

# The Penny Record

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## KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

### Orange County Candidates Respond To 'The Record' Questionnaire

**DAVE ROGERS**  
For The Record

Local city and school board elections in Orange County take place May 7. Early voting begins April 25 at four locations.

Besides school bond elections for the Bridge City schools, 13 board or council seats are up for grabs on nine ballots, with three at-large seats available for the City of West Orange and the West Orange-Cove school district.

The Record invited each of the candidates to respond to a short questionnaire and will present their answers in two parts, today and in the April 26 edition.

Candidates are grouped by election. Three seats are up for election in BCISD and the Place 4 and Place 6 races are included today. The BCISD Place 2 race will be featured next week along with City of Orange and West Orange-Cove ballots.

#### BRIDGE CITY CITY COUNCIL PLACE 4 (2-year term)

**Patty Collins**  
Age: 59  
Occupation: Executive Director of College Affairs, Lamar State College Orange

Lived in Orange County: 40 years in Bridge City. Born and raised in Bridge City and graduated from BCHS. I lived in Jefferson County for several years before moving back to BC in 2003.

Elected or civic leader experience: Girls Haven board of directors, St. Mary's Foundation, Leadership Southeast Texas, Junior Achievement, Better Business Bureau-Southeast Texas, Wellspring Credit Union, United Way of Orange County, the BCISD Education Foundation, and the Planning and Zoning Board for the City of Bridge City. I have also served in numerous volunteer capacities at my church. BCISD Board Trustee from 2018-2021.

#### Why do you want to be elected?

I am seeking a city council position because of my love for the city in which I was raised, and my desire to give back through dedicated service. Service to the community is a calling for me. Offering my time and talents to the city that my family has called home for over 85 years would be an honor. Valuable traits of a city council member include dedication, innovation, and strategic thinking. Both my professional experience and formal education have given me the background and ability to fulfill the responsibilities of city council with a high level of performance.

#### What issues do you most want to improve and how?

I would like to work with the city council and city administration to support

planned growth in Bridge City, including new businesses and housing. Growth can provide new jobs, new income, and new local tax revenue, as well as opportunities for revitalization. I would also love to see more community involvement in our city. The "Christmas in the Park" event is an example of the type of community involvement I would like to see. I would work with city council, the Chamber of Commerce, BCISD, and other organizations to establish more events for citizens to enjoy. And of course, I would focus on the Council's bread-and-butter responsibilities like public works and infrastructure improvement, safety, and budgets. The City currently has plans in place to address water and drainage issues, and I will support city staff to bring those plans to fruition.

#### Kenneth Prosperie, Sr.

Age: 62  
Occupation: Retired from Gulf Oil/Chevron after 29 years

Lived in Orange County and present City/precinct: 23 years

Elected or civic leader experience: None



Prosperie

#### Why do you want to be elected?

I am a true conservative who believes that our tax dollars should be spent on our City services. I have been very active for years making sure that fire hydrants are flushed to prevent dirty water in homes, ditches are dug out, outfalls are cleaned, sewer leaks are repaired, among other issues. Our growing community needs the proper infrastructure to sustain our City. When I see a problem, I contact the necessary entity to address the problem, whether it be City, County, Tx-DOT, or Entergy. If elected, I would have a greater ability to address issues with our City and our City services.

#### What issues do you most want to improve and how?

Bridge City needs to stay focused on our water wells that supply our drinking and fire water. We are down to two wells from four.

Our sealed sewer system is being inundated with storm water. This is causing heavy overflow of raw sewage into our ditches. Smoke testing needs to be done to find the breaches and repair. Keeping all of our outfall canals cut, graded, and cleaned of debris.

Also, grading our ditches and keeping culverts clean, so there is less standing water to achieve the best drainage flow.

Keep our tractor on the move cutting ditches on the sides of our streets.

Repairing all of our electronic meter readers to free up manpower to do more important tasks.

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### ★ BCCC names Total Impressions 'Business of the Month' ★



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Total Impressions has been named Business of the Month for April. Terri Gauthier was presented the award by BCCC Ambassador Maureen McAllister at the April Networking Coffee hosted by Total Care. Total Impressions has served Bridge City for over 30 years. Terri and her husband David built Grace Plaza in 1997. Pictured Maureen McAllister, Terri Gauthier, Victoria Gauthier, Robyn Braxton and Tiffany Burnette.

## Orange's pump station is only one in county, Corps of Engineers plans seven

**MARGARET TOAL**  
For The Record

When heavy rain is in the forecast or starting to come down, the city of Orange has the Sabine River pump station to help get water quickly out of the part of town drained by Cooper's Gully.

The station, built in the 1960s, is the only drainage pump station in Orange County. But that will be changing when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers builds a countywide "flood and storm damage reduction

system" around the southern part of the county.

Most people think the proposed system is all levees and seawalls being built to protect against sea rise and a hurricane storm surge. But the system's plans include seven new pump stations that will enhance the drainage system.

Orange Public Works Director Jim Wolf said the Cooper's Gully pump station will be replaced with a new one. He said the Corps of Engineers plans include pump stations at Adams Bayou and

Cow Bayou, and one in the vicinity of Blue Bird Fish Camp off the north end of Simmons Drive.

Citizens will get a chance to see and comment on the proposed system during special meetings next week. The first meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Bridge City at the community center on Parkside Drive. The meeting in Orange will be Thursday, April 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 108 Green Avenue. Finally, a Saturday meeting is set for April 30

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orange County Expo Center, 11472 FM 1442.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Galveston is overseeing the multi-billion-dollar project and Congress has approved more than \$2 billion for the project in Orange County. The state of Texas has also set up ways to contribute funding for flood prevention projects.

The Orange County section, which is planned to be the first built, will have 15.6

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## BC voters tackle school bond issues

**DAVE ROGERS**  
For The Record

"If not now, when?" is a question proponents of Bridge City's two-proposition school bond election have been asking a lot in presentations to the public the last couple of months.

To which Peggy Prosperie says, "Let's wait 10 years, until after the high school bonds are paid off."

Prosperie, who is running for a spot on the Bridge City school district board on the May 7 ballot, reports the district still owes \$14 million on the 30-year bonds purchased to build the high school on Texas Avenue two decades ago.

She says to vote for both the \$57.7 million "Proposition A," which would tear

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A gathering of about two dozen people listened as Bridge City Superintendent Dr. Mike Kelly narrated a presentation explaining two construction bonds being voted on by taxpayers May 7.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

## Heritage House sponsors Cemetery Walk

**MARGARET TOAL**  
For The Record

Hundreds of vehicles travel along Border Street in Orange each day as workers go back and forth to chemical plant jobs. They pass the town's oldest community cemetery with tombstones, mausoleums, and markers showing the resting grounds of some of Orange's most prominent, plus lesser-known, residents through almost two centuries.

Evergreen Cemetery between Border and Tenth Streets and along Jackson Street has at least 7,500 burials, with the oldest known back to 1840, according to a Texas Historical Marker at the site. The cemetery was segregated, as most were in those days, and was for white people.

On Sunday, April 24, Heritage House Museum is sponsoring its third annual Cemetery Walk. The hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. The event

is in conjunction with the Evergreen Cemetery Board of Trustees. Donations will be collected at the gate and divided between the history museum and the cemetery.

Heritage House this year is featuring the burial sites of Fanny Brown Moore, the daughter of Dr. E.W. Brown and Carrie Lutcher Brown. Fanny Moore died at the age of 29 of pneumonia in October 1918 as the Great Influenza pandemic swept across the world. Her obitu-

ary said she had been unselfishly nursing the sick when she fell ill. Her daughter, Brownie Babette Moore, was the first baby Christened at the First Presbyterian Church Lutcher Memorial when it opened in 1912.

Also on the cemetery walk will be the gravesites of Ruby Childers Stark and Nelda Childers Stark. The two sisters, natives of Orange, were married to H.J. Lutcher

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# Deaths & Memorials

## Claudia Marie Williams, 25, Orange

Claudia Marie Williams, 25, of Orange, passed away on April 12, 2022, in Louisiana.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 18, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Barry Bradley. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation was held on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Claudia was born in Beaumont, Texas, on February 26, 1997, she is the daughter of Charles (Chuck) and Paige Williams. She was a 2015 Honor Graduate from Bridge City High School. While in high school, Claudia played for the Lady Cardinal Soccer Team. She was a four-year letterman, voted Team Captain all four years and was an All-District Selection all four years. Claudia had a scholarship offer to attend Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi and play for the Lady Islander Soccer Team, upon graduation. Instead, she followed her heart decided to stay closer to home and be with her family she loved so much. Claudia attended Lamar State College in Orange and received her Associate Degrees in Criminal Justice and General Studies. She was currently pursuing her Registered Nursing Degree locally but planned on completing her degree at Texas A&M University.

Claudia and her father enjoyed attending Texas A&M sporting events, especially



Claudia Williams

football. She also loved attending her father's sporting events @ Vidor Junior High and High School. She was kindhearted and was a great friend. She absolutely adored her dogs, Asti and Maki. She loved traveling and seeing new places. More than anything, Claudia loved her Mother and family very much and will be missed tremendously by everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Charles "Spanky" Williams and Margaret "Polly" Williams, as well as her aunt, Cathy Minton.

She is survived by her parents, Charles "Chuck" and Paige Williams; grandparents, Cleon and Claudine Hogan, and Charles W. Daniels; siblings, Claire Annalee Williams, Cambree Paige Williams, Channing Taylor Williams; aunts and uncles, Kim and Lon Hubbard, Grace and Lance Daniels; cousins, Katie Curtis, Taryn and Michael Gauthier, Shanley and Lanston Fults, Leah and Buck Potter, Olivia Hubbard, Meagan and Corey Brown, Kyle Minton, Sophia Daniels, Beau Daniels; along with many other extended family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kyle Minton, Nate Smith, Ralph Fields, Lanston Fults, Michael Gauthier, Cody Mills, and Buck Potter. Honorary pallbearers will be the Vidor Football Coaching Staff.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Alcoholics Anonymous.

