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## May elections set for cities, schools

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

As early voting wraps up for the March 1 primary for November's midterm elections, the final lineup for the May 7 city and school boards are set.

Lanie Brown, a familiar name in Orange County politics as Regional Director of Community Relations for U.S. Congressman Brian Babin, is running for one of three at-large spots on the West Orange City Council.

Kenneth Prosperie and his wife Peggy Prosperie, a couple of civic activists, are on a ballot apiece in Bridge City. Kenneth is making a run for City Council and Peggy for the school board.

Another familiar name on the ballot would be longtime Port of Orange Executive Assistant Debbie Britnell.

Would be ... because the Port, like the Orange County Drainage District and Little Cypress-Mauriceville school board, has only one candidate for each seat up for election, so there will be no election for them.

Britnell moves into the at-

large position currently filled by Carroll Holt, who is not running for reelection.

Two mayor's seats in Orange County are up for election but Bridge City mayor David Rutledge did not draw an opponent.

Pinehurst City Council members Sarah McClendon and Johnny Asevedo are running for Mayor while incumbents Gregory "Ace" Willis and Cynthia J. Adams were the only ones signed up for the two at-large positions.

For Orange City Council, District 2 rep Brad Childs didn't draw an opponent. District 4 incumbent Mary McKenna has opponents in pistol trainer Richard G. Pillsbury and Dwain Boullard, owner of CDC construction; Charles Thomas is taking on incumbent Caroline Hennigan for the At-Large Place 5.

Former Bridge City Council member Carl Harbert is challenging Place 2 incumbent Mike Reed for a return; Kenneth Prosperie in running against Place 4 incumbent; and newcomers Sherby

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## Made in Orange, JFK Ferry bought by 'Big Apple' celebs



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MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

People in the Big Apple aren't forgetting the importance of little Orange in their history.

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In January, Pete Davidson and Colin Jost of Saturday Night Live, made international headlines when they bought the John F. Kennedy at auction. Jost is married actress Scarlett Johansson and Davidson has been in

gossip columns recently as he dates Kim Kardashian.

The ferry was retired in August 2021 after 57 years of service between Staten Island and Manhattan, two of the five New York City boroughs.

Adam Conrad, president of the Heritage House Museum of Orange County, announced last week that an architect and developer who is part of the group of buyers contacted the museum about the history of the ferry. The architect knew where the ferry was constructed and is looking for any memorabilia. The museum has sent by email photographs in its col-

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## BCCC names Brandi McElroy 'Employee of the Month'



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Brandi McElroy, Employee of Best Day Spa, has been named February Employee of the Month.

## BCISD makes pitch for school bond

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

So what's different about the Bridge City school bond issue coming up on the May 7 election?

Twice in the past eight years, BCISD taxpayers shot down bond issues, voting no by more than a 2-1 margin.

One difference, said Dr. Mike Kelly, the district's first-year superintendent, is that the tax hit will be less.

"The 2019 proposed bond was going to raise taxes 27 cents. The 2022 bond proposed bond, if both propositions pass, will raise taxes 21 cents. So we're actually asking for 6 cents less than we did in 2019," Kelly said.

In 2019, the bond issue asked for approval to spend \$46.1 million. This spring's election includes two bond propositions totaling \$72.4 million in spending.

Kelly said the district is set to pitch in between \$6 million and \$7 million from its fund balance to contribute to the projects in the 2022 bond.

Additionally, all bond projects will be built on district-owned land near the current middle school, saving the expense for portable buildings or land purchases.

"We have done everything we can to keep the price as reasonable for our taxpayers as we possibly can," the superintendent said.

"We know prices are only going to keep climbing higher."

In voting unanimously on Valentine's Day to add school bonds to the May 7 city council and school board election, the district's board members split the issue into two parts.

Proposition A would provide for a new and larger middle school campus across the street from the current one, with updated technology access and infrastructure. Proposition B would construct a new career and technology education facility at the high school.

The \$57.7 million price tag on Proposition A is for a modern middle school built

from scratch to handle modern technology needs and greater capacity.

In comparison, the estimated cost to renovate the current middle school -- much of which was built 58 years ago (1964) -- and pay for portable buildings for use during the renovation, would be \$50.3 million, according to G&G Enterprises, the contractor for the ongoing West Orange-Cove bond construction.

Kelly said it was obvious to him soon as his arrival in April that the school district was growing faster than anticipated.

"The moment I arrived in

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## Rejected mail ballots can be fixed

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

The Orange County Elections Administration has returned about 100 mail-in ballots to would-be voters in the past week because of missing or mismatched identification numbers.

The good news, according to Cheryl Bradley, Assistant Elections Administrator, is there's plenty of time to make the correction and have your vote counted in the March 1 election.

The problems could be as simple as voters not knowing that an ID number is required on the ballot return envelope.

"What I'm seeing is that a lot of people are not writing anything on the carrier envelope," Bradley said.

"There are some options: 'You can correct the mistake and mail it back to us.

My turnaround on that (getting the voter's mail) has been very good, just a day most of the time;

"They can bring their mail-in ballot up here and we can help them correct it;

not match the numbers on file from when a person first registered to vote.

The state accepts driver's license (DL) or state identity card numbers for those who don't drive, the last four dig-

its of a voter's social security number or an election ID certificate number.

A tip offered online is to include both on the ballot and its return envelope both the voter's DL or state identity number and the final four digits of the social security number to help in matching.

Changes in the vote-by-mail process are in effect for the first time since last year's passage of new state laws tightening voting processes. Those include making it a crime for local election officials to send out applications for mail-in ballots to people who did not request them.

Bradley said Orange County has in the past maintained a list of about 2,000 voters who have requested mail-in ballots in the past and annually mailed them applications to apply for mail-in ballots.

She said her office received only about 800 mail-in requests this year.

"Before, we kept a database and pre-filled the person's identifying information for them," she said. "But that's all changed."

"The rules are so complicated now. We're doing our best to help the voters. But nobody wants to go to jail."

### The problems could be as simple as voters not knowing that an ID number is required on the ballot return envelope.

"Or they can take their ballot with them to an early voting location (open until 7 p.m. Friday) or to the polls on Election Day. They'll take them off the early voting list for that election and let them vote in-person."

Another problem, according to news accounts, is the identification numbers returned with the ballot may

not match the numbers on file from when a person first registered to vote.

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# LSCO beginnings an 'interesting story'

**CARL PARKER**  
For The Record



**Carl Parker has practiced law in Port Arthur since 1958. He is a 1958 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976.**

How Lamar State College-Orange came about is a somewhat interesting story about community involvement and politics. The story really began with Port Arthur College. Port Arthur College was established in the early 1900s by John "Beta-Million" Gates. There were not enough radio operators which were required to be on ships. And at the time were there enough stenographers, or people with office skills available for growing Port Arthur. Gates endowed the school to teach radio and office skills. The college endured for many years but by the 60s the cost of education was such that Port Arthur College could not stay in business without charging much higher tuition which was not financially feasible.

After introducing a bill to establish a branch of Lamar in Port Arthur, I was approached by Bob Montagne and others from Orange asking that I include Orange. Opponents argued that if we wanted similar institutions in Jefferson and Orange Counties, we needed to submit an application and create a body with a local tax base to support a junior college system. Nonetheless, we pressed

forward. There were those whose argument was that it would never be used and predicted there would never be more than 200 people take advantage of either college. An additional argument was these two schools would be the only community colleges in Texas directly benefiting from state funds.

The bill passed the House and was forwarded to the Senate. In the Senate we met furious opposition, particularly from the senator who was chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. He

made much of the same arguments. Unfortunately, too many people do not understand the system of funding higher education.

There are formulas which take into consideration the square footage of a campus, the type of

courses taught, the number of faculty and location. There were no formulas that exactly fit Lamar Orange or Port Arthur. One of the biggest factors in formulas, however, was the square footage of buildings needed to accommodate the institution. When all seemed lost, I was able to enlist the help of Ben Barnes who at the time was lieutenant governor. He urged the man who he had appointed chair of Finance to reconsider and drop his opposition to the legislation.

As part of the bargain we had to agree that no state money would go toward buildings or physical plant. For Port Arthur it was not a problem, because the intent was always to donate all of the facilities, buildings and land that was part of Port Arthur College to the new branch of Lamar

at Port Arthur. Citizens of Orange gathered together and managed to find a suitable rentable space in vacant commercial property and low and behold Lamar State College-Orange was born.

The naysayers who claimed the facilities would never see more than 200 students were way off in their prognostications. If checked today, one would learn that over 2,000 students manage to gain a substantial step forward in higher education at these two institutions.

## First Saturday at First Baptist BC

First Saturday at First Baptist of Bridge City will again be giving away all sizes of diapers Saturday, March 5th from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church parking lot located at 200 W. Roundbunch Rd. in Bridge City. Children and adult Bibles will also be available free.

