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LSCO to transform historic church for future

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Lamar State College Orange and the Stark Foundation are assuring local residents preserve the past while preparing for the future.

On Tuesday, under a clear crystal blue sky, the local college had a groundbreaking ceremony outside the old First Baptist Church building on Green Avenue in downtown Orange. “We want to preserve this beautiful building, said LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson.

PDG Architects of Houston has designed a modern style interior to serve as the new Student Success Center. G&G Enterprises, a second-generation Orange-based company, is the contractor. Natasha Garrett, CEO of the company, talked about being part of a community and saving history.

Johnson said the college is drawing many students who are the first generation of their families to attend college. The new center will be a place to welcome them and help them

with advancing their education. He said he was the first from his family to go to college.

“They’re a little nervous. I know I was,” he said about people coming to get information. He pointed out that the new LSCO Academic Building under construction is across the street from the church.

The Stark Foundation had bought and rescued the moldy building after the congregation of First Baptist Church abandoned it and moved outside the city when Hurricane Ike flooded it in September 2008.

Johnson thanked Stark Foundation President and CEO Tad McKee, along with Walter Riedel, retired president and CEO, for the donation and their support to the college. He said the foundation gives many scholarships each year to LSCO.

He also thanked State District 21 Representative Dade Phelan, for helping to get the Texas Legislature to appropriate \$6 million for the new center.

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Thieves take antique doors from Evergreen Mausoleums

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Thieves at historic Evergreen Cemetery in Orange have stolen glass and bronze doors off three mausoleums of people related to the 19th Century timber baron Henry Jacob Lutchter, who died in 1912.

Some of the people interred in the Lutchter mausoleum include three people instrumental to the early development of the University of Texas with their names still prominent on the Austin campus.

According to the Texas Historical Marker at the cemetery, the first burial there is believed to have been in 1840. The cemetery is on Border Street a couple of blocks south of the Orange County Courthouse.

A descendant of the family, Corey Stark of Or-

ange, said he fears the thieves may melt down the doors for the metal. He discovered the missing Lutchter mausoleum doors on Friday and reported them missing to Orange police.

He talked with Dr. Frank Brown, a retired college professor and descendant of the family, and learned the Brown mausoleum doors were also missing, along with those of the Slade family. One of the Browns married a Slade. Those doors may have been missing for two weeks.

Stark said the Lutchter mausoleum doors were taken sometime last week and he estimated they may weigh 600 to 800 pounds. He said he knows someone with a business on Border Street and will re-

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Tad McKee and Walter Riedel from the Stark Foundation, along with LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson and Texas Speaker of the House Dade Phelan participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the college's new student success center in the 1913 downtown Baptist Church. The Stark Foundation bought the building and saved the inside from hurricane flood mold and donated it to the college.

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Sheriff candidates face off as early voting nears



Sheriff Mooney



Bobby Smith



Mike Sanchez



Ron Dischler

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Three challengers to incumbent Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney said they want to improve relationships between the Orange County Sheriff's Office and other agencies. Mooney said he stands on his work of the past three years, which includes negotiating a new contract with deputies and getting them pay raises.

The four appeared in a question and answer forum last week that was sponsored by the Orange County Republican Party. All four are running in the March 4 party primary with no Democrats running to challenge the winner in the November

primary.

Early voting will start on Tuesday, February 20.

Mooney is seeking his second four-year term after winning to replace retiring sheriff Keith Merritt. Ron Dischler, a lieutenant with the Beaumont Police Department and longtime resident of Orange County, is a challenger, along with Vidor ISD Police Chief Mike Sanchez, and former Texas Ranger Major Bobby Smith, who said he retired to run for Orange County Sheriff. All four have years of law enforcement experience.

Sanchez was not able to attend the forum because he was diagnosed with Covid. His wife appeared

for him with his answers. All candidates were given the questions ahead of time. The questions had been submitted to the party online days earlier. The chair of the Hardin County Republican Party was the moderator.

One question involved the county's former HIT unit, or Homicide Investigation Team. Different police and county agencies assigned officers to respond immediately to anywhere in the county that had a murder.