## Rebecca (Becky) Ann Castille, 61

Rebecca (Becky) Ann Castille, age 61 of Beaumont, Texas passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Harbor Hospice House in Beaumont. Born December 29, 1960 in Port Arthur, Texas, she was a long-time resident in the Bridge City and Orange area. Becky had worked as a cashier for Market Basket Grocery Store for many faithful years. Becky loved animals and enjoyed



spending time with her family, friends, and especially her daughter and grandson.

Graveside Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022 at Green Lawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur, Texas under the direction of Grammier-Oberle Funeral Home in Port Arthur.

Becky was preceded in death by her mother, Emma (Fayard) Fellers and stepfather, James Fellers.

Becky is survived by her daughter, Brittany Castille of Beaumont, Texas, her father

Vernon D. Castille of Lumberton, Texas, step mother, Sharon (Crenshaw) Castille of Lumberton, Texas, her sister, Barbara (Castille) Fournier & husband, Paul Fournier of Portland, Tennessee, her grandsons, Salem Castille of Beaumont, Texas & Dravyn Owens of Bridge City, Texas, nieces, Lisa Rutherford of Portland, Tennessee, Rev. Stephanie (Fournier) Hughes and husband, Maac Hughes of Texas City, Texas, Ginger (Fournier) Haddar of Ocean Springs, MS, great niece, great

nephews, many cousins and friends.

Becky will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Officiating the service will be her niece, Rev. Stephanie (Fournier) Hughes of Texas City, Texas.

In Leu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to: Harbor Hospice House, 2450 N Major Dr, Beaumont, TX 77713 Please include a note that says: "In Memory of Rebecca Castille"

Please visit [www.Grammier-Oberle.com](http://www.Grammier-Oberle.com) website to leave messages to or share a memory with the family.

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# BC voters tackle bond issue From Page 1

down and replace a grades 6-8 middle school building put up in the 1960s, and a \$17.7 million "Proposition B," a career technical education center, would create a 30-year debt that will require \$120.9 million in principal and interest to repay.

"I want to be a voice for the hard-working citizens and families who are struggling financially these days between Covid and inflation," she said. "The School Board of Trustees' job is to manage the operations of the district. That includes being fiscally responsible with the citizens' tax dollars."

Dr. Mike Kelly, the Bridge City schools superintendent, said last Thursday was his seventh public presentation to explain the necessity for the bond proposals.

The citizens of Bridge City voted down two previous bonds that would have built a new middle school and performing arts center.

Kelly, beginning his second year on the job, explained that ordering facility and demographics studies were among the first things he did upon taking the job last year.

Those studies showed him, he has consistently stated, that the district is experienc-

ing constant growth and that the middle school had outlived its usefulness.

The demographic study predicted school district enrollment would grow by 400 students in 10 years. Among the many things wrong with the middle school is a shortage of bathrooms.

Prosperie was one of two people who questioned Kelly's statement that both the high school and middle school had exceeded capacity with their enrollments.

The questioners had multiplied the number of rooms in each building times the Texas Education Agency's maximum number of students per classroom and ended up with more capacity than BC has middle and high school students.

Several of the BC teachers attending the public meeting at the First Baptist Church pointed out that not every room would be in use all the time, because of teachers' using them for their conference periods.

Also many classes don't have capacity enrollment because they address special needs with small class size or require room for equipment to learn a skill on, such as a shop class.

Discussing the need to re-

place the middle school – and if that proposal passes, the new one would be built on a greenspace across the street – Kelly pointed out it would cost more than \$50 million to renovate the current school, not a big savings of the \$57.7 million required to rebuild from scratch.

That \$50 million figure includes \$10.6 million for 30 portable buildings to teach classes in during the two years repairs would take.

"And after we're done, the community has nothing to show for that \$10.6 million," Kelly said.

Prosperie asked for a breakdown of renovation costs and Kelly said he could not provide to the public the individual figures arrived at after consultation with three different construction firms. Their breakdown would eliminate the possibility of lower bids if the bond is approved and the process gets that far, Kelly said.

"It's all repairable," Prosperie maintained.

A commercial contractor in the audience said his restaurant construction company rebuilt each chain store every 12 years.

BCISD's current tax rate of \$1.01 per \$100 of property tax value is the lowest for Orange County school districts.

Bond information shows that the passage of Proposition B, for the CTE center, would increase taxes 5 cents per \$100, with Proposition A only boosting rates 16 cents per \$100.

Voting in favor of both would raise the tax rate 21 cents.

That would put Bridge City third-lowest among the five county districts.

"To me, it's so logical," said a bond supporter with school-age grandchildren. "I don't want to pay more taxes, but it makes more sense to put something into capital improvements instead of band-aids."

"I don't want to spend \$50 million on band-aids."

Early voting begins Monday,

April 25 and wraps up Tuesday, May 2 at one of four early

Bridge City ISD's Administration Building is among them.



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# Flood reduction system From Page 1

miles of new levees ranging from 12 feet to 17.5 feet high. The heights will be based on sea level elevations of the properties. Another 10.7 miles will be seawalls of heights from 13.5 feet to 16 feet.

The Orange pump station is off the south end of Simmons Drive at the area of the City Boat Ramp. Wolf said it was built in the 1960s and the city spent about \$5 million a decade ago refurbishing it. Some of the money came from federal Hurricane Ike recovery grants.

He said the pump station works well to get water into the river as it drains down Cooper's Gully. The refurbishing included adding a "Dutch process" debris removal system. It was invented by the Dutch, who are known for protecting their land from sea encroachment and storms.

The system has screens to remove debris of all sizes from tree branches to fast food

wrappers as the water is being pumped from the gully into the river. The automatic system periodically takes the collected debris and in a conveyor-type design, rolls it outside to be dropped into waiting collection dumpsters. The debris can then be taken in a garbage truck to a landfill.

Wolf has been working more than a decade to get more parts of Cooper's Gully lined with concrete. He said the concrete makes it easier for crews to remove vegetation that grows in ditches and gullies. The vegetation growth can hamper rainwater from draining quickly.

Cooper's Gully is a natural drainage outlet in Orange that has been widened and deepened through the years. The gully can be seen by travelers on 16th Street by Cordrey Avenue. It then winds its way southeast to the Sabine River. The drainage area is south of Interstate 10.

# Prosperie for BC council

*The following is a political statement from Kenneth Prosperie candidate for Bridge City Council:*

Bridge City Citizens, I am not a politician. I am just a citizen who wants to work hard for the betterment of our community. I, Kenneth Prosperie, have filed to run for Place 4 on Bridge City Council. I will focus on our City Services such as clean, safe drinking water; good drainage; and clean outfalls; drivable roads; and a properly functioning sewer system. I have been very active for years working through City Council trying to achieve what's best for our community. Bridge City is down to two water wells from four. These wells supply our fire water and drinking water. Our growing community needs the proper infrastructure to sustain our City. When I see a problem, I contact the necessary entity to repair the issue, whether it be City, County, TxDot, or Entergy. This is why my wife and I have been labeled as civic activists.

My wonderful wife of 40 years, Peggy, and I have lived in Bridge City for over 23 years at 819 Sunnyside Drive. We have enjoyed raising our three amazing children in Bridge City, all who graduated from Bridge City High and completed bachelor degrees at Lamar University. Our children have blessed us with 11 precious grandchildren. Bridge City, to us, is a family-oriented community, and I want to keep it that way.

I learned many mechanical and trouble shooting skills from my father and my employment. I was lucky enough



Prosperie

to be employed at Gulf Oil/Chevron where I retired after 29 years of working around highly skilled, old-school craftsmen and many exceptional operators who had a wealth of knowledge. Along with mechanics, I have learned the importance of preventive maintenance.

I am a true conservative who believes that our City tax dollars should be spent on our City Services. City Council should always ask our City employees what tools they need to succeed. Council needs to put the safety of our citizens first and foremost, and work closely with our police to keep drug dealers out of our community.

I will work relentlessly to get your concerns dealt with. I will also keep a close eye out for any profit agenda items that are not in the best interest of our City. I will be independent, impartial, and responsible to our citizens, and always have unconflicted loyalty for the interest of the entire city! I am not in any special interest groups or have any affiliation with any company or other private or public organization, which is a requirement by our City Council Standards.

If elected, I will be a very active Council member who will always show up, and check out all issues that arise. Some of the best ideas and solutions come from our fellow citizens, so I am always asking questions and listening. I can promise you if you allow me with your vote, I will make a difference!

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## From The Creaux's Nest

### ABBOTT'S POLITICAL THEATER

Governor Greg Abbott's political theater really doesn't accomplish anything. Abbott's first group of immigrants arrived in Washington, in front of the Fox News headquarters, April 13. Abbott's ridiculous ploy is to boost his re-election campaign so his campaign war chest, \$91 million, should pay for the busing not Texas tax payers. Abbott actually is providing an incentive for more asylum seekers to come to Texas and we, you and I, will pay their bus tickets. Abbott has already wasted two billion taxpayer dollars on Texas National Guard he deployed uselessly along the border. Even crazier, he ordered the Texas Department of Public Safety to dramatically increase inspection of commercial vehicles entering Texas from Mexico. The results were chaos. The log jam tied up \$30 million in fresh produce, with much of it spoiling. Abbott soon found out how crazy his idea was when he heard the chorus of protests and backed down. Some say most of Abbott's foolish notions are to get a notch ahead of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis in a fight for the Republican 2024 presidential nomination. If Trump doesn't run, and he won't, he lost by seven million votes, and that was before he tried to overthrow his own government. Abbott may be putting the cart ahead of the horse. He has a tough fight ahead to get re-elected governor again. Many Texas citizens are feeling that Texas needs a breath of fresh air and now may be the time for change. Texas is no longer the envy of the nation and Abbott, Patrick and Paxton are blamed for Texas no longer being what it used to be. Believe me, many Texans, including disappointed women, are ready to turn the page and get a fresh, new start.

