circle. Kadence Corkran will probably pitch a couple of games, and Brooklyn Droddy has accepted the role as a fill in at pitcher.

The goal for the Bridge City Lady Cardinals this year is to show up each day and work hard taking every op-

portunity to get better according to Harris. Another hope is to provide their pitchers with a relaxed environment by giving them more run support so the pitchers have a little cushion and do not feel they have to strikeout every opposing batter.

Winning is important for the Bridge City softball program, but Harris indicated that is just part of what she wants for the Lady Cardinals. "I want to win games and I want these kids to be successful, but ultimately I want them to leave being better people understanding that it's not given to you," Harris concluded.

### • Orangefield Lady Bobcats



Coach Rebekah Ragsdale

This year is already being labeled as a rebuilding year for the Orangefield softball program. The Lady Bobcats do have some very talented girls to fill the lineup in their effort to claim another district championship.

Last season was probably the most successful in school history for softball at Orangefield. The Lady Bobcats went 22-7 and 11-1 in their district to capture first place against some great district opponents. The playoffs unfortunately led to an early exit for the Lady Bobcats in the first round.

Coach Rebekah Ragsdale is very proud of last year's team and especially the six seniors



Harleigh Rawls



Brooklyn Droddy

that have graduated. "A very impressive group and a group that really worked hard capturing a district championship. The six seniors came in as freshmen together and were all starting by the end of their senior season. Super proud of that group, they left their legacy on our program, and they left it better than they found it," Ragsdale reminded.

There are four Lady Bobcats returning starters from last year's district champs with which Ragsdale can start to rebuild a strong team. Two of them are seniors, Madison Hughes and

to see how we grow throughout the season," Ponfick admitted.

Sophomore Abigail Curphey played at first base as a freshman. Curphey will see a lot of time in the circle as a pitcher for Orangefield this year. Ragsdale plans to use Curphey in that role to replace Codie Sorge who graduated a year ago.

The other returning starter is junior Harleigh Rawls at second base who was the rightfielder previously. Ragsdale is not sure where Rawls will be this year, but she is a really important part of the program and can play any position she is asked to do. Rawls responded, "It's going to be real hard for me to change places like that, I've changed all through my high school career. One more year is not going to be easy, but it'll show that I have confidence in myself."

Ponfick and Rawls are key members leading the successful Orangefield Lady

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# Can Texans follow Bengals path to success?

## KAZ'S KORNER Joe Kazmar For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Sunday's 23-20 Super Bowl victory by the Los Angeles Rams was a complete reversal of how every playoff game ended for the Cincinnati Bengals.

For the last six weeks it was the Bengals that came from behind in the game's closing minutes to win, usually on a clutch field goal by their rookie kicker Evan McPherson at the end of the game or in an overtime period.

But on Sunday, it was the Rams who came up with what will be identified as "The Drive" --replacing John Elway's drive in Super Bowl 32 that beat the Green Bay Packers 31-24 in 2000-- that produced what proved to be the winning touchdown with 1:25 left in the game. It was the latest winning touchdown in Super Bowl history.

That winning drive by the Rams was engineered by veteran quarterback Matthew Stafford, who was enjoying his "divorce" from the mediocre Detroit Lions where he toiled for 12 NFL seasons before being traded to LA at this time last year.

However, the grueling work done in this final drive was keyed by Rams receiver Cooper Kupp, who was the unanimous choice for the game's Most Valuable Player.

Kupp made some brilliant catches in heavy traffic, but the key to the victory in my opinion, was his seven-yard run from scrimmage on a critical fourth-and-one situation that kept the drive alive. He also snagged a 22-yard pass before grabbing a one-yard bullet from Stafford for the winning touchdown.

The Rams defense finally figured out how to stop Joe Mixon and Cincinnati's rushing game in the second half plus picking up six of their seven sacks on Burrow by applying 55 per cent pressure on the Bengals' offense.

But not to be overlooked was the brilliant effort by the Cincinnati Bengals. They caught the Rams defense asleep on the first play of the second half when quarterback Joe Burrow heaved a bomb that was grabbed by Tee Higgins for a 75-yard touchdown that put the Bengals ahead for the first time 17-13. The play took only 12 seconds.