Mooney said he did not “shut down” the HIT unit. He said “it was gone before I got there.” He said District Attorney John Kimbrough told him the unit had quit functioning.

Dischler, Sanchez, and Smith all said they would bring back the HIT unit. Dischler pointed out the he had worked as a homicide sergeant for Beaumont police and it's good to have assigned people to do the work needed for the investigation immediately. Sanchez said manpower is needed on such investigations and he would get back the unit. Smith said he had worked with HIT representing the Texas Rangers and he supports the unit.

One question was how would each candidate, as sheriff, handle a call someone from the FBI, ATF, or other federal

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OCP presents musical review fundraiser

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Love is in the Air for the Orange Community Players this Friday and Saturday as the group holds a musical review fundraiser at the Orange Train Depot.

The group of amateur theater performers and crews continue to raise money to remodel the old Twin Cinema on Bowling Lane into a theater build-

ing. The group, which dates back to the 1950s, had to abandon its longtime theater on Division Avenue in downtown because of hurricane floods in recent years. Flood insurance became too expensive to keep that building.

The theme “Love is in the Air” will cater to “friends and lovers” with a variety of songs with romantic themes. Tickets are \$45 each and include

wine, hors d'ouvres before the show and dessert served at intermission. Tickets are available at Lookin' Good Studios at Northway Shopping Center off 16th Street in Orange, or through the Orange Community Players Facebook page.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, and Saturday, February 17. The performance will begin at 7:37 p.m., the traditional time start for

OCP productions. The unusual time was set decades ago because a train regularly ran through the city at one time, bringing a few minutes delay.

The Orange Train Depot is the century-old Southern Pacific Railroad station saved and renovated 10 years ago by the non-profit group Friends of the Orange Depot. The depot is at 1210 Green Avenue in Orange.

Graveyard theft

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Doors made of bronze and glass were stolen from the Lutch-er mausoleum in Orange's Evergreen Cemetery sometime during the past week. Doors to two other mausoleums of prominent Orange residents were also discovered missing from the cemetery, which dates back to 1840. Anyone with information about the doors should contact the Orange Police Department at 409-883-1026.

view the security camera recordings to see if any trucks passed by at night that may have been carrying heavy loads.

Stark has worked before in the funeral and cemetery business and recalls when some 300 metal grave vases were stolen from a Beaumont cemetery.

He said it is against the law in Texas and other states to sell statuary or

other items taken from cemeteries. Antique dealers may recognize that the doors have come from cemetery mausoleums, he said. Reputable antique dealers will report to police anyone trying to sell such funerary items.

However, thieves looking to sell scrap metal may break down the doors and melt the metal, he said.

Evergreen Cemetery is operated by a non-profit

board and has more than 7,500 people interred there. The cemetery is fenced, but gates are left open and in recent years, some of the drives have been paved.

The theft of the mausoleum doors are all that appear to be disturbed at this time. Urns with ashes in some of the mausoleums have been taken into the cemetery's offices for safe keeping until the doors can be replaced.

Sergeant Henry with the Orange Police Department said Monday afternoon the thefts were reported on Friday afternoon and were assigned to detectives on

Monday. At this time, the investigation is in the beginning phases. If anyone sees anything that resembles such antique doors, they should contact the Orange Police Department at 409-883-1026.

Henry Jacob Lutch-er, his wife, Frances Ann Lutch-er, and their two daughters moved to Orange from Pennsylvania in 1876 for the Lutch-er and Moore Lumber Company. The company once owned vast amounts of acreage in Texas and Louisiana, plus operated a number of sawmills.

Daughter Miriam Lutch-er married William Stark, and daughter Carrie Lutch-er married Dr. Edgar Brown Sr.

William Stark served as a

regent for the University of Texas and sent his and only surviving child, H.J. Lutch-er Stark, to the university. Lutch-er Stark had the first automobile on campus and served as manager of the school's football team. He is given credit for naming the university team as Long-horns.

Lutch-er Stark and his father later served on the UT board of regents at the same time, and Lutch-er was named chair of the committee to build Memorial Stadium in the 1920s. He served as chairman of the board of regents for a number of years and oversaw the growth of the campus.

