The Community Newspaper of Orange, Texas

TheRecordLive.com

# County Record

Vol. 62 No. 52 | Distributed FREE In Orange County, Texas | Week of Wednesday, June 1, 2022

# OC projects in works top $16 billion

**Dave Rogers**
**For The Record**

When a possible $6 billion Chevron-Phillips Chemical ethylene plant was first introduced to Orange County headlines in January of 2019, everyone agreed it was a big deal.

That single investment, it was noted by someone who knows, would be equal the rest of the county's industrial plant values all put together.

In the three-plus years since, Orange County's list of "possible" investments has tripled in value, to $16.5 billion with between 25,000 and 30,000 construction jobs and about 1,000 permanent jobs coming with them.

Talk about your economic development.

"We're running out of real estate," Jessica Hill, director of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation, said.

"If everything in the pipeline happens, we'll be turning people away."

The latest addition to the projected project list was unveiled last week at Vidor's school board meeting, a $30 million solar farm located at the intersection of Interstate 10 and FM 1135.

That project list includes two already under way, a $40 million expansion at Optimus Steel and the new $50 million Gisela Houseman Medical Campus.

Additionally, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is pushing forward with the $2.4 billion Orange County Coastal Storm Protection System, a 26-mile line of levees and seawalls scheduled to be complete in 2028.

Entergy is waiting on approval from the Public Utility Commission to build a $1.8 million combination natural gas and hydrogen power plant, scheduled to be online by 2026.

Last week Orange County approved a Reinvestment Zone for an 1,800-acre site on the east

OC PROJECTS Page 6A

## GOACC celebrates opening of Top Deck Flooring

Dennis Malone, left, and J.W. Dalton, co-owners of Top Deck Flooring, flank Junior Miss Orange County Aubrie Kate Woods, as they prepare to cut the ribbons from both the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce and Vidor Chamber of Commerce at their company's Grand Opening Tuesday morning at 1000 S. Ashland Street in Vidor.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

# Hurricane prediction has silver lining

**Margaret Toal**
**For The Record**

The 2022 hurricane season is starting out with a tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico, but the good news for a storm-weary Orange County is that the National Weather Service predicts it will affect the Florida coast, rather than Texas or Louisiana.

The NWS in Lake Charles issued the news Tuesday afternoon as the season started on Wednesday. The tropical depression is from the remnants of Hurricane Agatha, which started in the Pacific Ocean and crossed the Yucatan. If the depression forms into a named storm in the gulf, it will be Alex.

As of Tuesday, the depression has a low, 30 percent chance, of developing into a tropical storm by Thursday, and a high, 70 percent chance of developing by Saturday.

The Pacific season began early. Usually, the Atlantic storms affect Southeast Texas and once again, the season is expected to be busier than usual with 14 to 21 named storms. Three to five of those could be major hurricanes of Category 3, 4, or 5.

People here are still making property repairs after several tropical storms and hurricanes in recent years, but they need to remember that storms can kill.

The National Hurricane Center's final report on Hurricane Harvey listed nine "direct" deaths in Orange County. Direct deaths, according the hurricane center, are attributed to drownings, lightning strikes, rip currents, winds, or flying debris. The count did not include two accidental electrocutions, or deaths that could be related to health like heart attacks, and power failures with life-saving equipment.

August will mark the fifth anniversary of Harvey flooding the area. The storm, which hit the southern Texas coast as a hurricane, circled around the state, went into the gulf and came back, was categorized as a tropical storm when it went over the Golden Triangle.

The heavy rains flooded 27,742 homes in Orange County, the hurricane center reported.

The National Hurricane Service Harvey report included data from the National Weather Service, other scientific sources, FEMA, and other records.

Though Harvey did not bring damaging winds, the rain proved cata-

HURRICANE 3A

# City promotes Bilbo to Fire Chief

**Dave Rogers**
**For The Record**

The City Council of Orange voted to promote John Bilbo to be its new Fire Chief Tuesday night.

The City Council of Orange voted to promote John Bilbo to be its new Fire Chief Tuesday night.

City Manager Mike Kunst called the Special Meeting to deliver his hand-picked candidate for a council vote.

Bilbo, 50, had been serving as interim Fire Chief since the April retirement of David Frenzel.

A 1990 graduate of Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School, Bilbo will complete his 22nd year with the Orange Fire Department in August.

The U.S. Army vet worked his way up from firefighter to driver to pump operator before being promoted to Captain in 2006 and Battalion Chief and Fire Marshal in 2014.

As Fire Marshal, he conducted investigations to determine the origin of all fires, ensured that fire codes and standards are followed, and coordinated fire prevention programs in the schools.

He served in the Army Reserves for 21 years, retiring in 2013. While working for the Fire Department, he obtained an Associate's degree in Occupational Safety and Health and a Bachelor's in Fire Science, both from Columbia Southern University.

He and wife Andrea have been married 29 years and have two sons, Jacob, 27, and Bradley, 23.

City Councilman David Bailey was vocally critical of Kunst's job search and concerned that the process might bypass Bilbo, the heir apparent. But that didn't happen.

"It's different in a lot of the larger departments where the fire chief and police chief jobs are really, really political and the fire chief doesn't know everybody in the department," Bilbo said Tuesday.

"A small town like Orange, I know all the firefighters. I know all their families and they know mine. Our feeling is it (going outside the depart-

Bilbo named Page 2A

# School shooting puts focus on safeguards

**Dave Rogers**
**For The Record**

The worst kind of tragedy – the senseless murder of 19 children and two adults – touched the world last week and hit home especially hard in Texas.

The events involved in the state's worst school shooting ever, a lone gunman's attack at an elementary school in Uvalde, are under close scrutiny.

"Something like this was unthinkable when I was growing up," said Brian Ousley, Director of Support Services for Orangefield's school district. "Fire drills, stop, drop and roll, and bad weather was all you had to worry about then.

"School safety is a whole different animal now. You have to deal with everything from mental health to child safety for 3-year-olds."

Orangefield schools hold one active shooter drill per semester, Ousley said.

"Safety drills are recommended by the state, and we follow that format," he said.

The focus is definitely on keeping schools safe from outside threats.

"Unfortunately, no design or amount of preparation can account for every potential event or action, especially those undertaken by individuals determined to cause harm," Will Clayton said.

Clayton is an architect and project manager for Claycomb Associates, Architects, a Texas-based company that for more than 30 years has designed and oversees construction of schools.

Claycomb worked with Orangefield to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey and is involved with adding a new wing at Bridge City Elementary School.

"Society has changed over the last few years and our school design has changed at the same time," Clayton said. "Safety is always a prime concern when we start working with school districts."

An important safety feature being built and retrofitted into modern schools is a vestibule at the main entry of each building. It's a series of two doors, one inside the outside door, that is kept locked until an attendant lets a visitor in.

The doors lock remotely and can serve as a man-trap by locking an intruder in the vestibule until police arrive.

"We try to limit the number of entry points," Clayton said. "Typically, we design to where there's a singular main entrance you come into. When the cutoff time for students to come in arrives, the door automatically locks."

Most schools have a "panic button" which automatically locks the doors and notifies law enforcement to respond.

In Orange County, Bridge City, West Orange-Cove and Vidor have their own district police forces and city police as backup. The Orange County Sheriff's Department is first responder for Orangefield and Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

Of course, Orangefield made news in 2018 when it created its own program for school marshals, administrators trained to respond to gun threats with guns of their own.

Since licensing and training the marshals, Orangefield has not had occasion for them to reveal their identities.

It's unknown but possible other districts have added marshals. Recent

School safety Page 3A

# ‘Lemonade Stand’ helps needy pups

**Margaret Toal**
**For The Record**

Constable Lannie Claybar with Breelyn, Caroline, Keller, and Annabelle in the back.

Peggy Claybar likes to give little lessons to her grandchildren and little ears were listening to the ones about community service. On their own, four of them decided they could bake cookies and lemonade to sell to help rescue dogs.

Now, Annabelle, Caroline, Breelyn, and Keller will hold their Fifth Annual Lemonade Stand on Wednesday, June 1, outside the home of F. David and Peggy Claybar on Pine Avenue at Fifth Street in the Old Orange Historic District. The hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will also be selling handpainted rocks for garden decor.

The grandchildren are Annabelle and Caroline Claybar, the daughters of Melanie and Constable Lannie Claybar. Also, the parents of Keller Claybar and Breelyn LeMaire are David C. and Sabrina Claybar.

Since the first lemonade stand in 2017, the kids have raised a total of about $10,000 for Traci’s Texas Tails Rescue. Last year, Father Jim Sichko, a priest who grew up in Orange, matched the $3,000 the children made at the sale making a total of about $6,000.

Grandmother Peggy said the idea for the sale grew from an outing to the Orange Lions Club Charity Carnival.

“The carnival really helped me explain to them about volunteers,” she said. She talked to the children about how the carnival operated using local volunteers giving to help the community.

The Claybar family loves dogs, and Peggy has helped Traci James of Orange in her efforts to help dogs. James personally set up a rescue that helps injured and homeless dogs get help and find homes. Through the years she has worked with the city animal control shelters to find permanent homes for dogs. She has raised money to pay for veterinary bills for the dogs, and has found foster homes until the pups can find a forever home.

Peggy said the children were at her house one day and Annabelle, the oldest, saw her writing a check to Traci James to help with veterinary bills. Annabelle asked if they could help, too, and the idea to sell cookies and lemonade outside started.

The kids made the cookies, colored posters, and stirred up the lemonade. At first, they would prepare to give back the change and grew excited when people handed them $10 and $20 bills telling them to “keep the change.”

The next couple of years the sale grew bigger. Chef David C. Claybar owns the Old Orange Cafe and contributed cookies. A friend donated painted rocks.

The Covid 19 pandemic in 2020 led to the cancellation of the lemonade stand. Peggy said last year, as people were still cautious about Covid, son David C. said he would bake all the cookies at his cafe so people would know health protocols were being followed.

This year, the cafe will again bake the cookies.

The first lemonade stand was in the summer of 2017 when Annabelle was 9, Caroline and Breelyn were 7, and Keller was 5. This year, Annabelle is 14 and preparing to go the LC-M High School, while the next two girls are 12 and Keller has hit 10.

Peggy said they decided to hold the fundraiser early this year because the grandkids are involved in a lot of activities later.

The lemonade stand is held in the shade of the old live oak trees that grow in the Old Orange Historic District. Grandfather F. David Claybar, who helps supervise, likes to sit outside with them and visit. Having a constable in the family provides a bit of traffic control, if needed.

The sale draws a variety of customers including animal control officers from the cities, firefighters, police officers, and UPS drivers. The crowd grows during the lunch hour with people from the county courthouse and city halls drop in.

Peggy is pleased with the lessons her grandchildren have learned. “If a lot of people get together, they can make a difference,” she said.

# Bilbo named Fire Chief

ment) is not needed.

“Usually, if you’re going outside, your trying to fix something. We’re not broken.”

Bilbo says the city will begin taking applications for Assistant Fire Chief soon. Lee Anne Brown, a 30-year OFD employee, had served as Frenzel’s Assistant Chief and the city’s Emergency Management Coordinator before leaving in February to work for Chevron-Phillips.


