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KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

Orange County Candidates Respond To 'The Record' Questionnaire

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Early voting began Monday for the contested seats in Orange County's school and city elections and will continue until Tuesday, May 3.

Election Day, for those who didn't vote early, is Saturday, May 7, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A total of 25 candidates are seeking 13 open seats in six jurisdictions. The Record Newspapers invited each of the candidates to respond to a short questionnaire and is presenting the second of two installments in the Wednesday, April 26 edition.

All 25 candidate profiles can be found online at www.therecordlive.com.

Early voting sites are the Orange Public Library, Bridge City ISD Administration Building, Mauriceville Community Center and the Raymond Gould Community Center.

WEST ORANGE COVE CISD SCHOOL BOARD

• At-Large
(3 seats, 3-year terms)

Erick Guillory Sr.
Age: 52
Occupation: Operator
Lived in Orange: 20-plus years



Guillory

Experience as elected or civic leader:

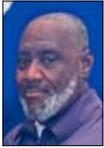
I am a civic leader. My actions and social participation in community affairs, youth programs, and WOCCISD committees for over 30 years support my claim.

What issues do you most want to improve and how?

"I want to improve testing scores and address discipline disruptions in the classroom. I will work with other board members, faculty, and legal guardians on finding ways to motivate students, get more parents involved in the educational process, create a plan with reachable goals that works for all students regardless of the obstacles they may face. For discipline, I support "No tolerance" for classroom disruption. We owe it to the faculty, staff, parents and students that there is consistency in the classroom. Nothing should ever interfere with the learning process."

Demetrius Hunter (i)

Age: 47
Occupation: City of Orange



Hunter

Lived in Orange: 24 years

Experience as elected or civic leader: WOCCISD Board Trustee

What issues do you most want to improve and how?

"1. Finding more certified teachers; 2. Work on getting our test scores to where they need to be; 3. Work on behavior.

I'd like to be elected because I have a passion for my community and the well-being of everything that goes on with the school district."

John Jefferson Jr.

Age: 61
Occupation: Retired from DuPont Sabine Riverworks management.

Lived in Orange: 61 years
Experience as elected or civic leader: President of NAACP of Orange County; supervising committee Sabine Federal Credit Union, 25-plus years DuPont management.



Jefferson

What issues do you most want to improve and how?

"There is a lack of transparency between school administration (including the school board) and the community. I would like to close that gap. I want to get parents of the community more involved and work together with the schools to close the educational gap.

Linda Platt-Bryant (i)

Age: 54
Occupation: Administrative Assistant



Platt-Bryant

Lived in Orange: 38 years

Experience as elected or civic leader: WOCCISD Board President, WOC-CISD trustee 2015-present, Parent Teacher Association President 2012-17

What issues do you most want to improve and how?

"I desire to continue serving the community and to ensure that parents and guardians are supporting their children in the classroom. Parent focus and involvement in the classroom can be improved by Parent/Teacher conferences for student excellence in "testing and daily performance"; We need to continue our current "Grow Your Own Program" for employee development, growth and commitment to the district. It is working very well."

Gina Simar (i)

Age: 58
Occupation: Nurse, retired Dean of Health Workforce and Technology, Lamar State College Orange



Simar

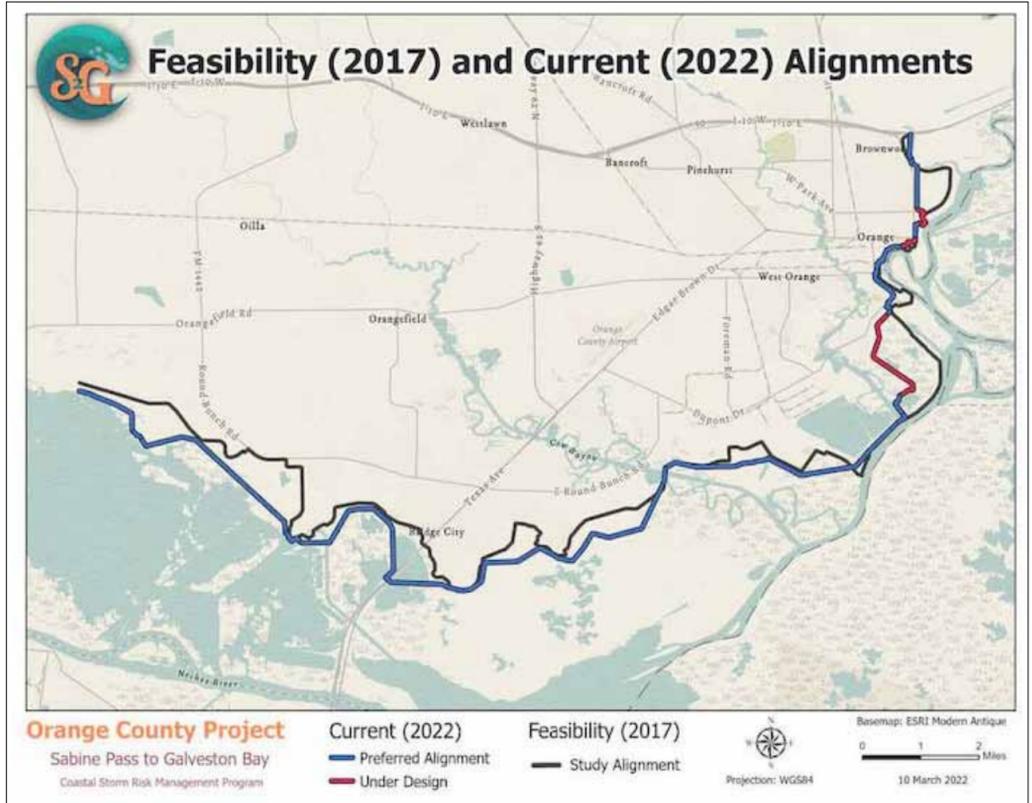
Lived in Orange: 49 years

Experience as elected or civic leader: WOCCISD Board member; LSCO Faculty Senate; United Way Board; past board member of Red Cross, American Heart Association, Camp Fire, Child Welfare Board

What issues do you most want to improve and how?

"I'm not happy with these

CANDIDATE Page 6A



Orange County levee project leads national plan

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The construction of a 25-mile levee system around Orange County is now slated to begin in 2024 and be completed by 2028.

Local residents are getting an update on the planning in three public open houses this week put on by the Army Corps of Engineers and the county's Drainage District.

But the Corps' Galveston

District Engineer and Commander, Col. Tim Vail, says it's not just the locals he's trying to impress.

While Congress has approved \$2.4 billion to build the Orange Project and more money to raise existing floodwalls in Port Arthur and Freeport, the \$29 billion Coastal Texas Study plan to protect the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston from future hurricanes still awaits Congressional approval.

"As we succeed here (in

Orange County), we're giving the sense of confidence to allow for authorization of all that additional work," Vail said. "We want to get the alignment right, get us into construction and provide the strategic momentum to convince the halls of Congress that we're on the way."

"We're getting it done right. This is a mature state with a mature plan that can deliver coastal resilience and be the model for the rest of the nation."

John and Kim Mire approve.

The Port Neches couple has been wanting to build on their lot between Bessie Heights Road and the Entergy plant. They came out to the Bridge City Community Center Tuesday night to get an update.

"We've owned the lot for seven or eight years and every time it rains, we need a boat or a high truck to get

ORANGE COUNTY Page 3A

Orange Countians spending more

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

People across Orange County are continuing to spend money, even with inflation, as sales taxes in February rose more than the inflation rate.

The Texas Comptroller's Office has sent the payments to the public entities that collect the taxes and even the city of Pinehurst saw a nice increase. That city has had declines in sales taxes during the past few years,

but has been adding new businesses.

The U.S. Bureau of Statistics reports the inflation rate in February was 7.9 percent. It increased to 8.4 percent in April. The city, county, and special district sales taxes do not include gasoline taxes, which are state and federal taxes.

Orange County Emergency Services District 3, though, had a decrease. The ESD is for the Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department and it is the only special pur-

poses district in the county with a sales tax. Voters approved the 1.5 percent sales tax more than a decade ago. The sales taxes are collected only within the boundaries of the district.

ESD 3 collected \$15,052 for February, down \$2,162 from the \$17,218 collected in February 2021. The fire department is now at \$86,764 collected during the first four months of 2022, a decrease of \$13,522 from the \$100,286 last year.

Other entities collections

are:

Bridge City with a 1.5 percent sales tax has \$148,241 for February, compared to \$133,006 in February 2021, an increase of 11.45 percent. The city has a total of \$735,660 for the year to date, an increase of 11.48 percent from the \$659,887 last year.

The city of Orange has a 1.5 percent sales tax and collected \$544,646 from February sales, up 20.98 percent from \$450,166 collected in

SPENDING MORE Page 2A

Office seekers eye low WOC school marks

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

West Orange-Cove school board members admitted in a voter forum last Friday night that their district's test scores and accountability ratings have been disappointing for many years.

None of the three trustees seeking reelection seemed sure how to fix them.

Demetrius Hunter, a City of Orange employee seeking his third three-year term on the board, waved a chart he said displayed 30 years of Texas Education Agency ratings.

"Thirty years of these scores and the only time they were 'recognized' was 2002," he said during the 90-minute question and answer session at St. Paul Baptist Church.

"I'm not happy with these

scores. I've been on the board six years trying to figure it out, and I ain't figured it out yet."

Joining Hunter on the dais before about three dozen patrons were the two other incumbents seeking reelection - Gina Simar and current board president Linda Platt-Bryant - and three challengers, Erick Guillory Sr., John Jefferson Jr. and Donny Teate Jr.

Simar, a retired Lamar State College Orange dean, picked up where Hunter left off but said she was proud of the district's latest C rating.

"Demetrius is right. Starting in 1995, we had a C and we've basically had a C every year with a couple of exceptions -- in 2002, as he said, and then we went on to 2017 and we got an F.

"We certainly want better

than an F. We want better than a C. But in that year, the teachers worked hard, the curriculum people worked hard, the students worked hard. And the next year, in 2018, our score was a C, a high C, almost a B.