The two teams exchanged field goals later in the third quarter, making the score 20-16 and setting up the Rams' late heroics.

Cincinnati got tired of making the playoffs but not getting past the first round and fired its head coach Marvin Lewis after 15 seasons and hired Zac Taylor after the Bengals finished as the worst team in the NFL in 2019.

And if there is any good

news about finishing dead last it has to be that Cincinnati was entitled to the No. 1 overall draft pick, which turned out to be Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow of the LSU national champions.

The Bengals won just a handful of games in 2020 with Burrow's season finished when he suffered a serious knee injury.

They weren't expected to do much last season but surprised the NFL world by winning their division and every playoff game until Sunday.

My question is this: Can

like Kansas City or the Green Bay Packers because he says the owner is a tightwad and won't continue to put out the necessary funding to keep top-notch players on the Bengals roster on a yearly basis.

Some of the sports buffs on ESPN's First Take program don't believe that the Rams have surpassed the Lakers as the No. 1 sports team in the Los Angeles area. "How can the Lakers still be the favorite when they're five games under .500 in the NBA Western Conference standings?" ask the dissenters. Not that I care, but it looks like they have a valid point.

after all of the Dallas Cowboys' second-half adjustments had been made, he told his receivers coach he had to go to the rest room and instead sneaked down the runway to watch Michael Jackson perform.

## JUST BETWEEN US...

The Super Bowl was only over for a couple of hours when the Las Vegas sports books already had the odds out on Super Bowl 57. Favored to win as usual were the Kansas City Chiefs at 13-

2, followed closely by the Buffalo Bills (7-1), LA Rams (10-1), Cincinnati Bengals (12-1) and the San Francisco 49ers (14-1). Better go place your bets before the odds change.



Houston Texan Head Coach Lovie Smith

the Houston Texans follow in Cincinnati's footsteps after hiring 63-year-old Lovie Smith last week and make it to the Super Bowl in two years?

After picking themselves up off the floor from laughing so hard, most shook their heads negatively and said they may have a new head coach with much more experience but they lack a franchise quarterback like Joe Burrow, unless Davis Mills continues to develop as rapidly.

The key to this situation lies on the shoulders of general manager Nick Caserio, who needs to give Lovie much more talent than he gave to poor David Culley, who was fired unceremoniously in my opinion.

Lovie Smith becomes the seventh head coach in franchise history following Dom Capers (2002-2005 18-460), Gary Kubiak (2006-2013 61-64), Wade Phillips (2013 0-3), Bill O'Brien (2014-2020 52-48), Romeo Crennel (2020 4-8) and David Culley (4-13).

Caserio and personnel director Jack Easterby would have been ridden out of town on a rail if they selected another person without any NFL coaching experience.

So, Lovie Smith appears to be the best of the rest and has been with the team for a season. Let's give him some NFL talent and a chance to use it to produce some wins!!!

## KWICKIES...

Former Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer claims his old team will never be a perennial powerhouse

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Bobcats basketball team who were still competing in the state playoffs as the softball season began. Ponfick indicated, "I think with us coming from basketball we have a lot of experience and we know what winning feels like so we want to carry it over."

Those two ladies are going to fit right in when they return to the softball field. Ragsdale advised, "It's a big puzzle right now, we're all just trying to figure out the right pieces."

Some new pieces that the coach hopes to fit into the Lady Bobcats lineup are sophomores Abby Broussard and Ryleigh Clarke. Ragsdale thinks Taylann Sherman and Paris Becker are both going to be solid role players for Orangefield this season.

Another player coming off the Orangefield ladies basketball squad when the playoffs conclude is Greenlea Oldham. Ragsdale looks for Oldham to make an impact on the diamond as well.

Junior Rylee Dougay is expected to get more playing time this season after being on the varsity during her sophomore year. Dougay could fill some big roles either at shortstop or at second base.

Sadie Daigle is a senior in her fourth year in the Lady Bobcat program. Daigle will finally get her opportunity to shine this year.

As mentioned previously, Coach Ragsdale expects this to be a rebuilding year for the Lady Bobcats. Many of the players have seen the past and been a part of the successes from the last three seasons, and they know what it will take to build on that winning tradition.