We want to pray with you about your concerns and especially for you and your baby. Diapers will be available for expectant moms as well. We hope to see you there.

## Dementia Care Givers' Support Group

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



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## Hare statement 'running to build opportunities for Orange County'

The following is a campaign statement from Shawn Hare, candidate for Orange County Commissioner, Pct. 2:

My name is Shawn Hare and I'm running for Commissioner to build success and opportunities for our community. As a fifth-generation Orange County resident, local businessman and cattle rancher, I have deep roots in our community. I understand Orange County's economy and our unique needs. I am honored to be endorsed by the Sabine Area Central Labor Council, Texas AFL-CIO.

As county commissioner for precinct 2, I will ensure that the Orange County Commissioner's Court addresses the growing need for disaster-resistant infrastructure, be fiscally responsible, provide adequate funding for our law enforcement, and address the growing need for housing and job development.

Solving the county drainage issue is vital to our community. It is important to think of drainage as a county and region-wide issue, requiring a comprehensive county assessment and planning strategy. It will be my

priority to work in tandem with the cities of Orange County, the Orange County Drainage District, TX-DOT, the Army Corps of Engineers, and neighboring counties to solve these problems.

I have a great deal of experience and ability to share with our community as a public servant. Through my service in the Republican senate in Washington, D.C. under Senator Arlen Specter, I gained invaluable experience dealing with budgets, logistics, and policy. In my philanthropic work, I have enjoyed serving on more than ten nonprofit boards, working with our counties underserved populations, and the elderly. I have been honored among "Newsmakers of the Year" with the Press Club of Southeast Texas and was inducted into the CVB Hall of Fame in 2016. I am an active member of the Texas Cattleman's Association and the American Angus Association.



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## Celebs buy JFK Ferry made in Orange

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lection that were taken during the JFK's construction.

The JFK was one of three diesel-electric ferries the New York Department of Transportation ordered from Levingston Shipbuilding in 1963. The New York Times reported the contract was for \$11.64 million, which is about \$1.1 billion in 2022. The other two ferries were American Legion and The Gov. Herbert H. Lehman.

Construction contracts like that one made Levingston Shipbuilding one of the biggest employers in Orange.

The JFK hull was laid at the shipyard in 1963. The New York Times in the May 16, 1964, edition reported the ship was being launched in Orange that day to become "the newest, largest, and finest of New York's Staten Island ferry fleet." Mrs. Walter B. Coleman, wife of the deputy commissioner of New York's Department of Marine and Aviation, was in Orange to christen the ship with the traditional crack of a champagne bottle.

The Times said U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy designated Marine and Aviation Commissioner Leo Brown to represent the late president's family during the ceremony.

The Orange Leader daily newspapers from that year are not online and local libraries do not have microfilm readers to look at the edition from the launching.

The Times said the JFK ferry was 294 feet long and 69 feet wide. The main deck had three lanes for vehicles "with a total capacity of 50 automobiles. Passengers had smoking cabins on each side of the vehicle areas.

Two upper passenger decks had snack bars and restrooms with a capacity of about 3,500 people.

The JFK ferry through the years became the most popular one in the Staten Island ferry fleet and has been seen in television and film. Its most famous film was "Working Girl" in 1988 directed by Mike Nichols and starring Melanie Griffith and Harrison Ford. Several scenes were shot with Griffith and Joan Cusack riding the ferry. It was also featured in the Oscar-winning theme song by Carly Simon.

The New York Department of Transportation officials likely knew the reputation of Levingston when they ordered the three ferries. A Levingston-built ferry named Hamil-



ton was launched in 1940 and ran between Staten Island and Brooklyn until 1964 when the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge opened.

The Orange Leader at the time reported the diesel-electric ferry Hamilton had 950 horsepower and Levingston worked with General Motors. Mrs. E.W. Brown Jr., wife of Levingston president, "carrying a magnificent corsage of roses" crashed the champagne bottle to christen the Hamilton.

E.T. Malloy was vice president and general superintendent of Levingston with George W. Levingston as vice president and Eads Johnson naval architect.

A state historical marker for Levingston is off Simmons Drive near the Orange Riverfront Pavilion with other markers for World War II. It says brothers Samuel, David, and John Levingston moved to Orange in 1859 and established a yard to build wooden ships. About 1919, Captain George Levingston, son of Samuel, started his own shipbuilding company. In 1930, he bought five acres of land along the Sabine River on Front Street at Mill Street. Local industrialist Edgar Brown Jr., invested and acquired a major share of the shipyard in 1933 during the Great Depression.

Paul Mattingly Jr., a former Orange resident, has written a book about Levingston and its legacy. He said after World War II, Brown sold the shipyard to brothers Ed T. Malloy, Frank Malloy, Delbert Nance, and his father, Paul Mattingly Sr., who was chief financial officer. The senior Matt Mattingly later sold his shares and established Marine and Petroleum (M&P), which still operates today in Orange County.

The book is "From Orange to Singapore: A Shipyard Builds a Legacy" and is available on Amazon.

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## May elections

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Dixon and Michael Boyd will campaign for the Place 6 seat.

Richard Savoy has held the spot since the retirement of Lucy Fields but isn't running in May.

In West Orange, incumbents Dale Dardeau and Shirley Bonnin did not seek reelection. The top three vote-getters among incumbent Michael Shugart Jr., former council members Frances Droddy-Lopez, Jay Odom and Brown will win seats.

Peggy Prosperie will oppose incumbent Rebecca Rutledge for Bridge City ISD Place 3, while incumbents Thad Hill and Jerry McInnis are unopposed in places 4 and 5.

All three incumbents whose at-large seats are up in West Orange-Cove – Demetrius Hunter, Linda Platt-Bryant and Gina Simar – are running for reelection.

But they face opposition from Erick Guilory Sr., John Allen Jefferson Jr. and Donny Teate Jr. with the top three May vote-getters out of the six winning election.

Orangefield ISD holds its board elections in the fall.

For LCM's school board, only incumbents Jeffrey Hill, Christopher Reidel and Roy "Derry" Dunn filed, making an election an unnecessary expense.



Longtime Port of Orange executive secretary Debbie Britnell joined incumbents Keith Wallace and Kevin Singleton as the only ones signing up. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

The Port of Orange will also have no election as Britnell joined incumbents Keith Wallace and Kevin Singleton as the only ones signing up.

Incumbents Brent Peveto, Hal LaPray and Russell Covington won another four-year term directing the Orange County Drainage District as they were the only ones registering.

## BCISD school bonds

From Page 1

Bridge City I saw that we had portable buildings at the elementary school, a school that was just 10 years old," Kelly said.

"That told me we were a growing school district. I had demographic and facility studies done, which painted a very clear picture: If we wait too long we will have students in portable buildings at more than just the elementary campus. I decided 'now's the time,'" for a bond issue.

The demographic study projected the district enrollment will grow by 400 students in the next decade.

"Even if both bond propositions pass, we're still three years away from something to move into," the superintendent said.

Kelly has done his research and says he was told the \$25 million 2014 bond issue for a student performance center was voted down "because voters felt it was not academic" and the \$46.1 million 2019 bond issue for a new middle school was voted against largely "because the voters didn't feel like they were informed enough and didn't feel like the district was transparent.

"This 2022 bond is all academic and the voters will have all the information. My approach from the beginning has been to be transparent, honest and factual.

"More than anything," Kelly said, "I want the community of Bridge City to be able to make an informed decision when it comes time to vote."

The district offers information about the 2022 bond on the internet at [bridgcityisd-bond.com](http://bridgcityisd-bond.com). In addition to a fact sheet, the demographic study is linked to the website, along with a personal tax rate calculator.

Kelly says he'd be happy to answer questions by phone at 409-735-1500, but also encouraged citizens to submit questions through the form located on the bond website.

(A reminder: Senior citizens will feel no tax impact if they have filed for their "Age 65 Freeze" and have no significant home improvements.)

The middle school building opened 58 years ago (1964) as Bridge City High School, the first completely air-conditioned high school in the area.

The cinder block construction of the middle school building at 300 Bower Drive makes wireless technology iffy for both student Chromebooks and emergency alerts.

Currently 728 students in grades 6 through 8 share 24 bathroom stalls while 78 teachers and adult staff members share two two-stall bathrooms, according to Amanda Hoffman, middle school principal.

Boys and girls PE classes share one gym and the cheerleaders, drill team and theater students have to share afternoon practice space in the cafeteria, storing the tables and chairs before practice, then setting them back up before they leave.

Shop classes don't have an inside space. They meet outdoors, when that's possible. Science labs do not have gas. The heating and air conditioning system is frequently on the blink and the building was constructed with no windows that open.