"We're proud of that. There's something to look at, the positive side. And the next two years we weren't rated because of COVID. So, in my mind, we continue to be a high C."

The TEA established its school and district accountability system in 1994 and awarded four ratings, the highest being 'exemplary,' followed by 'recognized,' 'academically acceptable,' and 'academically unacceptable.' The current A-F ratings system began in 2017 and in addition to considering scores on state-required tests, it

looks also at year-to-year improvement. No A-F ratings were given in 2020 and 2021, because COVID caused cancellation of the 2020 STAAR tests and a 2021 rating could not be reached without the previous year's test scores to show year-to-year improvement.

Erick Guillory, a West Orange-Stark High grad like the other two challengers, has referenced SchoolDigger.com rankings in his campaign literature. They show WOCCISD ranking 910th of 962 Texas school districts.

Although the TEA hasn't issued accountability ratings since 2019, it did publish the results of 2021 STAAR tests.

They show that, for all students/all subjects only 20% of WOCCISD test-takers

WOCOFFICE Page 5A

Miss Orange County crowned before 'Bash'

The Mauriceville Heritage Association hosted the 41st annual pageant in conjunction with the 2022 Crawfish Bash planned for May 6th through May 7th.



Rylea Gabrielle Tipton was crowned as Miss Orange County on April 2. Rylea is the daughter of Bubba and Laura Tipton. She is a senior at LCM High School where she is top 10% of her class and participates in the Interact club, student council, and is the senior class Vice President. Rylea plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall to pursue her dream of becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner.



Aubrie Kate Woods was crowned as Junior Miss Orange County. Aubrie is the daughter of Aaron and Kelli Woods. She attends Little Cypress Christian Academy where she plays volleyball and is the Student Council Vice President.

Orange County levee project From Page 1

there," Kim Mires said.

A 2017 feasibility study map had the levee going right through what would be the property's back yard, but Tuesday the Mires were told the latest design moved the levee about 150 feet south of their property.

"I think we can still build," she said, "and not worry about flooding."

Casey Holden of Bridge City was impressed with what he saw during the first open house Tuesday.

"It seems like they're explaining it very well," Holden said. "And they're set up pretty good. I like it."

A second open house will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at American Legion Post 49, 108 Green Avenue in Orange. The final open house will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center, 11475 FM 1442.

This week's presentations include a new 2022 map of the Orange Project, which will run just alongside Bessie Heights Marsh from below Tanglewood Drive. It dips around the Entergy plant and Bridge City, then along the Sabine River beyond downtown Orange.

Little of the land required for the project is in private ownership, which should speed up the acquisition phase. The alignment is 80% final, according to Don Carona, Drainage District manager.

Vail said the Orange Coun-

ty Project is already 100% funded by the federal government, allowing engineers to start their pre-construction planning.

Technically, the cost share on the project is supposed to be 65-35, meaning the federal government would provide \$1.55 billion while non-federal partners are to pay \$836 million.

Orange County and the Orange County Drainage District are acting as non-federal partners to start the project but neither entity expects to have to pony up when the note comes due in 30 years.

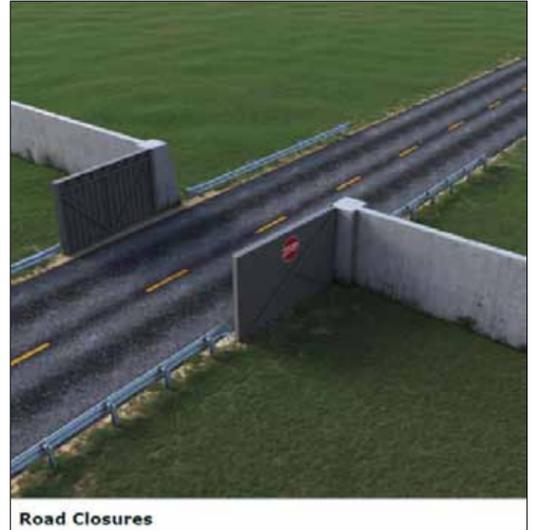
"Orange County and Orange County Drainage District put together times 10 cannot pay for this project," Carona said.

"The Texas Legislature has appropriated \$200 million the last two sessions for this project."

The Gulf Coast Protection District, which Orange County is part of, will ultimately pay for the upkeep of the project. GCPD Executive Director Nicole Sunstrum said before making and announcing funding plans, the GCPD is awaiting final plans and cost estimates.

The open house includes separate topic stations with information and displays on engineering, real estate, finances, hydrology and environmental impacts.

To mitigate the project's unavoidable environmental impacts, plans call for restoration of approximately 450



Road Closures

acres of coastal marsh and 560 acres of forested wetlands.

Project structures include 15 miles of earthen levees, 10 miles of deeply anchored concrete floodwalls, approximately 50 gravity drainage structures, at least seven pump stations and approximately 30 closure gates at road and railroad crossings.

The gates will be like the one at Highway 365 and Rodair Gully west of Central Mall. A pump station and navigable floodgate will be located at Cow Bayou south of the East Roundbunch swing bridge, where Adams Bayou runs into the Sabine River and at Coopers Gully, where it runs into the Sabine River near the Orange Boat Ramp.

Orange County Judge John Gothia, who has been involved in the project since he was elected a County Commissioner in 2017, pointed out how important the Orange County Project is to the whole country.

"When Orange County closes for a storm that happens here and we have to shut our refineries down, it doesn't just affect the price of gas here," he said. "It affects the price of gas in North Dakota or North Carolina. It affects the entire country."

"That's how important this project is. This is a tremendous opportunity we have. The ability to have this kind of funding doesn't come along but once in a lifetime. We don't want to waste that opportunity."

Spending more From Page 1

February 2021. The city is now at \$2.53 million for the year to date, compared to \$2.13 million for the same period last year, an increase of 18.59 percent.

Pinehurst collected \$51,400 in February with a 1.5 percent sales tax. The amount is 42.15 percent more than the \$36,160 col-

lected during February 2021 with \$15,240 more. The city has \$218,113 for the year to date, a slight increase from the \$217,665 collected for last year.

Vidor also has a sales tax rate of 1.5 percent and collected \$241,551 in February, up 9.7 percent from the \$220,187 collected for Febru-

ary 2021. The city has \$1.14 million collected for the year to date, with a 4.98 percent increase from the \$1.09 million last year.

West Orange has a 1.25 percent sales tax and received \$102,081 for February, a 13.7 percent increase from \$89,777 for February 2021. The city has \$462,862 for

the year to date, a 7 percent increase from \$432,452 for the same period last year.

Orange County collects a sales tax of 0.5 percent, which county voters approved in the 1980s to offset property taxes. The county collected \$527,140 for February, up 20.66 percent from \$436,861 in February 2021. The county is now at \$2.35 million for the year to date, a 10.44 percent increase from

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Tragedy, trailer teach motorcycle awareness

**Dave Rogers
For The Record**

Look twice, save a life. That's the message of May, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and it got off to an early start last Saturday at Cowboy Harley-Davidson in Beaumont.

The dealership, along with Top Deck Flooring and Harley Owners Group (HOG) Chapter 4974, held a Rally featuring Orange County Sheriff Lane Mooney as keynote speaker.

Several hundred attended the four-hour event, including Police Chiefs Rod Carroll of Vidor and Tim Duriso of Port Arthur, Orange County Constables Jeremiah Gunter and Matt Ortego, Orange County Commissioner Elect Chris Sowell, Orange City Councilman David Bailey, Jefferson County District Attorney Bob Wortham, Beaumont City Councilman Audwin Samuel and a delegation from the Beaumont Police Department led by Capt. Jason Plunkett.

A live band played and free



Terri Jordan-Singleton, Van Jordan, Vidor Police Chief Rod Carroll, J.W. Dalton and Orange County Constable Matt Ortego pose in front of the "Look Twice, Save A Life" trailer at Saturday's Motorcycle Safety Awareness rally at Cowboy Harley-Davidson in Beaumont.
RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

jambalaya was served, but the center of attention Saturday was a display trailer designed to remind all drivers to be aware of motorcycles sharing the roadways.

The trailer carries the mo-

torcycle and helmet of Corey Sennet, who died in an accident in Beaumont on Dec. 30, 2021.

The trailer also carries sign boards telling Sennet's story:

It was 5:46 that morning and the 33-year-old father of four was traveling eastbound on College Street to his job at Sam's Club when his cycle was struck by an auto crossing College.

Beaumont Police reported the car's driver was turning from westbound College onto a side street between Binswanger Glass and Raceway gas station.

"Back in the 1980s, the American Motorcycle Association started trying to bring Motorcycle Safety Awareness up in the month of May," said J.W. Dalton, owner of Top Deck and a member of HOG Chapter 4974.

"Look twice, save a life," Dalton said. "We hope it's not just May that people think about that, but all year."

Dalton and Van Jordan, Director of HOG Chapter 4974, were trying to come up with a tribute for Sennet, who was the son of Jordan's sister.

They decided to make a portable display honoring Sennet and reminding motorists to drive safely.

"It's a wonderful thing they did," Sennet's mom, Terri Jordan-Singleton, said Saturday.

"When they came to me about it, I jumped on board and said, 'Sure.'" With help from sponsors including Showtime Signs of Vidor, National Trailer Sales of Rose City, Jordan Construction, Top Deck Inc., Harley-Davidson and the HOG Chapter, the memorial on wheels was finished.

"After Corey's wreck, after the impact and shock wore off, we talked about what we could do," Dalton said. "This grew out of talks we had in January."

Plans are to display the "Look Twice, Save A Life" trailer at different events and locations throughout the year.

"I think this will get a lot of people's attention," said Ortego, Constable for Orange County Precinct 4.

Rutledge issues statement on re-election to BCISD board

My name is Rebecca Rutledge. My husband David & I met when we were both at Bridge City High School; soon we will celebrate our 49th wedding anniversary. We have been blessed with three daughters, three son-in-laws and five grandchildren.



Rutledge

rience. I have a comprehensive understanding of complex school finance issues and know how to navigate fluctuations and shortfalls in

funding from the State of Texas.