He married Nita Hill, the daughter of prominent Austin physician Dr. Homer

Hill, who served as the foot-ball team's doctor from 1893 until his death in 1923. Moore-Hill Hall at the university is named in the physician's honor. Hill and his wife, along with Nita, are interred in the Lutch-er mausoleum.

The Stark Library in the UT Tower serves as the president's office and the H.J. Lutch-er Stark Center for Physical Culture and Sports is next to Memorial Royal Stadium on the campus.

William, Miriam, their infant daughter who died in the 1800s, along with Lutch-er and Nita Hill are among those in the mausoleum.

Public invited to Hamfest

Amateur radio operators in the region will be gathering Saturday, February 24, at the Orange County Expo Center and the public is invited to attend to learn more about the radio operators who talk with others around the world. And sometimes, out of the world.

Mike Mansh-ack of Orange, one of the organizers, said amateur radio operators are able to speak with astronauts in the International Space Station as it passes over them.

The event will be from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on February 24. Admission is \$10 per person with youth ages 12 and younger admitted free.

The event will include flea market with people often selling a variety of old communications parts and devices, along with radio dealers who will display their wares. "There's a lot of merchandise, new and used," Mansh-ack said.

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Two BCHS students earn All-State

In the heart of Bridge City High School's musical landscape, two stand-out talents have emerged, each wielding their own instrument with finesse and passion. Tyler Anderson, with the Tenor Trombone, and Ian Roberts, on the trumpet earned a spots in the All-State Band.

Tyler Anderson and Ian Roberts, are members of the Bridge City High School Band that per-

formed with the Texas All-State 5A Symphonic Band on February 10, 2024, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio as part of the 2024 Texas Music Educators Associations Clinic/Convention.

Tyler and Ian were chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at the District, Region, and Area levels. Tyler and Ian both

are members of the Bridge City High School Band, under the direction of Tami Goss. Tami is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association. TMEA is a 14,000+ member organization headquartered in Austin. This is Tyler and Ian's first time performing as a member of the TMEA All-State organization. Tyler is the son of Curtis and Lisa Anderson. Ian Roberts is the son of Joey and Dana Rob-

erts.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. 1,875 students were selected through the process that began with over 70,000 students from around the state vying for this honor to perform in one of the 18 ensembles.

Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All-State competition.

These All-State students participated in four



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LSCO

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Phelan not only represents Orange County in the state legislature, but he is serving his second term as speaker of the house, one of the most influential positions in state government.

Phelan also has helped LSCO get the legislature to cut tuition by half, which has increased enrollment, Dr. Johnson said. The college is now gaining a reputation of training people to work in local industries in different job fields.

Phelan praised LSCO for getting new generations to higher learning. "You are only as strong as your next generation," he said.

The speaker also said when he first ran for state representative, his goal was to work to increase the population of Southeast Texas. He said the re-

gion is now growing.

Last week, he was at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a the new local hospital and medical center. The new LSCO project is "just another week in Orange County," he said.

McKee, Riedel, and Phelan donned hard hats and helped move the ceremonial shovel of sand during the event. Dr. Johnson wore a green satin bow tie to represent the LSCO colors of orange and green. An alligator figurine, for the Gators mascot, was in front of the shovels.

The red brick church, designed in the classic Greek Revival style, has a silver metal dome and is a landmark. It was dedicated in 1913. Thirteen years ago, the church congregation offered to sell the city the block for a new fire station. A number of peo-

ple protested the idea of tearing down the brick sanctuary with one now-deceased longtime member saying the church was built with money raised by members and not donated by a millionaire's wife.

McKee said the church had removed most of everything inside the building and it was so full of mold that it had to be gutted. Stained glass windows still remain, though, and will add colored sun-rays to the new center.

Also attending the ceremony were presidents of the three other Lamar colleges--Lamar University, Lamar Institute of Technology, and Lamar State College Port Arthur. The schools are under the Texas State University System.

Sheriff candidates

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agency was trying to take away their guns.

"I will not assist a federal or state agency that is going to come in and violate a citizen's Second Amendment right," Dischler said. He described himself as a "constitutional sheriff."

The constitutional sheriff theory is growing with the idea that a county sheriff is the highest law within the county and can supersede the federal government's authority.