**Happy Birthday To**

**Roy Dunn**

**Publisher of ‘The Record’**

**From Your Many Friends and Staff at The Record Newspapers**


# GUNS

**SEN. CARL PARKER**
**For The Record**

Carl Parker has practiced law in Port Arthur since 1958. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976.

I have a lifetime honorary membership in a gun range. I have owned a gun since I was eleven years old. I have enjoyed hunting, skeet shooting, target practice and own more guns than most. No one can accuse me of being anti-gun.

It is now, however, time to do away with silly arguments such as advocating that more guns with less restrictions make us all safer. Or, that any legislation passed such as prohibiting silencers or twenty round clips will lead to the government taking all our guns. There is no logical reason people should not be required to have a gun permit, showing they have passed a background check for mental problems or criminal history before receiving a permit to carry a gun.

No one can answer the question about why is the United States the country that leads the world in gun deaths.

My message to my fellow gun owners is as follows: If you continue to oppose all reasonable restrictions on gun ownership and use, eventually the tide will turn, Americans will have enough and politicians will be convinced to start taking guns away from us.


**The Record Newspapers**

**of Orange County, Texas**

**The Record Newspapers- The County Record and the Penny Record- are published on Wednesday of each week and distributed free throughout greater Orange County, Texas. The publications feature community news, local sports, commentary and much more. Readers may also read each issue of our papers from our web site TheRecordLive.Com.**

**News Tips and Photos**
**886-7183 or 735-5305**
**E-mail: news@therecordlive.com**

County Record: 320 Henrietta St., Orange, Texas 77630
Penny Record: 333 W. Roundbunch, Bridge City, Texas 77611

**Offices Closed On Wednesday.**
**Didn’t Get Your Paper? Call 735-5305.**

**TheRecordLive.com**
Round The Clock Hometown News






**FOR RAINFALL AMOUNTS & RIVER LEVELS VISIT US AT:**

**www.setexasrain.org**

# Hurricane predictions From Page 1

strophic. According to the report, rainfall totals are not exact because many of the traditional rain gauges are set for 12 inches, and then someone must empty them to record more. During the storm, the gauges could not be emptied and reset.

Orange County had widespread storm flooding with rainfall totaling from 30 to 50 inches. The worst flooding was reported in Orange, Vidor, Orangefield, Pine Forest, West Orange, Mauriceville, Rose City and Lakeview, according to the data.

"A large portion of Southeast Texas had in excess of three feet of water," the report said.

The Orange County Airport rain gauge recorded 36.47 inches of rain, while the Southeast Texas Regional Airport in Nederland had 47.52 inches.

The Jefferson County Drainage District gauges recorded the tropical storm records for the United States. A gauge in Groves had 60.54 inches and a gauge in Nederland had 60.58 inches.

Hurricane Harvey as seen from the NASA Earth Observatory in 2017.

Other gauges included one in Bridge City with 44.55 inches, one in Vidor with 29.64 inches, and one in Vinton, Louisiana, with 23.71 inches.

Record water levels were set on Cow Bayou and the Lower Neches River in Orange County. The Sabine River in Orange had the second-highest level next to Hurricane Ike. The Sabine River in Deweyville had the third record level, behind the 2016 flood and the previous one in the 1880s.

Newton County had 20 to 40 inches of rain during Harvey and reported 2,000 flooded homes.

FEMA estimates 30,000 water rescues were made during Harvey, but there was no break-down by county. Orange County had hundreds of boat rescues and dozens of rescues by helicopters.

The National Weather Service said people to be prepared for hurricane season. Advice includes creating a communication plan. That plan should have telephone contact numbers available in case a cell phone is lost or dead. Many people today do not have phone numbers memorized and do not know how to reach friends or relatives.

Reports after Harvey had desperate relatives looking for people who were safe, but did not know how to reach them.

Because of the dependency on cell phones and electronic devices, NWS recommends making sure everything is charged in advance. Portable charging devices can be purchased to charge phones, tablets, laptops, lamps, flashlights, and other equipment. The chargers should also be kept charged.

People in hurricane zones should also have an evacuation plan and follow evacuation notices. An emergency kit should be prepared with essential items, including snacks and a change of clothes. Prescription medicines should be kept up-to-date.

NWS information on flooding says six inches of flood water can sweep a person off their feet. Twelve inches of water can sweep a car or small SUV off the road, and 18 inches can carry off a truck.

The 2022 Atlantic Storm names are Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Ian, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Martin, Nicole, Owen, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tobias, Virginia, and Walter.


Congratulations Victor Peterson

First Grade Graduate Bridge City Elementary

Academic Excellence, All A's, Perfect Attendance, Top Reader Award, Reading 217 Books!

We Love You Victor - The Peterson Family


# School safety From Page 1

state law changes allow districts to expand the number of marshals from the original maximum of nine.

The Texas Legislature recently approved $100 million to "harden" schools against intruders.

Cameras on campus are becoming ubiquitous. Clayton points to electronic card readers, classroom key locks and raised windows limiting sightlines from the building's exterior as other common design features aimed at enhancing safety.

"Each school has to do its own lockdown drill and it has to be done on site," Orangefield's Ousley said. "After it's over, we put it all in a timeline, figure it all out and learn from it.

"Some day, you're going to have a situation where you implement your emergency operation plans, call 9-1-1 and activate the marshals."

It's not something Ousley could have ever imagined when he was a student.

# Uvalde school police chief blamed for slow response

**JOSHUA FECHTER AND REESE OXNER**
**The Texas Tribune**

The Uvalde school district's police chief — who made the decision to wait for more resources rather than confront the gunman sooner — hasn't responded to state investigators' requests for a follow-up interview about the police response to the Robb Elementary School shooting, a law enforcement official said.

Texas Rangers investigating the response to the shooting, which ended after 19 students and two teachers had been shot to death and 17 were wounded last week, want to continue talking to Pete Arredondo, chief of police at Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District, but he hasn't answered a request made a couple of days ago, according to two spokespeople for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The school district's police department and the Uvalde Police Department have otherwise been cooperating with the Rangers' investigation, DPS spokesperson Travis Considine said. Arredondo did not immediately return a call requesting comment.

Also on Tuesday, DPS officials walked back a statement that Steven McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, made Friday that a teacher had propped open the door through which the gunman entered the school. DPS now says a teacher shut that door but its automatic lock malfunctioned. Considine said DPS is investigating why the lock didn't work.

Police officers who responded to the shooting at Robb Elementary have faced heated criticism from parents who said officers did not act quickly enough to stop the 18-year-old gunman.

PESTCO
Professional Pest Control Inc.
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL • MARINE
FREE ESTIMATES!
TERMITES
ROACHES
FLEAS
RATS & MICE
SPIDERS
ANTS
BEES/WASPS
MOSQUITO CONTROL
Eliminate what bugs you with our
Mosquito Control Treatments... and enjoy your backyard again!
Locally Owned Serving the Entire SETX Area
VIDOR 409-769-4050
BEAUMONT 409-866-8870
ORANGE 409-886-4248
NEDERLAND 409-722-9889

# From the Creaux's Nest

## UVALDE'S FAVORITE SONS THE TOWN IS GRIEVING

Some people may not be aware that **Uvalde** has had two favorite sons. **John Nance Garner,** known as **'Cactus Jack'** was a U.S. House Speaker and **President Franklin Roosevelt's** vice president before falling out with **F.D.R.** Although he was a force in Washington, he is best known for his observation of the vice presidency. He is supposed to have said, "It wasn't worth a pitcher of warm spit." In retirement he often sold pecans from his front porch. On his 95th birthday, he received a call from the **President of the United States,** on Nov. 22, 1963, from Fort Worth. Maybe the last phone call **J.F.K.** made before leaving for Dallas. Today, the **Garner** home is a museum that honors both **Garner** and **Uvalde's** other favorite son, **Dolph Briscoe,** who served two terms as governor. He was a banker and rancher. Some of the best roads and highways are in that part of the state, all improved while **Briscoe** was governor. I once met a lady who lived on South St., in Orange, in a house even considered odd for the area, who was **John Garner's** cousin. That was over 60 years ago. Maybe some of the old-timers will recall her. Also, nearly 50 years ago, **Briscoe** and **Pete Runnels,** who had just been elected Democratic Chairman, bonded at a **National Democratic convention** and later in Austin **Pete** was invited to have dinner with him.

## THIS TIME THE 'GUN WON'

The worst school disaster in American history happened in the small **Texas** town of **New London** in 1937. A natural gas explosion beneath a school killed **300 students and teachers**. That prompted first the **Texas Legislature** and then **Congress** to require that natural gas have an odor, so a leak can be detected. That simple reform has saved countless lives. Perhaps the **Uvalde** tragedy also will prompt change. Today **Uvalde** is a grieving town with broken families, **19 of their young children and two teachers killed** by a **semi-automatic assault weapon.** This time the **"Gun Won"** as **19 good guys**, law enforcement officers, each with a gun, stood in the hall for an hour while the slaughter of kids went on inside. It wasn't the shooter these men feared, **it was the weapon they feared** regardless of who pulled the trigger.

## PAUL ROY JR. REMEMBERED

Another from the Greatest Generation has left us. **Paul Roy, Jr,** age 95, passed away May 25. Funeral services held at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City, June 1, burial at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens on Highway 87, just a short distance from his longtime home on Cow Bayou. Paul and I went back 60 years when we both coached our youngsters in Little League football. I've never known any finer people than he and his longtime wife, 'Nettie.' Together they raised a great family. The last time I saw him was over a year ago at the store with his caregiver, Dell, a Black woman. I kidded with them about Paul being a good guy and not being biased. He let anyone into his family; not only the Judice bloodline but now he had Bearden great-grandchildren. He had balanced the bloodline out with some Mathews blood. Dell got a kick out of our joshing. Paul told stories about me that he had gotten from one of Nettie's girlfriends, who knew me as a teenager. I'm so thankful for that last chance meeting with him. God has never made a better man. May he rest in peace. Our condolences to his entire family. Please see obituary.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

**Leon Carter**, age 95, passed away May 24. Funeral services were held last Saturday, May 28. I didn't know Leon very well but I knew a lot of people who did. They all praised him. I never heard a negative word spoken about this good man. Over the many years I have known several of his relatives, including his late sister Bobbie, his sister Judge Flo Edgerly and son Mark. Leon was known for all his church work as well as his prison ministry. Leon is survived by his wife of 72 years, Billie Don Carter. Our condolences to his family. Please see obituary.

## CONDOLENCES

**Merrill Avner Stringer, Jr.,** 84, of Orange, passed away on May 25, 2022, at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Brother Lynn Ashcraft. Burial will follow at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orange. Visitation will be at 12:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Please see obituary.*****Morris Benjamin "M. B." Slocum, Jr**., 75, of Lake Charles, LA, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 in a local hospital. Mr. Slocum was born February 25, 1947 in Orange, TX, where he was a 1965 graduate of Stark High School and excelled playing football. His memorial service will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Trinity Baptist Church – North Venue, under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Please see obituary.*****Alice Joy Fisette,** passed away May 12, 2022. Heaven received a beautiful angel. Alice Joy was born on January 4, 1945. She was married to Billy W. Fisette for 53 years and she loved him dearly. Please see obituary.***** We were sorry to learn of the death of **David Swiere,** age 60, who was found deceased at his home in West Orange. He had just been released from the hospital and was under **Riceland** care. No other information is available. May he rest in peace.