Ragsdale admitted her Lady Bobcats are pretty young for the most part. "We're excited for this group and ready for them to really fill in some big shoes and some big roles, but it's finally going to be their time shine and we're excited to see what they do for us," Ragsdale summarized.

Codie Sorge filled the circle and the strike zone for Orangefield the last four seasons, but she has graduated. Pitching duties this year for the Lady Bobcats probably will be split between at least two young ladies instead of just one as was done with Sorge.

Sophomore Abigail Curphey got a little bit of time pitching last season behind Sorge in the non-district games. Curphey is expected to see a lot more innings in the circle this year.

A freshman Alysen Vincent has Ragsdale super excited to see what she can do as a pitcher. Vincent moved into the Orangefield School District a year ago when she was in eighth grade. She will be a role player for the Lady Bobcats and should get some innings in the circle as well.

Curphey was hurt throughout the early scrimmages for Orangefield forcing the Lady Bobcats to use other girls to pitch. Vincent threw most of the innings with Abby Broussard throwing the remainder during the scrimmages.

The injury to Curphey should mend before the season gets very far along. Ragsdale announced, "I definitely expect Curphey and Vincent to be my two mains."

The top of the lineup for Orangefield should be composed of the four returning starters from last season. Joli Ponfick, Harleigh Rawls, Madison Hughes, and Abigail Curphey all swung big bats for the Lady Bobcats last year and that is expected to continue for the new season.

The offensive strategy will be a little bit different this season. The homerun numbers will not be as plentiful as they were with the likes of Codie Sorge, Emma Humplik, and Olivia Grant all gone.

Ragsdale and the other coaches are working with the Lady Bobcats on how they can manufacture more runs with good base running, good bunting, and doing all the little things to move runners around. "It's going to be fun to watch them and figure out what our best combination is and what we need to do to make sure we're manufacturing runs especially in the district that we're in," Ragsdale analyzed.

Rebuilding year or not, Coach Ragsdale steps on the field as do her Lady Bobcats with the expectation they are going to win every night. The goal does not change either, and that is to win another district championship.

The excitement for Ragsdale is watching this young team grow and predicts that the Lady Bobcats' growth will be exponential as the season progresses. "There's so much growth that can be had within this group. Once again it doesn't change what we're going for, it doesn't change a district championship in our eyes, but it's going to be fun to watch how much better they get throughout the season," Ragsdale concluded.

Orangefield will be one of the sites during the Little Cypress-Mauriceville and Orangefield Softball Tournament. Games will be played Thursday through Saturday, February 17-19. The Lady Bobcats first game is against Beaumont United at 1:00 PM at the Orangefield Softball Field.

### • West Orange - Stark Lady Mustangs

The West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs have a new head coach and are adopting a more positive attitude for the new season. Matt Robertson has been in the West Orange-Cove School District for eight years and also serves as the head coach of the ninth grade football team for West Orange-Stark.

In this his first year to lead the Lady Mustangs, Robertson is pumped up. Robertson was excited when he got the news of his new job. "I know this group, this is a special group we're super athletic, we can run, we can hit, we can field, our pitching is going to be much improved. I'm excited to take over, I'm excited to see what they do," Robertson exclaimed.

The good news for Robertson in his initial season to lead the Lady Mustang program is he does not have to find very many replacements for girls who graduated after last year. Almost all of this year's Lady Mustangs played on the varsity some last season.

Four seniors will be the leaders for West Orange-Stark. Laila Rhodes, Paris Overstreet, Katie Hogg, and Laila Mims all have varsity experience. Mims returns to the varsity lineup after missing most of last season. The returning seniors should make it easier for the Lady Mustangs to get into the flow of the game according to Robertson.

At first base Katie Hogg will be a leading contributor. She has been working to improve her bunting technique and exuded confidence on how much West Orange-Stark has improved on fundamentals through team work enhancing the Lady Mustangs' ability to play defensively and offensively. Hogg added, "In the dugout we all, including myself, cheer on each other." This has created great team spirit among the girls.

Two Lady Mustangs Nataleigh Sims and T'Era Garrett are the battery of pitcher and catcher at West Orange-Stark. Robertson said the two of them feed off of each other.