Sanchez's reply was "I support the Second Amendment and I will stand by our law-abiding citizens."

Smith said as a citizen of Texas and the United States, he believes in the Second Amendment and the Fourth Amendment, which requires a "reasonable search." He said if a citizen calls about someone "seizing his weapons without probable cause," he would protect the rights of the citizen.

"I'm a strict Second Amendment supporter and there will be nobody coming into our county to take our guns," Mooney said.

Early voting will begin Tuesday, February 20, because the 19th is the Presidents Day holiday. Sites in Orange County are the Orange Public Library in downtown Orange, Mauriceville Community Center on Cohenour Road, Orange County Airport on Highway 87 South, and the Raymond Gould Community Center on Claiborne Street in Vidor.

Any registered Orange County voter with proper ID will may go to any one of the sites. The hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, through Friday, February 23; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 24; 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 25; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, February 26, through Friday, March 1.

Other contested local races include District 21 State Representative with David Covey of Mauriceville and Alicia Davis of Jasper County are running against incumbent Dade Phelan, who currently also serves as speaker of the house.

Also locally, Precinct 2 Constable Jeremiah Gunt-

er is being challenged by Harold Hass and David C. Bailey. Precinct 4 Constable Matt Ortego is facing Sheriff's Captain Joey Jacobs.

Orange County Republican Party Chair Leo Labouvie III is being challenged by Cheryl Warren in a party chair race that is drawing more attention than usual for that position.

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From the Creaux's Nest

BIDEN INNOCENT - VICTIM OF CHEAP SHOT

The fact that President Joe Biden is a senior citizen is not going to go away. The world is full of successful senior citizens and the president is one of them. Accomplishments in his first term in office are remarkable, and yes, people accuse him of being a senior citizen in that campaign. Through his many years of service, along with getting older, he gained the knowledge that has made him the most experienced and knowledgeable person on both foreign and domestic affairs in the country. No one has more years of government service. His aids say he's always the sharpest in the room and always on top of the subject. Personally, I consider age just a number. Warren Buffett runs the country's most successful business, he's 94. Rupert Murdoch, Fox CEO, is 93. Hundreds of movie executives are in their late 80's. I consider 80 the new 65. When I was a child the life expectancy was in the 50's. I've told you before I have attorney friends in their mid-80's who are still practicing law and winning. My friend Ray Cotton is 93 and calls anyone under 85 "a kid." Joe Biden is in good health both physically and mentally. Political observers strongly criticized the special counsel, Robert Hur, for extensively discussing the president's age and allegedly fading memory in his report on Biden's retention of classified information from his time as a senator and as vice-president, which did not produce an indictment. Hur, who Donald Trump appointed US attorney for Maryland "could not refrain from investigative excess," said Bob Bauer, Biden's personal counsel. Others raised the specter of James Comey, the FBI director who in 2016 investigated Hillary Clinton over her use of private email in office. Declining to indict, Comey chose instead to publicly cast doubt on Clinton's character, an act widely held to have helped tip the election for Trump. Dan Pfeiffer, a Barack Obama adviser turned commentator, called Hur's report "a partisan hit job." "It's hard to read the report and not think that, without the ability to charge Biden with a crime, Hur wanted to damage him politically," Pfeiffer added. "If Biden acts like Hur says, we would all know. Biden meets with dozens of people daily, if he was regularly misremembering, or making other mistakes that suggested he was not up to the job, it would be in the press. Washington is not capable of keeping something like that secret." By the way, if Donald Trump is elected he would be the oldest senior citizen to ever be elected president of the United States.