It is not compliant with the Americans With Disability Act.

Any renovation would force the district to bring the building into compliance with all current building and accessibility codes.

"The TEA (Texas Education Agency) codes were a whole lot different in the 60s than they are today," Rebecca Rutledge, BCISD's school board president, said.

The proposed new middle school campus will be built for just over 1,100 students and have a 900-student program capacity upgraded with safety and security features and technology infrastructure, Kelly said.

According to the Bond Fact Sheet, there will be space for all programs, courses and support areas, which includes a Media Center, Cafeteria, Fine Arts, CTE, Science Labs and Athletics.

Proposition B will require a \$14.7 million investment for a new Career and Technical Education building at the high school, which would alleviate overcrowding at the 18-year-

old high school.

Kelly said the high school, which opened in 2004, has already exceeded its maximum capacity by 75 students and is expected to surpass it by 170 students in five years.

If approved, the new CTE building will free up eight high school classrooms currently being used for CTE programs. It will house metal shop, wood shop, engineering courses, family consumer science, certified nursing assistant programs, flower factory and audio-visual courses.

BCISD, Kelly said, offers one of the "most robust" career and technical education programs in Southeast Texas.

This school year, the district offered 44 college dual-credit courses in arts, law enforcement, engineering, information technology, and refining and chemical process technology.

"In 2019, we had 62 students in shop classes and this year, we have 233," Kelly said. "In 2019, we had 267 full-time students in CTE classes; now we have 349."

In October, BCISD's board gave Kelly permission to start a small building program that would not be funded by new tax funds and not require a taxpayer vote.

The plan was to pay for a new six-classroom wing to replace the temporary buildings at BC Elementary School and add an athletics upgrade including tennis, track and an artificial turf football field.

The extracurricular improvements were made to make room for the high school Career and Technical Education expansion. The area for current practice fields is where the proposed expansion would take place.

The artificial turf will provide practice space for sports teams and a newly resurfaced and restriped parking lot can host band and other extracurricular teams' practice.

The new football field, tennis complex and track, now nearly complete, will cost \$3.1 million, Kelly said last week.

But none of that cost will come from the approximate \$10.5 million in fund balance reserves that were to fund the October projects, he said.

"We are budgeting for the extracurricular upgrades out of our regular maintenance and operation budget for the next 12 years with the intent to pay them off in seven," Kelly said. "It was important for us to keep that money in our fund balance so that we could contribute more to this proposed bond if needed."

The elementary school addition is set for the summer at a cost of \$4.5 million, with nearly half the cost -- \$2.1 million -- coming from government grants that needn't be repaid. The rest, \$2.4 million, will come from the fund balance.

That \$2.4 million will be the only use of the fund balance from the October program.

"The district has been extremely creative and has worked very hard to get these improvements done at this cost to the district's fund balance, leaving us in great shape as we head into the 2022-23 school year," Kelly said.

No cost estimate was ever provided for the CTE building last fall, but now a prime selling point for the new track, tennis court and artificial turf has been left for the taxpayers to decide upon this spring.

Another thing for voters to decide -- a no-brainer -- is a state constitutional amendment that would raise Texas schools' home-  
stead exemption from 25 percent to 40 percent.

In a social media post last weekend, Kelly urged the community to stay positive and work together.

"It's understandable," Kelly said, "that people are passionate about the issue. No matter which side of the bond issue you may fall on, my sincere hope is that we will find a way to work together."

"The schools need the community just as much as the community needs the schools. Two months of negativity will only be counterproductive. At the end of the day, we all want what's best for Bridge City and I hope we can remember that."

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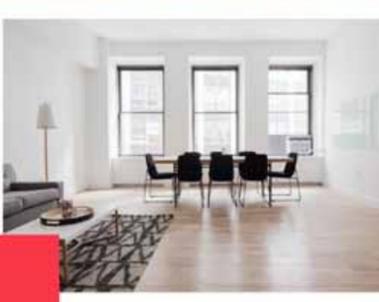
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## From The Creaux's Nest

### JUST DO IT—NOW IS THE TIME

Well, it has come down to election time. I fear it will be a very low turnout. Seventy-five percent of the registered voters won't take the time to vote. In **Orange County** we just have two contested races but they are two important races. **Pct. 2** will elect a county commissioner to replace Commissioner **Theresa Beauchamp**, it's important to elect a qualified candidate who can work with the present court. Justice of the Peace **Joy Dubose-Simonton** is the only incumbent running for re-election in a contested race. People don't realize the importance of the J.P. Court. **Judge Claude Wimberly** called it "The people's court," because they dealt with so many people's issues, not just traffic tickets. In **J.P. Court** you can be sued for \$20,000 or sue someone for that amount. **Judge Flo Ederly** always said, "You certainly want a judge that knows what they are doing, not just vote for someone because they are a friend." Did you know that since 1968 there have been only four different **Justices of the Peace in Pct. 3**. **Judge Flo** served 20 of those years. Some **Democrats** have told me they are not going to vote because there are no local races to vote in. **That's no excuse not to vote**. There are plenty contested statewide races. **Go Vote**.\*\*\*\*I have to move on. **Come along, I promise you it won't do you no harm.**

### CONDOLENCES

I was very sorry to hear of the death of Glenn Oliver, age 80, who passed away February 19. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. We talked almost daily. He was very smart and I learned something from him every time we visited. Over the last year, since I quit going into the Orange office, I've missed those visits with Glenn. He was such an interesting person. Those visits will never be again and that makes me sad. His office was at Harmon's Used Cars where he and Donnie Harmon spent a lot of time. Our condolences to Martha and her family and to his long-time business partner Carlos Vacek. May he rest in peace.

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

**John Patterson** is our guy in the **Majors**. West Orange-Stark grad and Bridge City resident, **John Patterson**, 29, is the number one pitcher for the **Washington Nationals** and will open the season. Before leaving for spring training, in Viera, Florida, he worked out at **Sam Moore's Zone**. In an interview given to **Dickie Colburn** and published by **The Record**, **John** said he was healthy and looking forward to exceeding his 2005 season. In that season he made **31 starts, pitched 198 innings, with a 9-7 record**, on a poor hitting team, he had a 1.02 ERA and 54 strikeouts. On August 4, he struck out 13 and walked none, in a four hit shutout of the LA Dodgers. We're Orange County proud of **Mr. and Mrs. Doug Patterson's boy, our star in the Majors**.\*\*\*\* Starting this coming weekend and running through Monday, some **300 plus Orange Countians** will join other **Southeast Texans** for the **First Golden Triangle Day in Austin**. Previously each community had a day, now they are combined. **County, city and school officials** will get to stroke their lawmakers.\*\*\*\***Rev. Leo and wife Ivalyn** celebrated 47 years of marriage on Sunday, Feb. 18. Well, I'm not sure how much celebrating they did but we congratulate them and wish them good health and a long life together. (Editor's Note: **Ivalyn** and **Rev. Leo** passed away a few years ago.)\*\*\*\* **Michelle Judice**, the nicest Yankee lady to leave the state of Maine, is on **Sam Monroe's** faculty staff at Lamar Port Arthur.\*\*\*\* **Buddy Hancken**, 92, a **Bridge City resident** who spent his life in baseball, died Feb. 15. Over the years, we did feature stories on this good man. The former **Astro coach** is sure to meet up with some of the greatest players. He knew them all. \*\*\*\*The **Anna Nicole Smith** saga goes on. **Brittany Spears** shaved her head bald and is loaded down with more tattoos. She is supposed to be in rehab but left after one day. She's a **Anna Nicole** waiting to happen.\*\*\*\*One of the great guys, **David Claybar**, celebrates a birthday next Tuesday, Feb. 27, and he's not the chef, he's the eater and married to pretty **Ms. Peggy**. \*\*\*\*Congrats to **Matt Bryant**, our local star in the NFL is named **Most Valuable Player** by the **Tampa Sports Club** Friday night, Feb. 16. **Matt**, who plays for the **Buccaneers**, is the son of **Mary and Casey Bryant** and brother of **Coach Billy Bryant**.\*\*\*\*A poll out Monday rating the top best presidents in history lists **Lincoln, Reagan, Kennedy Clinton**, and **FDR** as top five.