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

The **Bridge City Cardinals** are playing Jasper for the **Regional Championship** this Thursday and Friday, 7:00 p.m. at Lamar Beaumont, and Saturday at 4:00 p.m. if necessary. The winner moves on to the state championship.***** The **Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce** honored **Tony Houseman** last week with its first **'Lifetime Achievement Award.' Tony** was presented the award last Monday at his residence. It was a complete surprise to him and **Giesla**. In fact, it was so secret the **Chamber** didn't let us know about it. Regardless, it is well deserved. **Tony** also recently received the **'Community Builders Award'** from **Madison Lodge 126** in Orange. **Tony** and **Giesla Houseman** do more to benefit the area than anyone knows. They devote their time and money to a multitude of causes. **With the help of God** and new medical technology that **Tony** is serving as a guinea pig for, he is winning the fight against bone cancer. Over the past 10 years **Tony** has fought the effects of five different types of cancer. (**Tony** passed away in 2007.)*****Our own **Amber Dunn**, up in Lubbock, celebrates a birthday on May 30. **Amber** doesn't get home much and will be moving to El Paso in July to continue her medical education. Her folks see her only once or twice a year.*****Here's some great news: The **Orangefield Little Dribblers**, both senior and major teams, are competing in the National tournament on June 6 through June 9 in Bryan. The last **O.F. Dribblers** to go to Nationals were the seniors of this year's state finalist **Lady Bobcat basketball team**.*****We were saddened to learn about the death of **Gardy Rawls,** 88, who died May 24. He was the father of **Nancy Dupuis and Kenny's father-in-law.** *****Frieda Birnbaun**, 60 years old gave birth to twin boys on May 22 in New Jersey. **Jake** and **Jared** each weighed 4 pounds, 11 ounces. **Frieda** may be the oldest in the United States to give birth to twins. She and husband **Ken** have been married 38 years and have three other children. The older children are not happy and figure they will end up caring for the twins. ***** Last week, **Judge Rodney Price** brought his grandson **Reed**, a great, intelligent young man, to the **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** gathering. **Reed** enjoyed all the old folk's tales and learning some Orange County history. *****On Monday, May 28, 1934, the Dionne quintuples Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne were born** at the family farm in Ontario Canada. Their birth, **88 years ago,** made news around the world.***** On this same day, the **Golden Gate Bridge** opened. *****Speaking of marriage, our native son, our boy in the Major Leagues, **John Patterson** is engaged to marry **Shannon Schambeau**, former **Miss D.C.** I wonder if she's Canadian Cajun, without the X on the end. The couple has been an item for a couple of years. **Big John** is on the **Washington Nationals** disable list since early May but is expected to be back in the pitching rotation around June 12. (Editor's note: **Big John** has since retired and in 2022 lives in the Dallas area.)*****Darryl** and **Greta Brinson's** eldest son **Sean** graduated from Deweyville with honors. He received a **$10,000 academic scholarship** from McNeese. In the fall, he will be on the track team. This will probably lead to a full ride. *****Jethro**, who lived off his **Uncle Jed's** oil riches in the **Beverly Hillbillies** in the 1960s, is building a casino in Douglas County, Nevada. **Max Baer, Jr.** will name it 'J**ethro Bodine's Beverly Hillbillies Casino and Mansion**.'

## 45 Years Ago-1977

Congrats to **Jimmy** and **Roberta Buntyn** on the arrival of **Jaime Michelle,** born May 15. **Jamie** weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Grandparents are the **Robert McFerrins** and the **Leon Tillers.** *****Jessie Domaine, 'The Cajun' organist-vocalist,** entertains nightly at the Holiday Inn club. *****On a fishing trip **Carl Thibodeaux** got so cold, he curled up under the steering console on **Richard Corder's** boat and fell asleep. After sleeping awhile a leg cramp hit him and he nearly wrecked the steering system trying to get out of the cubbyhole. His big catch for the day was two fish, total weight 1 pound, 12 ounces. *****A Greyhound busload of **Bridge City fans** ventured to Waco for the **Regional 3 baseball playoff between the Cardinals and Waco Midway**. *****Ann Lieby and Kathy Roberts** were both under the weather with a virus that is making the rounds. *****Gary Savoy** is manager of **Orange Mobile Home Center, formerly Ward's Mobile Homes.** *****Teddy Bear Cox and Moe Litton** are both on diets. Both are trimming down but don't look for them to ever be skinny. *****The four **Gulf** dealers are **Kenny Dupuis** and **L.K. Jarrell in Bridge City, Bill Kendig in Orange and Allen Mott of West Orange**. *****Specials at **Danny's West Orange Food Center**: Sugar, 5 lb. bag, 39 cents; Rainbow or Sunbeam 11/2 lb. loaf, 4 for $1; Ground Beef, lb. 69 cents; **Rib eye Steak, lb. $2.58;** Lettuce, head 39 cents; Whole Fryers, lb. 45 cents; Beef Short Ribs, lb. 49 cents; **Onions, lb. 19 cents**.

## 50 Years Ago-1972

Runoff election results for June 2. Sheriff **Buck Patillo,** 9150 votes, **Max Boatman,** 8041. In absentee voting only two votes separated them, 873-871.***Tax Assessor-Collector, open seat, **Louvenia Hryhorchuk,** 9204, **Juanita Jordan,** 801. **Hryhorchuk** was election's top vote-getter, carrying 19 of the 25 boxes.***Democratic Chairman, **Pete Runnels,** 9137; **James Morris,** 7652. **Morris** was the incumbent. **Runnels'** best box was box 19. He received 708, **Morris,** 270 and only 8 votes separated them in absentee. ***Commissioner, Pct. 1, **Casey Peveto,** was re-elected, 2156 to **Travis Hudson,** 1913.*****Liz Wickersham,** 17-year-old **Stark High** student, will represent **Orange County** in the **Miss Texas World** pageant held in Houston's **Bush Gardens.*****Bridge City** has a new police chief. **Wilson Roberts,** acting chief, is expected to be named first police chief, replacing Marshall **Jim Custer,** who got the axe in a 4-1 vote by council.*****Fain Holbrook** and **Charlie Dyer** are managers for **Morrow's Appliances. Fain**, at 206 Border, **Charlie,** 2507 MacArthur. **Fain** has this weeks quote of the week. **"A bit dog always hollers."*****Buy-Rite Auto Parts** has grand opening. Located 1613 Texas Ave., Bridge City.*****LCM** coach **Jim Crossland** has a weekly column in the **Opportunity Valley News** and a Friday radio show on **KOGT.**

## A FEW HAPPENINGS

**Jack Dallas** broke his own pitching record at **Lamar University** as he played his last game at **Vincent Beck**. But baseball wasn't his only concentration in college. He has graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.*****Communications classes at West Orange-Stark High School are going to see a change next year after the retirements of journalism teacher **Meri Elen Jacobs** and **Lacey Gunn Hale**, who taught video communications along with commercial photography and animation. **Jacobs** said she was inspired by her high school journalism teacher **Kay Noshari,** who was also taught high school journalism to **The Record's Margaret Toal. Lacey Hale** inherited the **Gunn Studio genes** from her family. *****Our buddy **Tonya Strickland-Barnwell** was having a typical day working around in her yard, doing chores, nothing too strenuous. When she came in the house her husband **Tommy** said, "Your face looks funny." Jokingly **Tonya** said, "Is this the first time you've noticed?" "No really, smile," he said. When she did he called 911. **She was having a stroke.** She spent three weeks in hospital and thankfully is now home. We pray for a complete recovery.*****Our friends **Jane** and **Judge Derry Dunn,** before heading to New York to spend a week with one of their children and a new grand baby, picked all their tomatoes and dropped them off at our office. How really nice is that.***** **Lanie Brown** got a big surprise with a birthday party at the party barn of **Brad** and **Terri Childs** during the weekend. Husband **Wally** and her kids pulled it off as a way of celebrating her 60th. It was an even for elected officials from the cities of Orange and West Orange. **Brad Childs** won another term to Orange City Council unopposed and **Lanie Brown** recently won her first term to the West Orange City Council. Attendees included **Terri's** mom, **Dayle Ezell Foreman** and West Orange City Councilwoman **Meritta Kennedy**.***** **Lawyer Michael Catt** and son **Alex** scored seats close to the court for the **Boston Celtics** playoff game in Bean Town. They took in the sights and **Alex** made the Boston TV news in an interview about the game. They also made a quick jaunt to New York City.***** **Bridge City Lock & Key** is celebrating 20 years in business. **Billy** and **Martha Garrett** invite you by Friday, June 3rd for hot dogs, door prizes and other festivities from 11 am to 1 pm.

## BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating their special day in the next few days. **June 1:** Happy Birthday to a good guy, West Orange Police Chief **Michael Stelly.** Also celebrating are **Sheila Deason, Rollie Caroner** and **Joyce Bourdier.*****June 2:** Happy Birthday today to **Nina Aven, Shilo Carr, Debbie Crew, Kayla Hickey, Miranda McClure, Peter Modica, Jr.*****June 3:** A lovely lady, **Tanya Thibodeaux- Molley** celebrates today. Happy Birthday also to **Herman Dupuis, Matthew Jagoe** and **Harold Trantham.*****June 4:** Celebrating today are **Barbara Hanneman, Glenn Fisher, Sandra Hoke, Donna Rogers, Paige Ousley** and **Jade Ousley.** Our friend **"Neighbor Cox"** died on this day two years ago in 2020. We sure miss him.*****June 5:** A lot of great folks we know celebrate on this day, considered the perfect Gemini, right in the middle of the sign. A year older on this day **Tim Hughes,** our buddy **Joyce Dowdle,** entertainer, as good as any, who made the big time, talented **Britt Godwin** and Happy Birthday to our boss **Roy Dunn**, who has held it all together for all these many years. Also celebrating are **Carrie Prouse, Matt Ortego, Trey Wild, Chris Andes, Gena Guyote, Brenda Howard, Patricia Mires, Karen McDugg, Lindi Torson** and **Mary Jennings.*****June 6:** This is **D-Day-1944.** Those celebrating birthdays today are **Sonia Smith, Shawn Knight, Lynn Fields, Gail Griffith, Lorrie LeBlanc, Linda Sims** and **Ryan Gunstream.*****June 7:** Our friend who had disappeared, **Shirley Zimmerman,** celebrates today. We wish her a great day wherever she is. Also Happy Birthday to **Billy Frank Bradberry, Penny Robards, Logan Smith** and **Richard Granger.** Notice: If you or someone you know are celebrating a birthday or anniversary **email news@therecordlive.com. or give us a call at 409-735-5305.**

## CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

**Joe Dartez him, done turned into a pure drunk, drinking morning, day and night. Everybody in Breaux Bridge was worried bout' him drinking so much. Everybody talk to him bout' it but they can't get him to slow down. Da priest, Fatter Broussard him, said he would talk to Joe, so he looked him up at da Corner Bar. Fatter Broussard gave him a strong lecture and said, "Joe, if you keep on drinking as much as you do, you will start to gradually get smaller and smaller. Before long, you will turn into a mouse."**

**Dat scared Ol' Dartez, he was really frightened about dat. When Joe went home dat night, he told his wife Agnes, "Honey, if you notice me starting to get smaller and smaller, will you please kill dat cat."**

## C'EST TOUT
## Hope To See You There

**Top Deck Flooring Company's Grand Opening** celebration is this Saturday, June 4th from 10 am to 2 pm with food trucks, door prizes and giveaways at their location at **1000 S. Ashland, off I-10 East**. Go out and see Orange County's newest premier flooring center and all they have to offer along with the new Contractor Store Front. **J.W. Dalton and Gang** are going all out to put on a great day.*****My time is up. Thanks for yours. **Take care and God bless.**

# Deaths & Memorials

## Alice Joy Fisette, 78, Bridge City

Alice Fisette

Heaven received a beautiful angel on May 12, 2022.

