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## County has four contested local races

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For The Record

Filing ended Monday for candidates running in the Texas party primary races in March with only Republicans running for local county elections. Four of the 13 races will be contested, with the sheriff's race drawing the most candidates.

Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney will be seeking his second four-year term in the position that he won in 2020 after the retirement of Keith Merritt. His challengers include veteran law enforcement officers Ron Dischler, Mike Sanchez, and retired Texas Ranger Bobby Smith.

All qualified voters in Orange County may vote for the sheriff's position. The other countywide contested race will be for the chair of the Orange County Republican Party. Cheryl Warren is challenging incumbent chair Leo LaBauve III for the spot.

All four county precinct constables will be up for re-election. Incumbent Jeremiah Gunter in Precinct 2 has two opponents, both retired after law enforcement careers. They are David Bailey, who is currently serving on the Orange City Council, and Harold Hass.

In Precinct 4, incumbent Matt Ortego will be facing

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Orangefield High School FCCLA teamed up with Interact for a joint community service project. They spent the first Thursday of December volunteering. They started the morning at the annual Granger Food Drive, loading and unloading cans to stock the pantries at the Salvation Army and Orange Christian Services. After spending the morning at Granger Chevrolet, they moved over to downtown Orange to tour the beautifully restored home of Kenneth and Beth Wheeler and the historic Miss Laura's Schoolhouse. They collected and donated over 75 toys benefiting The Service League of Orange 67th Annual Toy Coffee.



The staff of Roberts Ford pose for a photo with Santa during last years 'Jingle Bell Rock Out that benefited the Ministerial Alliance.

## Roberts Ford host 'Jingle Bell Rock Out' Sat.

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Robert's Ford, 1601 Green Avenue in Orange, will be the place Saturday, December 16, to find, Santa and his elves, food, and fun with the Second Annual Jingle Bell Rock Out.

The dealership's parking lot will have vendors, food trucks, activities for children and even a snow machine from 10 a.m. to 32 p.m. The event includes a raffle with the proceeds to benefit the Sugie Lane Foundation, which helps victims of domestic violence. The prizes include two tickets to see Savanna Banana March 9 at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

Besides selling raffle tick-

ets, the company will give five tickets to each person who donates a new, unwrapped toys. Vendors are also required to donate a toy to set up a table. The toys will be given to the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance for families who will need help making a Merry Christmas for their children.

Food trucks selling products will be Bullfish of Orangefield and the Bread Bus of Beaumont. In addition, Grit N Grind, along with Orange Nutrition, will be selling hot and cold beverages.

The free event includes pictures with Santa, face painting, and a Christmas market for gifts and decorations.

## James Scales gets jolly job

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When Larry David passed away in 2020, he left some big boots to fill, along with a red velvet suit and a beard. James Scales made the fit.

The Bridge City native and descendant of two Orange County pioneering families, has now become Santa Claus for Heritage House Museum and the annual Orange Christmas Parade.

He will be appearing at Heritage House's Candle Light Tours Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The museum's main house is a restored 1902 two-story house built by J.O. Sims and furnished as an upper-middle-class home.

Heritage House began the tradition of an annual visit with Santa when it first opened in 1978. Larry David, one of the museum's founders, volunteered to be Santa and continued the role for more than 40 years.

Scales after the loss of David, members of the Her-



Devin Nolan brought his pups Payson' and Dharma to see Santa Claus at Heritage House's Santa Paws event on the back deck Sunday. The museum's historic Sims house is decorated for the season and Santa will make his annual appearance inside to talk with children on Thursday, December 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as the museum holds candlelight tours. Heritage House is on West Division Avenue in Orange, a block west of the county courthouse.

itage House board asked if he would volunteer. He agreed and that first year, wore a costume owned by Heritage House, but without David's personal-

ly-owned beard, wig and hat.

Scales stepped into the position without realizing the museum and public will continue to expect him. "I

get the feeling now" it's a lifelong gig, he said.

After his first year, his mother, Donna Dorman

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## Orangefield parade, festival Saturday

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The historic oil community of Orangefield will once again celebrate the Christmas season with a parade and festival Saturday, December 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chris Kovatch with the Orangefield Fine Arts Boosters said the group has

a contingency plan to hold the festival inside the junior high gym in case of rain.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the Orangefield Oil Supply Company on FM 408 and go a short ways to FM 105. Then the parade will turn west and turn north onto Sandbar to end at the junior high.

The festival will be set up at the stadium with booths

selling crafts, Christmas items, and food. A car show will be set up on the new parking area at the elementary school.

The high school band and drill team will perform on the field. Also, the Cormier Museum full of historic and nostalgia items will be open.

Kovatch said the community Christmas celebration

was started several years ago by another group. It was stopped during the Covid pandemic and didn't start up again. Last year, the Fine Arts Boosters began it anew.

The Fine Arts Boosters represents the Orangefield band, color guard, drill team, and choir. Kovatch

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# The field for the Texas Republican primary election is set – here’s what to watch for

PATRICK SVITEK  
The Texas Tribune

The field is set for the Texas primary — making way for a dramatic few months ahead of the March election.

At the top of the ticket, Texans will vote on who they want as their party’s presidential nominee — where Donald Trump has a landslide lead for Republicans and President Joe Biden has no serious competition among Democrats.

That means the most interesting action in Texas will be down-ballot.

With both Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton out for revenge, Republican members of the Texas House are the top target on the ballot. But Democrats are also facing ample drama as political dominoes fall in Dallas and Houston, creating new opportunities for ambitious members of the party.

The candidate filing deadline for the March primary was 6 p.m. Monday.

On the GOP side, much of the primary drama is being driven by Abbott and Paxton.

Paxton is working to unseat the dozens of House Republicans who voted to impeach him in May, while Abbott wants to defeat a smaller group of House Republicans who thwarted his yearlong push for school vouchers. That has created a rare dynamic where two of the most powerful Republicans in the state are backing primary challengers to House Republicans, sometimes aligning behind the same challenger and sometimes not.



The aggressive involvement of Abbott and Paxton means Speaker Dade Phelan will have his hands full defending his GOP members. And Phelan has a primary of his own after running uncontested in 2022. This time he faces two challengers, led by David Covey, the former chair of the Orange County GOP.

It has led to a marked increase in primary challengers. After 43% of House Republicans faced opposition in 2022, at least 57% have primary challengers this time.

The Texas GOP said Tuesday it had “a record-breaking 387 candidates file in Austin, plus many more in their local county offices, marking the second-highest candidate turnout in the history of the” party.

The attorney general has endorsed nearly two dozen primary challengers to state House Republicans who voted to impeach him. Those candidates, like Paxton, have positioned themselves as further right than House leadership and could prove to be antagonistic toward Speaker Dade Phelan — should he win his own primary. The Texas Senate acquitted Paxton after a trial in September.

Paxton’s endorsees include Republicans like



David Covey

who stood in his way.

Making good on that threat, Abbott has gotten behind challengers like Hillary Hickland, an activist mother from Belton who has taken her kids out of public schools in recent years. She is running against Rep. Hugh Shine, R-Temple.

Other notable primary challengers have emerged in recent days. Shelley Luther, the Dallas salon owner who became famous to conservatives for defying COVID-19 shutdown orders, filed for a rematch against Rep. Reggie Smith, R-Sherman. And Katrina Pierson, the North Texas activist best known as a spokesperson for Trump’s 2016 campaign, joined the primary against Rep. Justin Holland, R-Rockwall.

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Abbott and Paxton are also playing in open seats

where they believe they can replace retiring House Republicans with a better political ally. One example is House District 14, where anti-voucher Rep. John Raney, R-College Station, is not seeking reelection and Abbott has endorsed Bryan businessman Paul Dyson for the seat. Abbott said in his endorsement that he trusts Dyson to “expand school choice for all Texas families once and for all.”

In House District 87, Abbott and Paxton have aligned behind Caroline Fairly, the daughter of an Amarillo businessman, Alex Fairly, who Texas conservatives are working to cultivate as a new megadonor. Fairly is among four Republicans running to replace retiring Rep. Four Price, R-Amarillo, who opposes school vouchers.