Fiscally, I am very conservative when it comes to spending the district's money. When I was first elected to the Board our funds were at an all-time low. Through some tough decisions and belt tightening our fund balance began to grow. We must be diligent in how and when we use our fund balance. But the good news is the funds are available in case of an emergency, and for important capital projects for our district.

We have so much to celebrate in our District. Our test scores are up, our children are engaged, and good things are happening on every campus. In every program our kids are not only able to compete, but they excel.

I am very proud of all that we have accomplished during my time on the Board, especially in creating opportunities to show our appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our employees. We have implemented a longevity bonus, as well as free lunches for all employees.

These achievements don't happen by luck. They happen because we have dedicated teachers and administrators committed to bringing out the best in our kids. It happens because of Board members willing to step up and make hard decisions for the betterment of our schools.

I am looking forward to working with our new Supt., Mike Kelly and I share his fantastic vision for our District. I want to encourage everyone to "Get on the Bus" and help move our District forward.

I sincerely thank you for allowing me to serve on the Board of Trustees. I humbly ask for your vote and promise to do everything in my power to "keep Students first."

We are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church where I serve on the Vestry (governing board). I also serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, serve on the Altar Guild, and participate in the Daughters of the King, which is an Order of prayer & service.

Since 2007 I have been associated with Leadership South East Texas and currently serve on the Governing Board. This organization does a phenomenal job of promoting Southeast Texas. In 2014, I received the Frances K. Monk Award for lifetime service to this group.

I serve as team captain on a USTA adult tennis league. I also play golf occasionally. My other hobbies include gardening and cooking.

I recently retired after working 48 years in the road building industry. I spent most of my career in management serving as Materials Sales Manager the last 15 years.

It has been an honor to serve as a Trustee of the Bridge City Independent School District. My work on this Board has enabled me to give back to this community that means so much to our family.

During my time on the Board I have earned close to 400 continuing education hours in School Governance. In 2013 I was chosen to participate in the Leadership TASB program. TASB is the Texas Association of School Boards. My participation in this group took me all over the State touring schools and interviewing great educators. Upon completion of the course I earned the designation of "Master Trustee."

Being on the Board is like balancing on a three-legged stool. We must balance the interests of our taxpayers, our employees, and our students. My tenure on the Board of Trustees brings valuable exper-

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From The Creaux's Nest

MUSK ACQUIRES TWITTER

Elon Musk reached an agreement to buy Twitter for roughly \$44 billion on Monday. Musk said in a joint statement with Twitter that he wants to make the service “better than ever” with new features while getting rid of automated “spam” accounts and making its algorithms open to the public to increase trust. After the deal was announced, the NAACP released a statement urging Musk not to allow Trump, the former president, back onto the platform. “Do not allow Twitter to become a petri dish for hate speech or falsehoods that subvert our democracy.” He was permanently banned from the service after the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol. Musk has a fortune of nearly \$268 billion, much of which is tied up in Tesla stock and SpaceX, his privately held space company. It’s unclear how much cash Musk holds. Musk began making his fortune in 1999 when he sold Zip2, an online mapping and business directory, to Compaq for \$307 million. He used his share to create what would become PayPal, an internet service that bypassed banks and allowed consumers to pay businesses directly. It was sold to eBay for \$1.5 billion in 2002. In 2004, Musk was courted to invest in Tesla, then a startup trying to build an electric car. Eventually he became CEO and led the company to astronomical success as the world’s most valuable automaker and largest seller of electric vehicles.

CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Johnnie Ruth Clark, age 87. We had known this beautiful lady over 60 years. She and Nova Dee Strickland, who recently passed away, had been lifelong friends and neighbors. Over the years they spent many entertaining hours visiting garage sales. Johnnie went to work for DuPont right out of high school and later work for Gulf Oil Chemicals. She passed away peacefully at her home on April 13. Service was held Tuesday, April 26, at Mauriceville Baptist Church. She was special and will long be remembered by anyone who ever knew her. Our condolences to her family and friends.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS IF TIME 15 Years Ago-2007

Our buddy, A.J. Broussard, is fighting the good fight. Last week he underwent 10 hours of chemo in three different treatments. He’s in a lot of pain, no appetite, but still has that great attitude. Many of his clients and friends have inquired about him. He and Mary Ann appreciate that and so do we. ****We got a call this week from Bobby Vincent. He has been out of the area over 30 years and is glad to be back. He says one of his weekly highlights is receiving “The Record” newspaper. One of our longtime friends is his uncle, “Coon” Vincent. The old gentleman is approaching 90 and still gets around pretty well. He makes his home in Nederland. What a life story that guy is. ****Mr. and Mrs. King Dunn, Judge Derry’s folks, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary Friday, April 20. If that’s not a record, it’s a darn good average. Congrats! ****From time-to-time, someone brings up the name of beautiful, sexy, great gal, Judy Arnaud, Wyatt, Reimy. We understand she’s now at the Beaumont Holiday Inn Plaza and working a lot of overtime, and after many years as a legal secretary, Judy is looking after her elderly parents who live in West Orange. So there you go, that’s why she hasn’t been around. ****What used to be a state holiday went practically unnoticed last Saturday, April 21. On this day, in 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston, defeated Santa Anna and his Mexicans at San Jacinto. This assured Texas its independence and avenged the fall of the Alamo. This is probably the most important day in Texas history and has been moved to the back burner to make room for lesser holidays. A celebration did take place at the battleground park, but nowhere else that I know of. How soon we forget why we don’t all speak Spanish. ****A-Rod lowers the boom. Alex Rodriguez, in his first 14 games for the New York Yankees, had 10 homeruns, with 26 RBI’s. I haven’t checked since Saturday, but that’s really earning his pay. ****Dick Sandlin, a utility worker for North Carolina State Parks, won the S.C. \$15 million Powerball jackpot and will get to retire. Asked what his spending plans were he said, “I’m going to buy me a big RC Cola and a moon pie.” He doesn’t realize he can buy a lot of RCs and millions of moon pies. ****Some good people are so busy doing for others that they have little time for themselves. Mary Alice Hartsfield is one of those special people. ****Speaking of Catholic girls, former tax assessor Louvenia Hryhorchuk came by last week, but we missed her. She has been retired for many years. The Pinehurst native has made Beaumont her home for at least 20 years. We haven’t seen her since. Many of you will remember the race between she and Juanita Jordan to replace Ida Fay Arnold in 1972. It was a wild race that went down to the wire. Dunn managed Louvenia’s campaign, Montagne, Juanita’s. It was one of the few races Bob lost. Louvenia, always a lady, visited with H.D. when she was here. ****Attorney Sharon Bearden has returned from Dallas. Ms. Liz cut him loose for a whole week without supervision. Attending a lawyer seminar, I’m told. Since Jim Sharon has joined his dad at the law firm, Sharon can now get away after being strapped down for 30 years. ****Over 200 United Nations inspectors in Iraq for nine years said there was no evidence that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Dick Cheney, Condi

Rice and the “snake oil salesmen,” Hannity, Coulter, Limbaugh, O’Reilly and the Bush team started a mushroom cloud media blitz. The American people got bought into it. Those of us who called it a big lie were branded as un-American and against the troops. The architect of the propaganda and invasion was Vice-President Cheney. Poor George was suckered in and his loyal employees packed their bags and went home. We stay bogged down in Iraq, a war that was lost the day we disarmed Saddam’s Army. Bush stays in denial and Congressman Dennis Kucinich wants an order of impeachment of Cheney. ****We wish a speedy recovery and continued improvement to Pct. 2 Constable Parker Thompson, who has battled more than his share of sickness.

45 Years Ago-1977

Bridge City Distributive Education banquet held. Rusty Wilson serves as instructor. The Opportunity Valley News DE student is Sandi Mobley. ****Thad Collins is owner of Coastal Electric, located at 1202 16th. St. in Orange. ****Leland Morrow celebrates 33 years of Morrow’s Appliance, serving the people of Orange. ****Local attorneys observe “Law Day.” Cimron Campbell is Orange County Bar president. ****Jane Britt Harper, Roy’s little sister, celebrates her birthday April 30. (Editor’s Note: Jane passed away about 25-years ago.) ****Seven Bridge City students are inducted into the National Honor Society. They are Carlette Bevil, David Dutschmann, Nancy Goforth, Patty Goodwin, Jeff Jones, Lance Hunter and Nina Scales. ****New student council officers for next year in Bridge City are Kristi Jordan, president, Brian Truncala, vice-president and Tanya Hoffpauir, secretary. They are attending the state convention in Austin. ****Keble Free of Keble’s Kuttery at Northway, announces the addition of brothers Eddie and Chris Free to his staff of barber/stylist. They specialize in the Unisex look. ****At a two-day convention in Houston, Debbie Bruce, a Little Cypress-Mauriceville junior, has been installed as Parliamentarian of the Texas Association Future Homemakers of America. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Bruce, who live at 2101 Rio Grande, in Orange. ****Prices at Danny’s Food Center, 2033 Western Ave. in Orange this week; chuck roast, 49 cents lb., ground beef, 69 cents lb., salad tomatoes, 39 cents lb., Coke Cola, quart size, 4 for \$1, packaged freezer meat, 25 lbs. \$18.95, Kraft barbecue sauce, 49 cents. ****Linda Richardson and husband hosted an elaborate surprise party for Ed Lovelace. Many prominent community leaders attended. Gordon Baxter, who couldn’t attend, sent a masterpiece tape recording describing the life and accomplishments of Ed. In the recording he referred to the birthday boy as “Royal Flush.” ****Lovely Connie Sue Gunn named “Miss Golden Triangle.” Lisa Davis, a Bridge City beauty, named Miss Beaumont. ****Bubba Hubbard is the recipient of the Orange County Bar’s “Liberty Bell Award.” ****H.D. Pate named “Boss of the Year” by DECA of Bridge City High. ****Joe Runnels, always a lucky guy, won the \$1,000 jackpot at Weingartens. ****Richard Belk is building a new home in Dugas Addition in Bridge City. The location is across the street from Chief Wilson Roberts and behind the Roy Dunn home. Folks predicted those three, in a cluster, would drive the neighborhood prices down. Curtis Lee and Wayne Morse saw the trend, sold out and moved away. (Editor’s note: Dunn is the only one left in the neighborhood.)