Alice Joy was born on January 4, 1945, but everyone called her Joy.

Her parents were Fred and Helen Rash. She was married to Billy W. Fisette for 53 years and she loved him dearly. She was 78 years young though, she would never admit to it!

She was a very beautiful, intelligent and strong woman. She loved to decorate and work on her ceramics, she loved music, she loved gardening, she loved to watch her bird feeders and the beautiful birds and the songs they would sing, she loved bowling, hunting, she was a great cook and loved her family and friends. Most of all besides the love of her husband, she loved to dance.

She had a beautiful soul and all those who knew her would agree.

Unfortunately, as the years moved on she couldn't fully enjoy the love of the ones she so endeared and that loved her. The pleasures of the things she once enjoyed had faded. So, when you think of her, remember her when she was full of LIFE, LOVE and LAUGHTER, she would want that!

She is preceded in death by her beloved son, Randy Fisette. Her parents, Fred and Helen Rash and her three sisters, Dorris Ratcliff, Vickie Norvell, and Donna Rash.

She is survived by her loving husband Billy Fisette, her daughter Cyndi, her son Chad and his wife Claudia Fisette. Grandchildren: Ashlyn and Chason Granger, Randyn and Trenton Myrick, Kenadi, Jaedyn and Braxton Fisette and her great grandson Chason Granger, Jr. Her sisters Peggy and husband Jim Coward, Dorris Ratcliff, Rosie and Tommy Fontentot, Pam and husband Bubba Zeleskey, and brother Mickey and wife Lynelle Rash. As well

numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family and friends.

Celebration of life will be shared at her home with family and friends at a later date.

It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone. For a part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You will be forever in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Lewy Body Dementia Foundation at https://www.lbda.org/donors/

## Brandy Lynn Boyett Duhon, 49, BC

Brandy Duhon

Brandy Lynn Duhon, 49, of Bridge City, passed away on May 23, 2022 at home.

Memorial services will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., June 3, 2022, at 105 Parkside Dr, Bridge City, Texas in the Senior Citizen's Hall.

Born in Orange, Texas on March 20, 1973, she was the daughter of David Borghese and Diana Whitehead. Brandy was a family woman who was very passionate about everything and always had the biggest smile. She loved her chickens, gardening and making everyone feel welcome all the time. Brandy was a friend and family member everyone could count on, a great listener, and the glue that kept everything together. She will be dearly missed and cherished by everyone who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her late husband Clay Boyett; her brother, James Whitehead; aunts, Darlene Lambert, Carol Franken, and Nancy Prouse; uncle, Robert Franken; and grandmother Jerry Franken.

She is survived by her loving husband, Eric Steven Duhon; parents, David Borghese and Diana Whitehead; daughter, Destiny Boyett of Florida; son, Kyle Boyett of Bridge City; bonus daughter, Stormi Wright and son Eric Wright; brother, Vernon Whitehead and wife Catherine; aunts, Susan Haley, Christella Casiano, Kandis Dallas and husband Johnny; uncles, James Franken and wife Marie and Charles Prouse; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving family and friends.

## Lacy Leon Carter, 95, Orange

L. Leon Carter

Lacy Leon Carter, 95, of Orange, passed away on May 24, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Mark Bunch and Reverend David Green. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was held prior to service at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Ralls, Texas, on May 19, 1927, he was the son of Cecil Ray Carter and Addie Mae Carter. Leon was a very dedicated member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, he even received an award from the Society of John Wesley which is traditionally only presented to members of the clergy. He was also a member of the Emmaus Group and was active in a lay witness mission program. Leon continued to show God's love through his work with the Kairos Prison Ministry. In his down time he really enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family whom he loved with all of his heart. Leon was truly loved and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Addie Carter; as well as his sisters, Bobbie, Betty, and Mary.

He is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Billie Don Carter; sons, Dale Ray Carter and wife Nancy, Marcus Leon Carter and wife Ronda, Daniel Lynn Carter; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Cimmaron Carter wife, Nancy and son, Jaxon, Shaun Dale Carter wife, Summer and children, Gemma Don, Luke John, Haley Marie, Aaliyah, Matthew David Carter wife, Britney and children, Braylen, Micah, Amelia, Marla Elizabeth McCracken husband, Alex and son, Noah; and sister, Flo Edgerly and husband Gene.

Serving as pallbearers will be Cimmaron Carter, Shaun Carter, Matthew Carter, Alex McCracken, Hunter Smith, J.S. Bearden, Hutch Bearden, and Carlos Falu.

## Merrill Avner Stringer, Jr., 84, Orange

Merrill Stringer

Merrill Avner Stringer, Jr., 84, of Orange, passed away on May 25, 2022, at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Brother Lynn Ashcraft. Burial will follow at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orange.

Visitation will be at 12:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on October 9, 1937, he was the son of Merrill (Bud) Stringer, Sr., and Pauline (Sheppard) Stringer. He was a proud 1957 graduate of Lutcher Stark High School. After graduation, he served in the United States Army and retired as a Supervisor from Dupont – Sabine River Works. He was incredibly talented in several different areas. Merrill took up an interest in cars as one of his hobbies. He was a great Mechanic who had the capability to build a racecar from the ground up. He was a master BBQer by many definitions holding the title of 1982 Orange County BBQ Champion which qualified his team to compete at the 1983 World Championship BBQ Cookoff at the Astrodome during the Houston Rodeo. Merrill not only cooked on the pit but could design in detail and then build the pit, and as a Master Barbeque Pit Builder he proved just that by building over 50.

His favorite things to cook were Super Burgers (which he created with his own secret recipe) and brisket. He was not only extremely gifted, he was an equally generous, kind man who would give the shirt off his back for anyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his son, Sterlin Wade Stringer, grandson, Colin Wade Stringer parents, Pauline and Merrill (Bud) Stringer, Sr., brother, Larry Stringer, his father-in-law and mother-in-law Morgan and June Hamilton, brothers-in-law Robert Glenn Hamilton, Glenn Sanders and nephews Rob and Clay Hamilton.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 65 years, June Ann Stringer; daughter, Dena Alaine Stringer of Gaithersburg, MD; grandchild, Lauren Nicole Stringer of Beaumont; great-grandson, Jackson Wade Johnston; brothers, James David Stringer and wife Barbara of Orange, and Tacky Stringer and wife Diane of Hemphill, sisters-in-law Barbara Stringer (Larry), Gail Hamilton (Glenn) and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be nephews: William Hamilton, Lee Stringer, Lance Stringer, Tracy Stringer, Steve Nesbit, and friend David Weaver. Honorary pallbearers are Suzie Stringer Nesbit, Jimmy Stringer, Pete Brown, Quincy Procell, Frank Rach and Van Choate.

The family would like to thank the staff at Christus St. Elizabeth and Harbor Hospice for their care of Dad before his passing and his doctors: Dr. William Ondo his Parkinson's specialist in Houston and his internists, Dr. Wesley Palmer of Bridge City and Dr. David Cox from Orange who now practices in College Station.

## Paul Roy, Jr, 95, Bridge City

Paul Roy Jr.

Paul Roy, Jr, 95, of Bridge City, passed away on May 25, 2022 at Baylor St. Lukes Medical Center Houston surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am, June 1, 2022, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Ernie Carpio and Deacon Steve Obernuefemann. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation will be from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, May 31, 2022 at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. A rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on March 11, 1927, he was the son of Paul Alexander Roy, Sr. and Maude Marie Borel.

Paul served in the Navy during World War II, he was stationed on Enewetak Atoll Island in the Pacific. Once back home in Texas he worked for Texaco and retired after 36 years. After retirement he taught instrumentation at Lamar University in Beaumont for several years.

He was a long time SFOA football official in Southeast Texas. He enjoyed his retirement with his wife and "bride" of 70 years, as they traveled extensively throughout the United States. Paul was an amazing person who loved his family and friends, he will be deeply missed by all those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Alexander Roy, Sr. and Maude Marie Borel; wife, Nettie Roy; and sisters, Bessie Walker and Gloria Cude.

He is survived by his sons, Paul M. Roy (Debbie), Brad Roy (Carlis), Gary Roy (Tammie), and Reagan Roy (Tammy); 8 grandchildren, Kim Mathews (Jason), Kurt Roy (Kerry), Ashley Bearden (Tyler), Morgan Hinds (David), Garrett Roy (Jamie), Jordan Roy (Leasa), Taylor Roy (Kaylie), and Tyler Roy (Kelsy); a special niece Debbie Campbell; as well as 14 great grandchildren and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kurt Roy, Garrett Roy, Jordan Roy, Taylor Roy, Tyler Roy, Jason Mathews, Tyler Bearden, and David Hinds.

Special thank you to his care giver Dell Chambers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made St. Henry's Catholic Church or Southeast Texas Hospice.


Here to help life go right.

DONNA GRAY BILL NICKUM CHERYL SQUIRES

Bill Nickum LUTCF

1930 Texas Ave. Bridge City
(409) 735-3595

StateFarm®



Accepting New Patients

Gulf Coast Cardiology Group, P.L.L.C.

A Brand New Concept In Heart Care

- Walk In Heart Clinic - No Appointment Necessary (M-F 830a-5:30p)
- Same Day Testing in Office: Ultrasounds & Nuclear Stress Testing
- In Office Heart Cath Lab - Capable of stenting heart and leg arteries in the office as well as implanting pacemakers and defibrillators.
- Every Patient is always seen & examined by a Board Certified Cardiologist.
- Cath Lab Services are provided the same day with no delays.

Hearts Cannot Wait

If you are tired of struggling with VARICOSE VEINS, set an appointment now for "ABLATION OF THE LEGS" with DR. ABOCHAMH or DR. ABDULLAH.

Pradip J. Morbia, M.D. F.A.C.C., F.C.C.P.
Board Certified in Cardiovascular Medicine, Interventional Cardiology & Internal Medicine

Specializing in:
- Cardiovascular Consultation
- Critical Care / ICU
- Invasive Cardiology
- Cardiac Catheterization
- Interventional Cardiology
- PTCA (Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty)
- Stent Placement
- Rotoblader IVUS
- Angiojet
- Non-Invasive Cardiology
- Echocardiography
- TEE (Transesophageal Echocardiogram)
- 24-Holter Monitoring
- Stress Testing and Stress Echocardiography
- Peripheral Vascular Interventions and Stents, Renal, Illiac, Femoral, Popliteal, Mesenteries, Subclavian
- Pacemaker Implantation & Services
- Preventive Cardiology
- Tilt Table Testing
- Nuclear Cardiology
- Inferior Vena Cava Filter
- Biventriclar Pacemaker
- AICD (Automatic Implantable Pacemaker Defibrillator)

Nabeel Abdullah, M.D. F.A.C.C.
Board Certified in Cardiovascular Medicine, Echocardiography & Internal Medicine, Specialized in Interventional Cardiology

Dia A. Abochamh, M.D.
Board Certified in Cardiovascular Medicine, Specialized in Interventional Cardiology & Electrophysiology

3921 Twin City Hwy.
Jefferson City Shopping Center
(Old Woolco Building), Port Arthur, Texas 77642
Open M-F 8:30am to 5:30pm
(409) 963-0000
After hours 724-7389 • (409) 963-1899 Fax

Mohammed A. Islam, M.D. F.A.C.C.
Board Certified in Cardiovascular Medicine, Echocardiography, Nuclear Cardiology & Internal Medicine

www.GulfCoastCardio.com • We Accept All Insurance Plans

ICANL Accredited Nuclear Stress & Pet Scan
IAC Accredited Cardio Department

We have Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters available in the office.