### 45 Years Ago-1977

**Jerry Neie** performs nightly at the **Yacht Club**, inside the **Orange House Hotel**. **Jerry**, a troubadour songwriter, has gone across the country and back, playing his music. He's an Orange native.\*\*\*\*All Orange County head football coaches participate in a **Walk-A-Thon**. They are **Andy Griffin, Bridge City, Ed Pevety, Orangefield, Lidney Thompson, LC-M, Steve McCarty, WO-C and Cliff Patton, Vidor**.\*\*\*\***Kenny Dolly**, son of Vera and Gerald, joins the **Army**.\*\*\*\***Vickie Curtis** pens a batch of **Office Hound** drawings that will appear in the **Opportunity**

**Valley News** column, 'Ear to the Ground.'\*\*\*\***Jackie and Bill Bishop** are the new owners of **Ranch House Restaurant** on Highway 62.\*\*\*\* Racing forms are available at **Border Street News Service**, located next to **John's Café**. (Editor's note: **John's Café** made a lot of memories for this writer.)\*\*\*\***Kim Daniels** and **David Gauthier** were crowned queen and king at Bridge City high school coronation. **June Nezat** and **Jerry Bogan** were duchess and duke.\*\*\*\***Mike Hatton**, a Bridge City native was elected president of the **Sabine Neches Retail Grocers Association**. He is general manager of **Alford's Super Market** in Port Acres. **Howard Morse** will serve as vice-president. He is owner of **Howard's Superettes and Big Red Pantry** in Bridge City. Fire destroyed the **Pantry** store however; a new one is being built, with opening planned in April.\*\*\*\***Ed Robinson**, pastor of **Second Baptist**, announced that construction has begun of new educational facilities and assembly room at the church.\*\*\*\***Phyllis Reed** will turn 18-years-old on Feb. 23. She and her brother **Graig Allen** were honored last week. He was named to the **Dean's List at Lamar** and **Phyllis** was named among 'Who's Who' in **American students**.\*\*\*\*Running for City Council in Bridge City is **Robert Reynolds**, Place 3, against **Vic Vicknair**. **Clifford Sneed, John Banken** and **Jack Moore** are running for Place 5. **Robert McFerrin** and **Don Calliouet**, for Place 1. **Shirley Marks** and **Bruce Wright** don't face challenge. Running for Mayor, **P.M. 'Red' Wood, Gordon Harvey** and **Bob Bisson**.\*\*\*\* **Bill Townes, Barbara Landry** and **Gus Garza** run unopposed for Bridge City School Board.\*\*\*\***Bridge City Police Chief Wilson Roberts** has a warrant for **Wayne Morse** and **Roy Dunn**, who are suspected of placing a sign that reads, "Sanford and Son" on the **Chief's** truck. The truck does remind one of **Fred and Lamont**.

### 50 Years Ago-1972

The **Bridge City Chamber** holds its 13<sup>th</sup> annual banquet. State Senator **Charles Wilson**, of Lufkin, is the guest speaker. **Ralph Ramos**, former news director of KJAC TV is master of ceremonies. New officers installed are **Margie Fields**, president; **Jerry Meeks**, first VP; **Doug Harrington**, second VP; **John Brooks**, secretary/treasurer; **Glenn Pearson** was in charge of arrangements. Entertainment was provided by **Mrs. Don North's Cardinal Singers**. **Don Cole** is outgoing president.\*\*\*\*Newly appointed county court-at-law judge **David Dunn** fires two employees, **Betty Ess** and **Barbara Gillis**, upon taking office. This created a big stir. **Gillis** had recommended to the court that **Dunn** be appointed to the post. Commissioner **Asa Mansfield** made the motion upon **Gillis'** urging. **Mansfield** was shocked; both of the ladies were from his Pct. 3. **Barbara Gillis** became the first ever court reporter in Orange County to have been fired.\*\*\*\***Dr. Jimmy Howell**, A Stark High graduate, is a heart specialist at Baylor College of Medicine. **Howell** grew up in the Brownwood Addition of Orange and is the latest subscriber to the **O.V.N.**, the area's fastest growing newspaper.\*\*\*\***Stark High** Baseball coaches are **Art Pettit** and **Wade Phillips** are preparing for their season opener against **Beaumont High**, March 1. **Tiger** pitchers are **Garret Gipson, Mike Schriber** and **Keith Kleinknecht**. Other players are **Jody Mazzola, Kevin Daniels, Steve Jones, James Durrell, Mike Thomas, James Decker, Kenny Myers, Ivan Parrish, Davin Green** and **Mark Lambert**. (Editor's note: A good trivia question: Where was **Wade's** only high school baseball coaching job?)\*\*\*\*Coach **J.B. Bearden's** ninth grade basketball team won the **Orange County** championship with a 10-0 district record. Their overall season record was 20-3. **Coach Bearden** says, "There are several boys on this team that should see playing time for the **Stark Tigers** next season. They are **Don Mosby, Mike Roland, Darius Thomas, Frank Tims** and **Doug Cash**.\*\*\*\***Bridge City** eighth grade basketball team, coached by **James Dwight Thacker**, won the eighth grade county championship. (Editor's note: Did you ever see **Thacker** shoot free throws?)\*\*\*\* Following the **Dallas Super Bowl** win over **Miami, Duane Thomas**, star **Cowboy** running back, pled guilty to marijuana charges in **Greenville**. Also charged was his younger brother. Pot was found in a borrowed car stopped by a highway patrolman.

### 75 Years Ago-1947

**Bonnie Bland**, 18 years old daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bland**, was crowned **Aqua Carnival Queen**, at the University of Texas. (Editor's note: If my memory serves me right, she was later chosen as **Miss Texas**.\*\*\*\*Head football coach at **Stark High, Brooks Conover**, opens spring football practice.\*\*\*\*Movie goers were watching **June Allyson** in the 'Secret Heart' at the **Strand**; **Olivia deHavilland** in 'To Each His Own' at the **Royal**; 'Tokyo Rose' at the **Gem**; **Desi Arnaz** in 'Cuban Pete' at the **Ben-gal**.

### 100 Years Ago-1922

This week in February, 1922, **Oscar Chesson** refused to sell his **Orangefield** oil royalties to **Humble Oil** for a half-million dollars. He said he had two sick pigs at home and didn't want to leave them.\*\*\*\*The **Orange Rotary Club** celebrates its 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.\*\*\*\***Kent Watson**, of Orange, was promoted to Picture Editor of **International News Service** in New York.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

Some members of Commissioners Court are attending class at **Texas A&M** this week.\*\*\*\*A good thing. After 10 months the **United Steelworkers Union** voted Monday to ratify the contract offered by **ExxonMobile**. There is no timeline of when the workers will return to work. It's up to **Exxon**, they could end the lockout at anytime.\*\*\*\***Peggy's Place** makes the best gumbo but hasn't added it to the menu yet. I hear they may be serving it this week. That's what I have a craving for.\*\*\*\*In the latest issue of **Texas Monthly**, they say a year after the deadly blackout, **Texas** officials refuse to adopt rules that keep the lights on in other states.\*\*\*\*I found this interesting. In a **Republican** poll, 56 percent agree with **Vice-president Pence** over **Trump's 36 percent**. They feel **Pence** did the right thing in ratifying the 2020 election.\*\*\*\*I'm hearing some good things about **Top Deck Flooring**. It's worth the trip just to see the place **J.W. Dalton** has built on the Interstate. He's running some good in-store specials. **Go see for yourself**.\*\*\*\*In statewide races there are more women running for office than I can ever remember. I'm taking a serious look at **Kandy Kaye Horn** for governor and **Eva Guzman** for attorney general. Attorney general **Ken Pax-**

**ton** really needs to go.\*\*\*\*Tuesday we heard from **Penny LeLeux** who told us her short film **Shhh!** was nominated in ten categories for the **Sunny Side Up Film Fest** which comes up next month! In the short film categories nominees for: Best Short, Best Actor- **Woody Almazan**; Best Actress- **Reese Ravencraft**; Best Supporting Actor- **Jason LeLeux**; Best Supporting Actress- **Penny LeLeux**; Other categories: Best Director, Best Dark Comedy, Best Romance, Best Female Filmmaker and Best Texas Film .It's always good to hear from **Penny**.\*\*\*\*If **Russia** invades **Ukraine**, according to estimates, **Putin** will be responsible for at least 50,000 deaths. Disgusting are folks like **Tucker Carlson**, on **FOX News**, siding with **Russia**, a communist dictatorship, over **Ukraine**, a democracy like the **United States**. Ever since he wore a bow tie at **CNN**, before getting run off, he has been a communist sympathizer.\*\*\*\*NOTICE: Be sure to check our website for all election returns starting at 7 p.m. election night. We are planning on **Margaret Toal** or **Dan Perine** to be covering the election, maybe both. Catch the ongoing results at [therecordlive.com](http://therecordlive.com)