### CONDOLENCES

#### Services to be held for Barbara Ann Taylor

We were saddened to learn of the accidental death of Barbara Taylor, age 81, on April 13. Since her husband Bobby Joe Taylor passed away a few years ago, Barbara stayed busy putting in many hours working in her yard. My understanding is that she fell and hit her head on a rock in her beautiful rock garden. Barbara was a people person and was known for extending help to anyone who needed it. For many years she was a neighbor of the Quincy Procell family who has nothing but kind words about their longtime friends, Barbara and Bobby Joe, and their family. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 23, 4:30 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene.

#### C.J. HUCKABY REMEMBERED

Former Pinehurst Mayor and County Commissioner C.J. Huckaby, 89, passed away April 18. Funeral services were held April 16. C.J. had a long life of public service, starting with his service in the United States Army during the Korean War. He served as Fire Chief, Fire Marshall, City Councilman and two terms as Mayor of Pinehurst. He was then elected County Commissioner Pct. 2, where he served from 1995 to 1998. I first met C.J. in the early 1960's at his auto repair shop. He had become the Datsun Auto Dealer and I had acquired a 1967 Datsun Rally E-1600 convertible. C.J. maintained it over the years until I put it in storage in 1982. Whenever I saw C.J. he always mentioned that Datsun. He raised a lot of fruit and two years ago, before I went into COVID lockdown, he bought two boxes of citrus to the office. He was a great guy. He and his wife Bessie contributed many years of community service to the Pinehurst community. Please see obituary.

#### SERVICES HELD FOR CLAUDIA WILLIAMS

We were saddened to learn of the death of Claudia Marie Williams, age 25, who passed away April 12. She was much too young to leave us. We had known most of her family for many years. We had often been told what a special young lady Claudia was, very talented, very athletic and very beautiful. She lost her life April 12 in an automobile accident. To her parents, Chuck and Paige, and the entire family, our sincere condolences. Service were held Monday, April 18, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. May she rest in peace. Please see obituary.

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

H.D. ventured to Oklahoma over the weekend to visit his only surviving sibling, Judge Pat Pate, who has been in poor health. H.D. and Pat are the survivors of four brothers, raised by their mother; three became lawyers and one a chef. Mom worked to sustain the family, the boys all worked also. Dad stayed incarcerated most of their lives and never contributed to their support. His mother must have been a great and motivated lady to raise all of her sons on the right side of the law. H.D. made his way on a football scholarship at UTA. (Editor's note: H.D. passed away in 2019.) \*\*\*\*Our friend, longtime newspaper editor Harry Wood will retire from LIT on May 31. Lamar will honor him with a reception May 10. Chief fundraiser and public relations officer, Harry's chores will be split and become two positions when the jobs are filled. Harry will do some free-lance writing and help look after his wife Deana's folks in Hillsboro. He's as good a guy as we have

ever known. We wish him the best and are available to him at all times. (Editor's note: We would like to know what became of Harry.) \*\*\*\*On April 15, 1865, the year the Civil War ended, our 16th President Abe Lincoln died after being shot at Ford's Theater by John Wilkes Booth. \*\*\*\*We were disappointed to learn that Sen. John Breaux will not be a candidate for governor of the 'Mother Land.' With Gov. Blanco out, Rep. Bobby Jindal, a Republican is leading the polls. At this time, a Republican with a Bush mindset is not what Louisiana needs. \*\*\*\*Capt. Dickie Colburn stopped by for a visit. We spent a fun hour. Dickie is an interesting person with a diverse background, a native Orangeite, educator, coach, fishing guide, writer and Dupont employee. I've had more than one person say if Dickie says it, you can go to the bank with it. His exclusive, weekly column in this paper is one of our most popular. (Editor's note: Dickie was killed in an auto accident in 2021.) \*\*\*\*I recall when Jackie Robinson became the first black in the major league. I was a Jackie fan and pulled for the Dodgers when all of my friends were for the Yankees. \*\*\*\*Former Blue Dog Congressman Jim Turner is being urged to run against U.S. Senator John Cornyn whose approval poll numbers have dropped to below 50 percent. Jim, who represented us so well, would be a good one but the money battle is uphill for him. Texas could use a senator from each party. \*\*\*\*Congrats to Wanda Crull, First Baptist, Bridge City and Ken Arnold, Fellowship Baptist, Bridge City, elected 'Volunteers of the Year' by Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance. \*\*\*\*We were sorry to learn about our former editor Darrell Brinson's uncle, County Commissioner Charlie Brinson, of Deweyville, who passed away April 13. Services were held Monday. \*\*\*\*Sincere condolences to the family of Patrick Kyle Godwin, Jr., 23, who died Saturday, April 14. Service to be held Wednesday. To Bill and Norma, grandparents, their family and friends our deepest sympathy.

#### 45 Years Ago-1977

Blaine and Linda Brown became the parents of a new son. \*\*\*\*Grandma Vickers, mother of Emma Day, a resident of Hollywood St., in Bridge City, celebrates her birthday April 20. She's just one great gal. \*\*\*\*Jo Amodeo and Janet Fontenot celebrated birthdays in the last few days. \*\*\*\*The Rev. W.W. Kennedy celebrates his 34th anniversary as pastor of Cove Baptist church. \*\*\*\*Former Orangeite Jim Hicks, owner of Hick's Construction, died last week in Alabama. He and his wife Mel had many friends locally. \*\*\*\*Randolph McClelland, of Bridge City, died last Tuesday. His body was flown back to Arkansas, where he was born, for burial. He and Mrs. McClelland have two sons, Billy and Jack. \*\*\*\*Marc and Debbie Darby became the parents of Misty Michelle on April 7. \*\*\*\*Attorney Ronny Baxter, husband Warren, and sons, Don and Grey, return from a Colorado visit. She has purchased former Judge Bennett's law office. \*\*\*\*Gene and Mary Maulsby celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. \*\*\*\*Tammy Guyote released from the hospital after an auto accident Easter weekend. She has both arms and a leg in a cast, and her mouth is wired shut. A friend, Joe Brody, also in the accident with Tammy, is still in serious condition at St. Elizabeth Hospital. \*\*\*\*New cheerleaders at Bridge City will be Nancy Gauthier, Kim Young, Tanya Hoffpauir, Tish Bratton, Sherri VanBreedman, Donna Poindexter, Tammy Poindexter and head cheerleader, Melissa Harmon. \*\*\*\*The Hughen School for Crippled Children is collecting Campbell soup labels to purchase visual aid equipment. If you wish to help with this project call Mary Stanton at 735-5762. \*\*\*\*Jessie Dupuis and James Rowe, burn victims are doing better but are still looking at extended stays in the hospital. Jessie is in Parkland in Dallas; James is at John Sealy in Galveston. \*\*\*\*Larry Ward and Bill Godwin, longtime educators and coaches, have purchased Fields Lumber Company in Bridge City. \*\*\*\*Bobby Smitherman has bought out his partner Jerry Pesson's share of ownership in P.S. Tire and Supply. Jerry will open a new business at 800 Texas Ave. called Bridge City Recreation Vehicles. \*\*\*\*A new 1977 Buick Century, fully loaded, at Stephens Buick will set you back \$4,999 plus TTL. \*\*\*\*James Henderson is president of Orange Bank, located at 302-5th St. in Orange. \*\*\*\*The number one country song is, 'It Couldn't Have Been Any Better' by Johnny Duncan. 'She's Got You' by Loretta Lynn is number two. 'Paper Rosie' by Gene Watson is number three.

#### 50 Years Ago-1972

Graham Bruce is a candidate for district judge, 128 District Court. He will be opposing his cousin Frank W. Hustmyre. \*\*\*\*Uvalde rancher Dolph Briscoe draws nearly 400 citizens to DERA grounds for barbecue. He is running for governor against incumbent Preston Smith, Ben Barnes and Frances "Sis" Farenthold. \*\*\*\*Artist Virginia Gilbeaux just finished a painting of a house on Bradford Street, in West Orange. It is the birthplace of Jack Huffman, Orange city manager. The painting is a going away present. Huffman is moving to Greeley Colorado as new city manager there. \*\*\*\*Attorney Roy Wingate is elected president of Orange Lions Club. \*\*\*\*The Jack Tar has hired a new manager Clarice Sheffield. She replaces Mr. McInnis, who was transferred. \*\*\*\*Fred Bailey, who lives on Sabine Lake, is up and about after suffering a bad fall. \*\*\*\*Louis V. McIntire, of Orange, is a candidate for United States Congress. His co-chairmen are Robert Sims, Jr. and Pete Johnson. \*\*\*\*Ralph W. Yarborough is a candidate for United States Senator. He served as a U.S. Senator from Texas 13 years and eight months. Lyndon B. Johnson and John F. Kennedy endorsed him when he first ran. He will be at his headquarters at 2413 MacArthur Dr., 6 p.m., Thursday, April 27. Yarborough buttons will be available including 'Viva Yarborough' buttons. \*\*\*\*The State Representative race is a three-way race with incumbent Clyde Haynes, Travis Darwin, and Wayne Peveto. \*\*\*\*Four candidates are running for Sheriff. They are incumbent Allen 'Buck' Patillo, John Toney, Verdis Wagner and Max Boatman. \*\*\*\*Running for Democratic Chairman are James A. Morris, incumbent, Dennis W. Wick and J.L. 'Pete' Runnels. (Editor's note: guess who won without a runoff.)