50 Years Ago-1972

It is a big election year in Orange County ending up with upset elections. The most unusual happening is Judge James Neff’s announcement, several months ago, that he would not run for re-election of the 128 District Court. Two candidates, Frank Hustmyre and Graham Bruce, then announced they were running for the post. Then to everyone’s surprise, Judge Neff announced he was retiring effective April 30, less than a week before the May 6 election. On the same day of Neff’s retirement, Gov. Preston Smith, in Austin, sent a telegram to Hustmyre saying, “It is an honor to inform you that I have today appointed you to be District Judge of the 128th Judicial District until the next General Election or until a successor shall be elected and qualified.” On May 3, three days before the primary election, Hustmyre ran an ad in the Opportunity Valley News as the incumbent judge in the 128th District. Strange as it sounds, this is the second time Hustmyre had been appointed judge of the court. Gov. Beauford Jester appointed Hustmyre as the first judge when the District was created. After being elected twice he left to go into private practice. Until this appointment by Smith, he was in the law firm of Hustmyre, Harris, Dorman and Dunaway. (Editor’s note: You will be surprised at the final outcome and even what happened after the election. Graham Bruce wasn’t a happy camper. He had been sabotaged by Neff, Smith’s supporters and Hustmyre. You won’t believe how this story ends. ****Jim Sharon Bearden, assistant county attorney, has served under three county attorneys, 57 months as a prosecutor under Feagin Windham Roy Wingate and Louis Dugas. ****Five candidates are running for the open seat of tax assessor. Ida Fay Arnold is not seeking re-election. Two employees in the tax office are seeking the post Louvenia Hryhorchuk and Juanita Jordan. Tax office employees who endorsed Hryhorchuk, who has been employed since 1951, are Rosemary Slaton, Lucy Sciarillo, Juanita Smith, Anita Jones, Lottie Zanzeberg, Floydale Benton and Dorothy Bond.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

You don’t want to miss this year’s big Mauriceville Crawfish Bash. It promises to be the largest and best ever. Live music, craft vendors, plenty of food booths, all you can eat crawfish. Come have a big time with the friendly Mauriceville folks. They will treat you like family. ****The times they are changing. Here’s a clear sign that internal combustion engines are on the long road to oblivion, Corvette is going hybrid, all-electric. General Motors Co. president Mark Reuss said Monday in a LinkedIn post that the automaker’s nearly 70-year-old sports car will offer a hybrid model as soon as next year with an electric motor and a gasoline engine. An all-electric version using GM’s Ultium battery will follow, though Reuss didn’t specify a timeline. Interest in electric vehicles is increasing among consumers, and demand for an electric Corvette has been building among the sports car’s fan base. GM has set a goal of building only electric passenger vehicles by 2035. It has pledged to have 30 electric vehicle models for sale globally in 2025. ****Michelle Tubbleville, head of the non-profit Orange County Disaster Rebuild group, is in the Abilene and Eastland County area this week helping them in the aftermath of recent wildfires. Her job in Orange County has included coordinating volunteers, including many from out of town, to help individuals after hurricanes. She’s ready to share her expertise to others as people start to rebuild their homes and

lives. ****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. It’s Sunday morning and I thought I would get a little ahead and get started with the birthdays coming up. It occurred to me this being April 24, today, would have been Capt. Dickie Colburns’ birthday. I miss him and also his weekly column. I’m sure many others feel the same way. I would not be surprised that Dickie’s accidental death in an auto accident had something to do with Stelly deciding to bail out. Life is too short and uncertain to run at 100 miles an hour everyday. ****Here are a few folks celebrating in the coming week. April 27. Gus Harris, Mike Cain, Tim Batchelor and Chelsea Ballard. ****April 28: Happy Birthday to Peggy Dunbar, Joe LaMoine and Josh Blanchard. ****April 29: Celebrating today is Jimmie Simmons, Judy DeCuir, Tommy Bourgeois, Candice Vigil and Drew Wappler. We also remember King Dunn, who passed away 10 years ago at age 95 and Don Cole, age 90, who died in 2017. ****April 30: Still on the road, Willie Nelson turns 89 today. Also sharing birthdays at Dr. Nina Leifeste, Harold Haymon, Jenni Barron, Roger Brister, Kim Izer and Samantha Ziller. ****May 1: McDonald Baptist Church turns 92 on this day. Celebrating birthdays are Frank Carpenter, Karolyn Doiron, Jason Mayfield and Newt Hodges. ****May 2: Happy Birthday to Megan Cornwell, Jonette Brown and Glenda Dailey. ****May 3: Celebrating today are Nicole Gibbs, Stacie Hollier, Kay Boudreaux and Brandon Applebach. We remember our friend Corky Harmon, who died in 2017 at age 89. Remember, if you or anyone you know is having a birthday, let us know at 409-735-5305 or at news@therecordlive.com. ****The Orange Rotary Club had a successful scholarship fundraiser this weekend at the Free State Cellars Winery. The Shop ‘n Sip event included Mathews Jewelers Orange. Sabine Federal Credit Union’s Kristen Placette, Rotary president-elect, was chair of the festivities. ****At the first sign of mosquitoes I called Pestco. They came out and sprayed right away. Over the last eight years Pestco has been taking care of our ‘Skeeter’ problems. They spray a couple times a year, some years maybe three times, but year in and year out, we are mosquito free. That is saying a lot when you live near the marsh. Pestco doesn’t use chemicals only a formula that consist of several herbs. The place smells good when they spray but ‘Skeeters’ will not come close to it. Also, if you are having problems with small German roaches, give Donna, at Pestco, a call. They did two houses in our neighborhood that were infested and now are roach free. They also check our place each year for termites. Reasonable prices. Tell them Breaux sent you. ****The stork is expecting to bring another grand-baby for Janelle and George Sehon. Ellie will graduate to “big sister” around Thanksgiving. Congrats to Stephanie and Alex Hurst who are expecting a new bundle of joy. ****It was nice to hear from Dr. Tom Johnson. He had a lot of good things going at Lamar Orange. He is working with Lamar in hopes of getting a \$70 million grant for a special nursing program. ****I was also glad to hear from Constable Brad Frye, who is on the Orangefield School Board. A lot of good things are going on in that school district. ****It’s been a big year for Adam Conrad of Bridge City, who is the drama teacher at Vidor High School. Two of his students won first place Sunday at the Stark Reading Contest with Tristan Tinkle in Interpretive Reading and Ashley Callahan in Declamation. Tinkle and Grant Masters placed in regional UIL meet and are going to Austin for the state competition. Conrad is the current Education Region 5 Teacher of the Year. ****Looks like it’s going to be nice weather for the Annual Orange Train Depot’s Depot Day fundraiser on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1210 Green Avenue in Orange. The event will include a children’s train ride, pony rides, activities, and food trucks. Money is used to support the restoration and operation of the century-old Southern Pacific Depot.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our friend Clovis Robicheaux on his and Edna Mae’s 50th wedding anniversary celebrated las Sun. at church. Da minister, Rev. Arnaud, axe Clovis for da secret to his long marriage. He axe him to share some insight on how he managed to stay married to da same wome-n all these years.

Clovis says “Well, it’s like dis, I’ve treated Edna Mae well, spent money on her and took her traveling on special occasions.”

Da minister axe, “Like trips to where?”

Clovis answer, “Well, for our 40th anniversary, I took her to Nashville and Dollywood, den I took her to her sister Loretta’s house in Chicago for a visit.”

Rev. Arnaud said, “Mr. Robicheaux, you are a terrific example to all husbands. Please tell da congregation wat you are planning for your wife on your 50th anniversary?”

Clovis answer, “Well me, I’m going to Chicago to get her.”

C’EST TOUT

Judge holds Trump in contempt, orders \$10K a day in fines

Judge Arthur Engoron ordered Trump to comply with a subpoena seeking records and assessed a fine of \$10,000 per day until he satisfies the court’s requirements. The judge concluded that Trump failed to cooperate with New York Attorney General Letitia James and follow the court’s orders. “Mr. Trump, I know you take your business seriously, and I take mine seriously,” said Engoron, who serves on the state Supreme Court in Manhattan, before he held Trump in contempt and banged his gavel. The ruling represents a significant victory for James, whose office is conducting a civil investigation into whether Trump falsely inflated the value of his assets in annual financial statements. Although James does not have the authority to file criminal charges, her inquiry is running parallel to a criminal investigation led by the Manhattan district attorney, Alvin Bragg, who is examining some of the same conduct. James’ office is participating in Bragg’s investigation, which had appeared to be nearing an indictment of Trump earlier this year. ****Well, my time is up. I’ve gotta go, but I didn’t do too bad. Thanks for your time and loyalty. Take care and God bless America.



Deaths & Memorials

Juana Matthews, 83, Bridge City

Juana Matthews, of Bridge City, Texas joined her Lord in heaven on Friday, April 15, 2022. She was born Oct. 7, 1938 to Newman and Juanita Rhodes and was 83 years old.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Howard Matthews; brother, Cecil Rhodes; and son-in-law, Boo Richard.

She is survived by her three children, Wayne Matthews and wife Lisa; daughters, Lynn Richard and Ann Borque and husband Paul; seven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; as well as a sister, Loy Schultz and brother-in-law Ralph; and sister-in-law, Lynn Ann Rhodes.

Juana's life encompassed loving her Lord, being a devoted wife of 61 years to her Honey and Mother to her three children. She would proudly tell anyone how many grands and & greets she had. She had a servant's heart, loved meeting people, making friends and helping others. She served at First Baptist Church of Bridge City and Parkway Baptist Church in Bronson in children and adults ministries, loved mission work both in North America



Juana Matthews

and Internationally, loved singing in the choirs, and more.

She and Howard enjoyed 22 years of retirement at The Lake, as all the kids would call the house there on Rayburn. Her other interests and skills included gardening and sharing the produce, making jelly to share, crocheting booties for babies of her family and friends, crocheting hats and scarves for military personnel, and praying for and with anyone.