TURNING BACK THE HAND OF TIME

10 Years Ago-2014

We were saddened by the death of our longtime friend, **Chief Steve Faircloth**, 63. We had known Steve and his entire family for many years. His late father, Lee, mother Doris, brother **Scott** and wife Dorothy have all preceded him in death. Only his sister Pat and daughter Stephanie remain. The Faircloth's were a proud family who adopted Bridge City over 50 years ago to raise their family. They became an important community minded family. They helped pioneer the young city of Bridge City. Steve serving as Police **Chief for 12 years**, serving a total of 28 years in the Bridge City **Police Department** before his health forced him to retire. ****It didn't take long; retailers across Colorado are baking, injecting, spraying and infusing marijuana in every conceivable food as the race to meet the demand for edible pot. Brownies are best known. Pot in candy, olive oil, granola bars, chocolate truffles and even spaghetti sauce is being pot made.****Last week, a ribbon cutting was held at the new Expo Center. It's a real Orange County treasure. What some people don't know is that the center was the brain child of **Don Kachtik**, one of Bear Bryant's boys at A&M and former Agent for Orange County. The CHAMPS organization raised **\$134,000** to buy the land and donated it to the county. ****Gene Smith is doing a great job as Orange County Veterans Officer**** In 2013, on Feb. 13, we lost Joyce young, the wife of our friend Kenneth. Joyce was a special lady and friend.**** Celebrating is a man we have long respected, **Robert Montagne**, former Orangefield superintendent. ****On Feb. 16, our buddy Port Director Keith Wallace celebrates. ****Michael **Sam** is moving the bar. He will test the mindset of the NFL as the only openly gay pro-football player. I'm sure he's not the first but you have to admire him being courageous enough to say, "Here I am and I'm gay."

20 years Ago-2004

Bridge City Chamber honors Tom Perry as "Ambassador of the Year." Past president Lou Raburn said, "No one has ever deserved it more. When you think of ambassador you think of Tom." (Editor's note: Tom died a few years ago but while he was

with us he worked every day to make his community better.)****Friday the 13th brought good luck for Mike Cedars, who took over as **Chief Appraiser** for the Orange County Appraisal District when his friend Pat Sanderson retired. (Editor's note: Mike has since retired.)****Joe **Grossman** celebrates his 85th birthday Feb. 11. ****Tommy Gunn and **Steve Parkhurst** announce the formation of the law firm **Gunn & Parkhurst, Attorneys at Law**. ****Major League pitcher John **Patterson** works out at Sam Moore's indoor baseball facility, "**The Zone**," with W.O.-S senior catcher Ryan Crouch before returning to the Diamondbacks. Patterson a graduate of W.O.-S signed a pro contract right out of high school in 1997. ****Judge **Don Burgess** is giving up his seat on the 9th Court of Appeals. Re-districting has made it very difficult to out vote the Woodlands and Houston area.

45 years Ago 1979-2004

Lennie Rutledge is named the 1979 Woman of the Year at a banquet given in her honor by the Bridge City Business and **Professional Women's Club**. **Jeanne Wood** made the presentation of Lennie's life with poster sized photos from childhood to the present. Rutledge is married to Gene Rutledgs, who is post master of Corrigan. They have three children and two grandchildren. ****Joe Grossmam has relocated his jewelry store from Sulphur to Orange, across from Northway Shopping Center. Joe also celebrates his birthday Feb. 11.****Gerland's food chain opens its new store on MacArthur Drive. The store will employ over 100 workers.****Cynthia Hooks celebrated her birthday on Feb. 10. A beautiful lady who is married to Dan Ray. ***W.T. Oliver "**Boss Cajun**" will be a year older Feb. 15. ** Clint Britt will turn 17 Feb. 16. ****Bridge City boxers, the Pipp's brothers, dominated regional tournament. James, Joseph and Patrick each won his respective boxing match. The Bridge City Boxing Club won the team trophy at the Beaumont City Auditorium. Coach Roy Bendy said, "We entered the tournament with 17 boys and had 13 in the finals and won nine of those fights."****Sen. Carl Parker sponsors bill to permit hunting in Sea Rim Park. ****Melonee **Willey**, a 16-year-old junior at LC-M, will represent the Future Farmers of America Chapter at the district Sweetheart Banquet. She will compete with 24 other candidates from around the area for the title of District Sweetheart. Melonee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Willey.