#### 70 Years Ago-1952

Seventy years ago, in 1952, the Bishop Byrne Shamrocks won the state football championship. Moe Richmond was the new coach who installed the 'Split-T' offense. Some players on that team were Raymond Meyer, Bobby Ledet, Dutsy Abshire, Gerald Comeaux, Linwood Abshire, E.J. Romero, James Tweedle, Anthony Camerera, Gene Hollier, Paul Prosperi, Henry Guidry, John Greig, Kenneth Bourgeois, Ronnie Melancon,

Richard Plessala, Billy Runte, Billy Boudreaux, Charles Sassine, Jerdy Fontenot, Harris Funicelli, Gary Angelle, Sammy Stansbury, Jimmy Meyer, Jimmie Bourgeois, and James Benoit. (Editor note: I wonder how many of those champions are still alive today? The Shamrock team was made up of students from both sections of Bishop Byrne schools, St. Mary's, downtown and St. James, on 16th. St. Players today will range in age from 85 to 89. Meyers was a superstar, described by Tim Knight as having the speed of a scat back and the power of a bulldozer. Along with fleet-footed halfback Bobby Ledet, the Shamrocks were impossible to stop.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

It was good to hear that homeboy Coach R.C. Slocum has put Hodgkin Lymphoma cancer in his rear view mirror. The 77 year old winest coach in A&M history is back on the golf course. R.C. is an Orange Stark grad and still in contact with some of his former football teammates and class members. What a great guy with a great life story. He is a country boy who made it to the big times as a successful, big time coach, who never forgot his roots. He counts his blessings. \*\*\*\*I haven't heard from Judge Pat Clark in a while. I saw where Rosalie's sister passed away. I also noticed Rosalie wasn't as active with St. Joseph's Alter. I hope they are doing okay. \*\*\*\*I was sorry to hear about William Davis, 44, losing his life in a boating accident Easter Sunday. The crash occurred in the Little Cypress bayou. A female passenger remains in ICU at St. Elizabeth. \*\*\*\*A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. April 20: Former school teacher, the youngest of Ms. Pearl's three lovely daughters, married to Jody since the ninth grade, Beverly Raymer, celebrates today. Here's wishing you a good one. Last week I wished Bill Nickum a happy birthday. He's back on my list this week. Oh well, one will be the right date. Happy Birthday to Dr. Wilbur Hah, Ken Brown, Becky Atkins and Belinda Norman. \*\*\*\*April 21: Happy Birthday to Judge Joy's oldest, Christian Dubose Simonton. Also sharing birthdays today are Francis Shoemaker, Bonnie Short, Courtney Williams, Dana Hill and James Conley. \*\*\*\*April 22: Happy Birthday to James Gordon, Scott Fisher and Allison Rendall. \*\*\*\*April 23: Coach Josh's big brother Jason Smalley celebrates today. Happy Birthday also to Rev. Paul Zoch, Samantha Briggs, Jeremie Breaux and Brandon Fisher. \*\*\*\*April 24: Shaun McAlpin celebrates today. Also Happy Birthday to Sean Edgerton, Peggy Granger, Barbara Fuselier and Crystal McCarthy. \*\*\*\*April 25: Happy Birthday to Marriet Litton, Jeff Fiset, Glenn Jeter and Brother James Gilbert. \*\*\*\*April 26: Celebrating today is Pam Broussard, Julie Williams, Luke Domas, Christi Goodyear and Donna Lee. Best wishes to all. Remember, if you are having a birthday or celebrating an anniversary, let us know. Phone 409-735-5305 or email us at therecordlive.com. \*\*\*\*Almost everyone 80 years old, who lived in this area as a youngster, will remember the Texas City disaster 75 years ago, April 16, 1947. It was the deadliest industrial accident in U.S. history. The SS Grandcamp, a ship carrying fertilizer with ammonia nitrate exploded, killing 581 people and injuring thousands more. The explosion set other ship in port on fire and was so great it rattled windows 400 miles away, nearly to New Orleans. \*\*\*\*On April 18, 1865, 157 years ago, funeral services were held for President Abraham Lincoln. The President died after being shot by John Wilkes Booth, at Ford Theater, on April 15. Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president. Ninety-eight years later, Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald. Lyndon B. Johnson became the 36th president of the United States.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Da large family of Naville Badeaux gathered to celebrate da old man's 90th birthday. Badeaux him, all his life, has been a jokester. He pulled a lot of shenanigans on his grandkids but lately his mind was slipping wit old timers. His oldest grandson Nolton is a lot like Grandpaw Naville at playing jokes. Along wit some of da utta teenagers he put two Viagra tablets into Grandpaw's drink at lunch. Soon after da old man excused himself saying he had to go to da bathroom him. Wen he returned his trousers were all wet. "Wat happen Grandpaw?" Nolen axe. "You got your pants all wet you."

"Well, Naville answer, "I don't really know me. I had to go to da bathroom real bad so I took it out and started to pee but den I saw me dat it wasn't mine so I put it back."

### C'EST TOUT

#### FIRST IN ORANGE COUNTY

The first newspaper was published in 1870.  
The first artesian water was discovered in 1902 or 1903.  
The first logs to be delivered by rail came over the Orange and Northwestern in 1903.  
The first express company to establish an office was the Wells Fargo Express.  
The first shell used on the streets came from Conway Bayou in 1902.  
The streets were first named in 1902.  
The first telegraph and telephone company was the Southwest Company.  
The first automobile owned in Orange was a Ford. "The Red Devil," bought in New Orleans by Dr. E.W. Brown in 1902.  
The first Notary Public to qualify in Orange was A.H. Reading.  
John Burton was the first man to own and operate a cotton gin near Orange. He also owned and operated the first syrup mill, made by Daniel Harmon, and cut the first ditch that shortened the distance from Orange to the mouth of the Sabine by five miles, known as the 'Cut Off.'

Orange had the first cold spell on record in 1821. It was so cold that Sabine Lake and even Galveston Bay were frozen hard enough for a bear to walk on.

John Harmon is supposed to have been the first white man in the county to obtain a Spanish grant of land.

The first section of the sewer system was laid on Green Avenue in 1902.

The first X-ray machine was installed in the office of Dr. S.W. Sholars in 1904.

Orange had its first telephone directory in 1910.

The first stockmen to introduce Brahma cattle in the county were John Turper and John C. Bland.

The Texas Company put its first filling station here in 1907. T.C. Ford was their agent. \*\*\*\*I'm done for another week. Thanks for your loyal support. For comments, reach us at news@therecordlive.com. Take care and God bless you, our country and the people of Ukraine.

## Heritage House 'Cemetery Walk' From Page 1

Stark. Miss Ruby was Stark's second wife, who he married after the death of his first wife, Nita Hill Stark. After Miss Ruby's death, Stark married her sister, Nelda.

Another site will be Thomas A. Howell, a local architect and builder whose designs include the Gothic-style First United Methodist Church in downtown Orange. Howell was also a member of the Orange School Board and the Orange High Tigers once played in Howell Stadium, named in his honor.

People will also be able to stroll around the cemetery to look for ancestors, people they knew, or interesting gravestones. Adam Conrad, president of the Heritage House Museum board of directors, said people should

wear comfortable walking shoes and be careful of uneven grounds. Water will be provided. One of Orange's most well-known historical references is what R.E. Russell wrote in 1911. He had moved to Orange as a boy in 1854 and 71 years later wrote his remembrances of living in Orange, which was then named "Green's Bluff."

He said the first funeral he attended was in 1854. "The school children all marched down to the cemetery to the burial of Mrs. Ann Kirkham. The first person buried in Evergreen Cemetery was a Mrs. Nugent. She was buried there in 1840; so you see that has been a cemetery for at least 71 years. There are more graves lost in there than there is in



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sight today."

The historical marker says the cemetery was long called "City Cemetery" and by 1898 was called "Evergreen." Robert Jackson in 1853 bought 35 acres of land including the cemetery, which already had graves. At some time, Jackson Street was cut through between Border and 10th streets to cross the cemetery. Some caskets were removed to new sites, but not always marked. A few marked graves are on the north side of Jackson Street, across from today's main cemetery.

People on the cemetery walk will also be able to see tombstones and markers with military insignias and those of fraternal organizations. A tour guide will also explain why dozens of the graves are marked with designs of concrete sculptures of tree logs. (It's not because of the timber industry.)

## Deaths & Memorials

### "CJ" Charles Jim Huckaby, 89, Pinehurst

"CJ" Charles Jim Huckaby, age 89 of Pinehurst, Texas, passed away on Friday, April 8, 2022 in Beaumont, Texas. Services to honor CJ were held at on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Dorman Funeral Home with Aaron Little officiating. Interment was immediately following at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Orange. Family and friends will gathered for visitation on Friday, April 15, 2022 at Dorman Funeral Home.



Charles Huckaby

truck for Pinehurst and drove all the way to Ohio to get it. He then served as a Councilman for the City of Pinehurst. CJ was later elected as the Mayor of Pinehurst and served for two terms. His servant's heart never seemed to quit and he was elected as the County Commissioner Precinct 2, where he served from January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1998.

CJ also enjoyed being on his farm in Mauriceville, where he raised cattle and spent countless hours riding his tractor. Mowing was one of his favorite things to do and he was doing it till he became ill a few weeks ago. He was also a good Dad and Grandfather to his three boys and grandchildren. CJ impacted many people thought-out his long life and he will greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Bessie Huckaby and his parents, George and Mildred Huckaby.

Those left to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy are his three sons; Terry Huckaby and his wife Laura of Katy, TX, Brent Huckaby of LaPorte, TX and Kevin Bourque and his wife Dana of Bridge City, TX, three grandchildren; Ashlyn Huckaby, Colton Huckaby and Brittany Granger and her husband Brandon and a great grandchild Brooklyn Granger.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Shiners Children's Texas 815 Market Street Galveston, Texas 77550, (409)770-6600 <https://www.shinerschildrens.org> or to Orange Christian Services, 2518 W Park Ave, Orange, TX 77630, (409) 886-0938.