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know who will be celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Feb. 23:** Happy Birthday to **Rachel Bryan, Crystal Jones, Misti Bishop, Kellie Betz, John Hughes** and **Jody Andes**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 24:** Celebrating today is longtime friend, the bagpiper, Mayor **David Rutledge**. Also Port Commissioner **Carroll Holt**, pretty **Regina Harrington, Taylor Brownie**, and **Mathew Squires**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 25:** Today career peace officer, our friend, **Constable Brad Frye** celebrates being a year older. What a story that boy's life has been. Also celebrating is **Angela Brinson**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 26:** Happy Birthday to **Laverne McDonald**, a very special lady. Also celebrating is **Betty Sherman, Braelyn Baugh** and **Marilyn Powell**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 27:** The girl from Abbeville, who celebrates her 69<sup>th</sup> class reunion this year, has a birthday today. We wish **Anne Belle Hebert Rost** many more healthy years. Our thoughts today are with longtime friend **David Claybar** on his birthday. God speed. We also remember our friend **Gretta Brinson**, who celebrates Today and best wishes to **Sara Havens** and **Jeffery Frugia**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 28:** Happy Birthday **Kathy McKenzie** and **Royce Pendergest**.\*\*\*\***No Feb. 29 this year:** Not celebrating is a kid we have known since diapers, 'Johnny Boy's' **Logan Dubose**. Also not having birthdays this year are **Will Brinson** and **Kevin Jones**.\*\*\*\***March 1:** Happy Birthday to **Deedra Black, Jill Culp, Robert Foster, Jennifer Thomas** and **Monica Wilson**.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Clovis Fontonot him spent all of his life working as a seaman and he's now retired. Clovis him, had been gone from home so much over da years dat da old home place needed some fixing up, repairs on da chicken yard and a lot of cleaning up. While cleaning da attic him, Clovis found his wife **Agnes'** hope chest. He opened da chest and found \$10,000 in cash and two eggs. He axe **Agnes**, "Say Hon, wats dem two eggs dere for?"

She answer, "Well Clovis, dats cause in our forty years of marriage, every time I was unfaithful me, I put an egg in da box."

Clovis told her, "Well Babe, wit me gone so much and you unfaithful jus two times in 40 years, I forgive you me, dats ok."

Clovis den axe, "Agnes, den where did you get da \$10,000 hanh?"

Agnes replied, "Well, it's like dis, every time I got a dozen eggs me, I sold dem."

### C'EST TOUT POLITICS FROM THE GRASS ROOTS

I've been following and have had an interest in politics since I was 8-years-old. I traveled the state in a sound truck with my uncle. He was an advance man for **Sen. Dudley J. LeBlanc**, who was running for governor. In 1950, I took part in the **Joe Runnels-Sid Callivet** campaign for mayor. I was hooked. I voted for **Ike** in 1952, my first time to vote. When I was a boy grass roots politicking took several directions. One was buying votes, 50 cents to one dollar per vote. Then there was what was called 'bull pens.' A night club would be rented, plenty of food and drinks were served, and music. Then everyone was locked in until morning when they were taken to the polls to vote. The voter just made his mark, an **X**, on the ballot. Everyone voted for the same candidate. That was back in the early 1940's, most of the population just spoke French and couldn't read or write. Let me tell you about **modern day grass roots politicking**. Just a few years ago everyone had inline telephones, today, it's difficult to have phone list because most everyone has a cell phone with no listing available. Campaign workers have always used the phone to get the vote our. **Election Day** is when everything got in high gear, making sure every last supporter got to the polls before closing time. I'll tell you about three interesting people who made last day voting into an art. **Shirley Roccaforte** and **Jessie Brown** both could get out one hundred votes or so out in one day. Only **Shirley** could get away with the way she did it and the language she used to make her point. If you promised her you would go vote, you'd better. She checked the list to see who voted. **Jessie** and **Nolton Brown** knew the voters so well they could vote your ballot. **Jessie** knew who to call and who not to call. She was good on the phone and she and **Nolton** did a lot of favors for a lot of folks. He was **Ann Richards** Orange County campaign manager so when she became governor he was able to get appointments for local people. I was one of them. The very best grass roots campaigner I ever knew was **Bob Montagne**, who had a team that was very organized. They worked throughout a campaign for their candidates. They met at **Bob's** home where they handwrote campaign cards to be mailed to the voters. He usually served a meal, gumbo, etc. He had a great team of good people, great politicians. **On Election Day** he had someone nearby watching with binoculars marking off names as people voted. In the last hours, if someone on their list had not voted, they were called or someone drove to their house often taking them to the polls. The **Orangefield** box always had the highest percentage of voters. **Montagne** always carried his box. No one has ever been able to duplicate his success even though I know of a couple of his bad losses. Times have changed. Local grass roots **politicking ain't what it used to be** and will never be again.\*\*\*\* Thanks for tagging along. Let us hear from you. Check us out daily at [therecordlive.com](http://therecordlive.com). and please read us cover to cover. Take care and God bless our troops.

# Deaths & Memorials

## William Glenn Oliver, 80, Orange

William Glenn Oliver, 80, of Orange, passed away on February 19, 2022, at Harbor Hospice in Beaumont.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 26, at First Presbyterian Church in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Lynn Ashcraft and Reverend Bobby Daniels. A reception for family and friends will follow the service.



William Glenn Oliver

Church of Orange and served on the personnel committee, he was a member and President of the Orange Lions Club, Ducks Unlimited, President of the Heritage House.

Glenn served 3 terms on the Orange City Council, planning and zoning committee as well as Mayor Pro Tem.

Glenn loved spending time with friends, family, and his business associates and enjoyed many trips with his wife, he will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Richard and Mary Seale Oliver; and sister, Petie Chandler.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Martha Oliver; daughter, Mary Claire Oliver; grandchildren, Jacob William Spiegel, and Samuel Oliver Mankin; his sisters-in-law, Eileen Simpson and husband David, Cathy Towns and husband Rhett, and Karen Vester; nieces and nephew, Gerry Ann Larabee and husband Tinker, Jan Crawford and husband John, Steve Mosley and wife Donna.

## Edward John Palermo, Jr, "Junebug", 71

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Edward John Palermo, Jr, "Junebug", 71 of Orange, Texas who was called home to be with our Lord, after a sudden illness.

Eddie was born on December 29, 1950 to Edward Palermo, Sr. and Wilma Jean Herring of Port Arthur, Texas. His father preceded him in death. He was raised in Port Arthur and was a 1969 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. He went on to study Computer Science at Lamar State College.

As a young man he hired on at Texaco Chemical in Port Arthur, Texas as a process operator/ shift foreman. Huntsman Inc. eventually bought out Texaco, and Eddie worked for many years there as a Supervisor/Maintenance Coordinator. It was during this time Eddie earned his flying wings as he flew for the first and last time to Edmonton, Canada to train.

Edward is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Mary Louise Suggs Palermo of Orange, one daughter, Brenda Kay Palermo Withers of Orange, two sons, Joseph Wayne Palermo of Port Arthur, and Edward John Palermo, III of Beaumont., his mother: Wilma Jean Herring Palermo of Groves, his brothers, Michael Wayne Palermo and wife Debra Stokes Palermo of Groves; Charles Ray Palermo and wife Betty Ralston Palermo of Groves. His is also survived by five grandsons and one granddaughter and numerous



Edward Palermo

aunts and uncles, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Eddie was a remarkable man. Caring and without a doubt, always willing to put others before himself. His hobbies over the years included playing pool, traveling, gardening, fishing, listening to country music and always being there for his grandchildren when they needed him. He also had been a member of the Knights of Columbus. After retiring from Huntsman, he loved spending time at Wild Wood in the Big Thicket where he owned land. He also spent many hours just petting his two dogs, Rex and Jethro while he watched aquarium fish swim by or television. But one most vivid memory is his love for watching a storm come in. He loved watching the lightning and feeling the rain on his face while sitting in the garage.

A visitation will be held on Friday, February 25, 2022 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Clayton Thompson Funeral Home, with a rosary to be prayed at 6:30 PM at the funeral home. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the funeral home, celebrant will be Deacon Willie Pose. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves. Angel Palermo is scheduled to sing during the service.

Honoring Eddie as pallbearers will be Jason Withers, Kaylor Palermo, Charlie Palermo, Michel Palermo, Dean Marks, David Babineaux, Greg Kennedy, Hal Miller, Eddie Jones, Ricky Simon and Billy Blackmon.

## Joy Dubose-Simonton for re-election JP, Pct. 2

The following is a political statement from Justice of the Peace Joy Dubose-Simonton on her candidacy for re-election:

First and foremost, my family and I want to thank everyone for all your support and kind words we have received over the past few weeks.

In order to be an effective Justice of the Peace one needs good character, integrity, compassion and be qualified for the position. One also needs to have respect for the office and respect for others. I feel that I have all of these attributes and so much more.

Making decisions that have an impact on someone's life is not an easy task, but it's a responsibility that I take seriously and with great sincerity.