50 years Ago 1974-2004

Andy Griffin, 37, head coach and athletic director at White Oak will assume those duties at Bridge City on March 1. Griffin replaces H.W. Chief Wilson who resigned to become vocational adjustment coordinator in the BC school district. Griffin's hiring was recommended by **Superintendent Glenn Pearson**. **** LC-M Bearets are basketball zone champions. Team members are Angela Kanoy, Theresa Duncan, Debbie **McClelland**, Debbie **Martinez**, Molly **Malone**, Doris **Flanagan**, Sheryl **Miller**, Julia **Knight**, Tanya **Strickland**, Karen **Kachtik**, Becky **Dunn**, Linda **Bean**, DeDe **Crawford**, Donna **Peveto**, Brenda **Burch** and Linda **Warner**.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS-CHIEFS REPEAT

Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce and the **Kansas City Chiefs** are back-to-back **Super Bowl** champions. Mahomes threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to **Mecole Hardman** in overtime, and the **Chiefs** rallied to beat the **San Francisco 49ers** 25-22 on Sunday, becoming the first **repeat Super Bowl** champions in 19 years and ninth overall. With pop star **Taylor Swift** watching boyfriend **Kelce** from a suite, the **Chiefs** captured their third title in five years and firmly established themselves as a dynasty.**** The Big Apple is getting some more Orange. **Boxer O'Shaquie Foster** from Orange will defend his **WBC title** at the famous **Madison Square Garden** in New York City on Friday. **Foster** won the super featherweight title last year and has successfully defended it. On Friday, he's being challenged by **Abraham Nova**. Heard there's some locals who will be going to watch the big fight.****Orange's **Mardi Gras celebration** was early, leaving time for people here to go to other places to party and catch beads. **County Commissioner Johnny Trahan** with wife, **Becky**, daughter, **Cody Tand**, **Kathy Mullins-Brown**, and **Tiffany Brown** went to New Orleans during the weekend to see some parades and attend a ball.****Orange **City Councilor Paul Burch** and husband **Raul**, were in Crystal Beach for that seaside town's parade and then headed into Galveston for the night parade. **Leslie Williams** and **Tanya Guillotte** did the same. **Paul** and **Tanya** are expected to be singing on Friday and Saturday at the **Train Depot** for the Orange Community Players fundraiser.****The **Ragsdales**, **Randy** and **Paula**, plus daughters (and coaches) **Sarah Nash** and **Rebekah Ragsdale** had their own float in Crystal Beach. They gathered there with **Paula's McClelland** family, including her sister **Myra McClelland Sanders**, cousins **Colburn** and **Angie McClelland**, plus **Wes** and **Michelle McClelland** were also there.******Dayle Ezell Foreman** helped gather a group to travel on a bus sponsored by the **Shriners** to Iota, Louisiana, for a traditional **Cajun Mardi Gras** celebration on **Fat Tuesday**. **Gina** and **Skipper Yeaman**, along with **Tom** and **Becky Henry** were on the trip.******Ishmael Jack** headed to Lafayette on Tuesday for celebrations there.****The Orange **Train Depot** had another bingo fundraiser on Sunday to help preserve the historic train station. Board members **Rose Simar** and **Paul Burch** helped call out the numbers, and if there's anything to do with the depot or **Orange Community Players**, you can bet **Diana Hill** will be there. Her energy and devotion seem to never end.******Denisha** and **Matthew LaFleur** held a **Super Bowl party** for a crowd Sunday. Seen enjoying the game, food, and company were **Lori Ardoin**, **Gina** and **Skipper Yeaman**, **Charlotte Alford**, and **Juanita Smith**.******Teresa** and **Steve Kovatch** went to the