Pallbearers honoring CJ will be Jason Dyson, Josh Dyson, Trevor Jones, John Kalna, Brandon Granger and Billy Young.

CJ was born in Orange, Texas on November 10, 1932 to parents, Mildred Elizabeth Dorman Huckaby and George Terry Huckaby. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. CJ was a member of McArthur Heights Baptist Church and served as a Scottish Rite Mason with Madison Lodge #125. He opened Pinehurst Automotive in 1958 and was in business for 42 years. Pinehurst Automotive was an associate dealership for Datsun from 1967-72, Indian motorcycles from '74-78 and after that got into fleet repair and foreign car work.

CJ was a very giving, loving and hard working man; however he could get a little stubborn at times. He believed being honest was the only way to be. CJ was a man of faith and always believed in helping others, even those who wronged him at times. He had a passion for the Pinehurst Community and was so excited to see become incorporated. He first served his beloved community as the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall of the Volunteer Fire Department, which meant so much to CJ and his dad, George. CJ and his Dad procured the first fire

### Barbara Ann Taylor, 81, Orange

Barbara Ann Taylor, 81, of Orange, passed away on April 13, 2022, at her home.

Funeral services will be 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Orange First Church of the Nazarene. Officiating will be Pastor K. Ray McDowell.

Barbara was born in Augusta, Georgia, on May 12, 1940, she was the daughter of Thomas Kitchens and Vera Hamrick.

She would often visit her neighbors on Gandy Street and helped look after them. Barbara truly enjoyed helping others. She traveled around Texas enjoying the simple things and beautiful sights throughout the state.

Barbara would spend hours working in her yard, which was her joy. She was always very involved in her family's lives and loved them with her big heart. Barbara loved her family and God, and always made sure they were right after Him. She was greatly loved, and will be



Barbara Taylor

deeply missed by friends and family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Kitchens and Vera Hamrick; and loving husband, Bobby Joe Taylor.

She is survived by her children, Karen Finchum and Penny of Sulphur, Kenneth Taylor and Sandy of Orange, Kaycie Donnaud and Walker of Orange; grandchildren, Taylor Finchum, Hunter Taylor and Alyssa, Haylee Little and Kyle, Gracie Donnaud, Parker Ann Donnaud, Colt Donnaud; great-grandchildren, Scarlett Jo Little, Emmie Alexander, Macartny Alexander, Davis Alexander; brother, Donald Kitchens and wife Connie; sister-in-law, Joyce Gandy; along with nieces and nephews, Greg, Mark, Rhonda, Jana, Kristopher, Michael, her Arkansas relatives, and her extended family on Gandy Street.

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## Candidate questionnaire From Page 1

my experience working with elected officials at local, county, state, and federal level as well as economic development and chambers of commerce has put me in a great position to change "why not West Orange." Our time is now and with thoughtful and careful planning, West Orange can be a community we can all be proud of.

### What issues do you most want to improve and how?

I believe I want what everyone wants. Better quality of life, progress and growth, and a community with leaders whose thoughtful leadership provides opportunities for all three of those. The three biggest issues I hear constituents complain about are lack of faith in leadership or being uninformed about what is happening at the city, drainage, and lack of new businesses and growth in the community. My goal is to first and foremost always be transparent about what the council is working on and what my vote will or will not be as it relates to specific issues. Secondly, my next goal is to work with the City of West Orange and Orange County Drainage District to come up with equitable solutions to the flooding issues many residents face. Finally, I will use my experience working with elected officials, economic development, and chambers of commerce to advocate for new businesses and growth throughout West Orange.

**Dr. Frances Drodgy-Lopez**  
Age: 73  
Occupation: Retired Director of Early Childhood Development Center, Lamar University.  
Lived in West Orange: 42 years  
Experience as elected or civic leader: Previously served on City of West Orange city council for 15 years.



Drodgy-Lopez

### Why do you want to be elected?

I enjoy serving the citizens and the community. As a resident and homeowner, I want to be involved in the community and help make decisions that will promote the well-being of the citizens.

### What issues do you most want to improve and how?

There are many issues involved in managing a city. The priority of these issues can change at any time. Appearance of the city and citizen involvement is always a major concern. Improving community appearance requires good communication, community pride and citizen involvement; as well as code enforcement.

Another area of interest in promotion of local businesses and recruitment of new businesses. City officials, including city council, must work with other agencies to recruit new businesses for West Orange, Orange and Pinehurst. New businesses

benefit all our citizens.

A third area of interest is the improvement of streets and drainage. The city of West Orange is always working to improve streets and drainage. As a member of city council I will support these continuing efforts.

### PINEHURST MAYOR (2-year term)

**Sarah McClendon**  
Age: 59  
Occupation: Maintenance director, Arden Place of Beaumont; prior to that worked 23 years as educator Orangefield ISD.



McClendon

### Why do you want to be elected?

My love for the community. The people and families that have lived there for many years. The need to have someone in office that is willing to speak with the people and hear their concerns. I would hope to fix concerns and improve our community.

### What issues do you most want to improve and how?

Drainage is a major concern. I have been working with the Southeast Texas

Economic Development Commission in an effort to receive a grant that will be used for improving and restructuring the drainage concerns of our community. Cleaning up the city is another concern that needs to be addressed. I am currently working with our New Code Enforcement Office with many cleanup projects that will improve the appearance of areas of concern.

**Johnny Asevedo**  
Age: 35  
Occupation: Lead Pastor of Destiny Church, Orange; Senior Marketing Director for Mid America Mortgage



Asevedo

### Why do you want to be elected?

As your current councilman, I dedicate my time and efforts to hearing your needs and acting on them. From launching events that brought the City revenue (at little or no cost to Pinehurst citizens), representing Pinehurst as a SETX Regional Planning Committee rep, working consistently with the City Manager to know the heartbeat of Pinehurst and its needs. I want to continue to build upon what's been established, but also thinking outside the box to bring new growth to Pinehurst.

rst. I want to be elected to improve the government is more than talk, but action!!!

### What issues do you most want to improve and how?

I don't see any MAJOR issues in our City, I just want to

bring attention to what's happening here in ways that have never been done. Roads, sewage, and drainage are all at the forefront, but again listening to the needs of the people is also an improvement we can focus on.



Looking forward to Depot Day fun for families, Saturday, May 7 from 10am to 2pm. Pictured is our Orange Mayor Larry Spears, Depot volunteers and some children enjoying the fun time.

## 'Depot Day' planned in Orange May 7

DEPOT DAY festivities will be open for family fun on Saturday, May 7, 10:00AM-2:00PM at the Orange Train Depot Museum at 1210 Green Avenue in Orange. DEPOT DAY is the annual fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Orange Depot and all the community is invited.

Entry is free to Depot Day, with a small fee of \$1.00 for some of the rides and also for tickets for the drawings. This year, attractions include a kiddie train, bouncy house, petting zoo, balloon sculpting and pony rides. There will also be musical entertainment by the Orange Community Players and dancing by the Orange Blossom Dancers.

Parking will be available on the side streets as well as on the lot by Elm and 10th Street. Information can be obtained by calling Co-chairman Rose Simar at 409-330-1576. Visit the website [www.orangetxdepot.org](http://www.orangetxdepot.org).

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# Little Dribblers win National Championships

DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

The Bridge City Little Dribblers and Orangefield Little Dribblers won three national championships on Saturday, April 16, in Franklin, Texas. The Bridge City girls won the Major Girls Division, the Orangefield boys won the Major Boys Division, and the Bridge City boys won the Senior Boys Division.

The Bridge City girls won all four of their games in the tournament played over four days outscoring their opponents by 37 points in the four games combined becoming

the first Little Dribblers team from Bridge City to place in the national tournament.

Bridge City won its opening game of the tournament 29-13 against Madisonville. A nailbiter followed as the girls from Bridge City edged Brownsboro 20-17 to earn a spot in the semi-finals.

Defending champion Canton was the opponent in the semis, and Bridge City had its highest scoring game of the tournament winning 35-23 to make it to the finals. The championship game turned out to be a rematch as

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The champion Bridge City Little Dribblers are: Rylee Hebert; Kendal Krailo; Lizzie Livingston; Brooklyn Mahana; Kapri Fredeck; Kenlee Putnam; Naryiah Wiegrefe; Parker Dishon; Kenley Moyer; Khyllie Chance, and Chandler Ritchey who is the only girl who will be eligible to return for next year's team.



The Bridge City Little Dribbler National Champions are: Back Row: Caleb Heraldez, Judson Carlin, John Smart, Juan Garcia, Hunter Silveira, Aaden Bush, Ethan Hernandez, Braydon Denison Front Row: LJ Gutierrez, Abraham Mungia and Nolan Tran.

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# Orangefield Bobcats, BC Lady Cards hold on to leads in district action

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



Dan Perrine

The leaders in District 22-4A baseball and softball remain unchanged during the past week of action. The Orangefield Bobcats are in first place for baseball, and the Bridge City Lady Cardinals extended their lead in girls' softball.

Orangefield has won eight straight games since losing its district opener to the Silsbee Tigers. The Bobcats have moved ahead of the Tigers by a game and a half in the baseball standings with three games remaining for Orangefield and four games left to play in the district for Silsbee.

The Lady Cardinals have won all eleven of their district games and have clinched another district championship their eighteenth in school history. Bridge City will play its final district game on Friday, April 22, at home against the third place Lumberton Lady Raiders before starting its postseason the week after that.

The Bobcats swept their two games last week. On Tuesday Orangefield played at Bridge City with the inclement weather causing the starting time to be moved up three hours in hopes of avoiding the worst of the rain and wind forecasted for that evening.