In the Texas Senate, Republicans are looking at only one competitive primary, to replace retiring Sen. Drew Springer, R-Muenster. Four Republicans have filed for that seat, though one of them, Denton County GOP Chairman

Brent Hagenbuch, is the frontrunner after getting endorsed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, the very powerful presiding officer of the Senate.

As for congressional primaries, the GOP focus is largely on two open seats — the 12th District, where U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, is retiring, and the 26th District, where U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Lewisville, is not seeking reelection. Each primary has drawn a crush of candidates, though state Rep. Craig Goldman, R-Fort Worth, has piled up almost all the notable endorsements for Granger’s seat and conservative media executive Brandon Gill recently got the backing of former President Donald Trump for Burgess’ seat.

The closest thing to a competitive primary involving a congressional incumbent is probably in the 23rd Congressional District. U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales, R-San Antonio, is facing four primary challengers after splitting with his party on issues like guns and the border.

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• Good Shepherd offers after school

The YMCA After School Program is being held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 945 W Roundbunch in Bridge City. Elementary and Middle school hours are after school until 6 pm. The Y’s after school child care program provides peace of mind knowing your child is cared for in a safe, nurturing and structured environment. Financial aid is available. To register or for more information, visit the Y’s website at [ymcasetx.org/childcare](http://ymcasetx.org/childcare) or call at 409-962-6644.

• Shangri La Gardens Christmas Strolls

Ring in the season at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and

Nature Center! On select evenings in December, the public is invited to stroll through the magically transformed gardens. The festive landscape features thousands of lights, unique Christmas trees decorated by talented community members and holiday flowering displays.

Festive dress-up weeks include Ugly Christmas Sweater Week, from December 12-16, and Crazy Christmas Hat Week, from December 19-22.

“This season we are offering a Senior, Mobility Friendly & Sensory Sensitivity Hour on Tuesday nights from 5-6 p.m. This special hour is designed to provide accessibility for our guests with mobility challenges and sensory sensitivities.

Other holiday happenings at the gardens include Dreaming of a Green Christmas on Saturday, December 16.



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The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club has named Jordan Whisenant as their Orangefield Student of Month for December. Pictured are Rotarian -Eric Andrus, Aunt -Jacalyn Mires, grandmother, Gladys LeDoux, parents Heather and Tim Whisenant, brother Waylon Whisenant, Jordan Whisenant, Shaun McAlpin, OFISD Superintendent, Counselor Mrs. Britni Briggs and OFHS Principal Rye Wrinkle.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the December Student of the Month for Orangefield is Kyle Michael. Pictured, Shaun McAlpin, Britni Briggs, Christy Roccaforte, Kyle Michael, Cristin Michael, Cody Michael and Rea Wrinkle.

## Jolly Job From Page 1

Scales, bought him his own costume with beard, wig, and hat. "She wanted to make sure I look good," he said.

One of his first regulars was his niece, Stella Scales, who is now accompanied by her little sister, Indie. Scales said Stella, now 6, looked at him closely and curiously the first couple years. Last year, she figured out Santa was portrayed by her uncle.

Scales said he's not sure Indie knows, yet, but he suspects Stella has blabbed to her little sister.

This year for the first time, Heritage House sponsored a Santa Paws event. This past Sunday afternoon, Santa, on a back deck on the Heritage House campus, posed with dogs. Many of the dogs wore Christmas outfits and they got homemade doggie treats.

On Thursday, Santa will

be visiting inside the old house and sitting on a carved chair to greet children. He said he loves listening to the little ones talk about their Christmas wishes and dreams.

Scales is a graduate of Bridge City High School and his mother was the longtime parks director for Orange County. His father was the late Bridge City businessman Jimmy Scales, who served as city judge.

James Scales' main job is director of the Orange County Health Department and included restaurant inspections. In addition, he holds the elected position of being on the board of directors for the Orange County Drainage District, an independent agency outside regular county government.

He now serves as a Heritage House board director and on the citizens advisory board for the local Sal-

vation Army. He also volunteers with the Orange County AgriLife Extension office's HOPE program. A couple of years ago, he was named by a Beaumont organization as one of the Top 40 Under 40 leaders for the region.

He can also add another accomplishment as a prize-winning photographer. During the summer, he attended National Environment Health Association's convention. The photo he took while on his job as a health inspector had won first place in the food safety category. It was a dead pig, "ears and all," in a restaurant cooler.

Santa, though, won't be concerned about refrigerator surprises on Thursday night, but he's probably giving the free cookies and punch a little taste test.

## Orangefield Christmas From Page 1

said money raised at the festival will go toward scholarships for graduating seniors in those arts. Last year, the group presented five graduates with \$1,000 scholarships.

Kovatch, who is also a member of the Orangefield ISD school board, said the district will soon be able to "light the derrick" for special occasions and wins. The inspiration came from a tradition nearly half a century ago.

Orangefield began as "The Orange Oil Field" after an oil gusher was drilled in 1921. The area became a boom town with its own schools and has remained as a community for more than a century.

For many years, the community was dotted with old-fashioned metal derricks and pumping wells. By the 1980s, they had become a backdrop for even national television shows to film. At Christmas time, the derrick by the Cow Bayou Bridge was covered in lights with a star at the top.

Hurricane Rita knocked down almost all the old-fashioned derricks that had been left. Kovatch said his group discussed decorating the old

one again for the holidays, but the effort was going to take too much.

The community built a wooden replica old-fashioned derrick by the school complex. Kovatch said Bridge City Bank agreed to sponsor the purchase of a LED light system for the derrick.

The system can be controlled remotely through a

smart phone. It will be able to provide a number of different lights and combinations. For instance at Christmas, it could be lit up with red and green. For special wins and accomplishments at the school, it can be lit in the school color of orange.

## Contested political races From Page 1

Joey Jacobs, currently a captain in the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Precinct 1 incumbent constable Lannie Claybar, and Precinct 3 incumbent, Brad Frye, are running unopposed.

For the precinct races, only registered voters within each precinct vote for their respective constable race.

Newcomer Octavia Guzman drew no challengers for the Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector job. Incumbent Karen Fisher is retiring at the end of her term. Guzman is a longtime employee in the office.

Another newcomer will be Krispen Walker, who drew no challengers for the Orange County Attorney's position, which also serves as the district attorney. Incumbent John Kimbrough is also retiring. Walker has been an assistant district attorney for a number of years and gained

a reputation as a tough prosecutor.

Rodney Townsend, a longtime lawyer from Bridge City, is running unopposed for judge of County Court-at-Law. Incumbent Troy Johnson is another official who will retire at the end of his current term.

Also running unopposed as incumbents are State Judge Courtney Arkeen of the 128th District and State Judge Rex Peveto of the 163rd District.

In the Orange County Commissioners Court races, only the Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 seats are open this year. Incumbents Johnny Trahan in Precinct 1 and Kirk Roccaforte in Precinct 3 filed and will be unopposed.

Primary races in Texas will be March 5 with the last day to register to vote as February 5. Early voting will begin February 20 and end March 1.



## From the Breaux's Nest

### THE GREATNESS OF MANDELA

Ten years ago I watched all the Nelson Mandela service including President Barack Obama's speech. Ninety-one governments were represented. Former United States Presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and their spouses attended. President Obama drew the largest reception. He shook hands on the way to the podium with Raul Castro. Mandela was one of a kind; born in 1918, he died at age 95. After being imprisoned 27 years, where he was mistreated and often kept in solitary confinement, he came out at age 70 and transformed South Africa in a successful struggle against an apartheid system of racial segregation. It earned him the Nobel Peace prize. He told President Clinton once, "That in prison they took away everything, but they couldn't take his heart or mind." He taught that hope always trumped fear. Millions of words have been written about this great man. There were those who had negative words, mostly because he was a man of color and they wanted to discredit him. Mandela died Dec. 5, 2013 at the age of 95. He was just one of the great people who lived during my lifetime but his life stands out.