My judgments are based on the evidence presented to me, the merits of the case and principles of law. My decisions are NOT based on favoritism, who may or may not vote for me in the future or the fear of how someone may speak about me in public or on social media. I take pride in my job and the gravity of my position. Being a judge is not just a title for me, it's a commitment and a willingness to be a leader with and for our community.

Over the past 27 years I have worked tirelessly



and have made sacrifices to obtain and cultivate the education and experience one needs to hold office as Justice of the Peace. I have obtained 2 college degrees and I have a doctorate degree. I have worked for various law firms, working my way through the ranks from file clerk to attorney, and currently judge. I have personally experienced every aspect of the legal system, not just from the administrative side. In the past 7 years I have voluntarily acquired 210 additional legal education hours over the mandatory 220 hours a JP must obtain.

I promise to continue to be available to the public, continue to raise the bar as a public servant and leader, continue to respect and have compassion for those that come before me, and most importantly, I will continue to make the community proud to have Judge Joy Dubose-Simonton on their bench as Justice of the Peace.

I humbly ask for YOUR vote and to please vote early. Early Voting is going on NOW! Wednesday - Thursday, February 23-25, 7am - 7pm. Election Day March 1, 7am-7pm.

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# OC baseball teams hit the diamonds for 2022 season

## ★ Season Preview: BC Cardinals and Orangefield Bobcats ★

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

### • Bridge City Cardinals

The Bridge City Cardinals should rebound from a frustrating season a year ago. The Cardinals will look to regain their perch atop the

and I think that I'll be contributing more at catcher while pitching a little bit this year also," Abate replied.

There are other athletic players with some experience in the Cardinal program that Landry will use this season. Landry explained, "Defensively it's going to look different, offensively the lineup is going to look different. Our first scrimmage I'll probably hear some people saying

who's this guy like nobody knew who these guys were, but we've a lot of new faces and a lot of guys that are hungry, so I like it, I like the makeup so far."

One of the new faces is leadoff hitter John Van Huis who will play centerfield. He is a scrappy left-handed batter and plays the game the right way according to Landry. The fans should love to see the way Van Huis plays

the game.

Van Huis understands the importance of his being at the top of the Bridge City batting order. "I think it'll be good. I just try to go out to do the best I can to lead everyone, get on base, swing it pretty good hopefully, and get some wins," Van Huis said.

Last year's junior varsity had several players that know the Bridge City system who

are expected to move up and will supply some new Cardinals to the varsity. A few freshmen may be sprinkled into the mix of players on the varsity although Landry said it is still too early to tell.

There are Cardinals with some varsity experience who will play significant innings. JS Bearden will seek a bigger role this season. JT Fielder is recuperating from knee surgery on his ACL and will get

back in the lineup at first base and as a designated hitter when he returns.

Draven Marlowe played on the varsity last year and will be a regular in the infield for the Cardinals this year. "As far as new guys we're just waiting for one or two more to step up. We've got about eight or nine guys we're looking at for about one or two

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Cardinal Coach Chad Landry



Justin Abate



Bravien Collins



John Van Huis

district standings that they have achieved 26 times in the school's great history of baseball.

A third place finish in the district last year can be traced to Bridge City losing five league games in extra innings. Those close losses were tough mentally for the Cardinals, but they learned from it, grew from it, and they still battled to make the post season.

A final extra inning loss in the bi-district round to Hamshire-Fannett eliminated Bridge City from the playoffs, the Cardinals earliest exit from the playoffs in 18 years. "Finishing third from an outsider's perspective might look a certain way. From our perspective we grew from it, and we're excited for what that brought us for this year. Third is not where we want to be, and so we worked all off-season to get to where we want to be," Coach Chad Landry of the Cardinals indicated.

Amongst the many new faces for Bridge City, Landry does return one Cardinal this season to help anchor the lineup. Brice Swanton will play shortstop for the second year in a row. Swanton is the cog of the infield and will be a strength for Bridge City at a key position.

Justin Abate plays behind the plate as catcher and on the mound as a pitcher. "I like catcher more honestly,

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# Orange County Baseball Preview From Page 1B

spots," Landry informed.

The Cardinals have a lot of batters that will put the ball in play and that could lead to runs on the board for Bridge City. They also know how to run the bases and move runners along which should help compensate for an apparent absence of a big power threat in the lineup like the Cardinals have had the past several seasons.

The emphasis this year for Bridge City is to put the ball in play especially on the ground to make opposing defenses have to field it and throw it accurately to register an out. The young Cardinals love to run the bases and put pressure on the other team's defense by doing so.

Even though there may not be a lot of long ball opportunities for Bridge City this year, Coach Landry is confident the Cardinals will be able to score runs. "I feel like we're going to have to scratch and claw for runs. We're not going to get three or four hits in a row, that's not going to happen. We can say that out loud, it's okay to admit that. What we're going to do is we're going to see pitches, we're going to run, we're going to bunt, we're going to small ball you, we're going to pressure you, and see if you can make a routine play," Landry explained.

Pitching prospects at Bridge City are in good supply. The Cardinals have several pitchers who logged nearly thirty innings last season. This should give Landry plenty of arms to choose from to be on the mound throughout this year.

Senior Trey Lovelace can really spin the baseball with his sinker and also throws a very effective slider. Sophomore Landon Reeves will be great out of the bullpen throwing sinkers and sliders. Landry indicates Reeves does not need a whole lot of rest before being called on to pitch again.

Braylen Collins is a junior who is verbally committed to play after graduation for the University of Houston. Collins has made huge gains in the off-season. Landry is proud of Collins' work ethic and what he has been able to do.

Collins could be the dominating force on the mound this season for the Cardinals with his big pitch being the fastball. "Definitely the fastball, just run it by people," Collins exclaimed.

A senior Ethan Ocegüera has come back out to play baseball again. Ocegüera of course is an all-round great athlete playing as a starter in football and basketball since he was a freshman. Landry evaluated, "He has been very impressive so far. We hope he continues to grow and could be a guy that could log a bunch of innings for us."

Expectations do not always translate into reality in the very tough baseball district in which Bridge City competes. Coach Landry admitted the district is loaded with quality teams which means every Tuesday and Friday the Cardinals will face a division one arm making each game a battle.

The goal up front for the Cardinals is to win the school's twenty-seventh district championship. Landry confessed it has been far too long since they have been able to change the championship banner at Chuck Young Field. "Everybody gets 21 outs in a game, so we feel like we've got enough outs that we can manage one more run than the opponent, and that's our mind set going into it right now," Landry concluded.

Bridge City will host its own tournament starting Thursday, February 24. Games will be played Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at Chuck Young Field.

The Cardinals will play in two more tournaments before the start of the district games. The Cameron Yoe Tournament is March 3-5 and the Jasper Tournament is scheduled for March 10-12.

The first district game for Bridge City is Tuesday, March 15, against Vidor. The game will be in Chuck Young Field at 7:00 PM.

## ◆ Orangefield Bobcats

Orangefield will be dropping in classifications next season, but this year the Bobcats hope to remain in the lofty perch they achieved last season in baseball. The Orangefield Bobcats were the district baseball champions in 2021.

A 10-2 record earned the Bobcats first place in their very competitive district. Orangefield was playing its best ball of the season as the district games wrapped up and advanced four rounds into the post season before being eliminated by Rusk in a one-game playoff.

Coach Tim Erickson has some Bobcats returning from last year's championship squad. Orangefield should be very solid up the middle with their three stars returning at catcher, shortstop, and centerfield.

Macoy Marze has been the starting catcher for the Bobcats. Marze was the district defensive most valuable player last year behind the plate for Orangefield. "We have a few pitchers returning with Trent Eaves, Coop Longron, Colbie Sowell. They're going to lead us on the mound and throw strikes. We have a few guys coming up from JV that are big hitters to help us do good this season," Marze analyzed.

Shortstop Tyler Shearin was strong with the bat and especially the glove for Orangefield. He was first team all-district for the Bobcats. "As a senior I think a lot of people kind of look up not just to me but a lot of these guys out here, and I



Bobcat Coach Tim Erickson



Coop Longron



Catcher Macoy Marze, shortstop Tyler Shearin, and centerfielder Kameryn Henderson give the Bobcats great defense up the middle.

want to be somebody that people can look up to, and I want to have another great season and hopefully we can go on win a state championship as well as another district championship," Shearin expressed.

In centerfield is Kameryn Henderson the district MVP for the Bobcats, but was also selected as an all-state performer. Henderson excelled as a leadoff batter for Orangefield with a high on-base-percentage and is a threat to steal on the bases. Henderson replied, "My job is to get on base anyway I can and hopefully score."

There are also quality Bobcats coming back on the mound. "Trent Eaves, I think he'll have a big season on the mound as well as Coop Longron, and then I'll be looking for some other guys to step in to contribute," Erickson announced.