The earlier start may have helped avoid precipitation at the start of the game, but rain did fall through the middle innings and caused a brief delay during the game. The artificial turf at Chuck Young Field drained well and there was no noticeable slipping or sliding caused by the wet field.

The wet conditions did affect the fielding though with both teams committing multiple errors, and pitchers from both Orangefield and Bridge City experienced some difficulty throwing the wet balls with several pitches eluding their respective catchers.

The Bobcats scored in the second inning taking advantage of a Cardinal error that scored courtesy runner Brayden Babineaux. The bases were left loaded as Cardinal pitcher RJ Esquivel struck out Kyle Michael to end the inning.

Kolbie Sowell led off the third inning with a homerun just below the Chuck Young scoreboard in left field to make it 2-0 in favor of Orangefield. Deegan King started the bottom of the third for the Cardinals with a hit and scored on a two-out single by Ethan Ocegüera to cut the Bobcat lead to one run.

Michael doubled to spark a four-run rally for Orangefield in the fifth. Sowell was hit by a pitch, and Landon Reeves relieved Esquivel on the mound. Reeves had great trouble controlling the wet baseball walking the next two Bobcats including two pitches that got past catcher Justin Abate. The second walk to Brennon Lecoq forced in the third Orangefield run of the game.

Dane Woolwine came in to pitch and was greeted with a single by Trent Eaves to drive in another run. Caleb Fregia and Kameryn Henderson

drove in the other two runs of the inning giving Orangefield a 6-1 lead.

Eaves pitched the first four innings for the Bobcats to earn the win and was replaced on the mound by Coop Longron at the beginning of the fifth. Longron surrendered his first two runs of the district season in the Bridge City sixth that started with a Bobcat fielding error. JS Bearden hit a sacrifice fly for one run and King singled the other Cardinal home to reduce the Bobcat lead to three runs.

Two Bobcats scored in the seventh aided by a Cardinal error. Sowell pitched the final inning for Orangefield to close out the victory that gave the Bobcats a two game lead over the Cardinals in the district standings.

Bridge City's fielding in two losses to start the second half of district play had Cardinal Coach Chad Landry concerned. "Pretty disappointed in our defense the last few days. We've made 14 errors in the last two games. It's hard to win making that many errors with the way we swing the bat," Landry expressed.

Games were played on Thursday, April 14, to accommodate for Good Friday observance. The game between Orangefield and Lumberton turned into a pitchers' duel and the closest contest for the Bobcats since the opening game of district. Coop Longron started for Orangefield pitching in his third game in less than a week having started the game the previous Friday and relieving for two innings on Tuesday.

Opposing the Bobcats was the ace for the Lumberton Raiders Kaden Copes who had pitched five no-hit innings against Orangefield when the two teams met at Lumberton in March. Tyler Shearin broke up the no-hitter this game in the first inning for the Bobcats and scored the first run to give Orangefield a 1-0 advantage.

Longron escaped trouble in each of the first three innings as Raider runners were either picked off first base or were thrown out attempting to steal second. The Raiders finally got a controversial stolen base in the fourth when the runner slid past the bag and was tagged by the Bobcats after he reached back to touch the base according to the umpire. A single followed bringing home the tying run for Lumberton.

The wobbly fielding from Tuesday's game carried over for the Bobcats to Thursday. Orangefield committed three errors in the game, but also had Kolbie Sowell snag a wicked liner at third base in the

second inning, and Caleb Fregia started an inning ending double play after snaring a line drive in the fifth.

The deciding run scored in the bottom of the sixth. Sowell drew a walk off of Copes and moved to second when Brennon Lecoq was hit by a pitch one out later.

Pinch hitter Trent Eaves checked his swing and got an excuse me hit that just stayed fair down the third base line to load the bases with Bobcats. Rusten Traxler was hit by a Copes' pitch that brought pinch runner Cameron Dearing home with what was the winning run.

Traxler had taken over as the Bobcat catcher when Jason Bodin relieved Longron to start the fifth inning. Bodin retired all six Raider batters he faced in his two innings striking out three of them to earn the all-important victory for Orangefield.

One-run wins could be more common with the post-season starting for the Bobcats in two weeks. Orangefield Coach Tim Erickson analyzed, "Once we get in the playoffs, they're all going to be tight. So, it's good to compete for seven innings which we did. It was good to see."

The other big district baseball game played on Thursday night was at Silsbee between the Tigers and the visiting Bridge City Cardinals. This game featured the aces of both staffs Ethan Ocegüera for the Cardinals and Logan Simmons for Silsbee.

The pitching matchup did not disappoint. Ocegüera pitched a complete game for Bridge City striking out eight and yielded a lone run to the Tigers in the second. Simmons was even better, however, shutting out the Cardinals into the seventh inning when reliever Ethan Youngblood retired the final Cardinal batter with the tying run at third and the winning run at second to preserve the thrilling 1-0 win for Silsbee.

The third straight loss dropped Bridge City a game and a half behind Silsbee for second place. The Cardinals trail first place Orangefield by three games with just three games left on the district schedule for both teams.

Coming off their dramatic eight-inning come-from-behind win on Saturday a week ago, the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears played West

Orange-Stark on Tuesday in their only game of last week. The Bears defeated the Mustangs 19-6 in six innings.

Dean Reynolds played the hero again for Little Cypress-Mauriceville pitching three shutout innings with four strikeouts. Reynolds had four runs batted in and hit two doubles in the game.

Reid Peco, Gage Griffith, and Gunner Johnson had key hits for LCM. Brayden Price, Dylan Istre, and Parker Seago pitched in relief of Reynolds with Seago recording the last five outs while he was on the mound.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville led 11-1 after four innings when West Orange-Stark

erupted for five runs in the fifth. The Mustangs used walks by Carlos Calana, William Lee, and a double by Christian Anderson during the rally.

LCM scored eight runs in the sixth. Key hits for the

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# Is answer to stealing signs MLB's new Pitchcom?

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

Ever since West Point graduate Abner Doubleday supposedly invented the sport of baseball, teams have tried to figure out ways to get a leg up on the opposition by trying to find out what that team is trying to do to beat your team.

The most popular tactic is by stealing the other team's signals—either the coach's signs to steal a base or for the batter to take a pitch or utilize the hit-and-run, or the catcher's signal for the type of pitch the person on the mound should throw.

This has been going on forever—some times with success and other times hurting your own team—especially more than half-a-century when I was involved in professional baseball.

One way our guys did it was to have the baserunner on second watch the catcher's signals to his pitcher and see what kind of pitch was thrown.

After a couple of innings, our team would know what pitch was coming by the number of fingers the catcher put down between his shin guards.

If I was on second base and teammate Joe Shavadek was batting and the catcher signaled for a fastball, I would holler "C'mon Joe, get a hit". If the pitch was not going to be a fastball, I would holler something like "Let's go Shavadek, bring me in". The key—first name was fastball, last name would be a breaking pitch or change-up.

But teams became aware quickly and catchers started using signals like closed fist, open hand, tapping the chest protector or what have you.

Major League Baseball has gone "high-tech" for this season and is giving pitchers and catchers the option of using the new sign—protecting technology PitchCom, partly because of our own Houston Astros' misdeeds during the 2017 and 2018 seasons, according to Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

If one can recall, the Astros and several other teams were stealing the catchers' signals to the pitcher electronically with a camera in the center-field grandstands, decoding the signs in the replay room and relaying them to the batter by banging on a garbage can lid all before the pitch was thrown.

The new technology seeks to prevent another Astros-like episode from ever occurring again.

A smattering of pitchers and catchers are using the new PitchCom, including Houston catcher Martin Maldonado and Astros' starting pitchers Jake Odorizzi and 39-year-old ace Justin Verlander.

Maldonado wears a nine-button keypad on his shin guard and gives signs to the pitchers by pressing the buttons. Odorizzi and Verlander had receivers in their hats which told them the kind of pitch and its location that Maldonado called.

According to the article, Odorizzi used the technology only when the opponent had a runner on second base. However, in Verlander's eight-inning stint on Saturday night against the Mariners in Seattle, he never allowed a runner past first base, but he and Maldonado used PitchCom on every batter.

Verlander allowed only three harmless singles and faced only 27 batters in his eight innings, striking out eight and walking none. The Astros managed to score four runs and won the game 4-0, evening Verlander's record to 1-1.

In his first outing, Verlander pitched nearly as well, giving up one run as the Astros were blanked 2-0. His earned run average after Saturday's shutout victory was a minuscule 0.89 and looks like he's on his way for another run at the Cy Young Award.

"I'm not some dinosaur who can't adapt," Verlander told the Chronicle reporter with a grin. "I thought that about



Joe Kazmar

myself when I was debating on using it (PitchCom) or not. I like it. It was great."

Not all the Houston Astros' pitching staff are using PitchCom, and they are "all for it" but needed more time to familiarize themselves with the new devices, according to pitching coach Josh Miller.

**KWICKIES...**While on the subject of the Astros, they opened their 2022 home season Monday night against the Los Angeles Angels. A Street Fest party took place from 4-6:30 p.m. on Crawford Street which featured live music, face painters, photo booths, and other entertainment. The first 10,000 fans received a Yordan Alvarez AL Championship Series trophy bobblehead and all fans got a magnet schedule.

Astros' rookie shortstop Jeremy Pena helped his 39-year-old pitcher Justin Verlander by belting a single, double and triple in Saturday's 4-0 win and became only the second player in franchise history with three 3-hit games in the first eight games of his major league career. Hector Torres was the first in April 1968.

Chicago Cubs outfielder Seiya Suzuki has started his major league career with a bang by blasting four home runs, is batting .400 and has hit safely in all eight games with an at-bat through Sunday.