### REMEMBERING LOIS JUDICE

Lois Bourgeois Judice, age 95, passed away on December 1. Funeral services were held December 5, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. I was not aware of her passing until after her service was held. In my early years I had been really close to Edwin and Agnes Bourgeois and the family. Back in the late 1940's and early 50's, I would sometime arrive in Port Arthur during the night after hitchhiking all day from Louisiana. I would tap on Ms. Agnes's window and she would let me in. Tired and hungry, she would get me something to eat and get me a pillow. The boys, Ray, Kenneth, Gene and the baby Richard were the ones I knew best. They had two sisters, Lois and Cecile. I don't recall the exact year, maybe 1949, Lois, the prettiest girl in Port Arthur, was named Miss Port Arthur in a beauty pageant. She dated A.J. Judice, who always drove a fancy convertible. They married and had five children, Larry, Debbie, Al, III, Kevin and Karen. A.J. and I had been very close and did a lot of things together and attended many events in the Motherland. We once appeared together in a front page photo in *U.S.A. Today* racing crawfish on A.J.'s famous race track. I recall when Harry Waddell's brother Tommy, gave Kenneth a guitar that his little brother Gene learned to play and grew up to be "Jivin Gene," a lifelong friend. Ms. Agnes had a brother who was one of my best friend's dad, and the Bourgeois boys spent vacation time in Abbeville so I met them at a young age. Gene and I still stay in touch, not as often as we should. I'm saddened by Lois' death. She was an angel among us who raised a great family. She lived in the shadow of A.J., the Cajun promoter, but always stood out to those who knew and loved her. Lois had a good, long life and now is reunited with her loved ones. May she rest in peace. (*Memories shared by Roy Dunn.*)

### OUR CONDOLENCES

#### Alice Ann Daniel Brennan Williams

We just learned of the death of Alice Williams, who passed away December 8. Alice was the first woman to work at Gulf/Chevron, she once was a sales executive for the Record Newspapers, and worked 20 years for the Classy Peacock. Alice was a "people person" who never met a stranger. She is survived by her sons Patrick and Jared, daughters Rebecca and Courtney and grandchildren. May she rest in peace.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 YEARS Ago-2013

We were sorry to hear of the death of Dorothy Marie Morphew, 83, of Orange, who passed away Monday, Dec. 9, at Baptist Hospital, in Beaumont. Our deepest sympathies go out to our friend, Monte Morphew, his siblings, Dad and family. The one of a kind, Ray Cotton, stopped by. Ray, at age 84, is the most optimistic person I know. His great outlook on life is inspiring. He says every day is a good day. If he can visit with old friends it's an extra special day. Ray always parks the farthest away from his destination so he can get his walking in. He parks nearly to Hwy. 87 to go all the way to Super Wal-Mart Pharmacy. What a guy. We visited with my longtime Black buddy from Rayne Louisiana, former Orange mayor and present councilperson, Essie Bellfield. Ms. Essie spoke about the time Velma Jeter, Willie Mae Champagne and she had the opportunity to visit and be touched by the late Nelson Mandela in Detroit. This was shortly after he was released from 27 years in prison and became the president of Africa.

### 22 Years Ago-2001

On a cold, damp Nov. 8th day, the Bridge City Cardinals, one of the best 4-3A football teams, ended a good season on a bad day. The Cardinals great season

came to an end at the hands of Sinton in Kyle Field, at Texas A&M. Sinton is not your typical Hispanic team. They were loaded with state caliber talent across the board. The rainy, wet field was a disadvantage to the Cardinal speed and for the most part Matt Peebles was the workhorse, as B.C. tried to ground some yards and burn the clock. Sinton races for 22 first downs, B.C. manages only six in a 38-0 loss. Only two teams remained in the playoffs, Sinton and Everman. Seniors leaving the Cardinals, the best team since the 1966 state champs, seniors are: Justin Cruse, Matt McCain, Joe Khoury, Bobby Vice, Dwayne Breaux, Chris Harvey, Lanston Fults, Jason Yeaman, Luther Sanders, Luke Wolfford, Chris Jetton, Pat Godwin, Tyler Briggs, Aaron Mitchell, Dustin Bock, Shannon Maloney, Greg Alejo, Kaleb Faulk, Scott Lambert and Chris Sneed. Bridge City has a lot of talent returning in their juniors and sophomores. About 75 people gathered at the K.C. Hall for the reunion of the Bridge City 1966 state championship team. Quarterback Joe Lanston had fallen and was unable to attend but Steve Worster, All American at Texas, despite of having quadruple bypass heart surgery, was in attendance.

### 50 Years Ago-1973

Paul Hale is mayor of Orange. James "Stick" Stringer is county judge. Henry Stanfield, Orange fire chief, announces his retirement. County attorney is Jim Sharon Bearden. Prescient 4 county commissioner is Raymond Gould of Vidor. Fred Trimble is district judge of 160th district court. Dr. Joe Mayors is Bridge City's only dentist. Wayne Peveto is state representative and represents all of Orange and Newton counties. Preston Woods is mayor of Bridge City. Louvenia Hryhochuk is tax-assessor-collector. Some of the old boys around is 55-year-old Bob Taylor, who coached football and other sports at Hackberry, La. Wayman Martin, 62, of Little Cypress school superintendent; Buck Sims, 60, a former crop duster and businessman; Fred 'Cooder' Avant, 51, who claims to work at DuPont; Murphy King, who turned 71 on Dec. 15, is known as the Pawnshop King; Lloyd Merlin Broussard, 49, works at Allied Chemical and coached at Carr Junior High; Charlie Webb, 44, works at DuPont; Wynne Hunt, 46, is a DuPont hand as is Harry Fulton, 45 and Harold Force, 53; J.D. Stanfield, 56, is a partner in Case and McGee Furniture and is also city councilman; Cecil Willey, 52, works at Gulf States. Others are Percy Bordelon, 53, who has put in his time at DuPont and Firestone; Monty Moran, 51, works at DuPont; Danny Barker, a 44-year-old youngster, is often seen enjoying the coffee at Kroger's with Joe Runnels, Steve Williamson, Eddie Morris, John Taylor, Cecil Griffin, Charles Picking and former County Judge Charlie Grooms. Also, spotted at Kroger's was the coin machine operator, Dag Adress, John Magness, Harold Emmert, Tony Garritionia and Joe Burke. Ann Segura returns to East Texas from time to time to keep the accent intact. Jim Dunaway flies around on his motorcycle. "I'm here to tell you I knew everyone in this 50 Years Ago piece, I wrote it."

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

The Service League once again put on a glorious Christmas Toy Coffee with tours and refreshments of two 19th Century houses in the Old Orange Historic District. This was the 67th Toy Coffee for the non-profit group to raise new toys and money for the local Salvation Army. The preliminary figures show the group raised \$13,595 and collected 556 new toys for families across Orange County. Tricia Stroud is club president this year with Cheryl Sharpton-Stalaker and Vineen Giordano as chair and co-chair. The event had 32 volunteers and 397 visits to the houses, owned and restored by Beth and Kenneth Wheeler. Jessie Romero was one of the volunteers, taking a day off work to help drive a cart to help people get to the houses. Robert and Mindy Currie, who volunteer for non-profit events throughout the community, gave their talents. Emily McKee Mellon and Rita Ballard were among the Service League helpers. Paul and Raul Burch, who have hosted two toy coffees in recent years walked down the street from the house in The District. It's for sale, by the way. The Mauriceville Heritage Association helped by donating toys. Brad Childs, Abigail Liptak, and Adam Conrad were also among the visitors. Heard the Wheelers invited some neighbors over for some relaxing adult beverages that evening. And more about the Service League, they held a designer purse raffle as a fundraiser for other projects. Lanie Brown was the grand prize winner of a Louis Vuitton. Lots of houses are adorned with thousands of lights, but Brandi Griggs may have the only colorful ball wall. It's inside her house and not for public view. She took dozens and dozens of shiny Christmas tree balls in different sizes and covered a large wall with them. Can't get more festive than that. Bet daughter Kiley, who recently received a TaekwonDo black belt, enjoys the color. And yes, the outside is decorated in lights, thanks to help from Justin Rieson. Betty Harmon and Cecil Broom were out and about again. This time for the Leaf and Petal Garden Club's annual Christmas party. Stump and Dayle Gunn Weatherford made the trip to College Station this past weekend for the wedding of grandson Vincent Hale, son of Lacey Gunn Hale. Father Jim Sichko, formerly of Orange, made time from his globe-trotting work for Pope Francis to officiate at the service. Stump and Dale made it back to Orange in time for the Lions Club's Christmas party. Lions International officers from around the state and region came to give Stump the Ambassador of Goodwill Award for his long years of volunteering and dedication to the service club. Stump has been hospitalized recently in a battle against cancer. The special award is given to only 35 people a year in the organization that has 1.7 million members worldwide. Shangri La drew crowds the first week of the lighted night Christmas strolls. Members of Orange Community Players, LaToya Overstreet, Tanya Guillotte, and Paul Burch, were seen serving cookies one night. The free family even continues this week from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Craig and Elva Couvillion are off on a cruise. Craig found a place to