By profession she was a teacher of elementary students. Her life was well lived.

Her legacy will be strong.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Keith Royal. Burial will follow at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orange.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, April 24, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Bridge City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to First Baptist Church, 200 W. Roundbunch Rd., Bridge City, TX 77611. Funds will be channeled to missions and scholarships for students.

Dr. Christopher Lee Boehme, 52

Christopher Lee Boehme, M.D., passed away Saturday, April 16, 2022, unexpectedly at the age of 52.

The world has lost a truly remarkable man. As a doctor, he was kind, non-judgmental, compassionate, and caring with his many patients. Seeming to always know something about everything, he was a very witty, often acerbic, conversationalist with his friends and family.

Dr. Boehme was beloved and admired by all.

He was the son of Lee Roy Boehme, Jr. and Jeanette Coggin Boehme and had practiced medicine in Houston for a number of years and in

Orange the last five years.

Born in Orange, Texas, and raised in Saint Mary Catholic Church in Orange, Chris received all his Sacraments there. As a teenager he played the organ in several churches and later, he made his spending money while at Rice University as the pianist for the Houston Ballet Company.

He was blessed with an amazing intellect, having learned to read when he was only two years old. Chris knew his multiplication tables by age four, was put up a grade in school, and still was valedictorian of the (WO-S) West Orange- Stark High School graduation class of 1987.

Scoring perfect scores on the math portions of the SAT and ACT College Entrance Tests, it is obvious that he relished math. He placed first in the nationwide math contest in Seattle, Washington, his senior year at WO-S. He played three musical instruments for the WO-S band and received UIL #1 ratings in all three. Known also as WOS87, he loved following WO-S football and was a superb statistician for everything pertaining to that team.

Enjoying family tree research and playing the computer game WOW (World of Warcraft) were favorite pastimes.

Dr. Boehme breezed through his four years at Rice University where he received a



Christopher Boehme

B.S. degree in Biochemistry with a minor in Piano. He competed in several major piano competitions in Texas as a concert pianist, preferring always to play classical music. He would condescend to play 'boogie woogie' music for his dad who loved to hear him play. He also spoke several languages fluently and teasingly called himself a "True Renaissance Man" because of his varied interests.

After performing a few years of medical research and publishing papers, he eventually enrolled in medical school.

He graduated from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and, while there, he served as a Chief Resident and received his Doctorate of Medicine in 2001.

Chris lived as full a life as possible to the very end. He faced adversity and pain with unflinching bravery and stoicism. The world is a better place for his brief presence, and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Truly his mantra must be 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race." Predeceased by his father, he is survived by many including his mother, and siblings Pamela Boehme Simon, Sheila Boehme, and David Coggin Boehme and David's wife Amy; nieces and nephews Eric Simon, Timothy Davis, Daniel Simon, Jonathan Davis, Elizabeth Boehme, Christopher Jannise, Katie Boehme, Penny Boehme, Simon Boehme, Kimberly Jannise; and grand-nephews Austin Frazier, and Taft Davis. And his beautiful cat, "Oliver".

Serving as pallbearers will be Eric Simon, Daniel Simon, Timothy Davis, Jonathan Davis, Terry LeBouef, and Leah LeBouef.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 A.M., on April 22, 2022, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Orange, Texas. Officiating the Mass will Father Joseph P. Daleo. Entombment will follow at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 P.M. with a wake service to begin at 6:30 P.M., on April 21, 2022 at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

WOC office seekers From Page 1

scored at grade level or above.

The state average was 41%. In Orange County, Orange-field had 48% meet grade level or above, with Bridge City at 47%, Vidor at 41% and Little Cypress-Mauriceville at 38%.

"I'm tired of our district underperforming," said Guillory, an operator at a petrochemical plant.

A topic provided by moderator James Woodrow for each candidate to discuss was school discipline.

All agreed it was a concern, but Platt-Bryant took issue when Guillory said the district needed to end its open-door policy for transfers because, "we're getting all the discipline problems from our neighbors."

"They're getting kicked out of their schools and coming to ours," he said.

Platt-Bryant countered: "We want to save any and every kid from permanent expulsion, especially those that have been removed from other school districts and their households have come to us with that need."

Platt-Bryant said high turnover among teachers is an issue at WOC.

According to TEA, WOC had a 23.5% teacher turnover rate in 2021. The next highest district in the county was Bridge City at 15.6% and the state average was 14.3%.

"We've had a shortage of teachers, certified teachers, prior to COVID and hurri-

canes -- storms are the norm for Southeast Texas -- so we don't use that as an excuse," the board president said. "But we find that they (new teachers) are not giving us the commitment to the children in this economically disadvantaged environment and community, and that they're challenged with some of the techniques that are required by TEA to teach the STAAR test."

"We find that most of our tenured staff, they can manage it at times, but our newcomers, of which we have a large percentage of teachers, they're not grasping the requirements and it's taken them a little time throughout the course of one school year."

Teate, a process operator, suggested the district identify local students who want to teach or coach and "focus on seeing them through college and making sure that if they choose to return, they have a spot here in Orange."

All challengers for the board seats suggested paying bonuses or boosting salaries to attract teachers.

Hunter said that WOC's average teacher salary (\$54,072) was third highest in TEA's Region 5, which includes schools in eight counties and thousands of dollars paid in bonuses didn't slow the turnover.

"We can't find bus drivers. We can't find certified teachers. We're going to colleges, Black colleges, any colleges,"

he said.

"In the last seven years, our teachers have had a 27% pay raise," Simar said.

The TEA stats from 2021 show 90% of WOC's 2,519 students were reported as economically disadvantaged, or eligible for free or reduced school lunch. The state average was 60.3% and Vidor was the next highest in Orange County, with 55.2% of its students classified as economically disadvantaged.

Additionally, 11.5% of 2021 WOC students were in Special Education and 5.1% were considered mentally or physically challenged.

The laws, policies and guidelines that govern schools are complicated. That's why superintendents in Orange County earn between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year, and why board members receive lots of training.

Jefferson says school administrators and board members need to better share that knowledge with taxpayers.

"There's a lack of transparency," said the plant management retiree. "The reason I want to get on the school board is to make the district a better place."

"The place West Orange is in right now in the rankings, it's pathetic."

"I believe if it ain't broke, don't fix it. The school board is broke. Therefore, it's time for a change."

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"As a community, we must invest in area schools to ensure every student is fully prepared for the next stage of their life. We need to continue to provide safe environments in which students are free from harm and free to learn. Parent/Guardian involvement is crucial. Students with parental involvement have higher grades and test scores, better school attendance, improved social skills and higher self-esteem. My motivation for seeking another term on the school board is, I want to continue to work hard, and make decisions pertaining to the education of children of the district."

Donny Teate Jr.

Age: 47
Occupation: Chemical process operator at TPC Group for 23 years.
Lived in Orange: 43
Experience as elected or civic leader: None.

What issues do you most want to improve and how?

"Our biggest challenge, in my opinion, is raising our test scores and sending our students to college OR bringing in different programs that will prepare students for specific trades as they graduate from high school.

My biggest challenge that I've been researching is how we can OBTAIN and RETAIN HIGH QUALITY EDU-

CATORS throughout our district.

CITY OF ORANGE CITY COUNCIL (3-year term) District 4

Mary McKenna (i)

Age: (no answer)
Occupation: Executive Director, Southeast Texas Hospice

Lived in Orange: I moved to Orange with my family at age 7. I moved away for college and then moved back. I have lived here since then.

Experience as elected or civic leader: Orange City Council 2013-2016, 2019-present, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Orange Housing Authority, St. Mary Parish Council, Lutchter Theater Board, Orange Hospital Board.



McKenna

What issues do you most want to improve and how?

"Orange recently gave me another great honor and a blessing, serving on city council for the past three years representing the citizens of District 4. Working with the entire council to make Orange a better place to live has been a remarkable experience. Many projects have been completed during our three years together on council and many more are in progress. Drainage, litter, demolitions, programs for

quality of life like the new recreation center, all are projects to help make Orange the best place to live. I would be honored and blessed to continue working for everyone and with everyone in District 4."

Dwain Boullard

Age: 55
Occupation: Owner of DCD Construction LLC

Lived in Orange: 10 years
Experience as elected or civic leader: Served on Orange Planning & Zoning Board, 2003.

What issues do you most want to improve and how? I would like to work with the other city officials to keep improving the drainage system around the city of Orange.

Richard G. Pillsbury

Age: 53
Occupation: work at B&E Resources

Lived in Orange: 15 years, (1980-87, 2015-present) before and after a 28-year military career. Came to Orange with his career Naval officer dad and went on to serve 28-year career in the Army and Marine Corps.



Pillsbury

Experience as elected or civic leader: Served in U.S. Army and Marine Corps for 28 years, currently serving as Staff Judge Advocate and incoming quartermaster for VFW Post 9854.

What issues do you most

want to improve and how?

- Crime and Safety: Statistical data shows violent crime is on the rise in our town and a whole of approach attitude involving leadership from the council, police, and community leaders should be adopted. Presence patrols by police in our neighborhoods need to be proactive and invested with the community.

- Infrastructure: Projects should be well thought out, progression of work physically inspected, and completed on time. All involved need to be held accountable so that our communities suffer the least amount of inconvenience. Streets and Drainage are the main areas of concern."

CITY OF ORANGE CITY COUNCIL At-Large Place 5 (3-year terms)

Charles Thomas

Age 63
Occupation: Pastor for 28 years, business owner 32 years
Orange ties: Born and raised in Orange, currently lives in Orange for 5 years

Experience as an elected or civic leader: 28 years' experience in working with other clergy, civic leaders, participant in community affairs, currently working on 2 business development projects in the city of Orange that will bring jobs, community outreach for families in need (distribution of food, clothing, household necessities, etc.).



Thomas

What issues do you most want to improve and how?

"I am looking to improve the conditions of various areas in the city of Orange such as better lighting on the streets, clean up neighborhoods that have been far too long neglected. I'm currently in the process of two business developments on the east side of Orange that will bring jobs. I am looking to work with the citizens of Orange, by listening and adhering to their concerns and to help build better communication and trust between our citizens and city council. Orange is in much need of jobs, opportunities, new construction, financial growth and so much more."