Former University of Texas

golfer Jordan Spieth rolled in an 18-foot birdie on the 72nd hole to force a playoff with Patrick Cantley. But his best shot was when he blasted out of a sand trap from 56 feet, landing seven inches from the first playoff hole, sunk the par and won the RBC Heritage PGA Tour Tournament at Hilton Head, S. Car. It was Spieth's second-straight tourney win on Easter Sunday.

The Houston Gamblers won their United States Football League opener Sunday over the Michigan Panthers 17-12 at Birmingham, Ala. in a return of a similar league that played in the 1980's in the now-shuttered Astrodome. The Gamblers are coached by former University of Houston and Texas A&M head coach Kevin Sumlin while the Panthers are led by former Houston Oilers coach Jeff Fisher.

And speaking of famous head coaches showing up with a minor league team, Orange native Wade Phillips will be one of the eight head coaches in the newly-formed XFL which is due to kick off in 2023. Other well-known names in the NFL and college ranks include Jim Haslett, Reggie Barlow, Bob Stoops, Hines Ward, Rod Woodson, Anthony Becht and Terrell Buckley according to Dany Garcia, co-owner and chairwoman of the XFL.

**JUST BETWEEN US...** I never really got to know R.C. Slocum while he was starring on the football field at Stark High School or even as an All-Conference tight end at Mc-

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## Little Dribbler National Champions From Page 1B

Canton advanced through the losers' bracket to play Bridge City again. The score was a little closer, but Bridge City prevailed 23-17 to win the Major Girls Division championship.

The team is made up of eleven girls in the fifth and sixth grades, ages 11 and 12 years old. Their head coach is Jerry Wiegrefe and the assistant coaches are Jason Putnam and Hunter Wiegrefe.

The coaches worked with their girls to be tough defenders. "The girls just play really great defense. We don't give up a whole lot of points. Looking at our team we're not real big or intimidating, but the girls just get after it," Jerry Wiegrefe described.

Kendal Krailo and Naryiah Wiegrefe were the two post and leading rebounders for the Bridge City girls doing a really good job of controlling the boards. Two of the quickest girls on the team are Kylie Chance and Rylee Hebert who led the Bridge City Little Dribblers in steals.

Coach Wiegrefe said he and the other coaches emphasized passing the ball to get good shots which led to their success for the girls from Bridge City who were very team oriented. "That's kind of difficult to find these days with any basketball team especially in younger players, but they bought into the system of finding the open girl, next teammate up, and it worked as they did a good job of passing the ball

around and that's tough to defend," Wiegrefe explained.

For the All Star Season the Bridge City Little Dribblers were undefeated going 19-0 and outscoring their opponents 523 to 218. The leading scorer was Kenlee Moye averaging 6 points a game. Four other girls Kendal Krailo, Naryiah Wiegrefe, Rylee Hebert, and Parker Dishon averaged at least 3.5 points a game.

Wiegrefe indicated the team does not have just one player that stands out offensively. "Through all those games there were eight different girls that were the top scorer throughout those games, we spread it around," Wiegrefe reminded.

The girls that comprise the champion Bridge City Little Dribblers are: Rylee Hebert; Kendal Krailo; Lizzie Livingston; Brooklyn Mahana; Kapri Fredeck; Kenlee Putnam; Naryiah Wiegrefe;

Parker Dishon; Kenley Moye; Kylie Chance, and Chandler Ritchey who is the only girl who will be eligible to return for next year's team.

The Orangefield boys played in the Major Boys Division where they lost a second round game against Madisonville and then needed to win four games in the losers bracket to advance to the finals. The Orangefield Little Dribblers did exactly that and then played Madisonville again defeating them in the championship game.

The Bridge City boys competed in the Boys Senior Division. The boys from Bridge City defeated Levelland, Madisonville, and Silsbee to advance to the finals. The championship game was a rematch against Madisonville which the Bridge City boys won to claim the national title for the Boys Senior Division.

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# OB baseball, softball From Page 2B



Catcher Kaylyn Dosch and pitcher Carson Fall helped the Lady Cardinals win both their games last week. Fall pitched two no-hitters and Dosch had five hits in the two games.

Bears came from Griffith and Gunner Johnson and doubles by Reynolds and Peco.

On Thursday, April 14, the Mustangs played their closest game of the district before losing to the Vidor Pirates 6-2 at Vidor. Mustang Coach Sergio Espinal said, "It was one of the best games we've played this year."

West Orange-Stark had a lead in the first inning when Derrick Williams walked and scored on a hit by Tyrone Wilson. Andrew Wilson scored in the second inning for the Mustangs after being hit by a pitch and came home on a wild pitch.

Tyrone Wilson pitched five strong innings for West Orange-Stark. "Errors killed us, but our team competed," Espinal informed.

The Lady Cardinals clinched the district softball championship with their two wins last week. Bridge City got outstanding pitching from Carson Falls who did not give up a hit in either game.

Falls pitched a perfect game on Tuesday to defeat the Orangefield Lady Bobcats 10-0 in Bridge City. Fall struck out 12 of the 15 Lady Bobcats she faced in the five inning game.

Lady Cardinal Coach Raven Harris is happy for Carson her

star pitcher throwing a perfect game. "I'm not surprised, but I'm proud of her. The weather is horrible, it's raining the balls were wet, and she really did a good job handling business and just shut everybody down, so that was awesome, and then we had a couple of defensive plays behind her which were great to keep that perfect game for her," Harris responded.

Providing much of the offense was her catcher Kaylyn Dosch who was four for four with the bat. Marlie Strong struck a big double in the second inning when the Lady Cardinals scored six of their runs.

In Thursday's game Fall pitched a no-hitter against the Silsbee Lady Tigers winning the game 7-0 for the Lady Cardinals. Fall was overpowering striking out 20 Lady Tigers and walking just one to barely miss throwing a second consecutive perfect game.

Bridge City broke open a close game in the sixth inning scoring four runs highlighted by a two-run double by Dosch. Seven Lady Cardinals collected hits in the game including two by freshman Brooklyn Drodgy.

The second place Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears played just one game last week on Tuesday. The Lady Bears blasted the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs 22-5 in five innings.

Pitcher Cami Shugart started for the Lady Bears and was relieved in the circle during the game to allow her to rest muscles in her side that have

been sore the last two weeks. Jacelyn Cook finished pitching the game for LCM.

Keylie Washburn swung a big bat for the Lady Bears smashing a homerun among her three hits driving in four runs and scoring four times. Rhylan Wilson had three hits including a double and drove in five Lady Bear runs.

Lexis Moss smacked two hits and scored four runs. Shugart hit a double and accounted for three runs for LCM.

Katie Hogg of the Mustangs drew 2 walks and scored a run. Nataleigh Sims had a hit with an RBI as did Ariel Farris. Laila Rhodes went two for two with an RBI and a stolen base.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears can clinch second place in the district softball race by winning their last two district games against the Vidor Lady Pirates and the Orangefield Lady Bobcats.

The Lady Bears hold a one game lead over the third place Lumberton Lady Raiders who close out their district schedule this week against Silsbee and the first place Lady Cardinals.

The Lady Raiders won a key contest 10-3 at Orangefield on Thursday night. The Lady Bobcats threatened in the first inning as Joli Ponfick doubled, Madison Hughes singled, and Abby Broussard was hit by a pitch to load the bases with one out. Lumberton pitcher Sydnie Cline retired the next two batters to wriggle out of the jam unscathed.

Cline leadoff the top of the second with a single for Lumberton. Sydnie concluded the Lady Raiders scoring eight runs in the inning with a grand slam over the left field fence.

Orangefield scored its three runs in the third on a three-run homerun by Harleigh

Rawls. It was Rawls' third homer in the last three games for the Lady Bobcats who have lost five straight games.

There was some good news on Thursday night for the Lady Bobcats as they welcomed the newest member of the team. Coach Sarah Nash, sister of Lady Bobcat Head Softball Coach Rebekah Ragsdale, successfully gave birth to a baby girl whose name is Janie.

The West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs lost 11-2 to the Vidor Lady Pirates on Thursday. Laila Rhodes was one for three in the game with a stolen base and a run batted in for the Lady Mustangs. T'Era Garrett rapped two hits, stole a base, and drove home the other run for West Orange-Stark. Ariel Farris and Peyton Zimmerman both collected a base hit in the game.

## Kaz's Korner From Page 3B

Neese State because I was already graduated and used up my four-years of Cowboys eligibility before his freshman year. But I met him at an event at Texas A&M where we played in a golf tournament together in the early 1970's and have been good friends ever since. I was saddened last year when he told me had had cancer, but said he was fighting it like

hell every day and was going to beat it. At Christmas he said he was beating it slowly which perhaps was an answer to all my prayers I said for him over the time. In January, he was declared cancer-free following treatments through Baylor Scott and White in College Station and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, according to Sunday's Houston

Chronicle. "The sooner the diagnosis, the better chance you have for a successful outcome," he said. Even though he's the most successful Texas A&M football coach ever with his 123 victories, this win over Hodgkin's lymphoma was his most revered.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION COUNTY**  
**AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL CONDADO**

To the Registered Voters of the County of Orange, Texas:  
A los votantes registrados del Condado de Orange, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 7, 2022, for the purpose of voting on:  
To adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Special Session, of the State of Texas.

Notifíquese por la presente, que los sitios de votación citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de mayo del 2022 con el propósito de votar sobre:  
adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas a la constitución propuestas tal como fueron presentadas pro la 87<sup>th</sup> Legislatura Sesión Especial del Estado de Texas.

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.  
El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.