practice his putting and Elva was trying to learn Italian. Mickey Litton Gisclar, daughter of the late and beloved Bridge City High Coach Moe Litton, found a copy of a special poem in the coach's papers. It was written by Ann Smith about 1965 when the late Bridge City football phenomenon Steve Worster led the team twice to the state finals, winning the second time. The words to "Worster, the Red, Red Cardinal" were to be sung to the tune of "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer." Attorney Sharon Bearden, got a double whammy in the past weeks. First he picked up COVID somewhere, brought it home to Liz but that wasn't enough, he then came down with a bad case of the flu. He sounded like he was near death last week. What seemed to be his biggest worry however was he needed to get back to work. The guy is going to be 85 in a few days and he's worrying about his practice. Our friend Phillip Welch, who just returned from a cruise with his family, will turn 65 on December 20. He's still making too much money to draw Social Security yet. Happy Birthday Phillip. I made it to Gulf Coast Cardiology last week. I understand Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte was there at the same time. We just missed each other between tests. Kirk said he and Christy did Thanksgiving in three parts. his mother's place, her brother's house and finishing up at her nieces' house. Anyway, I got Dr. Morbia's oatmeal recipe but won't publish it until after the holidays when everyone is ready to make New Year's resolutions and eat healthy. Judge Chad Jenkins and Windee spent the weekend with Chad's college roommate and his wife recalling all those years ago. Recalling only things they could say in front of their wives that is. I called Judge John Gothia last week and when I asked if he was busy he replied, "Not really, I'm sitting on the beach in Jamaica." He and Glynis and friends spent a few days playing golf and enjoying the beautiful beach. John puts in a lot of time as our county judge so he deserved and earned that time off. A note from Beverly Parker. Carl is now in Dishman at St E for PT. He has had multiple issues. They kept him in hospital because he had a blood infection. To make sure they got it they gave him IV for 6 weeks. I'm afraid if he ever writes again it will be about what "fun" he had in hospital. We wish Senator Parker a speedy recovery.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in the next few days. Dec. 13: Melissa Poydence, Melinda Swares, Kristy Kidwell, Dennis Lee, Hailey Tally, Jenny Duncan, also Jim Sharon and Tyler Bearden's mother, Caroline, celebrates a birthday December 13. That was also the birth date of their late uncle J.B. Bearden. Dec. 14: Happy Birthday to Coach "Beaver" DuBois and his twin sister, Melanie LaFleur, Keri Michutla, Diane Bertrand, Ronald Escamilla, Tim Fix, Danny Blacksher, Danny Prosperie, Dorothy Jenkins, Hannah Carpenter. Dec. 15: Amanda Webb, Jeff Harrington, Kenneth Pittman, Melanie Richter, Alex Harner, Belinda Broom, Brent Burris, Craig Reynolds, Dale Armand. Dec. 16: Kitty Martin, Michelle Gephart, Carol Allen, Elizabeth Uzzle, Natalie Nimitz. Dec. 17: Beatrice Cortez, Jeremie Delano, Nathan Applebach, Martha Taylor. Dec. 18: Brown Claybar, Mandy Hoffman, Tracey Lynn Broussard, Daniel Brocklehurst, Dyann Schiler, Jill Vaughn, Julia Alleman. Dec. 19: Dan Brocklehurst, Ellisia Smith, Christina Carpenter, Marcu McLellan, Mitch Hidalgo, Raymond Hughes, Bill Cardner, Janet Holland, Shelby Vogt, Stacey Bates, Andrew Havens. Recent birthdays have included Beverly Blalack, Dan Harris, Susan Childers, Richard Teague, Natalie Carter, Ronnie Mason, Donis Fitzpatrick, Melanie Huckabay Claybar, Marissa Emmons, Jimmy Ray Burnitt, David C. Claybar, Ellen Watters Wiemers, Nic Provost, Glenda Sullivan, Carli Crumpton, Colton Claybar, Brenda Thompson, and Jimmy Mooney, father of Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney. Congratulations to Gay and Dixie Richardson as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They are still going strong. Their daughter, Traci James, has a dog rescue group that has helped hundreds of local abandoned dogs get medical care and find new homes. Anniversary wishes also go out to Mike and Dana Garrison for their 36th celebration.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Sostan and Annabel were having a quiet, romantic dinner in a fine restaurant in Lafayette, gazing with love at each other and holding hands.

Da waitress was taking an order at another table when she noticed Sostan him, sliding down his chair and under da table. Annabel her, stared straight ahead.

Da waitress, tinking this behavior a bit strange and dat it might offend da utta diners, went over to da table and tactfully began by saying to Annabel, "Pardon me, ma'am, but I tink you husband him just slid under da table."

Annabel her, calmly looked up at her and said, "No honey, he didn't, my husband Joe just walked in da door him."

### C'EST TOUT THE RACE IS ON

The candidates running in the Primary are all signed up. "Pistol Toters" are the only races that are contested, sheriff's race and constables races in Precinct 2 and Precinct 4. I'm surprised the county attorney and tax assessor are not contested races. In the past they drew opposition. I'm told no one really wants the jobs. A lot of work and a lot of head aches go into them. Personally, I'm going to miss Karen Fisher and John Kimbrough. This would have been a good time for a Democrat to run, a free ride until November, plus no one knows what the General Election will be like. I recall when Cimron Campbell ran as the only Republican and won. One third of Orange County voters are Independents. We are increasing our circulation through the election season in March in order for candidates to reach the most voters. (Notice: To all candidates, all ads to be produced must be in by Monday for Tuesday night publishing. Open the gates, the race is on. Gotta go, take care and God bless.



Volunteers for the Stark Cultural Venues lend a holiday helping hand in Orange County.

## Stark Cultural Venues lend a holiday helping hand

**Staff Report  
For The Record**

The Stark Foundation is pleased to announce its holiday initiative, spreading the joy of the season by hosting charitable food drives and pajama collections across their cultural venues in Orange, Texas. As part of their commitment to community, the Stark Foundation aims to uplift the spirits and support those in need during this special time of the year.

The Lutch Theater, Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center and The W.H. Stark House will serve as focal points for these endeavors.

The Lutch Theater will host a pajama and blanket drive to support the Salvation Army of Orange during their production of STOMP on December 8 and December 9. Moreover, in support of the Broadway hit performances, the Lutch invites the public to help STOMP Out Hunger by donating non-perishable food items. Donations can be dropped off December 4-8 at Dow Business Center, any of the seven First Financial Bank locations, Free State Cellars or the Lutch Theater during the performances of STOMP.

In support of the Lutch Theater's pajama and blanket drive, Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center will be collecting new pajamas and blankets during their Family Holiday PJ Week of Christmas Strolls from December 5-9. In addition, Shangri La Gardens will host a community food drive throughout their Christmas Strolls from December 5-22. Food donations will benefit Orange Christian Services.

To continue the commitment of helping spread joy and goodwill throughout the community, The W.H. Stark House will host a food drive to support the Salvation Army of Orange. Donations can be dropped off during their Stark Family Christmas Guided Holiday Tours on select dates during the month of December.

"The Stark Foundation invites the community to participate in these efforts by contributing to the food drives and pajama collections at the designated venues. By uniting in compassion and generosity, together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors and spread the joy of the season," said Clyde "Tad" McKee, president and chief executive officer of the Stark Foundation.

## BCPD adds new recruits to force



Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge and the city's police department have welcomed three new police recruits after the graduation from Lamar Regional Police Academy. The new recruits, wearing khaki, are from left to right, Jeremy Broussard, Nathan Noyola, and Alec Lawson. Police Chief Tod McDowell is on the far right. Mayor Rutledge is in the center back. The city sponsored the recruits to the academy.