# OC projects From Page 1

bank of the Neches River, where Enterprise Products is considering two investments that would total $6.2 billion.

Already, Orangefield school district has agreed to a Chapter 313 "limited on appraised value" agreement with Enterprise to encourage the company to locate on the property inside the OISD borders.

One of the Enterprise proposed projects is an ethylene plant that is described almost identically to C-P Chem's proposed ethylene plant, down to the fact each include an ethane cracker capable of producing 2,000 kilotons of ethylene per year.

Ethylene is used in all sorts of plastic products.

Of course, neither C-P Chem or Enterprise has gotten past the "possible" stage.

C-P Chem signed a Chapter 313 agreement with West Orange-Cove school district in 2019 and followed up by winning a 10-year, 100% county tax abatement.

The Woodlands-based oil-and-gas giant has been busy on its 1,700-acre site wedged between Chemical Row on FM 1006 and the county airport on Highway 87.

It has already spent an estimated $1 billion on clearing the property and building drainage ditches, retention ponds, pipelines and electrification it calls a "land improvement project."

But C-P Chem said through a spokesperson late last week there had been "no change" in the project status.

The last update – coming more than a year ago – said the final investment decision (FID) by C-P Chem and its partner on the project, Qatar Petroleum, was on hold as they monitored world economic developments.

Steve Wardle, executive director at C-P Chem, said in April 2021, "The land we've acquired continues to be the preferred site if we go ahead with this project.

"At this time, we're removing some of the trees. If and when we get to the FID, we don't have to do much before starting construction."

Before it decides to go ahead with its project, Enterprise Products is expected to seek a tax abatement from Orange County as well as the reduction of half its projected $1 billion in school tax due the Orangefield district over the next 25 years.

Dr. Jay Killgo, Vidor's superintendent, explained that under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, which is being eliminated this year, the state would continue to pay his district a set amount per attending student based on district tax receipts – but would not recapture full value for Core Solar's alternative energy Orange County plant.

The Austin-based company would, through 313, make payments to Vidor ISD's interest and sinking tax funds, allowing the district to pay back bond debt.

"This will allow us to relieve some of the burden from homeowners and pay the bond debt off early," Killgo said.

Of the seven projects mentioned above, three will be aided by Chapter 313 agreements, two by county abatements. The Entergy Power Plant is being privately funded and the construction of the Coastal Protection System is being funded by government.

The City of Orange EDC has spent about $1.5 million on Eagle Point Parkway, the access route for Houseman Medical Center.

Olson Engineering's $4 million expansion in Bridge City and M&D Hardware in Mauriceville are other projects assisted by county abatements.

Chick fil-A, Starbucks, Red's Plaza, Golden Chick and Spanky's parking expansion are all 16th Street projects made possible by the City of Orange EDC.

Other recent or current Orange EDC projects include Water Tree Orange, Real Southern Cooking, Orange Stationer, Team Elevate Office Project, Orange City Donut, Columbanus Motor Sports, Triangle Rescue Training, Free State Cellars Winery and Childs Ace Hardware.

The city's EDC has three projects in the Cove addition, Bayou Metals, Tarver Performance Marine and Piney Woods Sanitation.

Three housing additions helped by City EDC funds will add 473 single-family homes to the area – Little Cypress Grove Residential (190 homes), The Reserve at Mallard Lakes (242) and Cypresswood Village Phase 2 (41).

"There's a lot of work going on, a lot of interest in Orange County," OCEDC's Hill said. "We're trying to respond to all the prospects interested in putting money into our county."

## First Saturday at First Baptist Bridge City

First Saturday at First Baptist will be giving away hurricane supplies Saturday, June 4th at the church parking lot located at 200 W Roundbunch Rd in Bridge City. We will start handing out flashlights, canned food, can openers, first aid kits, and more from 10 a.m. Saturday morning until 12 noon. Be looking for the blue canopy and balloons; we are eager to give you these supplies so you can be ready for the next hurricane. Bibles and prayer for you and your family are also available.

## Flag Retirement set for June 11th

Lloyd Grubbs American Legion Post 49 family and the Boy Scouts of America will hold their annual Flag Retirement on June 11th at 6:00 P.M. at the American Legion hall, 108 Green Ave, Orange. The public is urged to attend to learn the proper way to retire unusable U.S.flags. Anyone with old unusable flags are welcome to drop them off at the American Legion. For more information you can call (409) 886-1241 after 2:00 p.m. daily.

## Memorial Day observance held in county

**The Heritage Veterans Memorial Committee hosted its 18th annual Memorial Day Weekend tribute to local armed forces veterans who died in service to their country at Orange's First Church of the Nazarene Sunday evening. Those in attendance listened to a reading of the names of 16 men and women killed in action or missing in action, followed by a three-volley salute by the Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group, then saluted the American flag as a bugler played Taps.**


# Orange County Church Directory

**Wesley United Methodist Church**
401 N. 37th St., Orange (409) 886-7276
Open Hearts, Open Minda, Open Doors.
Pastor Benny Smith and wife Iberia
Join Us For Sunday Service at 11 AM
Also Streamed Live On Facebook

**List Your Church Services Here Each Week**
Just $10 Per Week Call 409-735-5305

**First United Methodist Church Orange**
502 Sixth Street 886-7466
10:00 A.M. - BLENDED SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY
All of our services are also available premiered on:
Facebook at 9:00 a.m. (https://www.facebook.com/FUMCOrangeTX)
or online on our Vimeo Page and YouTube.
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:00 A.M.
www.fumcorange.org
Pastor: Rev. Lani Rousseau
Director of Music and Fine Arts: Caroline Dennis

**Deweyville First United Methodist Church**
153 County Rd. 4145 • Deweyville • (409) 224-6484
Sunday Worship: 9 A.M.
Pastor: Kelly Sharpton
Email: lks454@aol.com

In-person Sunday Worship & Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
COWBOY CHURCH OF ORANGE COUNTY
Video Worship Services posted on our YouTube Channel
673 FM 1078 • Orange • 409-718-0269
Small Group Bible Studies: Mens 6 pm Mon., Ladies 10 am Tues. and 6:30 pm Wed. (with child care), Co-Ed 9:15 am Sun., Youth Supper & Bible Study Wed. 6:30 pm. For CCOC Arena activities see FB page "Cowboy Church of Orange County Arena & Rodeo"

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**
1155 W. Roundbunch • Bridge City • 409.735.5546
Sunday Morning Traditional Worship: 8:30 a.m.,
Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Praise Worship 10:45 a.m.
(Nursery provided)
Wednesday SPICE 5:30 p.m. Includes meal, bible studies, children and youth activities. (Nursery provided).
Rev. Mark Bunch Email: office@stpaulfamily.org

**Harvest Chapel**
A Full Gospel Church
1305 Irving St. • West Orange •409-238-3056
Sunday Worship 10 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Nightly Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Ruth Burch

**Starlight Church of God in Christ**
2800 Bob Hall Road • Orange • 886-4366
Pastor: Ernest B Lindsey
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. VIM Youth 6 p.m.
Intercessory Prayer Daily 9:00 a.m.
www.slcogicorange.org

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**
945 W. Roundbunch • Bridge City • 409-735-4573
Worship Services: Tradition 9 a.m., Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Contemporary Service 11 a.m., Tuesday Bible Study 10 a.m., Wednesday 'Compassionate Friends' 10 a.m., Thursday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Paul Zoch 409-988-3003 - golutheran.org
Our church family invites you to join us.
We are a friendly, caring church of the future.

**Triangle Baptist Church**
6446 Garrison at Hwy. 408 Orangefield
"Come Worship With Us"
409-920-3891
Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
We are a KJV independent Baptist Church

**Saint Paul's Episcopal Church**
1401 WEST PARK AVE., ORANGE, TX
Rev. Keith Giblin, Vicar of Saint Paul's
Sunday Service 10 A.M.
Also
Sunday Live Stream 10 A.M. Facebook
Contact us: 883-2969 or email, office@stpaulschurch.us
"The Episcopal Church Welcomes You"

**Orange First Church of the Nazarene**
3810 MLK Drive, Orange
Worship Director: Alyssa Click
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m. / Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Ofcnazarene.org or find us on Facebook

**First Baptist Church**
Bridge City, Texas
200 W. Roundbunch
735-3581
www.fbcbc.org
Sunday schedule: Bible study 9:15 a.m.,
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.,
Adult, Youth, Children
Discipleship Classes, Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Schedule 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Youth & Children's Activities
Pastor: Keith Royal

**Winfree Baptist Church**
19525 Hwy 62 S • 409-735-7181
Jon Brinlee, Pastor
Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am
Morning Worship - 10:30 am
Evening Worship - 6:00 pm
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Service - 6:00 pm
Children & Youth Activities - 6:00 pm

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH ORANGE**
1819 16th Street • Orange • 886-1333
We Welcome You To Join Us.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Nursury Provided

Patronize 'The Record' Church Sponsors
Become A Sponsor And List Your Business Here To Support Local Church News

**MARKET BASKET**

**LIKE NEW AUTOMOTIVE**
COLLISION SPECIALIST

**Cove Baptist Church**
1005 Dupont St. • Orange
Sunday School 9:15 AM / Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening: 6 PM
Wed. Evening 6:30 PM / Wed. Youth Meeting 6 PM
Charles Empey - Interim Pastor
We Love You And God Loves You.

# OC's final playoff team Orangefield eliminated

**OC SPORTS BEAT DAN PERRINE**
**For The Record**

Dan Perrine

A successful season came to an end last week for the Orangefield Bobcats baseball team. The China Spring Cougars defeated Orangefield in two games at neutral sites to eliminate the Bobcats from the state baseball playoffs in the Region 3 semifinals.

This season was the second in a row for Orangefield to reach the fourth round of the post season. Last year the Bobcats were eliminated by the Rusk Eagles in a one game playoff.

The two opponents Orangefield (28-2-1) and China Spring (28-8) came into this year's regional semifinal series ranked in the top ten in Class 4A. Both teams were repeat district champions with the Bobcats from District 22-A and the Cougars in District 18-4A.

The first game of the series was played Wednesday, May 25, at Navasota High School. China Spring was the designated home team for that game.

Rattler Field is a beautiful complex with symmetrical dimensions in the outfield at 320 feet down both lines and 385 to the deepest points of left and right centerfield. Everyone seemed to like the venue except maybe as it turned out the right fielders for the two teams.

The Bobcats started Coop Longron as their pitcher. Longron came into the contest undefeated on the season winning all three of his starts to that point in the playoffs.