Caroline Hennigan (i)

Age: 54
Occupation: ARD Facilitator/Special Education Coordinator LCM High School

Lived in Orange: 54 years

Experience as elected or civic leader: Served on City Council the past three years. Before that, I was involved in various events as a volunteer. Worked as a teacher over 20 years.



Hennigan

What issues do you want to improve and how?

"On council, I have focused on drainage, economic growth, increased family activities, and stopping litter in our city. I plan to continue what we have started. We have added a code enforcement officer and created the "litter force." I am speaking

to third graders this week about the importance of not littering. As a council, we have improved drainage by improving Cooper's Gully, the Meeks Drive ditch, and by improving several of our lift stations. Northway Park has a new crushed granite surface, Lion's Park new play equipment, Navy Park is getting a new sidewalk, and the tennis courts at Memorial are set to be resurfaced. Notable economic growth is happening all over town. "

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Mike Reed (i)

What issues do you see as most important?

Mostly keeping water out of the city. That seems to be a big chore. Right now we've got water infiltration into our sewer system and shortly we'll be working with the Corps of Engineers on the levee system. I also want to continue to improve the roads and work with the Police Department and court system to keep them improving.

Carl Harbert

What issues do you see as most important?

I want to keep improving our drainage and build our infrastructure. Our housing is booming in Bridge City and we want to make sure we stay ahead on our services. And while we've dodged the bullet on hurricanes recently, we need to stay prepared.

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Undefeated Lady Cards, Orangefield Bobcats take districts

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For The Record**



Dan Perrine

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals finished their district schedule as the undefeated District 22-4A softball champions. The Lady Cardinals concluded their regular season April 22 with a tight 3-2 win in ten innings over the third place Lumberton Lady Raiders.

The contest was the only game of the week for Bridge City. It was the second extra inning win for the Lady Cardinals (12-0) in district the other one coming in March

against the Orangefield Lady Bobcats. Bridge City pitcher Carson Fall threw another strong game with 20 strikeouts while only surrendering four hits and walking two. The Lady Cardinals got stellar defense throughout the infield with Brooklyn Drodgy, Makenna Carey, Lexi Nugier and Marlie Strong making game changing plays that got



Orangefield said goodbye to three Lady Bobcats on Seniors Night. Madison Hughes, Kaylen Hatton, and Joli Ponfick were honored in a pre-game ceremony.



Lady Bears Shae Fontenot and Lexis Moss both hit two-run homers while pitcher Cami Shugart shutout Orangefield recording 11 strikeouts.

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the Lady Cards out of some tough situations.

Amaris Larkin had an amazing first game back from an ankle injury that had kept her out of the lineup to this point of the district games. Batting in the leadoff position Larkin had three hits, a walk, and scored the tying run for Bridge City in the seventh inning.

Lumberton took the early lead scoring two runs in the third. Lady Raider pitcher Sydney Cline shutout Bridge City for the first six innings.

The Lady Cardinals rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh with Nicole Sasser and Larkin scoring the runs. Strong had a key hit to drive in a run.

Kaylyn Dosch played a fabulous game behind the plate and scored the winning run on a passed ball in the tenth. "Definitely not our best outing offensively, but the girls kicked it in gear and pulled out the win. Just a great night for the Lady Cardinals," Bridge City Coach Raven Harris evaluated.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears won an important game against Vidor at home on April 19 to maintain their one game lead over Lumberton. The Lady Bears won 6-3 over the Lady Pirates.

LCM got a big night from the heart of the batting order Keylie Washburn, Lexis Moss, and Ansley Moore. The three, four, and five hitters in the Lady Bear lineup accounted for five of the team's six runs.

Washburn scored the first run for LCM in the bottom of the first inning getting a two-out single followed by hits from Moss and Moore. Vidor tied the game in the second on three singles by Keaira McCurley, Brilie Cornelison, and Gracie Matherne.

In the third Washburn blasted a drive to centerfield that cleared the fence for a homerun. Cami Shugart had singled just before Washburn came to bat and courtesy runner Ava White trotted home in front of Washburn as the Lady Bears took a 3-1 lead.

The Lady Pirates answered in the fifth with Natalie Morrison starting the inning with a single to right. Vidor loaded the bases on an error and a single by Andreyra Garrett.

McCurley hit a low liner that Lexis Moss caught just as it hit the dirt and got an unassisted force out at second base. Moss may have thought she had caught the ball for an out and was looking to turn it into an inning ending double play but the umpire ruled she trapped the ball and Morrison scored the Lady Pirates' second run on the play.

Washburn led off the sixth inning and got the ball rolling again with a base hit. She stole second and scored when Moss doubled to the left centerfield fence. Moore drove Moss home with the third straight hit by the Lady Bears. A third run in the inning was scored on a sacrifice fly by Shae Fontenot.

Vidor did not go home quietly in the seventh. Brooklyn Bushelle was hit by a pitch, and Garrett brought her home with a double taking third on the throw to the plate trying to get Bushelle.

McCurley bunted down the third base line where Washburn made a clean grab of the ball before throwing a bullet to first base for the second out of the inning. Garrett tried to race home, but Moore made a perfect throw to Lady Bear catcher Jillian Brown who



Pitcher Carson Fall of Bridge City struck out 20 as she and the Lady Cardinals beat Lumberton 3-2 to conclude district undefeated.
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine



made the tag on Garrett for a Keylie Washburn, Lexis Moss, and Ansley Moore were the offensive leaders in the Lady Bears' 6-3 win over the Lady Pirates.
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

spectacular game ending double play to secure the 6-3 win.

Cami Shugart of the Lady Bears was the winning pitcher. Shugart pitched all seven innings scattering nine hits, walking two, hitting one batter, and striking out two. "If you see she gave up a few hits, but those hits were Texas Leaguers and seeing eye singles, and she really pitched well. She started a little slow came out and finished stronger," LCM Coach Dena Adkins analyzed.

Shugart upped her game the following Friday, April 22, shutting out the Orangefield Lady Bobcats and striking out eleven in the game as Little Cypress-Mauriceville won 5-0 at Orangefield. Shugart gave up only four hits, walked one, and hit a batter. Adkins commented, "Cami was lights out, she was hitting her spots great, every pitch I called she hit it, and she was fearless today on the mound. She came out in a good mood, she was ready to go, and she looked really great."

Abigail Curphey of the Lady Bobcats pitched well too. She struck out eight and walked only two.

The Lady Bears used the long ball to win the game which guaranteed a second place finish for LCM. Senior Shae Fontenot and freshman Lexis Moss hit two-run homers in the third and sixth innings respectfully. Shugart doubled to drive in Jacelyn Cook with the final run in the seventh.

Orangefield said goodbye that night to three seniors Madison Hughes, Kaelyn Hutton, and Joli Ponfick, who played their final game as Lady Bobcats. Orangefield Coach Rebekah Ragsdale reflected on her seniors. "My seniors this year were incredible. There were literally no three I would rather have as seniors on a team I considered was rebuilding. They were great leaders, they did every-

leigh Rawls hit a double, knocked in three runs, and scored three times for Orangefield.

Ariel Farris of the Lady Mustangs scored four runs and drove in two more with a double and two walks. West Orange-Stark's Nataleigh Sims had three hits including a triple to account for five Lady Mustang runs.

The eventual game winning hit came from Rylee Dougay of the Lady Bobcats. On the night Dougay had three hits with four runs batted in with the last three coming on a bases clearing triple in the top of the ninth inning.

Sophomore pitcher Abigail Curphey got the win for Orangefield. Curphey pitched all nine innings striking out 16 Lady Mustangs on the night.

West Orange-Stark said farewell to its four seniors who were leaders for the Lady Mustangs. Laila Rhodes, Paris Overstreet, Katie Hogg, and Laila Mims played their final game at home on Seniors Night and will all be missed.

The Lady Mustangs dropped another heartbreaker to Silsbee on Friday, April 22. West Orange-Stark lost 3-2 in eight innings to the Lady Tigers.

Nataleigh Sims was brilliant in the circle for the Lady Mustangs throwing seven and two third innings giving up three earned runs, walking only two, and striking out four. It was clearly her best performance during the district games.

Ariel Farris had a big game for WOS going three for four with a double and a run scored. Other Lady Mustangs with good games were Laila Rhodes with a single and a run batted in, Paris Overstreet had a hit to drive home a run, and T'era Garrett smashed a double and scored a run. Erika Jordan also had a hit.

Lady Mustang Coach Matt Robertson praised the Lady Mustangs' effort. "I'm extremely proud of this team, they battled their tails off the last two games, playing two extra inning ball games in a row, something we've never done in my time here. They've grown a lot and we are going to carry this feeling of playing in two close ball games into the off season and use it in 2023," Robertson concluded.

The Bridge City Lady Cards open the playoffs this week. Their first round opponent was to be determined in a one game play-in between the Livingston Lady Lions and the Hardin-Jefferson Lady Hawks. Coach Harris indicated the Lady Cardinals would play in Splendora against the winner of that game.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears in their first round playoff play the loser of a three team playoff. Huffman, Liberty, and Hampshire-Fannett were tied at the end of the district season and played this week to determine the first three seeds from District 21-4A.

Orange County Baseball

The Orangefield Bobcats clinched their second straight baseball district title on Friday, April 22 with a 9-1 win over the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears. Pitcher Coop Longron got the win for the Bobcats throwing six innings before Jason Bodin came in to finish the game in the seventh.

Orangefield got things moving in the first inning with three runs when Kameryn Henderson led off the inning with single and advanced to score on two LCM errors. Tyler Shearin scored on a Kolbie Sowell groundout, and Kyle Michael scored on a Jason Bodin sacrifice fly.

The Bobcats put up three more runs in the third inning. Orangefield put the pressure on starting with a single by Macoy Marze and a sacrifice fly by Trent Eaves.

Another run was added in the fourth by the Bobcats before the Bears' Dean Reynolds homered in the sixth. Orangefield closed the scoring with two runs in the bottom of the sixth as Shearin doubled to drive in Caleb Fregia and then scored himself when Bodin drew a bases loaded walk.