The National FFA awarded Orangefield High School a \$3700.00 grant to purchase our students for the workforce. Pictured are: Timothy Tremont, CTE Director, Sunshine Copeland, District Librarian/Grant Writer, and Tim Singleton, Department Head of Agriculture, Welding Instruction, and FFA Advisor.

### • Durham/Ellis Pecans and Walnuts A Christmas Holiday Favorite For Dale

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### • Dementia Care Givers' Support Group

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

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# Orange County girls hoops start district



Keylie Washburn scored 26 points and was the leading rebounder for the Lady Bears as LCM defeated West Orange-Stark in the district opener.



Kennedy Campbell got 16 points for the Lady Cardinals in Bridge City's win over Jasper to start district.

RECORD PHOTOS

DAN PERRINE  
Orange County Sports  
For The Record

The local girls basketball teams began playing their district games this month. Bridge City, Little Cypress Mauriceville, and West Orange-Stark all compete in District 19-4A which played their opening games this past Friday.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears opened district play on the road against the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs. The Lady Bears won the game 46-21 and never trailed after scoring the first points.

The Lady Mustangs

stayed close pulling to within a point 10-9 in the second quarter. Then LCM went on a six point run at that point to pull away. The Lady Bear lead was 26-11 late in the second quarter, and they were never really threatened after that.

Keylie Washburn led the Lady Bears with 26 points, and she dominated the boards. Mallory Russell, Lucia Lopes-Montoto, and Doniya Sibley each hit three point baskets for Little Cypress Mauriceville. LCM Coach Eddie Michalko complimented his Lady Bears for playing solid defense all night.

The Bridge City Lady

Cardinals also started district with an impressive road win. The Lady Cardinals beat the Jasper Lady Dogs 55-19 to go 1-0 in district.

A huge first quarter set the tone for Bridge City on the night. In the last ninety seconds of the first period the Lady Cardinals got a fast break basket from Kaylee Britten, Whitney Cunningham hit a three, and Kailey Nelson made a layup to help them take a 19-5 lead.

Leading 30-9 at the half  
GIRLS HOOPS Page 4B



The Orangefield Bobcats went 5-0 to win the championship of the annual Bill Tennison Memorial Tournament was held at the Orangefield High School and Junior High Gymnasiums. Three Orange County teams finished one, two, and three over the three days of exciting basketball games. • SEE ARTICLE BELOW  
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

# Three local teams top Tennison tournament



Lincoln Breaux scored 18 and Aaden Bush tallied 17 in the Cardinals' win over Buna on Thursday.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

DAN PERRINE  
Orange County Sports  
For The Record

The annual Bill Tennison Memorial Tournament was held the second weekend in December at the Orangefield High School and Junior High Gymnasiums. Three Orange County teams finished one, two, and three over the three days of exciting basketball games.

The host team Orangefield won all five of its games to be the tournament champions. Bridge City's only loss was a thrilling contest to Orangefield in the final game on Saturday to finish in second place, and West Orange-Stark lost to Bridge City on Friday, but won on Saturday to grab third place.

The five victories by the Orangefield Bobcats concluded with what amounted to a Bayou Bowl of basketball against their across the bayou rivals the Bridge City Cardinals. The Bobcats trailed the Cardinals through most of the game before rallying in the

fourth quarter to capture a 66-61 win.

Bridge City was led by Aaden Bush who started the game hitting two three-pointers. The Cardinals jumped to a 20-13 lead in the first quarter.

The advantage got to ten points 31-21 for the Cardinals when Stephen Stone sank a three midway through the second period. Orangefield got a three from Kane Smith and the last bucket of the half from Zane Wrinkle to narrow the gap to three points 32-29 as the teams went to their locker rooms.

The Bobcats carried the momentum into the third quarter as Jaden Scales made a basket before Kady Rucker made his only points of the afternoon to give Orangefield its first lead 33-32. Bridge City went back ahead as Lincoln Breaux scored the next five points including a field goal and a free throw for a three-point play to make the score 37-33.

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TENNISON Page 3B

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**FISHING**

# Jerk Baits For Winter Fishing

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



**Chuck Uzzle**

Cooler water and air temperatures along with overcast days conjure up a recipe for the coastal plugger and big fish are the main course on the angling menu. These conditions dictate a different approach and a different mentality from the rest of the year. Some things are obvious, slowing down and paying attention to water temps and tides go without saying. The more subtle approach and bait presentation are also high on the list. At this time of the year many folks revert to slow sinking plugs in order to entice sluggish fish to bite. The slow sinking plugs like Corkies, Catch 5, and others take a little time and patience to master. Another option that is a little more user friendly is the jerk bait. Many saltwater anglers rarely use these highly effective plugs, but the ones who do often swear by them.

I really became a firm believer in how good these plugs work on late winter trip to Calcasieu. "Man can you believe this water, this is beautiful," said Capt. Johnny Cormier of Orange. Indeed it was beautiful, 3 feet deep with a mix of heavy oyster and sand that was inhabited by plenty of redfish and lunker trout or two. As we idled along studying the bottom we began to see fish darting away from the boat, most were redfish. "Let's get out and wade this" said Cormier grabbing for his gear, "hold on a minute, let's see if we get one of these out here to bite" was my reply. As Johnny found his wading belt a stout redfish found my offering, a classic Rapala jerk bait. Needless to say we never got out of the boat as the redfish continued to chew us up. Occasionally we would move a hundred yards or so until we found the fish but the pattern was the same as were the results.

On that particular trip Johnny and I both tried different options for catching those redfish, a few other lures worked but they always had some kind of drawback. A Corky stayed hung in the shell just like the soft plastics on a jig head. The top water offerings were refused and you just couldn't cast lighter baits in the wind. The solution was a shallow diving Rapala called a BX Minnow which is a medium sized diving twitch bait that floats when not being pulled. Once pulled or retrieved this model Rapala dives to about 2 or 3 feet maximum and rattles like all get out. It also will back up when you run it into structure like shell, this little pause as it floats back near the surface usually triggers violent strikes. This plug is very castable even in the wind and that rates high on the "user friendly" scale.

Other plugs that fall into this category would be the Storm Thunderstick, Smithwick Rattlin Rogue, and Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnow. A simple retrieve is all that is needed and the plug will do the rest, the results will speak for themselves. On those days when you just can't get a fish to come up and eat top water this is the next best thing. Also the fact that most of these plugs float saves you some grief as well when you break off against unseen obstructions like shell. These plugs will usually float to the surface where they can be reclaimed and put to use again. Rig these lures up with a loop knot and you can double the action or wobble that is built in to these shallow running plugs. The seductive side to side movement is difficult for even finicky fish to resist. The jerk bait is an often overlooked weapon in the saltwater fishing arsenal but during the winter this plug really shines. Give one of these lures a chance and you will be amazed at how easy they are to fish and just how productive they can be under the right circumstances.

## Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

This week's Texas Gulf Coast Fishing Reports was compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

• **Sabine Lake**

GOOD. 74 degrees. Shrimp migration has the bait fish rolling out of the marshes and birds are working leading the way to fish. Limits of trout and limits of redfish are good drifting points and bayous in Sabine Lake off the bottom in the morning with 3/4 ounce silver and gold spoons, or 3/4 ounce gold chartreuse 5 inch plastics. Early morning North Levee bite for speckled trout on topwaters, and 5 inch plastics, then live shrimp under a popping cork. There is some bird action that can land speckled trout casting under the birds. Lots of speckled trout on the North end of the lake, but mostly undersized, with redfish mixed in. Nice redfish and a few trout are good in the Neches River shell banks, points, turnarounds, rock piles and buoys using 1/4 ounce jigs with glo chartreuse plastics. Every cut has bait holding scattered catches of trout and redfish. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• **Bolivar**

GOOD. 60-65 degrees. Scattered catches of speckled trout on incoming tides at the jetties. Most anglers are fishing the late afternoon evening for speckled trout, redfish, black drum, few sheepshead and crabs off the rocks at the jetties. Reports of a vermilion snapper and lang snapper caught off the beach. Catches of small tarpon in the bays, jetties and surf. Big stingrays in the surf. Report by Shane Rilal, North Jetty Bait Camp. Fish deeper ends of the reefs or wind protected cuts with wind and cooler temperatures. The jetty holding sheepshead and trout on live shrimp close to rocks. Yates Slough's holding redfish on grass lines close to Siever's Cut. Stingaree's to Rollover holding redfish in deeper marshes on popping cork with shrimp and artificial twitch bait, or split tails. Report by Captain Ray-