The Cougars called on Kolby Killough to be their pitcher. Killough had started the game against Rusk a week earlier in Round 3 on Saturday and left the game with China Spring losing 4-3 after three innings when weather delayed the finish of the

Orangefield Page 2B

Jason Bodin got the start for Orangefield in the second game against China Spring. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine


CUSTOM ORDERS GET $1,000 REBATES

SUMMER SAVINGS!

There's a vehicle for everyone at Roberts Ford

2022 FORD EXPLORER

2022 FORD F-150 PICKUP

2022 Ford Edge SE

$2,000 CASH BACK - PLUS - 0.0% APR

FOR 60 MOS ON SELECT EDGE MODELS

Disclaimer(s): Program #21316: Not all buyers will qualify. Ford Credit limited-term APR financing. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 2022-06-05. Program #14088: Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 2022-06-05. See dealer for complete details.

2022 Ford Ecosport

$1,500 CASH BACK - PLUS - 1.9% APR

For 60 Mos On Select Ecosport Models

Disclaimer(s): Program #21316: Not all buyers will qualify. Ford Credit limited-term APR financing. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 2022-06-05. Program #14088: Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 2022-06-05. See dealer for complete details.

YOUR FORD, YOUR WAY.

CUSTOM ORDER

You shouldn't have to settle. Custom order any Ford vehicle and choose the available features that fit your life. If you're looking for something else, we offer convenient, dealer-direct custom ordering.

ORANGE COUNTY'S FORD DEALERSHIP

CERTIFIED PREOWNED VEHICLES IN STOCK

Roberts Ford

SEE OUR FULL LINEUP OF VEHICLES AND FIND THE ONE THAT BEST FITS YOU.

WWW.ROBERTSFORD.COM

409-883-3581 | 1601 GREEN AVENUE • ORANGE, TEXAS

# Orangefield playoff run From Page 2B

Bobcat Morgan Sampson doubled to drive in a run for Orangefield during the second game against the Cougars. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Kane Smith scores for Orangefield to tie the score 2-2 in the second game. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

game before the Cougars rallied to win the game 6-5 on Monday a week ago and allowed the Cougars to advance to face Orangefield which swept Livingston in two straight games.

The game started at seven with the sun setting in the west which was behind the third base dugout. In the bottom of the first inning evidence of the difficulty for the right fielders was made clear.

The second China Spring batter hit what appeared to be a fairly routine pop fly to right which apparently was lost in the sun by the Bobcats' right fielder Brennon Lecoq and the ball landed almost untouched in fair territory. The Cougars' hitter Brayden Faulker raced all the way to third on the three-base error with one-out. Cage McCloud followed with a sacrifice fly to left field to give China Spring a 1-0 lead with the earned run.

China Spring threatened again in the second putting two runners on base. Longron registered his first strike out of the game to end the threat with no Cougars scoring and keeping the deficit for Orangefield to overcome at just one run.

Killough kept the Bobcats bats which had been averaging close to nine runs a game in the playoffs fairly quiet for the first two innings. He yielded a single in the first inning by Tyler Shearin and a walk to Lecoq in the second neither of who got past second base.

That changed in the top of the third. Caleb Fregia opened the inning with a single. Kameryn Henderson laid down a bunt which Killough fielded and tried to get the force out on Fregia at second base but the throw was not in time.

Shearin bunted, and it was so well executed the Cougars had no place to throw the ball for a force on any of the three Bobcats. Kyle Michael drove in the first Bobcat runner in Fregia with a single to center and a second Orangefield run scored when the throw in bounced away from the Cougars allowing Henderson to scamper home to give the Bobcats the lead 2-1 with still no outs and two runners on base.

Kolbie Sowell grounded to shortstop for a fielder's choice on Michael at second base but it was a run batted in as Sowell beat the throw to first while Shearin was scoring the third run of the inning for Orangefield. Killough settled down and struck out two Bobcats sandwiched around a walk to Trent Eaves to get out of the inning trailing Orangefield 3-1 going to the bottom of the third.

The Bobcat lead would not last through the next half inning. The top of the Cougar batting order came to the plate as Jase Garrett lined a single over a leaping Fregia at second for a base hit to start a rally.

Faulkner walked on a three-two pitch to put two Cougars on base. Cage McCloud singled to right with Garrett stopping at third and loading the bases for China Spring.

Trace Necessary hit a grounder to the right side which Fregia went far to his left to field to retire the hitter with Garrett scoring to cut the Bobcat lead to one run. China Spring took the lead back 4-3 when the next Cougar batter Bryce Tabor tripled to deep right center field just beyond the grasp of Orangefield centerfielder Henderson to drive home Faulkner and McCloud with the go ahead runs.

Orangefield second baseman Fregia made a good play when he fielded a grounder from JC Hughes the next Cougar to bat and threw to third base. After a bobble by Bobcat third baseman Sowell a tag was made on Tabor, and he was ruled out to keep the score 4-3 in favor of the Cougars.

The setting sun continued to be a problem as the game progressed. The China Spring right fielder Domonic Guerrero dropped two fly balls, unfortunately for Orangefield both times Guerrero was in foul territory and there were no Bobcat base runners as a consequence.

By the fourth inning the sun was sitting on the horizon when the Cougars' Trevor Black hit a line drive to right field. The Bobcats' Lecoq made a great effort but had the ball go off his glove when he went to his knees to make the catch. Black ended up at third base on the play.

Bobcat pitcher Longron induced the next Cougar to hit a comebacker to him which kept Black at third. With the infield in for Orangefield another ground ball kept Black where he was, but the throw to first was dropped by normally sure-fielding Michael for an error.

That play proved costly for the Bobcats as it would have been the second out of the inning. Faulkner then flew out to right field where Lecoq made the catch which should have retired the side but instead was a sacrifice fly scoring Black to give China Spring a 5-3 advantage.

Orangefield threatened in the sixth when Jason Bodin led off with a single, stole second, and went to third as the throw down eluded the Cougar shortstop. Bodin was stranded there as Killough got the Bobcats to hit two popups before registering his ninth strikeout of the game to end the threat.

The top of the seventh saw Fregia leading off for the Bobcats just as he did in the third when they scored three runs. Like he did in the third Fregia singled.

Down by two runs Henderson was not bunting but hit a grounder to shortstop that resulted in a force out on Fregia at second. Henderson went to second on a grounder to third by Shearin before Michael got his second hit and second RBI of the game to drive in Henderson.

Sowell was the next Bobcat to bat. He hit a dramatic walk-off homerun against Navasota two weeks ago, but no such drama this time as Sowell struck out against Cougar reliever Marcus Rosales to end the game with China Spring winning 5-4 to take a one game lead in the series.

Orangefield Coach Tim Erickson said the Bobcats' performance was uncharacteristic of their play all season long. "We didn't defend tonight. We made way too many errors, and when you're playing good teams they're going to capitalize on it. That was the difference," Erickson evaluated.

The series shifted to Grand Oaks High School

PLAYOFFS PAGE 4B

**NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE:**

The medical practice of Dr. Christopher Boehme is announcing it's closure due to his sudden death. With written patient authorization, a copy of the medical record may be made available by calling 832-242-4362.

# Astros strong on mound, weak with stick so far

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

Joe Kazmar

Anybody that thinks pitching isn't 75 per cent of the game of baseball, needs to re-think their position on the subject—or take a gander at the American League West Division standings where the Houston Astros are leading by 3½ games and sporting a nifty .625 winning percentage with their 30-18 record in games through Sunday.

And the 'Stroes have been doing most of their winning with their mound prowess, because their hitting with runners in scoring position is practically null and void.

The Astros enjoyed an off-day Thursday after playing 33 games in 34 days racking up an impressive 23-10 record, thanks to their 2.85 team earned run average, which ranks second in major league baseball, trailing only the LA Dodgers.

On Friday the team embarked on a nine-game road trip to the Left Coast, with three games at Seattle that almost turned out to be a Mariners' sweep as ace Justin Verlander opened the series Friday and gave up four runs in the first two innings and six in six innings, including a career-high four home runs in the 6-1 loss.

Things didn't get any better on Saturday when Houston was blanked by Seattle 5-0 and after a second inning solo home run by rookie shortstop Jeremy Pena found themselves tied at 1-1 in the eighth inning with two outs and nobody on base in Sunday's series finale.

After fouling off half a dozen pitches, MLB weakest starting player catcher Martin Maldonado (hitting a paltry .123) ripped a ground-rule double, bringing in ace reliever Paul Sewald, who had only walked two batters so far this season. But he walked both Michael Brantley and Alex Bregman to load the bases.

Clean-up hitter Yordan Alvarez punched a single to left field, breaking the tie and Astros ace reliever Ryan Pressly closed out the 2-1 victory, thanks to a double play started by third-sacker Bregman.

Even by saving the Seattle sweep, Houston had scored two or fewer runs in eight of its last 11 games through Sunday, including only three during the Mariners' series, but still was 7-4 during the run drought.

The team moved on to Oakland for three games which began Memorial Day, are off tomorrow and then heads for Kansas City with a weekend series against the Royals.

The Astros were still ranked as the third-best team in the majors according to this week's USA Today Sport Weekly's MLB Power Rankings, behind only the No. 1 New York Yankees and the second-place LA Dodgers, with Houston's power definitely being on the mound.

A surplus of good arms allows Manager Dusty Baker to use a five-man starting rotation led by Verlander (6-2), who's ERA "ballooned" from 1.22 before Friday's outing to 2.03, Jose Urquidy (4-1), Luis Garcia (3-3, 3.34 ERA), Framber Valdez (4-2. 2.83) and Cristian Javier (3-2, 2.43). Starters Lance McCullers, Jr. and Jake Odorizzi are both on the Injured List.

And when it comes to relief pitching, Baker is blessed with the best bullpen in the majors with a skimpy 2.51 combined ERA. The backend is particularly effective led by closer Pressly and set-up men Rafael Montero, Ryne Stanek, Hector Neris, Blake Taylor and rookie Seth Martinez and multi-inning relievers Bryan Abreu (3.26 ERA) and Phil Maton (3.60).

Baker is confident the hitting will improve--after leading MLB in 2021—in the next four months and that the pitching staff will continue it dominance while the wins continue to pile up.

**KWICKIES...**

Although the Houston Astros are third in the MLB power ratings, they rank No. 10 in MLB payrolls at $176.59 million, with second baseman Jose Altuve the highest paid with an annual salary of $29 million with Alex Bregman due to exceed that figure next year at $30.5 million.

Former Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson, who must be making the women in Cleveland nervous now that he's with the Browns, has angered the 22 women who accused him of sexual misconduct by having a $230 million fully-guaranteed contract and feel Watson has been rewarded for his bad behavior while in Houston. The Browns' management believe the NFL will probably suspend him for all or part of the 2022 season and structured his contract so that all but one million dollars was put into bonuses. That almost sounds criminal to me.

Former Houston Astros ace pitcher Dallas Keuchel was designated for assignment by the Chicago White Sox last weekend after he yielded six earned runs in two innings Friday against the Boston Red Sox, inflating his ERA to 7.88. Keuchel was selected in the seventh round of the 2009 MLB draft and led the Astros to the American League Division Series in 2015, posting a 2.48 ERA and winning the Cy Young Award going away.