Orangefield Coach Tim Erickson was happy to clinch the district championship with a win at home. "That's kind of what we challenged them with this week, not to wait until

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Will tomorrow's 1st-round NFL draft help Texans, Cowboys

KAZ'S KORNER Joe Kazmar For The Record

Tomorrow will feature the most important National Football League event between February's Super Bowl and September's Opening Day of the 2022 regular season when the first round of the 2022 NFL draft begins.

There has been much speculation from both the sports media and the 32 NFL teams themselves about what positions need to be filled for each team.

There have been mock drafts galore from every sports publication, radio and television sports talk shows, podcasts and even Facebook and Twitter about the players who will be drafted in tomorrow's first round.

Another aspect of the draft will focus on which teams plan to trade up in an effort to fill their biggest needs. This week's edition of USA Today Sports Weekly has an article giving their opinions of some of the top players who may be involved in these prospective trade scenarios.

Several teams were able to grab a player to fulfill their greatest needs through the free agent marketplace, but the biggest trade involved former Houston Texans' quarterback Deshaun Watson, who signed the most lucrative contract in NFL quarterback history with the Cleveland Browns despite his 22 lawsuits still pending, while the Texans reaped three first-round draft picks from Cleveland, including No. 13 tomorrow.

Another huge quarterback trade involved Russell Wilson, who was dealt by the Seattle Seahawks to the Denver Broncos for several starting players and some draft picks.

But the biggest surprises involved a pair of All-Pro wide receivers—Kansas City's Tyreek Hill and Green Bay's Davante Adams—who both were the favorite targets of Chiefs' quarterback Patrick Mahomes and the Packers' Aaron Rodgers, respectively.

Adams opted to join his old college quarterback Derek Carr at the Las Vegas Raiders while Hill signed with the Miami Dolphins.

A handful of college stars who may cause a team to trade up tomorrow include quarterbacks Malik Willis of Liberty, Kenny Pickett of Pittsburgh, Cincinnati's Desmond Ritter, Ole Miss' Matt Corral and North Carolina's Sam Howell.

Among other players who could command an upward trade are wide receivers Jameson Williams of Alabama and Ohio State's Chris Olave, Alabama offensive lineman Evan Neal, Florida State's lineback-



Joe Kazmar

er/defensive end Jermaine Johnson II, LSU cornerback Derek Stingley, Jr. and Notre Dame safety Kyle Hamilton.

As far as the two Texas franchises are concerned, the rebuilding Houston Texans need plenty of help everywhere, but especially on the defensive line where Jermaine Johnson II could be a valuable asset along with pass-rushing defensive end stalwart Aiden Hutchinson of Michigan.

But the Houston Chronicle's Mock draft that appeared in Sunday's edition had the Texans' using their No. 3 first-round pick on North Carolina State's offensive tackle Ikem Ekwonu and No. 13 on Alabama wide receiver Jameson Williams.

Other first-round pick possibilities include Alabama offensive lineman Evan Neal, Oregon's defensive end Kaylon Thibodeaux and Cincinnati cornerback Ahmed Gardner.

The Dallas Cowboys have only their No. 24 pick in the first round and the Chronicle predicts it will be Iowa center Tyler Linderbaum. Other first-round possibilities could be Arkansas wide receiver Treyton Burks and guards Zion Johnson from Boston College and Texas Aggie Kenyon Green. Last year Idiot Owner Jerry Jones concentrated on drafting only defensive players.

Local New Orleans Saints fans will be interested to know their team has two picks in the first round—No. 15 from Indianapolis and their own No. 19. The Chronicle predicted Ohio State wide receiver Olave will be No. 15 and Utah linebacker Devin Lloyd will be No. 19.

Other first-round possibilities could be quarterbacks Pickett of Pittsburgh and Corral from Ole Miss, Arkansas wide receiver Burks and Northern Iowa offensive tackle Trevor Penning.

KWICKIES...

Ryder Cup and President's Cup partners Patrick Cantley and Xander Schauffele scored a wire-to-wire victory in last weekend's Zurich Classic, a two-man team tournament held in New Orleans. The team won by two strokes over Sam Burns and Billy Horschel with their 29-under-par 259 at TPC Louisiana, breaking the old record of 27-under.

Slugger Ivan Melendez smashed two homers Sunday as the No. 20 Texas Longhorns routed Baylor 13-4 and swept the weekend series. Melendez hit four homers in the series and drove in 10 runs, upping

the Longhorns record to 30-13 and 9-6 in Big 12 competition.

The major league's highest paid shortstop Carlos Correa has been a bust at the plate so far with the Minnesota Twins, hitting an anemic .192 while his Houston Astros replacement Jeremy Pena won Sunday's game for Houston over Toronto 8-7. I believe Correa would rather be facing the pitching staffs of the Angels, Mariners, Rangers and the A's from the AL West Division than those in the AL Central.

Former Oakland Raiders quarterback Daryle Lamonica died last week at age 80 from natural causes. Nicknamed the "Mad Bomber", Lamonica threw for 34 touchdowns and 3,302 yards in 1969. The 34 TDs still stand as the franchise's single-season record more than a half-century later.

Weatherford College pitcher Owen Woodward found out last week how easy it was to end a college career. Woodward, a sophomore, surrendered a go-ahead home run to North Central Texas College's Josh Phillips, who was knocked to the ground when he was tackled by Woodward as he rounded third base. Woodward was dropped from the Weatherford team and also received a four-game suspension from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. He had recently signed a letter-of-intent to play for the University of Houston for the 2022-23 academic year. I wonder if the Cougars still want him!!!

JUST BETWEEN US...

Sunday both the Houston Astros and their Class AAA affiliate the Sugar Land Space Cowboy closed out their weekend series with extra-inning wins. The Astros topped visiting Toronto 8-7 on a walk-off 10th-inning home run by rookie shortstop Jeremy Pena while the Space Cowboys subdued the Tacoma Rainiers 3-2 in 10 innings. That's where the similarities end because the Astros halted a horrid four-game losing streak while Sugar Land won their fourth game in a row. After throwing a scoreless eighth inning, Astros newcomer reliever Rafael Montero remained unscored upon in seven relief appearances this season, with 13 strikeouts and an 0.71 WHIP in seven innings.

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OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

I have no idea how it happens, it seems like only a few weeks ago summer was so far away and we were in the midst of a mini winter as successive cool fronts continued to remind us how nice 60 degree weather with zero humidity could be. All that will become a distant memory as we flip the calendar and officially entered the dog days of summer. Welcome back the sweltering heat and humidity so thick you need to breathe through a snorkel just to cope with everyday tasks. Gone are the mornings where you wake up to the repetitive snapping of the flags as the big south winds keep them starched at attention from dawn till dusk and beyond. The summer months will usher in those days where you beg for a breeze or anything else that will provide relief to ever climbing temperatures and

cloudless blue skies.

As the weather seasons change so does the focus for many anglers all along the coast. During the winter and spring months the vast majority of ink in most fishing publications is dedicated to the pursuit of big speckled trout. Under normal circumstances those months from November thru March or April will produce the lion's share of bragging sized trout so it only stands to reason that all the attention is focused on that subject and species. As the calendar and seasons both switch the focus now turns towards the "second class citizen" of the salt, the redfish.

I have no problem professing my affinity for the redfish because I truly believe they have more to offer than just about any other fish that roams the Texas saltwater. I love chasing trout, don't get that confused or twisted. A big speckled trout has a certain feel to it that is difficult to describe, perhaps because they are rare and highly coveted. A

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one more game to get it done, and we didn't want to be co-champions, so it was good to do it at home," Erickson exclaimed.

Earlier in the week first place Orangefield used four pitchers to throw a no-hitter against the West Orange-Stark Mustangs. The Bobcats won the game 15-0 at Ronnie Anderson Park.

Trent Eaves earned the win on the pitcher's mound for Orangefield. The lefty pitched two innings, allowing no hits and no runs while striking out six and walking one. Brycen Tait, Kolbie Sowell, and Jason Bodin worked out of the bullpen in relief for the Bobcats also not allowing a hit towards securing the five-inning victory.

After scoring a run in the first inning the Bobcats notched six runs in the top of the third. Tyler Shearin, Sowell, Brayden Babineaux, and Caleb Fregia all drove home runners in the third inning.

Kameryn Henderson had three hits, Macoy Marze and Jason Bodin also chipped in with multiple base hits for Orangefield. Shearin had three of the Bobcat's six stolen bases in the game. The Bobcats had a good night with their gloves committing no errors for the first time in their last three games.

Grayson Gregory was on the



Bridge City's Ethan Ocegüera shutout Lumberton in the Cardinals only game last week.

hill for West Orange-Stark to start the game. He allowed nine hits and ten runs over three and a third innings, striking out one. Derrick Williams and David Robledo entered the game as relievers throwing one inning and two-thirds of an inning respectively for the Mustangs.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears and the Vidor Pirates are battling for the fourth and final position from District 22-4A in the post season. The two teams played Tuesday, April 19, at Don Gibbens Field.

Vidor jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. Reagan Weiblinger capped the rally for the Pirates with a two-run homer.

In the second inning the Bears tied the game. Gage Griffith reached base to begin the rally followed by singles from Gunner Johnson and Blaze Compton. Parker Seago walked to push Griffith home and a wild pitch scored the second Bear run. Reid Peco plated two more runs with a double to tie the score 4-4 after two.

LCM took the lead 5-4 in the third on a leadoff home-run by Dean Reynolds. Peco started the game as the Bear pitcher and was relieved by Reynolds after four innings.

Reynolds struck out the three Pirates he faced in the fifth. The sixth did not go as well. The first two Pirates reached base on a walk and single before Reynolds retired the next two batters including his fourth strikeout. Unfortunately for the Bears, an error on a ground ball opened the flood gates leading to four Vidor runs scoring in the inning giving the Pirates an 8-5 advantage.

In the seventh Landon Bailey homered to left field to increase the Vidor lead to four runs. The blow was especially significant for Bailey who was celebrating his birthday that night.