The Record's Capt. Chuck Uzzle displays a nice Sabine Lake redfish.

mond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

• **Trinity Bay**

GOOD. 62 degrees. Burnett, Scott, and Tabbs Bays are good for speckled trout, the occasional redfish, black drum and sheepshead. A few oversized black drum and redfish coming from the same area. Live shrimp is working best, followed by soft plastics. Northern end of Trinity bay producing fair catches of speckled trout. Schools of bull redfish are in open water. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Trout are showing up heavily in the morning and can be caught in live shrimp under a popping cork and soft plastics. Redfish are on protected shorelines with grass and rocks and can be caught under a popping cork or weed less gulp. Sheepshead are around structures with barnacles and can be caught using a popping cork with shrimp. Drum are plentiful with the same pattern as sheepshead. Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• **East Galveston Bay**

FAIR. 59-62 degrees. Shoreline waders catching decent numbers of speck-

led trout. A few redfish roaming the bayous and drains. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter. Surface water temperature 59 degrees, water clarity is good. Points and mud flats with scattered shell have produced good catches of trout and redfish on our artificial lure trips in the 2-4 feet of water. When we find nervous bait the fish are close by, so move on if you do not see bait activity. A few birds are still working in the bay, but not as prominent as weeks passed. Fish are biting shrimp imitation lures with Fish Smack popping corks, with 14-18 inch leaders as well as Deadly Dudley Terror Tails in Blue Moon Chartreuse on 1/8 and 1/16 ounce jig heads, depending upon wind conditions and water depth, as the fish are preferring the slower fall of the lighter heads. Live shrimp has produced consistently, and provided plenty of fish fighting action for anglers fished under a popping cork and 20-24 inch leaders. The bite should continue to be great as the water cools and the days are getting shorter. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC. North shore of Smith Pointe holding redfish and trout under the birds. Gas wells in East Bay holding

black drums on the bottom with shrimp. Deep Reef to Whitehead Reef is holding fish under birds on twitch baits and soft plastic split tail in beetle green clear or just clear. Report by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

• **Galveston Bay**

FAIR. 61 degrees. Scattered catches of trout and redfish from the west shoreline from Eagle Point north coming off of shell and old pier pilings. Good catches of oversized redfish in the gas wells adjacent to Redfish Island. Best bite on live shrimp, but soft plastics have been effective. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The railway bridge by causeway holding some drum and oversized redfish biting shrimp, crab, or mullet. Bull redfish are in the channel on both jetties. The surf side is holding sheepshead and trout using shrimp under popping cork or free lined near the rocks. Redfish are in the harbor at both ends of Pelican Island Bridge. Report by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

• **West Galveston Bay**

FAIR. 62 degrees. Chocolate Bayou and Bay continues to be the hotspot for speckled trout and redfish, along the shell reefs lining the bayous edges. Anglers drifting in streak water finding fair numbers of speckled trout and redfish. Best bite on soft plastic followed by live shrimp. Waders found some good fish wading the south coves and along the north shoreline of the bay. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. While the winds are out of the north, look for sloughs off of the ICW holding fish in calmer water. The sloughs leading to Greens Lake, Carancahua Lake and Chocolate Bay holding redfish and trout watch the tides in shallows. Wader are landing trout and redfish South of Cold Pass in deeper waters. Jones Bay holding a few fish early on soft plastic. Report by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

## 'The Lakes' Fishing

• **Toledo Bend Fishing Report**

FAIR. Water clear; 62-66 degrees; 4.23 feet below pool. Fishing patterns are holdin steady. Bass are good and should only improve as the water cools. Bass are in three stages with catches up to 8 pounds. Shallow bass are in 2-6 feet of water biting spinnerbaits, chatterbaits and rattletraps. Bass in 10-18 feet of water can be caught using a big crankbait, Texas or Carolina rig worm. Deeper bass can be found in 22-28 feet of water on spoons, dropshots and any kind of deep diving bait. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• **Sam Rayburn Fishing Report**

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 58 degrees; 6.82 feet below pool. Bass are good shallow, with some bass on deeper points using rattletraps and shallow running spinnerbaits, and topwaters early. White bass are moving up the river using small rattletraps and roadrunners. Catfish are in the creeks in 12-18 feet of water biting using cut bait, or live minnows. Many sandbars and stumps so navigate with caution. Report by Captain Lynn Atkinson, Reel Um N Guide Service.

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# Lady Bobcats go undefeated in Tennison Tourney

**DAN PERRINE**  
Orange County Sports  
For The Record

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats played Kountze in their district opener on Tuesday, December 5, losing at home. This past weekend the Lady Bobcats were at home as the host team in a round robin format for the girls in the Bill Tennison Memorial Tournament.

Orangefield went 5-0 during the three day tournament. The Lady Bobcats won two games on Thursday, two more on Friday, and closed with a blowout on Saturday.

The first game on Thursday was really the toughest for Orangefield against Port Neches-Groves who the Lady Bobcats have played three times this season. The Lady Bobcats pulled out a 46-42 victory after leading most of the game for their third win over the Lady Indians.

Leading 18-7 through one quarter Orangefield saw PNG claw itself back into the game. The Lady Indians made the opening basket of the game and never led again until they went ahead 42-41 in the closing minute.

Mikayla Locke tied the game for Orangefield with a free throw. With eight seconds left Greenlea Oldham made a turnaround shot in the lane where the



Greenlea Oldham scored the winning basket for the Lady Bobcats in their opening victory over PNG.



Kaylea Gravett and Madison McCormack played well in Orangefield's winning all five of its games in the Tennison Tournament.



Rebecca Durbin was a top rebounder and Steeley Franklin provided points off the bench for Orangefield in its win over Baytown Lee.

ball seemed to hang on the rim forever before dropping through to give the Lady Bobcats the lead. Steeley Franklin iced the game sinking two clutch free throws to avoid any miracle shot ending.

Oldham had a big game with 17 points, 6 rebounds, and a steal. Brooklyn Wagoner contributed 7 points and 5 rebounds to the victory for Orangefield.

As they did against Port Neches-Groves, the Lady Bobcats played a strong first quarter in their second game against Evadale going ahead 17-6 after the first eight minutes. Orangefield had no let up this time and won every quarter to take the triumph 56-30 over the Lady Rebels.

Freshman Mikayla Locke really shined for the Lady Bobcats in this game

with 25 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists. Brooklyn Wagoner and Greenlea Oldham both scored 7 points. Paisley Reeves matched Oldham with a team high 7 rebounds.

On Friday Orangefield played Baytown Lee in the morning. The Lady Bobcats rolled to a 62-20 victory.

Mikayla Locke picked up where she left off the day before scoring 17 points, dishing out 4 assists, grabbing 2 rebounds, and making 2 steals. Steeley Franklin had her best game of the tournament with 12 points and 4 rebounds. Rebecca Durbin took rebounding honors with 12 boards. Greenlea Oldham grabbed 5 rebounds and scored 10 points.

The evening game pitted Orangefield against Nederland. Once again the Lady Bobcats started fast and finished well winning 52-27.

This was somewhat of a breakout game for Rebecca Durbin who scored 9 points to match Mikayla Locke as the high scorer for the Lady Bobcats. Greenlea Oldham tallied 8 points. Senior Kaylea Gravett played well too with 7 points, 2 steals, and 4 assists.

Olivia Smith and Madison McCormack were called up from the junior varsity to play with the varsity Lady Bobcats during the tournament. Smith actually led Orangefield in rebounds this game with 7 while McCormack scored 5 points in the fourth quarter.

Orangefield wrapped up the tournament on Saturday against Deweyville. The Lady Bobcats won 68-23 to finish the weekend undefeated.