Rayven Gales played on the varsity late last season and is much improved playing at third base. Robertson believes Ariel Farris is a little spitfire at shortstop for the Lady Mustangs. She can move well, she can catch the ball, and she can hit it. Robertson confirmed, "I expect a lot of good things from this group, I have high expectations for them, and I told them that, so I hope we'll do well."

Getting Laila Mims back will be huge for the Lady Mustangs. Mims missed last year and will be an asset for West Orange-Stark with her ability to cover so much ground in the outfield.

There are some young Lady Mustangs that should see playing time this season with the varsity. Two sophomores Erika Jordan and Jalynn Guillory have a chance to see time on the field for a significant number of innings.

With the Lady Mustangs

being so deep with returners on the varsity it will be difficult for more than a couple of freshmen to squeeze into the lineup. One of the freshmen Trinity Rine will compete for a spot on the West Orange-Stark varsity.

The Lady Mustangs are really deep with so many talented young ladies as the season is beginning. "We're senior and junior heavy and having those seniors and juniors lead and show those young ones how to do it is going to be huge for us," Robertson reiterated.

Any success West Orange-Stark has had in the past started with hitting and that should continue for this season too. Coach Robertson expects his girls to hit the ball well and put runs on the board.

The Lady Mustang offense starts with the leadoff batter Garrett. T'Era can bunt, hit for power, hit for contact, and once she gets on base she can run.

Laila Rhodes will be a middle of the order power hitter. Nataleigh Sims can swing it and put the ball in play for the Lady Mustangs.

The rest of the West Orange-Stark lineup is still to be worked out with the coach trying to figure out who will fit where in the batting order. Robertson asserted, "Really one through nine we're going to be tough, I think we're going to be good offensively this year because we can swing it one through nine."

Pitching is so important in girls softball and that means the focus will be on Nataleigh Sims in the circle for the Lady Mustangs. Sims will be the workhorse pitch-

ing most of the innings for West Orange-Stark.

Nataleigh has gotten herself into great shape for the start of the season. During the early scrimmages Sims would throw five or six innings before telling Coach Robertson she was not tired and ready to throw more. The movement on her pitches has improved, and she is throwing the ball harder.

Another big key for West Orange-Stark pitching this season is the special connection between Sims and her catcher T'Era Garrett. "They trust one another, they can see things that I maybe can't see, and T'Era will advise Nataleigh about certain traits for different batters."

The expectations are admittedly very high for this season's Lady Mustangs. Outfielder Paris Overstreet gave her opinion of their chances. "I think we're going to do good this year. We've made more progress than we have in the previous years, and we have a great coaching staff this year."

A reality is West Orange-Stark competes in a very strong district with no weak sisters among the opposing teams. The Lady Mustangs will be playing most of their district games as the underdog as far as getting a win.

Coach Robertson expects the Lady Mustangs to be better this season. "I expect us to win some games, be competitive with those top tier teams. They're all so good, all so well coached, and we're going to be in for some tough games, but I think we're up to the challenge," Robertson concluded.

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##### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

To: James Villadsen, the Respondent herein:

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading has been filed against you in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION

The petition of JARED PARKER ASHLEY, Petitioner, was filed in the GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION on December 20, 2021, against Cristin Villadsen, James Villadsen and Liam Alfred Ashley, a minor child, numbered 21 SP 171 and entitled Notice of Service of Process by Publication. The suit requests Petition for Legitimation.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty days from the date of the first publication and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 20th day of December, 2021.

**KHAN LAW FIRM, PLLC**  
 Rachel Stariha, Esq. (N.C. Bar #54569)  
 Shahzad Khan, Esq. (N.C. Bar #53515)  
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 502 S. Scales Street  
 Reidsville, NC 27320  
 336-905-4705  
 shahzad@thekhanlawyers.com

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **SUSAN DUPRIE SKINNER aka SUSAN CLAIRE SKINNER**, Deceased, were issued on **January 31, 2022, in Cause No. P19202**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **KEVIN WAYNE SKINNER and KYLE MICHAEL SKINNER**.

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  
 Orange, TX  
 77631-0100

Dated the 9th day of February, 2022.