The Boston Celtics used the Miami Heat's home court to win the seventh game of the series 100-96 and reach the NBA finals for the first time since 2010. The Celtics will meet the Golden State Warriors for the world championship starting tomorrow at San Francisco.

Marcus Ericsson won the Indianapolis 500 Sunday to become only the second Swede to ever win it by holding off some of the biggest names in North American Auto Racing—runner-up Peto O'Ward, Jimmie Johnson and Tony Kansan.

Despite losing in their respective conference tournaments, both the Texas Longhorns and the Texas Aggies will be hosting NCAA Baseball Regional Tournaments which begin Friday. The 'Horns (42-19), lost to Oklahoma 8-1 in the Big 12 finals while the Aggies were bounced from the SEC by Florida 9-0 in the semifinal round.

**JUST BETWEEN US...**

Congrats to the Orangefield Bobcats baseball team for a great season (28-4-1) by being the last team in Southeast Texas to fall in the state playoffs, running into Orange County nemesis China Spring, who ended their season in the Regionals and West Orange-Stark's 2021 football season, also in the Regionals.

# Options and Great Conditions

**OUTDOORS**
**Capt. Chuck Uzzle**
**For The Record**

Chuck Uzzle

Easily one of the most alluring features of Sabine Lake area is the fact that you can catch so many different species of fish in a relatively small area. The brackish water holds both fresh and saltwater fish in good numbers as well as quality. It's never uncommon to see a stringer of fish include flounder, redfish, speckled trout, and an occasional really nice largemouth bass.

The potential for all these fish to be in the same body of water makes each strike that much more exciting because you never know who will show up to crash the party.

Speaking of not knowing who will show up, it's really going to get interesting as the summer progresses and we remain stuck in these dry conditions. In years past when we have had dry spring seasons with little or no significant run off from either Toledo Bend or Sam Rayburn a whole new group of fish begins to show up. Species like Jack Crevalle, sharks, rays, and even tarpon will make the trek up the river as the saltwater slowly creeps farther inland. These party crashers often show up and make their presence known in the form of screaming drags and great "the one that got away" stories. Nothing gets your attention like the prospect of getting spooled and actually having to chase a fish down. In areas where lots of local anglers congregate it's often an absolute circus

when someone hooks up with a stud jack in the middle of the armada of boats. The chase scene that ensues is like something from the Bourne Identity, boats weaving in and out avoiding everything from anchor lines to fishing lines. Nothing like the prospect of catching "the big one", it's why we fish.

While on the subject of big fish and areas where people congregate you can bet that this month there will be some great fish taken at the jetties. A few very dedicated anglers will take advantage of the ultra early bite before the masses reach the rocks. Good tide changes a few hours before dawn and all the traffic is a winning recipe to help tangle with some big fish, especially trout. There are very few strikes that are as vicious as speckled trout at the jetties on topwater plugs in the dark. I used to wonder what those boats were doing heading back to the dock as the sun was just breaking the horizon until I got a chance to try out the pattern myself. All I can say is the reward is well worth the effort.

Now if fishing in the dark is not your favorite don't worry because you can still be successful during daylight hours with a just a small variation to the pattern. Topwater plugs worked in and around the rocks will still produce some fish when the sun comes up but swim baits will just flat wear those fish out. There are several styles of swim bait you can use and they all work. The conventional plastic swim bait with a paddle tail is a great option, especially when it's fished on a light jig head to allow for a slower fall and more subtle presentation. The other "swim bait" is a shallow running crank bait like the Swimming Image, Mann's 1 Minus,

UZZLE PAGE 6B

**The Record**
**Orange County's Most Read Community News Source**

The 2022 Babe Didrikson Zaharias Junior Golf Award winners have been announced. Representing Little Cypress-Mauriceville was Montana Dileo as this year's girls 'Player of the Year' and Neely Wozniak as the girls 'Character and Leadership Award' winner. On the boys side, Orangefield's Xander Parks was this year's 'Boys Player of the Year' and younger brother Lincoln Parks was the boy's 'Underclassmen of the Year.' Thie 2022 'Coaches of the Year' were Johnnie Harrell of LCM for the girls, and for the boys was Todd Trawhon of Orangefield.

# Playoffs come to an end

From Page 2B

of the Conroe school district in Montgomery county for the second game on Thursday and a third game if necessary afterwards. The home of the Grizzlies is another beautiful field with completely synthetic turf in the infield and outfield.

Coach Erickson altered the strategy for Orangefield going into the games on Thursday starting Jason Bodin in Game 2 and saving Trent Eaves for the possible third game. Erickson indicated, "We may mix it up a little bit. We may go Bodin just to see if he can give us a little spark and then we know we're in good shape whenever we get to game three since we've got to win two anyway."

Bodin started on the mound for the Bobcats and walked two Cougars in the first inning. Bodin had his fast ball humming striking out four China Spring batters and holding them scoreless through two innings.

Jason got the Orangefield offense going in the bottom of the second with a lead off double to right field off China Spring starter Cage McCloud. The Cougar right fielder Domonic Guerrero bobbled the ball as he neared the fence before securing it in his glove. The umpire first ruled it was an out, but after a discussion with the other umpires it was determined Guerrero grabbed the ball after it touched the fence so Bodin was credited with a double.

Morgan Sampson flied to right field which allowed Bodin to tag up and go to third with one out. Brennon Lecoq hit a sacrifice fly to center field to drive in Bodin and give the Bobcats a 1-0 lead after two innings.

Cougar Brayden Faulkner was hit by a Bodin pitch with one out in the third. Cage McCloud blasted a long homerun deep into the trees beyond the right field fence that put China Spring ahead 2-1. Bodin escaped further damage by leaving the bases loaded in the inning.

Marcus Rosales came into pitch for China Spring in the third. Kolbie Sowell had been kept in check by Cougar pitching without a hit thus far in the series until he doubled down the right field line to start the Bobcat fourth. Kane Smith courtesy ran for Sowell.

Designated hitter Sampson doubled into the left field corner to score Smith to tie the game 2-2. Lecoq was robbed of a hit by the Cougar first baseman who made a diving stop to retire Lecoq at first as Brayden Babin for whom Sampson was hitting came in as a runner and advanced to third. A passed ball allowed Babin to score the go ahead run for the Bobcats.

The one-run lead for Orangefield lasted into the sixth. Eaves relieved Bodin as the Bobcat pitcher after the first three Cougar batters reached base. Three doubles all to right field and two Bobcat errors resulted in three Cougars scoring to give China Spring a 5-3 advantage.

Two runs were added in the seventh by the Cougars to give them a 7-3 lead before Orangefield came to bat in the bottom half of the inning. Cougar pitcher Rosales finished strong retiring the Bobcats in order on three ground outs to cap the victory and secure the sweep for China Spring in the series.

The Bobcats shed some tears as they meet with Coach Erickson after the game. "These guys set high expectations for themselves, had a goal of making it to the state tournament in Austin, and just fell a little bit short. Of course they're disappointed, we all are, but I want to focus on the things they have accomplished this year especially these seniors they've had a hell of a run these last four years. I couldn't be more proud of them the way they represented our program, the way they lead on the field, the way they lead off the field. I think in that aspect we'll miss them more than anything else and there's a lot of talent walking off that field," Erickson concluded.

Nine Bobcats played their final game for Orangefield. Brayden Babin, Brayden Babineaux, Trent Eaves, Kameryn Henderson, Brennon Lecoq, Coop Longron, Macoy Marze, Tyler Shearin, and Kolbie Sowell are the graduating seniors.

## Flag Retirement set for June 11th

Lloyd Grubbs American Legion Post 49 family and the Boy Scouts of America will hold their annual Flag Retirement on June 11th at 6:00 P.M. at the American Legion hall, 108 Green Ave, Orange. The public is urged to attend to learn the proper way to retire unusable U.S. flags. Anyone with old unusable flags are welcome to drop them off at the American Legion. For more information you can call (409) 886-1241 after 2:00 p.m. daily.

TAN Healthcare
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Same Day Appointments Available | School Physicals |
| Extended Office Hours | Women's Health Services |
| Prescription Assistance Programs | Behavioral Health |
| Case Management | Mental Health Counseling |
| Telehealth Services | Treatment of Hepatits C |
| Patient Education Services | Treatment of HIV |
| Patient Portal Chart Access | Chronic Disease Management |

TAN Healthcare provides comprehensive, compassionate, and continuous care for children, teens and adults for primary and preventive care in a consistent and affordable manner for the communities of Southeast Texas with or without insurance. TAN Healthcare offers a sliding fee discount program for all patients based upon household income and size.

TAN Healthcare
3737 N. 16th Street
Orange, TX 77632
(409) 920—4223
www.tanhealthcare.org

Srinivasa Rao Kothapalli, MD
Board Certified in
Cardiology
and
Interventional Cardiology

Nidal I. Buheis, MD
Convenient In-Office Cardiac Testing including:
Echo Cardiogram, Stress Echo, Nuclear Imaging
(SPECT and Cardiac PET), Carotid Ultrasound,
Abdominal Aortic Ultrasound, Peripheral
Vascular Studies, as well as Holter Monitors.
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS
409-723-6600
2501 Jimmy Johnson Blvd., Ste. 500 • Port Arthur, TX

PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE YOU LOVE

Covid Vaccines
Safe. Effective. Easy.
There is no better time than now.
CALL TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT
(409) 550-2536
Moderna or Johnson & Johnson
ORANGE COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS
ORANGE COUNTY

## First Saturday giveaways at First Baptist Bridge City

First Saturday at First Baptist will be giving away hurricane supplies Saturday, June 4th at the church parking lot located at 200 W Roundbunch Rd in Bridge City. We will start handing out flashlights, canned food, can openers, first aid kits, and more from 10 a.m. Saturday morning until 12 noon.

# THE RECORD Community Classifieds

- Just $10 For A 30 Word Ad In Both Papers And The Web
- Classified Newspaper Deadline: Monday 5 P.M. For Upcoming Issue
- You Can Submit Your Ad ANYTIME Online At TheRecordLive.com

**Your ads published in both newspapers, the County Record and the Penny Record plus on our web site TheRecordLive.com**

## Call 735-5305

- Penny Record Office: 333 West Roundbunch, Bridge City
- County Record Office: 320 Henrietta, Orange

Note: Offices Closed On Wednesday

### APPLIANCES

**HARRY'S APPLIANCES** - Used appliances starting at $99.95, 302 10th. St. (10th. & main) Orange, We also buy used appliances, Call or come by 409-886-4111.

### RV SPACE FOR RENT

**RV Space available.** High and dry, private property off Hwy 87 N. $350 for 30 amp, $400 for 50 amp. Price includes water, sewer and electricity. Call 409-779-1492

### FOR RENT

**For rent** 2 br,1bath, Orangefield ISD, 1st, last + deposit required. $800 monthly, $500 deposit, C/AH, WD hookup. 281-948-5327 application required.

### BURIAL PLOT

**2 Burial plots** for sale in HillCrest Memorial Gardens Orange Texas Lot 172 Block C Spaces 2 & 3 in Garden of Christus $4000 for both. 409-882-8964

**American Legion Post 49**
**409-886-1241**
**Hall Rental**

**FOR SALE**
**409-886-7183**
**409-735-5305**

### GARAGE SALE

**Garage Sale** on Fri., 6/3 & Sat., 6/4 from 8 am to 4 pm. at 1760 Essence Lane in Orange, 77630 in Langham Estates. Women's, kids and baby clothes. Home decor, kitchen items, baby crib and baby bedding. Toys and more.