Jason Bowdin is one of the Bobcats, Coach Erickson expects to step up and be a strong contributor this season. Bowdin played some outfield for Orangefield later in the season last year and saw time on the field throughout the playoff run by the Bobcats swinging the bat really well. He will be called on to pitch more innings and could be a standout pitcher.

Three Bobcats Brennon LaCoq, Morgan Sampson, and Rusten Traxler are moving up from the junior varsity and should make contributions with the varsity this year. Erickson evaluated, "Sampson should help out on the mound, and Traxler we're going to see what he can do, we know he's going to help us offensively it's just going to be a matter of where we can plug him in in the field."

Orangefield should be really balanced offensively this year. Erickson stated he has some Bobcats that can run, some that can hit for power, and other guys that can really handle the bat for base hits and moving runners up.

Kolbie Sowell has some power and is aggressive at the plate. Henderson and Shearin both do a good job at the top of the batting order for Orangefield. "Everybody else it's just a matter of seeing if they can get it done whenever the games start, but the hitting looked fairly good during intra-squad and scrimmages so far," Coach Erickson advised.

There are some questions as the season starts for Orangefield and Erickson as who will do what on the mound for the



Trent Eaves

Bobcats. There are some returners back for the Bobcats on the pitching staff.

Eaves and Longron gained quality experience last season getting to pitch in the pressure filled games during the playoffs, and the coach is looking for those two to be the leaders on the mound for Orangefield. Eaves agreed, "I think it will benefit us because we saw a lot of good talent last year during the playoffs and I think it will benefit us by playing some other teams during the tournaments early this season." Eaves said he plans on working to throw strikes, improve on his off-speed pitches, and to locate his pitches better.

As Erickson mentioned, Bowdin is a guy that he looks to go to for more innings. Erickson added, "Kolbie Sowell and Morgan Sampson I think that'll be our other main contributors pitching wise on the varsity."

The goal for Orangefield this year as it is every season is to be the district champions. The Bobcats have been there and done that so they know the supreme effort it will take to repeat.

The first task is getting into the playoffs according to Coach Erickson. Next is to then sit down and reestablish goals to evaluate what kind of baseball the Bobcats are playing. Erickson confirmed, "A district championship will definitely be something we're setting as one of our goals."

It will not be easy to repeat as the district champions because Orangefield's district as always is loaded with tough competition. Erickson reminded any night any team in the Bobcat's district could beat anybody else.

Reviewing the district opponents Coach Erickson knows Silsbee will be real tough. Bridge City and Little Cypress-Mauriceville are always very competitive. Vidor has a very good pitching staff, and Lumberton is a good team with a new coach.

It could come down to the last game of the regular season for the Orangefield Bobcats to determine where they will finish in the district standings. "In our district every game is a tough one there are no free ones so we've got to be ready to play," Erickson concluded.

Tournament action will prepare the Orangefield Bobcats for the start of the district schedule. The Bridge City Tournament starts Thursday, February 24. That will be followed by the Spring Hill Tournament the first weekend in March.

A final tune up for Orangefield will be the Silsbee Tournament scheduled for March 10 through March 12. The Bobcats will get a chance to preview their first game in the district schedule during the tournament. Orangefield and Silsbee play their opening game of district on Tuesday, March 15, at Silsbee. The Bobcats then play Bridge City on Friday, March 18, in Orangefield.



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# WO-S honors longtime Coach Cornel Thompson

## KAZ'S KORNER Joe Kazmar For The Record

A crowd of around 150 invited guests were on hand Saturday afternoon at West Orange-Stark High School for the dedication of the school's brand-new Strength and Conditioning Center.

The modern complex, which would make most college athletic directors and head coaches green with envy, was named in honor of retired head coach Cornel Thompson, who not only coached football at the school for nearly 50 years, but also attended the school when it was known as the West Orange High School Chiefs back in the 1960's.

The only three head coaches the Mustangs have ever had since the merger of Luther Stark High and West Orange High in 1977—Steve McCarty, Dan Hooks and Thompson—were on hand for the dedication, along with newly-named Hiawatha Hickman, who was an assistant coach under Thompson for six years.

Also, on hand for the ceremony, were more than a dozen of former Mustangs coaches and many former players who wore the silver and blue uniforms in past years, including Kevin Smith, who has some Super Bowl rings from when he played with the Dallas Cowboys by way of the Texas Aggies.

The new strength and conditioning center is not just a weight room. It has an artificial turf area with 15 yards marked off where teams can run drills and plays during inclement weather. But there also is a large group of weight stations with the most modern apparatus.

Placards decorate the walls near the ceiling denoting the state championships the Mustangs football won (1986, 1987, 2015 and 2016) and the years they were state finalists (1988, 2000, 2014 and 2017) plus state championships in track and field and baseball on the opposite side walls.

A huge mural of three mustang stallions decorates the wall behind the weight apparatus with the side walls containing incentive words and phrases like "The way to Division I (D1) is to be D1 in the classroom. D1 in the weight room and D1 on the practice field," and "It's Not Your Way, It's Not My Way, It's the Mustang Way."

Another states "Out of Yourself and Into the Team," and as you're leaving the weight room above the huge door frame, "The Greatest Loss in Life is the Loss of Enthusiasm."

There were several guest speakers at the ceremony including director of maintenance Greg Willis, who is a West Orange graduate, West Orange mayor Randy Branch, West Orange-Cove Independent School District president Linda Platt-Bryant, Cornel's wife Francis



Joe Kazmar

Thompson, longtime Mustang assistant Mark Foreman and Superintendent Dr. Rickie Harris.

Foreman said that many people have asked him over the years how the Mustangs can be one of the best teams in their classification year after year.

"WO-S started as a good football team under Steve McCarty in his three-year stint and then Dan Hooks starting in 1980. But then came the 1983 season when we had the only losing season in the school's history and went 3-7 which lowered out winning percentage to 54 per cent.

"We decided right then that we're going to invoke plenty of discipline, hit the weight room more often and get rid of the guys who didn't buy into the new training ideas.

"And from 1984 until today, the West Orange-Stark football team has an 85 per cent winning percentage, which ranks THE BEST IN TEXAS and includes ALL classifications," he stated proudly.

When the man of the hour took the mike, Cornel thanked many of the people on hand for helping his career as a coach and teacher, he singled out Andrew Hayes who was a fellow coach way back when, then his principal and later the school district's superintendent.

During his early years as a



Former West Orange-Stark Head Football Coach Cornel Thompson at the chalkboard during half-time in a previous playoff season.  
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coach, Cornel played summer baseball on the same team as I was. He was a catcher and I was a pitcher.

One time during a rather crucial moment of the game we were both in, I peered intently for his pitch signal and there he was dropping his glove on home plate, getting his catching gear off as fast as he could and high-tailing it to the parking lot.

Bewildered, I asked what was going on and was told that someone informed Cornel that his wife was having their first baby at the hospital and he was needed right now. And that's how his son Marcus came into this world.

Both of his sons, Marcus and Michael have been in the coaching profession which

proves the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

And parents would be pleased if their young athletes would have a coach like Cornel Thompson, who not only guides them on the field but also keeps a wary eye on them in the classroom.

### KWICKIES...

LeBron James hit the winning basket in Sunday's NBA All-Star game as Team LeBron beat Team (Kevin) Durant 163-160. Not to anyone's surprise Stephen Curry, who scored 50 points including an All-Star record 16 of 27 three-pointers, earned the Kobe Bryant Most Valuable Player Award.

And while on the subject

of basketball, a melee broke out in Madison, WI. Sunday during the post-game handshakes after Wisconsin defeated Michigan 77-63 in a Big Ten match-up. Michigan's head coach Juwan Howard, who once played for the Wolverines, took offense after Wisconsin coach Greg Gard called a timeout with 15 seconds left and leading by 14 points. Howard took a swipe at Wisconsin assistant coach Jon Krabbenhoft which Big Ten officials promised to take swift and appropriate disciplinary action.

I was saddened by the sudden death of my good friend and former golf partner Kenny Ruane. He also was a marathon runner who

always posted some of the best times for his age group and always gave me something to write about. He will be missed by many, especially the golfers at Sunset Grove Country Club.

Joaquin Niemann, a 23-year-old golfer from Chile, went wire-to-wire to win the PGA Tour Genesis Invitational in Los Angeles last weekend. He is the first wire-to-wire Genesis winner in 53 years and picked up \$2.16 million for his second PGA Tour victory.

Expansion for the college football playoffs won't happen until at least 2026 and is set to remain a four-team format until 2025 according to the CFP management committee. But there's a real good chance that the recommended 12-team format will take place in 2026.