Again Mikayla Locke was the leading Orangefield point producer with 15 adding 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Brooklyn Wagoner was in double figures with 10 points to go with 3 rebounds and a steal. Rebecca

Durbin continued her strong play grabbing 6 rebounds and scoring 8 points. Greenlea Oldham put in 6 points and pulled down 4 rebounds. Kaylea Gravett used great vision to dish out 8 assists, make 3 steals, come up with 4 rebounds all while also scoring 4 points.

Orangefield Coach Eric

Girola said the goal of the Bill Tennison Memorial Tournament is to get the Lady Bobcats ready for the district battles. "I told the girls our goal is to develop some positive momentum so we can take that into Tuesday's game with Buna.

"We got the ball rolling in that direction on Thursday, Friday we managed to keep it rolling in that direction, Saturday we finished it, and hopefully we can carry that into Tuesday. Obviously, going to Buna my former school is going to be fun, it's going to be tough. They're going to play really hard because they want to beat me, they got us last year, and it's important because it is a district game," Girola concluded.

## Tennison Tournament

From Page 1B

dinals put them up 41-34 with a basket. Mason Manning started a run for the Bobcats hitting a three-pointer from just in front of a large contingent of Bridge City students in the stands that razzed him as he took the shot.

Wrinkle of the Bobcats made two free throws and then nailed a three to put Orangefield on top 44-43 just before Bush of the Cardinals swished home his third trey of the day to give Bridge City a two-point lead. Wrinkle tied the score with a field goal, but Stone beat the buzzer with a dramatic long shot to give the Cardinals a 49-46 lead after three quarters.

Zane wrinkled the twine with a three to begin the fourth quarter that tied the score, and Griffin Thomas followed with a two to give the Bobcats a 51-49 lead. Scales potted a free throw and a bucket as Orangefield opened up a five-point advantage before Bridge City could answer in the opening minutes of the final eight minutes.

The Cardinals cut the deficit to two as Carlin drained a three pointer which was answered by a three from Smith of the Bobcats. Aiden Gutierrez sank a field goal and Carlin made two free throws to pull Bridge City within a point at 59-58, but Thomas scored again for Orangefield to pad the advantage to three points.

Orangefield hung to the slim lead and got late free throws from Wrinkle to win by five points. "This group of Bobcats is really resilient. I'm proud of them because they continued to battle. Bridge City's a really good team, they're playing really well and they made it really tough on us. I'm just happy our kids stayed the course, we finally got it going to make a run ourselves, and we were able to come out on top," Orangefield Coach Bryan Whitmire responded after the game.

Four Bobcats scored in

double figures. Jaden Scales led with 18, Griffin Thomas tallied 16, Zane Wrinkle had 14, and Kane Smith followed with 13 points.

The Cardinals only suited eight players for the game so may have been a little fatigued by the latter

part of the fourth quarter. Aaden Bush scored 17 points to lead Bridge City in scoring, Jagger Carlin made 16 points, and Lincoln Breaux registered 13 points.

The Bridge City Cardinals won their first four games of the tournament

all by double digits. The Cardinals won the first three at the junior high gym over Buna, La Marque, and Onalaska before earning the spot in the championship game with a 61-47 triumph over the West Orange-Stark Mustangs at the high school gymnasium on Friday afternoon.

The Mustangs came out

of the gate fast taking a 3-0 lead after a field goal by Jamikael Davis. Nursing sore ankles that kept him out of action on Thursday and Saturday, Davis totaled six points in the first quarter to put West Orange-Stark on top 11-7 after the first eight minutes.

A strong second quarter put the Cardinals in front

to stay. Aaden Bush scored seven points, Bryce Linder added six points, and Jagger Carlin hit a three as Bridge City outscored West Orange-Stark 17-7 in the period to take a 24-18 lead at the half.

Aiden Gutierrez popped two three-pointers early in the third quarter for the

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# Bridge City's Munoz signs to play at LSCPA

DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

Bridge City High School held a college signing event for one of their student athletes on Monday. Haley Munoz signed her scholarship to play softball with the Seahawks at Lamar State College Port Arthur.

Haley is thrilled for the chance to play softball at the next level. "I'm so excited and very thankful to have another opportunity to play softball and to go off to college. I am going for a nursing degree. I want to be an intensive care nurse," Munoz responded.

Last season was a good one for Munoz, and she is hopeful for a big year by Bridge City in softball during this her senior year. Haley expressed, "We're going to be really



Haley Munoz signed a scholarship to play softball with the Seahawks at Lamar State College Port Arthur after she graduates from Bridge City High School.  
RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

good this year. Coach us, and we're so excited to state." Coach Kylie Bradley of Bradley has done a lot for get started and make it to was named All-District

the Bridge City softball program praised Haley for her huge impact on the team. "She maybe small in stature but it shocked me how loud her presence was on the field when she is out there. It is clear to anyone who has coached her or played alongside her that Haley will do absolutely anything for her team to compete. By making sure the little things are done right, to stepping into roles and positions that need to be filled Haley has always gone above and beyond to simply do more than what is required," Bradley explained.

This coming softball season will be the fourth for Munoz to be on the Bridge City varsity. In 2021 she was selected as the Newcomer of the Year. The last two years Haley was named All-District

first as a utility player and then this past season as a catcher.

Haley's statistics were impressive during the 2023 season driving in 30 runs, collecting 36 hits, and reaching base at a sensational .508 percentage. She also had an almost perfect fielding percentage behind the plate as the Bridge City catcher.

Coach Bradley concluded, "I have no doubt that she has a very successful career ahead of her both athletically and in any of her possible endeavors to come. Lamar Port Arthur is very lucky to be getting a player like Haley. She's tough, but she is also very eager to impress her coaches, make her teammates proud, and to share her success with anyone who is a part of her athletic journey."

## Texas fans going nuts for tickets to CFP game

Staff Report

On January 1, Texas will square off against Washington in the Allstate Sugar Bowl with a chance to compete for the national championship on the line. It's a matchup that's sure to garner a significant amount of attention and there's little doubt Longhorn fans will be anxious to pack the seats in New Orleans.

There's just one problem, however.

With limited capacity at the Caesars Superdome, only 68,400 tickets have been made available for the game. And for Texas, they will have access to just 13,000 of them.

That's a significant problem for the Longhorns, who have had nearly 52,000 ticket requests — 31,694 from season-ticket holders and donors, and another 20,000 from students.



UT Longhorn Head Coach Steve Sarkisian.

Texas attempted to quell the disappointment in an e-mail earlier this week, reminding families, donors and fans that they've been shorted tickets in the past. They cited the 2006 Rose Bowl, 2009 Fiesta Bowl and 2009 BSC National Cham-

pionship Game as examples.

Ultimately, Texas encouraged those seeking tickets to check the secondary market.

"Though we will be unable to fulfill your request through the Texas allotment, tickets may be available for purchase through the official Allstate Sugar Bowl ticket seller," the

e-mail read. "You may also visit SeatGeek, the official fan-to-fan marketplace of the Texas Longhorns."

The school promises additional available tickets (20,000) for the BCS Na-

tional Championship Game should they defeat Washington and move on. In the mean time, there are going to be some hurt feelings and deserving people left out.

## Girls Hoops From Page 1B

Bridge City really blew the game open in the third quarter outscoring Jasper 21-6 to open up a 36 point lead. Kennedy Campbell scored ten points in the period including a three, Rylynn Thornton tallied seven points, while Nicole Sasser made two steals that led to layups for her.

Kennedy Campbell was Bridge City's leading scorer with 16 points followed by Rylynn Thornton who had 10 points. Kaylee Britten, Whitney Cunningham, and Nicole Sasser each had 7 points. Kailey Nelson topped the Lady Cardinals

with 6 rebounds and Abigail Janckila was right behind with 5 boards. The Bridge City defense was tight making 37 steals led by Britten who had a dozen take aways.

Bridge City hosted West Orange-Stark on Tuesday. Silsbee played at Little Cypress Mauriceville on Tuesday and will be at Bridge City on Friday. West Orange-Stark plays again on Friday at Vidor. Little Cypress Mauriceville plays its next district game on Tuesday, January 2, at home against Bridge City.

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# OC Boys Basketball From Page 1B



Bryce Linder and Coach Randall Robertson are all smiles after a win that put the Bridge City Cardinals in the championship game of the Bill Tennison Tournament.

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The West Orange-Stark Mustangs grabbed third place at Orangefield in the Bill Tennison Tournament.