**Yard Sale** on Fri., 6/3 & Sat., 6/4 from 8 am to 4 pm. at 2803 35th St. in Pinehurst. Vintage tables, beds, mirrors, doors, collectables, like new baby items, bassinet, high chair, walker and electric clothes dryer.

**Garage Sale** Sat., June 4 from 8a.m. till 2p.m. at 3400 Ridgemont. Furniture, kitchen gadgets, clothes, bedding, home decor, picture frames, garden equipment, etc.

**Garage Sale** for Africa Missions this Saturday, 06/04 starting at 7am at 2351 Pine Park, Orange. Furniture/ Decor, Appliances, Jewelry, Clothing, Women, Men, baby, shoes, purses, accessories, crafting, laundry room, electronics, toys, electronics.

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK @ TheRecordLive**

**FOR SALE**
**409-886-7183**

### HELP WANTED

The Record Newspapers is hiring for a newspaper carrier. This is a Wednesday job only. Must have a dependable transportation, valid driver license, and insurance. It is a commercial route and has a lot of stops. This job is perfect for somebody looking to make extra money on the side. Please only serious inquiries. Apply in person at 333 W. Roundbunch Bridge. Call 409-735-5305 for more information.

**HELP WANTED**

***FULL TIME & PART TIME GROCERY STOCKERS GROCERY CHECKERS - DELI WORKERS***

***APPLY IN PERSON ONLY - NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!***

***K-DAN"S***
***SUPER FOODS***
***9604 FM 105***
***DANNY'S SUPER FOODS***
***2003 WESTERN***

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **RODNEY DAVID LUND**, Deceased, were issued on **MAY 27, 2018**, in Cause No. **P19395**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **PATRICIA ANN LUND.**

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.

**Patricia Ann Lund** c/o:
**Stephen C. Howard**
**Attorney at Law**
**903 W. Green Avenue**
**Orange, Texas 77630**

DATED the 27th day of May, 2022.

*Stephen Howard*
Stephen Howard

Attorney for:
Patricia Ann Lund
State Bar No.:10079400
903 W. Green Avenue
Orange, TX 77630
Phone: (409)883-0202
Fax: (409)883-0209
Email:
steve@stevehoward.lawyer

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **JAMES B. SCALES, JR.,** Deceased, were issued on **MAY 25, 2022, in Cause No. P19373**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **JOHN H. SCALES.**

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.

**John H. Scales**
**c/o:**
**Tommy Gunn**
**202 S. Border Street**
**Orange, Texas 77630**

Dated the **26th day of May, 2022.**

*Tommy Gunn*
Tommy Gunn

Attorney for:
**John H. Scales**

State Bar No.: 08623700
202 S. Border Street
Orange, TX 77630
Phone: (409)882-9990
Fax: (409)882-0613
Email:
tommy@gunnlaw.org

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **TRAVIS VINCENT SR.,** Deceased, were issued on **MAY 24, 2022, in Cause No. P19377,** pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Toni Rene' Vincent Sullivan and Susan L. Vincent**.

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

**c/o:**
**James R. Dunaway**
**Attorney at Law**
**P.O. Box 100**
**Orange, TX**
**77631-0100**

Dated the **24th day of May, 2022.**

*James R. Dunaway*
James R. Dunaway
Attorney for:
**Toni Rene' Vincent Sullivan and Susan L. Vincent**
State Bar No.: 06208000
P.O. Box 100
Orange, TX 77631-0100
jrdunaway@sbcglobal.net

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION (OTHER)

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**
**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 22 CVD 729

In the General District Court:
ACTION FOR DIVORCE

CRISTIN VILLADSEN, Plaintiff,
v.
JAMES VILLADSEN, Defendant

To: **James Villadsen**, the Defendant therein:

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

Plaintiff **CRISTIN VILLADSEN** seeks an absolute divorce against **JAMES VILLADSEN.**

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than **THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THIS NOTICE** and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 23rd day of May, 2022.

By: *Shahzad Khan*

Shahzad Khan, Esq. (N.C. Bar #53515)
KHAN LAW FIRM, PLLC
***Attorney for Plaintiff***
502 S. Scales Street
Reidsville, NC 27320
Telephone: 336-905-4705
Facsimile: 336-217-8824
shahzad@thekhanlawyers.com

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testmentary for the Estate of **C.J. HUCKABY,** Deceased, were issued on the **MAY 25, 2022, in Cause No. P19371**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **CHARLES TERRY HUCKABY AND BRENT ANTHONY HUCKABY.**

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.

**Charles Terry Huckaby and Brent Anthony Huckaby**
**c/o:**
**Tommy Gunn**
**202 S. Border Street**
**Orange, Texas 77630**

Dated the **26th day of May, 2022.**

*Tommy Gunn*
Tommy Gunn

Attorney for:
**Charles Terry Huckaby and Brent Anthony Huckaby**
State Bar No.: 08623700
202 S. Border Street
Orange, TX 77630
Phone: (409)882-9990
Fax: (409)882-0613
Email:
tommy@gunnlaw.org

**NOTICE: Vehicle stored at Gilbeaux's Towing and Transport Inc. 058449 VSF**
**16527 Hwy 62 S.**
**Orange, TX 77630**
**PH (409) 886-0007**

**Total charges cannot be computed until the vehicle is claimed, storage charges will accrue daily until the vehicle is released. Must demonstrate proof of ownership and pay current charges to claim vehicle www.tdlr.texas.gov**

**Vin#4V4NC9EH0GN953499**
**16 VOLVO**
**OWED $4755.98**
**Vin#1JJV532D4LL131841**
**20 WABASH**
**OWED $4755.98**

### NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE:

**The medical practice of Dr. Christopher Boehme is announcing it's closure due to his sudden death. With written patient authorization, a copy of the medical record may be made available by calling 832-242-4362.**

**EVERYONE READS THE RECORD ONLINE & IN PRINT WEEKLY!**

**LEGAL NOTICES · OBITUARIES · ENGAGEMENTS**
**WEDDINGS · ANNIVERSARIES**
**Please call us at 409-735-5305 or 409-886-7183**

## BUSINESS CARD LISTINGS

409•886•7183 or 409•735•5305

**COASTAL LANDSCAPE SERVICES**
Landscaping•Lawn Maintenance
409-738-2070
Quality Landscaping At Affordable Prices
2899 W. Roundbunch Orange TX

- General Landscapes
- Tropical Landscapes
- Spring/Fall Clean Ups
- Lawn Maintenance
- Palm Trees Installed
- Grass Installation
- Tree Removal
- 8 Yard Loads Delivered
- 60/40 Sand/Garden Mix
- Driveway Materials

**Stakes Electric**
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
OLD HOMES • LED UPGRADES
ALL UNDERGROUND
409-749-4873
Licensed
Customer: #25151 Master: #14161

ORANGE'S OLDEST HOMETOWN APPLIANCE DEALER
SINCE 1963
**HARRY'S APPLIANCE & SERVICE, INC.**
• FREEZERS • DISHWASHERS
• REFRIGERATORS • WASHERS & DRYERS
• RANGES • AIR CONDITIONERS
We sell parts for all major brands - We service what we sell!
FREE LOCAL DELIVERY 409•886•4111 302 10th St. Orange

*Residential & Commercial Cleaning*
**Sparkling Clean LLC**
CLEANING SERVICE
409-886-1630
3515 Mockingbird, Suite D, Pinehurst

**TRACTOR WORK**
• Bush Hogging
• Water
• Dirt & Shell
• Sewer
• Electrical
• Digging Services
**LOCAL**
409-670-2040

**Sweet Creations, etc.**
Gifts • Candles • Candy • Flowers

It is time for those graduation parties, summer get togethers or maybe to just freshen up your home's look.

Stock up on scented oils, oil lamps and of course our Incredible Plant Stands will add color to your decor or let us make one for a gift!

COME SEE US THIS WEEK!

WEEKLY SPECIALS AND FOOD ITEMS FOR YOUR PARTIES!

*Residential & Commercial Cleaning*
**Sparkling Clean LLC**
NOW HIRING
CLEANING SERVICE
409•886•1630

HOME OF THE INCREDIBLE GARDEN PLANT STANDS & HANGERS
Open: Mon-Sat 9 AM to 5 PM
3515 Mockingbird, Suite A

# BC prepares for hurricane season, sign-up for STAN now

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### Mayor Rutledge For The Record

Mayor Rutledge

Here's a few things happening around City Hall.

As you well know, the Atlantic hurricane season is upon us. It's time to start thinking about your preparations and plans for the upcoming summer and fall around this. From what I can gather so far, it's supposed to be an "above average year for cyclone activity", so a little diligence now may save some heartaches later. There are numerous sources out there to help with planning for emergencies, just do a quick internet search, and you should find plenty of information to help you plan ahead.

Speaking of planning ahead, have you signed up for STAN, the Southeast Texas Alerting Network? That's the best way to stay apprised of official information, the straight scoop, during emergencies. It's easy to sign up by going to theSTAN.com, click on the big red "Register" button and follow the directions. You can sign up for any or all the various means of contact including text, email, voicemail, and TTY. Take your choice and sign up now.

STAN can also be used for non-emergencies. Just last week we used STAN to alert city water customers of the outage of one of our main water supply wells. We had some important maintenance work that had to be done, so we scheduled it where it would have the least impact on our citizens. We planned for a 72-hour outage, but because of the hard work by our well contractor and City crews, we completed the work, disinfection, flushing and sampling in 56 hours. Mother Nature was kind enough to drop the temperature a few degrees and give us a little rain for our yards, and our task was completed without any interruptions in service. We'd like to say "Thanks" to all the citizens who helped reduce water usage during the outage. So that is another good reason to sign up for STAN, to get important non-emergency information from an official source along with any emergency information vital to our citizens.

We've also got some new faces at City Hall. Gloria Aguilar has signed on to work with us as a Utility Clerk. She's the new face in the window when you pay your water bill. Shelley Fields, who joined us late last year, is now "flying solo" in the Finance Department after Karen Morgan retired last week.

Speaking of new faces, we've also gotten one returning and two new City Council members. Mike Reed continues to serve us as Council Member Place 2. Patty Collins was elected to Council Member Place 4, taking the seat where Danny Harrington served for two terms. Sherby Dixon was voted in as Council Member Place 6, replacing Richard Savoy. I would like to thank Danny for his years of service and commitment to the City. He worked hard for all the citizens and was dedicated to making the City better. I'd also like to thank Richard for stepping up to help us when we had a vacancy and needed a full Council for the work we knew was coming. Although his "day job" was quite demanding, he came on board as an experienced Council member, ready and willing to tackle the extra work. Thanks to both of y'all for serving the citizens of Bridge City.

That's about it for now. See you around town. Take good care of "Bridge City, the Gateway to Lake Sabine."

## Uzzle From Page 3B

or Rapala. These plugs are really user friendly and allow the fishermen the opportunity to dig around in and or bounce off the rocks triggering brutal strikes from some hefty speckled trout and redfish. The other great thing about all the swim baits is that they allow you to cover lots and lots of water in a short period of time making you much more productive.