1. Cove Baptist Church	1005 Dupont Dr, Orange
2. WOC ISD Admin/Education Bldg	902 W Park Ave, Orange
3. North School	801 Cordrey St, Orange
4. Alexander Homes Senior Citizens Center	2023 N 4 <sup>th</sup> St, Orange
5. WOC ISD Admin/Education Bldg	902 W Park Ave, Orange
6. North Orange Pentecostal Church	7144 N 16 <sup>th</sup> , (N Hwy 87) Orange
7. St. Francis Catholic Church	4300 Meeks Dr, Orange
8. Little Cypress Administration Building	6586 FM 1130, Orange
9. Sabine River Authority	12777 N Hwy 87, Orange
10. Winfree Baptist Church	19525 Hwy 62 S, Orange
11. West Orange City Hall	2700 Western Ave, Orange
12. West Orange Stark High School	1400 Newton St, Orange
13. Masonic Temple	3528 Masonic Dr, Orange
14. West Orange-Stark Elementary	2605 Martin Luther King Dr, Orange
15. Texas Department of Transportation Bldg	3128 Hwy 62, Orange
16. Mauriceville Fire Department	10691 N Hwy 62, Orange
17. Pine Forest Baptist Church	4800 N. Main (105), Vidor
18. Vidor Jr High	945 N Tram Rd, Vidor
19. Raymond Gould Community Center	385 Claiborne St, Vidor
20. Vidor High School	500 Orange St, Vidor
21. Rose City-City Hall	370 Rose City Dr, Vidor
22. Pecan Acres Baptist Church	14795 Duncan Woods, Vidor
23. Orangefield Cormier Museum	9908 FM 105, Orange
24. Bridge City High School	2690 Texas Ave, Bridge City
25. Bridge City Public Works Building	220 Nitsche St, Bridge City
26. Bridge City Knights of Columbus Hall	495 W Roundbunch Rd, Bridge City
27. Pine Forest Elementary School	4150 N Main St, Vidor
28. St Paul United Methodist Church	1155 W Roundbunch Rd, Bridge City
29. Vidor High School	500 Orange, Vidor
30. Orange County Drainage District	8081 Old Hwy 90, Orange
31. Pct 2 Commissioner's Office	11867 Hwy 62, Orange
32. Orange County Expo Center	11475 FM 1442, Orange
33. Vidor Elementary School	400 E. Railroad (Old Hwy 90), Vidor
34. Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church	1600 N Main, Vidor

W6-1  
Prescribed by Secretary of State  
Section 127.096 Texas Election Code  
3/07

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC  
TABULATING EQUIPMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Constitutional Amendment/Municipal Election held on May 7, 2022 will be tested on April 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Orange County Elections Administration at 206 Border Street, Orange, TX 77630 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

*Donna Alford*  
Donna Alford  
Orange County Elections Administrator

**AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR  
EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE**  
Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución y para otras subdivisiones políticas que se llevará a cabo el 7 de mayo de 2022 se probará el 22 de abril de 2022 a las 2:00 pm en 206 Border Street, Orange, TX 77630 para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

*Donna Alford*  
Donna Alford  
Firma del/dela Oficial

During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:  
La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:

Orange Public Library (Main Early Voting Location) 220 N 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Orange, TX 77630	Raymond Gould Community Center 385 Claiborne Street Vidor, TX 77662
Mauriceville Community Center 7441 Cohenour Road Orange, TX 77632	Bridge City ISD Administration Building 1031 W Roundbunch RD Bridge City, TX 77611

Days and Hours of Operation:  
Días y Horas Hábiles:

April (abril) 25 - 29	Monday - Friday (lunes - viernes)	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
May (mayo) 2 - 3	Monday - Tuesday (lunes - martes)	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:  
Donna Alford  
Orange County Elections Administration  
123 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Orange, TX 77630  
(409)882-7973  
Email (Dirección de correo Electrónico): [orangecountyelections@yahoo.com](mailto:orangecountyelections@yahoo.com)  
Website (Sitio web del Secretario): <https://www.co.orange.tx.us/departments/ElectionsAdministration>

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:  
April 26, 2022.  
Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 26 de abril del 2022.

Issued this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022  
Emitida este día el 15<sup>th</sup> de marzo del 2022

*John H. Gothig*  
John H. Gothig, Orange County Judge  
Jefe del Condado de Orange

*Brandy Robertson*  
Attest:  
Brandy Robertson, Orange County Clerk  
Secretaria del Condado de Orange

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **MICHAEL C. MYERS**, Deceased, were issued on the **APRIL 19, 2022, in Cause No. P19350**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Richard D. Myers**. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Tommy Gunn**  
Agent for Service  
202 S. Border Street  
Orange, TX 77630

Dated the 19th day of April, 2022.

**Tommy Gunn**  
Tommy Gunn

Attorney for:  
**Richard D. Myers**  
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 **JAMES WILLIAM ENGLISH a/k/a JAMES W. ENGLISH**, Deceased, were issued on **April 7, 2022**, in Cause No. **P19340**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Lorraine K. English**.

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.

**Lorraine K. English**  
c/o: **Stephen C. Howard**  
Attorney at Law  
903 W. Green Avenue  
Orange, Texas 77630

DATED the 7th day of April, 2022.

**Stephen Howard**  
Stephen Howard  
Attorney for:  
**Lorraine K. English**  
State Bar No.:10079400  
903 W. Green Avenue  
Orange, TX 77630  
Phone: (409)883-0202  
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Email: steve@stephenhoward.lawyer

### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
CRYSTAL THOMPSON PARKS & CHRISTOPHER TERRY PARKS,  
PETITIONERS,  
V. REBECCA NICOLE PURVIS & JOHN DOE,  
RESPONDENTS.

IN RE: EMMA RENEE PARKS (DOB: 01/03/2011) A MINOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14-YEARS-OLD

TO: REBECCA NICOLE PURVIS BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A CAUCASIAN FEMALE CHILD BORN IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 3, 2011;  
TO: JOHN DOE UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CAUCASIAN MALE CHILD BORN IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 3, 2011;

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to respond to the Petition for Adoption in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you and to serve a copy of your response on the subscriber at her address, Brana J. Williams, Indigo Family Law, LLC, 2055 Glens Bay Road, Surfside Beach, South Carolina, 29575, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Petition for Adoption within the time aforesaid, the Petitioners in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition.

**REBECCA NICOLE PURVIS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an adoption proceeding was filed in Family Court of Horry County on December 20, 2021, and in this Petition, you are named to be the mother of a CAUCASIAN FEMALE CHILD BORN IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 3, 2011.

**JOHN DOE YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an adoption proceeding was filed in Family Court of Horry County on December 21, 2021, and in this Petition, you are named to be the unknown biological father of a CAUCASIAN MALE CHILD BORN IN FLORIDA ON JANUARY 3, 2011;

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that if Notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard prior to the Final Hearing. To file notice to contest, intervene or otherwise respond, you must notify The Clerk of Court for Horry County, as well as the Chief Administrative Judge for the Family Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, at the Horry County Family Court, at 1301 2nd Street, Conway, South Carolina 29926 or mailing address P.O. Box 877, Conway, South Carolina 29926. All of the above-named must be informed, and must be kept advised, or your current address throughout the adoption proceedings.

**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that your failure to respond within thirty (30) days of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings constitutes your consent to this adoption and the forfeiture of all your rights and obligations with respect to the child who is the subject of this action. It is further alleged that your consent to this adoption is not required under S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-310 and that your parental rights should be terminated pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-7-2570 (7) GROUNDS.

**YOU ARE FINALLY NOTIFIED** that this notice is given pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 63-9-730 (E).

**THIS ACTION WAS FILED ON DECEMBER 20, 2021 and a final hearing is set for July 11, 2022 at 9:30a.m. before Honorable Salley McIntyre, at the Horry County Judicial Complex located at 1301 2nd Avenue, Conway, South Carolina. BE SO NOTIFIED!**

Respectfully submitted,  
BRANA J. WILLIAMS, Esquires SC Bar # 64193  
RYAN A. STAMPFLE, Esquires SC Bar # 70665  
Attorney for Petitioners  
Indigo Family Law, LLC  
2055 Glens Bay Road  
Surfside Beach South Carolina 29575  
843-215-8100 Fax: 843-215-6105  
brana@indigofamilylaw.com

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Brandy Robertson, Clerk, County Court**  
Orange County, Texas

By **Brooke Hatton**  
Brooke Hatton

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### NOTICE OF JOB OPENING AT THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

POSITION: OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

- File and manage administrative and personnel-related records, including, but not limited to, payroll records, employee benefits records, insurance records and reports, and other records regarding the business of the District.
- Answer telephone calls, initiate work order requests, and greet all visitors.
- Open and distribute in-coming mail.
- Draft and type letters, reports and presentations.
- Assist Office Manager with timekeeping and all related functions.
- Perform all other tasks determined by Management to be reasonably necessary for the benefit of the District.

**REQUIRED EXPERIENCE:**

- 5 years of experience in clerical work or office administration.

**SKILLS REQUIRED:**

- Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel, and proficient in, or capable of learning and using Peachtree/Sage accounting software or any other applicable software.
- Must: 1) be proficient in typing, and be able to type from dictation; 2) have good organizational skills; 3) have ability to analyze and evaluate data; 4) have working knowledge of basic accounting principles, general ledger setup and maintenance, accounts payable and typical payroll-related tasks; and 5) be able to perform routine office management duties without supervision.

**SALARY:** Dependent on qualifications and experience.  
**BENEFITS:** Health Insurance, Pension, Paid Vacation and Holidays.

To be considered for this position, an interested candidate must submit an Employment Application to the District at the District office, located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas, no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2022. An Employment Application may be obtained at the District office, or on the District's website at [www.ocddtx.com](http://www.ocddtx.com). Not every applicant will be interviewed. The Orange County Drainage District is an equal opportunity employer.

### DIVORCE CITATION BY PUBLICATION (OTHER) - COPUBWD

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VICKIE EDGERLY, District Clerk**  
Orange County, Texas

**Vickie Edgerly**

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Our Ready, Set, Teach students from Bridge City High School helped us load the food for the Ministerial Alliance to pick up.

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