**James R. Dunaway**  
 James R. Dunaway

Attorney for:  
**KEVIN WAYNE SKINNER**  
 and **KYLE MICHAEL SKINNER**  
 State Bar No.: 06208000  
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 Orange, TX 77631-0100  
 jrdunaway@sbcglobal.net

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **LONNEY L. LAWRENCE aka LONNEY LEE LAWRENCE**, Deceased, were issued on **February 7, 2022, in Cause No. P18995**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **BILLY LAWRENCE**.

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  
 Orange, TX  
 77631-0100

Dated the 8th day of February, 2022.

**James R. Dunaway**  
 James R. Dunaway

Attorney for:  
**BILLY LAWRENCE**  
 State Bar No.: 06208000  
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 jrdunaway@sbcglobal.net

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ALICE ODELIA COLE**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 8, 2022, in Cause No. P19300**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **MARY ALICE HARTSFIELD**.

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: **Paul M. Fukuda**  
 Attorney At Law  
 312 Border Street  
 Orange, TX 77630

DATED the 8th day of February, 2022.

**Paul M. Fukuda**  
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Attorney for:  
**MARY ALICE HARTSFIELD**  
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 312 Border Street  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **JOANN HENSON**, Deceased, were issued on the **FEBRUARY 8, 2022, in Cause No. P19299**, pending in the County Court at Law of ORANGE County, Texas, to: **TRAVIS HENSON**.

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: **Tommy Gunn**  
 Attorney at Law  
 202 S. Border Street  
 Orange, TX 77630

Dated the 8th day of February, 2022.

**Tommy Gunn**  
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Attorney for:  
**TRAVIS HENSON**  
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#### NOTICE OF NEW RATE REQUEST

On January 31, 2022, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or the "Company") filed a statement of intent and application ("Application") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") for approval of two voluntary rate tariffs, Rider Small Volume Renewable Option ("Rider SVRO") and Rider Large Volume Renewable Option ("Rider LVRO"), as well as an associated form Agreement for service under Rider LVRO. ETI's Application was assigned Docket No. 53153, and is styled *Entergy Texas, Inc.'s Statement of Intent and Application for Approval of Two Voluntary Renewable Option Tariffs, Rider SVRO and Rider LVRO*. ETI also filed the Application simultaneously with each of the municipalities that has retained original jurisdiction over ETI's rates. Riders SVRO and LVRO are new voluntary rate tariffs that will be charged only to eligible customers who elect to participate and match some or all of their monthly electricity usage with renewable energy credits that are purchased and/or generated by ETI and retired on the customer's behalf. The only ETI customers that will be affected by this Application are those customers who elect to participate in one of the voluntary tariffs proposed. ETI is requesting that Riders SVRO and LVRO be effective beginning March 28, 2022.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact ETI at Attn: Customer Service, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call (866) 981-2602 during normal business hours. Persons may also email [tcr@entergy.com](mailto:tcr@entergy.com) with questions or to request more information or a copy of the Application.

Commission rules provide that the deadline to intervene in a proceeding before the Commission is 45 days from filing, or March 17, 2022, unless changed by an Order. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>.

Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: [http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New\\_PUC\\_Web\\_Filer\\_Presentation.pdf](http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf). Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: [centralrecords@puc.texas.gov](mailto:centralrecords@puc.texas.gov). For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **DARLENE T. READ**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 9, 2022, in Cause No. P19279**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **JERRY D. TENNISON and KIRBY W. READ**.

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: **Barron Law Office, PLLC**  
 P.O. Box 279  
 Orange, TX  
 77631-0279

Dated the 10th day of February, 2022.

**George B. Barron**  
 George B. Barron

Attorney for Executors  
 State Bar No.: 01817500  
 P.O. Box 279  
 Orange, TX 77631-0279

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **TED NEAL TOWNES**, Deceased, were issued on **OCTOBER 25, 2021, in Cause No. P19194**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **LYDIA BETH TOWNES**.

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: **Barron Law Office, PLLC**  
 P.O. Box 279  
 Orange, TX  
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Dated the 15th day of February, 2022.

**George B. Barron**  
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Attorney for Executrix  
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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of **LUTHER LAMAR ANDREWS**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 7, 2022, in Cause No. P19234**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **PAMELA SUE ANDREWS**.

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: **Barron Law Office, PLLC**  
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Dated the 10th day of February, 2022.

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