### JUST BETWEEN US...

It looks like to me that the start of the 2022 major league baseball season is in jeopardy of opening at the end of March like it's supposed to. The owners seem more interested in continuing to lock out the players until their money will be divided up to their satisfaction than getting spring training started on time. If you think the sport lost a lot of fans during the pandemic in 2020, just wait and see what happens if there's a lengthy strike. All stadiums will look half-empty like NRG Stadium did last year for football in Houston.

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The LCM High School fishing team duo of Jacob Longlois and Tanner Stewart put a stranglehold on Toledo Bend this past weekend as they doubled up for victories on both Saturday and Sunday.

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The LCM High School fishing team duo of Jacob Longlois and Tanner Stewart put a stranglehold on Toledo Bend this past weekend as they doubled up for victories on both Saturday and Sunday. The unusual circumstances where tournaments were held on back to back days was a result of rescheduled event from January being fished after the regularly scheduled event on Saturday. Longlois and Stewart posted a winning weight of 20.99 pounds on Saturday for their first win of the weekend.

On Sunday Longlois and Stewart continued their winning ways as they stuck to their pattern for most of the day and boated another impressive stringer weighing in at 23.49 pounds for their second consecutive trip to the winners circle. Both days saw the duo fishing jigs in deeper water and basically

waiting the fish out until they fed. Small windows in which the fish fed heavily were the difference, especially on Sunday. During one small 30 minute frenzy Stewart boated a 7.4 pound largemouth and backed that up with a 7.2 pounder to seal the deal for their second win.

The LCM fishing team had several more quality finishes over the weekend as well. On Saturday the LCM team of Justin James/Gavin Cooper finished second place and took Big Bass honors with a healthy 8.63 pounder. Braxton Rambo and Cam Dougharty finished sixth with 14.86 While the teams of Istre/Ridgeway and Byerly/Henson were also in the Top 48 of 488 teams. A very strong showing by all the anglers and definitely a



Chuck Uzzle

weekend that the pair of Longlois and Stewart will not soon forget.

Locally the conditions continue hold up as the lack of rain and lighter winds have kept both lake and the river looking very nice, especially for early spring. The best bite locally continues to be redfish as many anglers have taken advantage the bite along the shorelines. Swim baits and rattling corks have been the best bet when fishing this pattern. The key is covering lots of water and if possible fishing during the afternoon outgoing tides. I, like many other anglers, am waiting for the bite down on the big Causeway Reef or around Lighthouse Cove to get kicked off for the trout, it has to be close. Hopefully we keep these fantastic conditions because you just can't ask for any better right now. Get out and enjoy it and remember to take a kid or someone new to the sport next time you head out.

## White Bass Run Expectations Run High

AUSTIN – Anglers across the state look forward to hitting the water each spring for the annual white bass spawning run upstream from reservoirs into rivers and creeks. Whether it be fishing on the bank, motorized boat, or paddle craft, the white bass run can provide an exciting day on the water for new and seasoned anglers alike.

“The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has received reports that some anglers have started catching white bass since the beginning of February, but the main spawning run does not really get going until water temperatures and flows are just right,” said John Botros, TPWD’s Inland Fisheries River Access Coordinator. “Some good rains this spring would trigger abundant white bass spawning runs. Anglers should make plans to target this species in rivers and creeks upstream of many of our reservoirs from now until early May.”

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### LEGALS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **BARBARA JEANICE LEMARE, a/k/a BARBARA JANISE LEMARE**, Deceased, were issued on **November 10, 2021, in Cause No. P19031**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Donna Kay Constance**.

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:  
**Donna Kay Constance**  
1635 Operators Lane  
Vidor, TX  
77662

Dated:  
**November 10, 2021**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION**  
*RFP-2022-02-GRANT-TDEM-HMGP-COVID*

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**  
*RFQ-2022-03-ARCH-TDEM-HMGP-COVID*

The Orange County Drainage District plans to apply for the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP") from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and FEMA for funding made available in response to DR-4485 (COVID-19). These services are being solicited to assist the District in its application and administration of HMGP contract(s), if awarded, to support eligible activities in Orange County, Texas. Accordingly, the District is seeking to contract with one or more qualified **Architect(s)** (individuals/firms) to prepare the application and/or administer the awarded contract(s). Copies of the RFQ may be located on the District's website at <https://ocddtx.com/purchasing/> and <http://civcastusa.com> (search for Orange County Drainage District). Please submit five (5) copies of your statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: **Attn: Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630** and marked "RFQ-2022-03-ARCH-TDEM-HMGP-COVID". Statements of Qualifications shall be received by the District no later than 12:00 p.m. on the 14th day of March 2022 to be considered. The District reserves the right to negotiate with all individuals or firms that submit Statements of Qualifications. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **VICTORIA N. WATSON**, Deceased, were issued on **November 10, 2021, in Cause No. P19105**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Victoria Lynn Watson Parker**.

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:  
**Victoria Lynn Watson Parker**  
458 Parker  
Vidor, TX  
77662

Dated:  
**November 10, 2021**

**Victoria Lynn Watson Parker**  
458 Parker  
Vidor, TX  
77662

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **GLYNDA ALINE FOXWORTH MINICK**, Deceased, were issued on **October 28, 2021, in Cause No. P19207**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Glen Joseph Minick**.

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:  
**Glen Joseph Minick**  
460 Lytton  
Vidor, TX  
77662

Dated:  
**October 28, 2021**

**Glen Joseph Minick**  
460 Lytton  
Vidor, TX  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **GERALDINE C. BAILEY**, Deceased, were issued on **June 7, 2021, in Cause No. P19021**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Deborah Jean Hollier and Phillip Wayne Bailey**.

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:  
**Deborah Jean Hollier**  
3265 Martha  
Vidor, TX  
77662

Dated:  
**October 28, 2021**

**Deborah Jean Hollier**  
3265 Martha  
Vidor, TX  
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
*RFQ-2022-04-ENG-TDEM-HMGP-COVID*

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION**  
*RFP-2022-05-GRANT-CDBG-MIT-GLO-HUD*

The Orange County Drainage District plans to apply for the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP") from the Texas General Land Office through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs ("GLO and HUD") for funding made available on account of HUD's CDBG-MIT program. These services are being solicited to assist the District in its application and administration of CDBG-MIT contract(s), if awarded, to support eligible activities in Orange County, Texas. Accordingly, the District is seeking to contract with a qualified **Grant Administration Service Provider** (individual/firm) to prepare the application and/or administer the awarded contract(s). Copies of the RFP may be located on the District's website at <https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing/> and <http://civcastusa.com> (search for Orange County Drainage District). Please submit five (5) copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: **Attn: Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630** and marked "RFP-2022-05-GRANT-CDBG-MIT-GLO-HUD". Proposals shall be received by the District no later than 12:00 p.m. on the 14th day of March, 2022 to be considered. The District reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
*RFQ-2022-06-ENG-CDBG-MIT-GLO-HUD*

The Orange County Drainage District plans to apply for the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP") from the Texas Department of Emergency Management and FEMA for funding made available in response to DR-4485 (COVID-19). These services are being solicited to assist the District in its application and administration of HMGP contract(s), if awarded, to support eligible activities in Orange County, Texas. Accordingly, the District is seeking to contract with one or more qualified **Engineer(s)** (individuals/firms) to prepare the application and/or administer the awarded contract(s). Copies of the RFQ may be located on the District's website at <https://ocddtx.com/purchasing/> and <http://civcastusa.com> (search for Orange County Drainage District). Please submit five (5) copies of your statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the address below: **Attn: Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630** and marked "RFQ-2022-06-ENG-CDBG-MIT-GLO-HUD". Statements of Qualifications shall be received by the District no later than 12:00 p.m. on the 14th day of March 2022 to be considered. The District reserves the right to negotiate with all individuals or firms that submit Statements of Qualifications. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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# CHRIS SOWELL RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Endorsement for Commissioner - Precinct 2  
Orange County, Texas



February 18, 2022

Dear Mr. Chris Sowell,

On behalf of the Orange County Sheriff's Office Employees' Association, I am pleased to inform you that our Association has endorsed your candidacy for Commissioner – Precinct 2, Orange County, Texas, for the March 2022 election.

Your qualifications and experience are impressive and we believe you will represent the community well. Please reach out to the OCSOEA if we can be of any further assistance in your campaign.

Sincerely,

L. Dry, President  
OCSOEA

On Tuesday of last week all 5 candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 2 had the opportunity to attend a candidate forum before the Orange County Sheriff's Office Employees Association and I am proud and honored that I received the call the I was awarded the endorsement. It's not often I have an opportunity to thoroughly thank the people who make Orange County a great place. As candidate for County Commissioner and as a private citizen, I'd like to express my great appreciation to every Sheriff's Office employee. Their hard work and efforts have strengthened Orange County and made our community a better place to live. OCSO you make a difference and your hard work is appreciated.

*Thank you for your support!*  
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