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Cardinals, and Bush matched his second quarter output with another seven points. Lincoln Breaux chipped in with a field goal and two free throws to give Bridge City a 44-33 lead with a quarter to play.

The advantage stayed with the Cardinals in the final quarter as Bush banged home four field goals. Gutierrez got his third three-pointer of the game to help secure the fourteen-point win.

The high scorer in the game was Aaden Bush who totaled 22 points for the Cardinals. Aiden Gutierrez was second with 14 and Bryce Linder made 13 points for Bridge City. Eleven Mustangs got in the scorebook led by Jamikael Davis with 8 and Tahj Emerson with 7 points.

Coach Randall Robertson of Bridge City commented on the play of his Cardinals after the win. "We're playing pretty good right now, we've won ten of our last eleven. We won the Evadale Tournament and went to overtime at PNG the other night in a hostile environment which was a good game for us. The Cardinals are buying in and we're winning games in the third quarter which I always preach is the most important part of the game," Robertson exclaimed.

West Orange-Stark played the very first game of the Tennison Tournament and won an overtime game 69-58 against Evadale rallying from five points down to tie the game in the fourth quarter before dominating the extra period 11-0 to get the win. Andrew Cooper led the Mustangs with 18 points.

After the loss to Bridge City on Friday WOS faced the La Marque Cougars on Saturday in the third place game. La Marque won both of the first two quarters and led 25-18 at the half.

The third quarter proved to be the turn around for the Mustangs. Jamar O'Neal hit a three early to get the momentum rolling in their favor and

Ja'Vaughte Richard hit a three followed by a two from Braylen Solomon to tie the score 32-32 late in the quarter.

O'Neal opened the final quarter with a bucket which started an eleven point run by the Mustangs that saw them go up 43-34 after which they never trailed. Jamar scored half his points in the fourth to help ice the 53-43 win for West Orange-Stark.

Ja'Vaughte Richard said the Mustangs with 17 points. Jamar O'Neal finished with 14 points for WOS.

Coach Chris Castille said the Mustangs are rolling with the start of district action this week. "It's the second tournament in a row we got third place. We are getting better each time. I am really proud of my boys because they are always fighting. We are still going up, we have not reached our peak yet, and we are not close to it, but we are getting there," Castille emphasized.

The trip to the championship game for Orangefield was hardly an easy walk over. The Bobcats won their first two games on Thursday handily, but the competition got tougher on Friday for the home team.

Evadale gave Orangefield a scare with an eleven point half time lead before the Bobcats cut it to three going into the fourth quarter. Jaden Scales tied the game with a basket before Zane Wrinkle gave them the lead 58-55 hitting a three with ninety seconds left in the fourth.

In the final minute Orangefield had two opportunities to ice the game and go up by four points with free throws. The Bobcats missed three out of four free throws, but Garret Rawls grabbed two huge rebounds after misses to keep Orangefield in possession of the basketball.

Wrinkle made his last two free throws to put the Bobcats up by four with seconds left. Evadale scored at the buzzer to make the final score 62-60 in favor of Orangefield.

Leading the Bobcats was

Jaden Scales with 19 points followed by Zane Wrinkle with 17. Griffin Thomas had 13 and Kane Smith contributed 9 points to the exciting victory.

Things got even tighter for Orangefield against La Marque in the late Friday game which would put the winner in the championship game the next day. The Bobcats trailed by ten points with ninety seconds left in the game.

Jaden Scales nailed a three-pointer and Zane Wrinkle made two layups to cut the deficit to three with twenty seconds left. A La Marque turnover got the ball back into the Bobcats' hands, and Scales hit a tying three that sent the home town fans through the roof with their ecstasy.



Garrett Rawls grabbed two key rebounds which allowed Zane Wrinkle to sink the clinching free throws for Orangefield against Evadale.



Jamar O'Neal had 11 points and Joshua Holifield scored 19 to help West Orange-Stark defeat Jasper 70-60 on Friday.

Orangefield rode the momentum from the dramatic comeback into the overtime. The Bobcats won 46-40 to earn their

place in the championship game.

Zane Wrinkle finished the game with 18 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists, and 3

steals. In addition to Jaden Scales' dramatic three which gave him 12 points he made 6 rebounds and had 2 assists.

The Bill Tennison Tournament has prepared Orangefield for the start of district games this week. Coach Whitmire elaborated, "Really the goal is try to continue to get better every game, and we're trying to get ready for district, so I think this tournament absolutely did it by putting us in tough spots and close games which is where we learn and get better. We've got a ton of experience over the last two tournaments and I think it's made us much better."

The Orangefield Bobcats opened the district schedule on Tuesday at Buna. Their next district game will be Tuesday, January 2, at Orangefield.

The Bridge City Cardinals begin district action on Friday at Silsbee. The Cardinals play the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears on Tuesday, January 2, in Bridge City.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs play their first district game at home against the Vidor Pirates this Friday. After the Christmas holiday the Mustangs will play Tuesday, January 2, at Lumberton.

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# Tangible Acts of Christmas

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I've been ruminating on a text of Scripture that has me rethinking how I've typically sought to share the gospel with others at Christmastime.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6–8)

This is the phrase that has stuck in my mind: "God shows his love for us." And the word in that phrase that has particularly gripped me is shows. God shows his love for us.

When it comes to love, it's a matter of show and tell (and often in that order). We know love when we both see it and hear it. Words are an essential dimension of how we show our love, but it's our actions that prove the truth of our words. Love, like wisdom, "is justified by her deeds" (Matthew 11:19). Love, like faith, "if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17).

And that's what has me rethinking my approach to Christmas evangelism. I wonder if I have sought to love others with too much talk and not enough deeds.



## By This We Know Love:

You might recognize in my words the echo of another passage:

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:16–18)

There it is again. We know God's love for us by the way Jesus generously showed love toward us. And the way Jesus showed his love for us provides a profound model for how we as Christians are to show our love for one another.

We know from Jesus's holistic example, however, that we're not merely to show love to other Christians. For we are to "do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). And Jesus tells us that even our loving deeds toward other Christians speak to unbelievers: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" — love they can see (John 13:35).

## Haunted by Christmas Past

Now, the reason I'm pondering all this in the context of Christmas is because it's an annual moment when our culture's collective attention is drawn in some way toward Jesus. In the increasingly post-Christian West,

people have the general notion that at the heart of Christmas is love. They have this notion because it's an echo of the ancient story that still reverberates through Western civilization:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4–5)

Even though many misunderstand or ignore or reject this echo, it often still leaves them with a sense that Christmas is about redeeming love.

We can hear strains of the echo in many of our culture's favorite Christmas-themed stories, from A Christmas Carol to How the Grinch Stole Christmas, where deeply selfish souls experience some kind of redemption after

an encounter with transcendent love — often, like Scrooge, merciful love. They are shown love. And as a result of this encounter, they are transformed into loving souls who discover a far greater joy than they've ever known in counting others more significant than themselves. These stories are haunted by the ghost of that ancient Christmas past, when "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).

## Show the Love

Putting this all together, it's hitting me in a fresh way that Christmas is a particularly poignant time to show the love of Christ to those outside the household of faith.

So, what might that mean exactly? Well, at the time I'm writing this, which is just after Halloween, I'm not sure exactly. Because rather than planning a program, I'm planning to keep my eyes open and as the Lord's leads, to follow the needs. Christian love, as John Piper says, "is the overflow of joy in God that gladly meets the needs of others" (Desiring God, 119). Often, we can't foresee what people will need, but we

can plan to reserve some time and money so that if needs arise, there are practical channels through which our love can flow to meet them. And experience has taught me that, if I'm paying attention, rarely is there a lack of needs to meet.

Over the years, I have participated in, coordinated, and led countless Christmas events — worship services, musicals, parties, neighborhood and family gatherings — intentionally designed to present the message of the gospel to nonbelievers. And I don't regret having told them about the love of God in Christ. It is a way to show them God's love. But I do feel some regret that I haven't given more time and energy to showing more people the love of God in Christ through tangible, personal deeds. And so I'm seeking to change that — to demonstrate the truth of my words with actions of love by intentionally and prayerfully looking for ways to show the love "in deed and in truth" this year.

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