Weiblinger who was a hero early with the homerun in the first was also the pitching hero for Vidor. Weiblinger threw four shutout innings, giving up just one base hit, walking one, hitting two batters, and striking out eight

Bears to earn the win for the Pirates.

The Bridge City Cardinals got another outstanding performance from pitcher Ethan Ocegüera on April 22. Ocegüera shut out the Lumberton Raiders 9-0 and has only given up one run in his last three starts for the Cardinals.

John Van Huis and Landon Reeves scored for Bridge City in the first inning which turned out to be all the runs Ocegüera would need. Deegan King and RJ Esquivel both drove in runs. Draven Marlow had two hits and three runs batted in for the Cardinals.

Bridge City (6-4) trailed Silsbee (7-3) by one game for second place with two games remaining for both teams. The Cardinals play West Orange-Stark and LCM this week. The Tigers play the Bears and Vidor in their final two games.

The district's fourth seed and final playoff position with one week left in the schedule had Little Cypress-Mauriceville (5-5) in the lead. If the Bears can beat either Silsbee or Bridge City they will clinch at least a tie for fourth place.

Vidor (4-6) is a game back of LCM, but the Pirates finish their season with Orangefield and Silsbee. Lumberton (4-7) has the better chance to catch the Bears as their only remaining game is against the winless West Orange-Stark Mustangs who lost on Friday 16-0 to Silsbee.

Guillory issues statement on candidacy for WOCCISD school board

I am Erick Guillory Sr., and I am running for West Orange Consolidated Cove Independent School District Board (WOCCISD). I am running because I value education and believe in the ideals of service. For many years I have dedicate my time to programs like Lil Mustangs and others. I support and understand the ethical, social, and economic impact of education to our community and its value to families.



Guillory

As a '1989 West Orange Stark graduate and parent who has raised two children in WOCCISD public school district, I am proud of the many strengths and achievements of my children. At the same time, I am aware of the many changes, concerns and suggestions that you do have as parents, educators and community members.

I want to be a part of the solution. I strongly believe a different perspective can be conducive to creative solutions. As a board member elected by you, and representing you, I will encourage dialogue between educators, parents and board members. I will work hard to find common ground when dealing with various opinions. I will work harmoniously with other board members for improvement throughout the district.

I believe the long-term vision of a school board should be to provide leadership and ways to assist students of diverse backgrounds and different abilities and needs all reach their full potential. I ask for your vote so that I can be your voice. Please share with me your vision for WOCCISD and I will do my part to make sure we are all held accountable and that your taxes are spent wisely. I promise to serve our district with dignity and respect. Your VOTE is your VOICE, so I am asking you to go to the polls and vote for me, Erick Guillory Sr., a candidate that truly cares about our future.

Sincerely,
Erick Guillory Sr.

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solid redfish, not even a giant bull or anything like that, on the other hand is a sensory overload that is very often under appreciated until it runs off with about half the line on your reel just to show you it can. Redfish deserve a little more respect in my estimation because of what they bring to the table so to speak. Perhaps my "man crush" on the redfish comes from the fact that unlike speckled trout you can watch redfish do "redfish things" and that is a treat for any angler. Seeing these fish cruise around in shallow water, forage for food, swim in schools, lay around and be lethargic, or just plain disappear in broad daylight is absolutely mesmerizing to me. Learning to read their body language and adjusting to their variables is a visual puzzle that once it's solved provides endless enjoyment for all to partake in. It's truly such a feeling to watch these fish, figure out what they want, and then see them do exactly what you had hoped they would.

On the other hand redfish can frustrate you to the point where even a cold beer or good whiskey can't soothe the sting. I have had days where the redfish have just completely refused to cooperate in the slightest which in turn has caused me to question my sanity all in one fell swoop. Imagine if you will making countless perfect casts and watching fish after fish swim up to the bait as if they may inhale the offering only to inspect the bait and turn away in such a rush that they leave a hole in the water it would take 3 minutes to fill back up. Some days it doesn't matter what you do they just refuse to cooperate. On days that the redfish don't want to play all you can do is learn from the experience, put a band aid on your pride, and get after them again because they may change their attitude over night and eat anything you throw at them on the next day out. This process is what keeps many redfish enthusiasts coming back for more.

Sabine and Calcasieu will both be fantastic places to chase redfish in the coming weeks and months. Huge schools of pogies will roam the open waters and be relatively unmolested until the switch gets flipped and the redfish go absolutely nuts. Many times the redfish will school up during the heat of the day when many anglers are calling it quits in favor a cold glass of iced tea and some air conditioning. Those anglers that tough out those conditions are often rewarded with some of the most fantastic

fishing action you will ever lay your eyes on. Having several acres of surfacing redfish all to yourself and watching them blowing holes in the water as

they run roughshod through those baitfish is a sight that puts a smile on any and all fishermen's faces. When the melee starts its absolute chaos often lasts for long periods of time. The most common mistake most anglers make is leaving too soon after the fish

quit breaking the surface or actively chasing bait. Many times its only a matter of minutes before the craziness gets cranked up again and the patient anglers are rewarded with another round of redfish mayhem.

The coming weeks will

hopefully see some of this crazy weather, especially the wind, get back to a more normal pattern. So much of both Sabine and Calcasieu have been unfishable due to the incessant gale force breezes that have plagued April. May should offer up a break from

the wind and and that will really help our fishing out. Be on the lookout when it calms down because we have great water conditions at the moment and that gives every fisherman hope for a jump start on the summer programs.

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Large yard sale w/ 3 different persons belongings on April 30th from 9 am-2 pm, weather permitting there's no rain, no early birds at 105 Davis Ave. in West Orange, 77630. Lots of collectible figurines, house ware items, tools, stove, nesting tables, child's picnic table, cloth wagon, wall mount ironing board, large rod iron corner shelf (ask to see), lamps, 4x8 dry erase board, vintage sewing machine and some extra drawers.

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NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of **CHARLES MICHAEL HAVARD, SR.**, Deceased, were issued on the **APRIL 20, 2022**, in Cause No. **P19338**, pending in the Probate Court at Jefferson County, Texas, to: **Charles M. Havard, Jr., Independent Administrator.** The post office address of the Independent Administrator is:

Charles M. Havard, Jr.
c/o **Jason M. Byrd**
The Byrd Law Firm
448 Orleans
Beaumont, TX 77701

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.

Dated the **20th day of April, 2022.**

Jason M. Byrd
JASON M. BYRD

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448 Orleans
Beaumont, TX 77701
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Attorney for Applicant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American Legion, Post #49 located at 108 Green Ave. in Orange will be having a fish Fry lunch on Thursday, May 5th. The meal will consist of Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans with Pickles, Onions, Bread and Dessert for \$10.00 each. If you wish to place an order, please do so on Wednesday, May 4th or for orders to go on Thursday, May 5th call before 9 am. The number to call is 409-886-1241.

Walking His Way walking club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 am to 10 am in First Baptist's Family Life Center located at 200 W Roundbunch Rd. in Bridge City. The climate is perfect so come join us to lose those pounds and for a healthy body. A fast lane and slow lane are available. There is no charge for this opportunity, only fellowship.

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

Al-Anon can help if someone close to you has a drinking problem. Al-Anon meets Sundays & Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., North Orange Baptist Church, 4775 N. 16th St. (Rear), Orange, TX 77632. Call Angela at 474-2171 or Jane at 409-670-2887 for more info. Calls are kept Confidential.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: **JONATHAN MARRERO SERRANO**
Defendant(s), Greeting:

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court at Law #2 of Orange County at the Courthouse thereof, in Orange, Texas, by filing a written answer on or before 10 o'clock A.M., of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being **May 12, 2022**, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on **DECEMBER 11, 2018**, in this cause, numbered 24173 on the docket of said court and styled:

Quibodeaux, Steve, Dba Bridge City Wrecker vs Jonathan Marrero Serrano
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION
as more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this **March 31, 2022**

Brandy Robertson, Clerk, County Court
Orange County, Texas

By **Brooke Hatton**
Brooke Hatton

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

WILLIAM GLYN BURTT JR, Deceased
Cause No. P19392
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on **APRIL 18, 2022**, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of William Glyn Burtt Jr, 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 April 19, 2022.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas
By: **Samantha McInnis**, Deputy
Samantha McInnis

DIVORCE CITATION BY PUBLICATION (OTHER) - COPUBWD

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: **Michael M Smith** Respondent, NOTICE:

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.

The petition of **Christopher Denmon, Petitioner**, was filed in the 260th District Court of Orange County, Texas on 15th day of July, 2021, against **Michael M Smith, Respondent**, numbered 210309-C.

The suit request:
Defendant to be cited to appear and answer herein as to the following property:

This is a Declaratory Action to determine the rights of Michael Smith, Seller/Defendant and Christopher Denmon, Buyer/Plaintiff with respect to the real property located at 209 Skylark Avenue, Bridge City, Texas and more particularly described as follows:

Being a 0.212 acre tract or parcel of land out of the JOHN JETT SURVEY, ABSTRACT No. 15, Orange County, Texas, being a park of Block 8, Orange County, Farms, recorded in Volume 2, page 41, Map Records, Orange County, Texas also being a 0.212 acre tract or parcel of land conveyed to Jason Morgan, by deed recorded in Clerk File No. 348596, of the Official Public Records, of Real Property, Orange County, Texas, said 0.212 acre tract being more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found for the intersection of the Northeast corner of said 0.212 acre tract, and the South right-of-way line of Skylark Avenue;

THENCE South 14 deg. 53 Min. 27 Sec. West, along and with the East line of said 0.212, for a distance of 119.85 feet, to a 5/8" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of said 0.212 acre tract;

THENCE North 79 Deg. 15 Min. 12 Sec. West, for a distance of 75.55 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of said 0.212 acre tract;

THENCE North 14 Deg. 50 Min. 30 Sec. East along and with the West line of said 0.212 acre tract. For a distance of 125.40 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of said 0.212 acre tract;

THENCE South 75 Deg. 02 Min. 25 Sec. East, along and with the North line of said 0.212 acre tract, for a distance of 75.46 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.212 Acres, of land.

The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment which will be binding on you.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this **April 2, 2022.**

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