Dallas area to visit daughter and son-in-law **Kerry** and **Sam Horton**. But the main reason could be to see their grandsons.******Steve** and **Gail Maddox** are jet-setting again, this time to Australia.****Check out the specials at **Danny's Super Food**, Western Ave. in West Orange. Lots of great bargains and while you're there check out their famous **special-made Boudin**. **Best in town**.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Feb. 14: Valentine's Day**. Having birthdays today are **T.W. Permenter**, **Fred Kennedy** and **Judy Harrison**.******Feb. 15: Robert Montagne** and **Drew Domas**.******Feb. 16: Clint Britt**, Port Commissioner **Keith Wallace**, **Inez Jones**, **Judy Brownlie**, **Mandy LeBauve** and **Ann McDuff**.****Feb. 17: **Norman Berry** turns 84 today. Others celebrating are **Kim Harmon**, **Melissa Tuttle**, **Rolf Schulz**, **Alayna George**, **Tom Edwards** and **Ashley Floyd**.****Feb. 18: **Bernice Say**, **Justin Broussard**, **Jeremy Crocker**, **Betty Drachenberg**, **Betty Smith**, **Leah Gunstream** and **Charlotte North**. The late **John Lennon's** wife, **Yoko Ono**, turns 91 today.****Feb. 19: **Ruby Sanders**, **Christy Faulk**, **Darrin Havens**, **Jason Clark** and **Martha Pittman**.****Feb. 20: **Ty Broussard**, **Nathan Dickman**, **Ron Teaff**, **Sydney Peet** and **Allison Floyd**. ** Birthdays the past week included, **Marty Monogue**, **Jennier Restauri Dickinson**, **Haylee Spears**, **Diane Vaughan**, **Logan Poluk**, **David Ibarra Jr.**, **Polly Peveto McNeel**, **Jada Campbell**, **Tricia Gordon**, **Cynthia Hooks**, **Bucky Thomas**, and **Cristy Reves**.******Logan** and **Alyssea Comor** had their first wedding anniversary.*****Greg** and **Bridget Trahan** celebrated their anniversary with bingo at the **Train Depot**.*****Bohn** and **Susan Dorman** marked their 46th anniversary. Congratulations to all.

(Notice: To place a birthday or anniversary announcement in this publication **free of charge** call 409-886-7183 or email to therecordlive.com.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Orellia Comeux and **Josie Menard** were talking dem and Orellia her, was complaining dat her husband always came home late, no matter how she try to stop him. **Josie** responded, "Once my old man him, came home at tree o'clock in da morning and from my bed I called out, Jim, is dat you honey? And dat cured him yea." "Cured him? Orellia ax, but how's dat, hanh?" **Josie** answer, "Well, my old man's name him, is Clovis."

TRUMP ENCOURAGES RUSSIA TO ATTACK NATO ALLIES

Donald Trump's claim that he once told a NATO ally that he would encourage Russia "to do whatever the hell they want" to "delinquent" members of the group sent shockwaves through Europe over the weekend. As he moved closer to winning the Republican presidential nomination, a third straight time, Trump's tightening grip on the GOP is reshaping the party's traditional defense of longstanding military alliances and rejection of Moscow, positions that date back to the days of the Soviet Union. Trump has a long history of denigrating NATO, and former administration officials say he repeatedly threatened to withdraw the U.S. from the alliance that has been central to U.S. policy for decades. Former U.N. Ambassador **Nikki Haley**, now Trump's last major rival for the Republican nomination, told reporters Monday she was "appalled" by Trump's comment and questioned why he was siding against "our allies who were with us after 9/11." President Biden said Trump's remarks were un-American and dangerous. **Trump** "talked many times about getting out of NATO behind closed doors and publicly. So that's just a fact." **John Bolton**, Trump's former national security adviser and now a strident critic, said he believed **Trump** would almost certainly try to withdraw from NATO if he wins a second term. **Trump** is often criticized for praising **Russian President Vladimir Putin** and suggesting cuts to **aid to Ukraine** as it fights **Russia's** offensive. **Trump's** comments came at a rally in Conway, South Carolina, where he told a familiar story aimed at demonstrating his negotiating prowess. "I said, 'You didn't pay? You're delinquent?'" **Trump** recounted telling the person. "He said: 'Yes. Let's say that happened.'" **No I would not protect you,"** **Trump** said, adding: "In fact, I would **encourage** them to do whatever the hell they want." It remains unclear whether the conversation **Trump** recounted Saturday actually took place. The former president has a long history of **fabrications and exaggerations**. Aides declined to answer questions about the conversation.

C'EST TOUT

Today, Wednesday, February 14, Valentine's Day, is also the first day of Lent. The religious season will last 40 days ending Easter Sunday. Being raised a Catholic youngster my family took very seriously the Lenten season and attended all church ceremonies. We never ate meat on Friday and many Catholics still observe that tradition. Those were special times in my youth that have never left me.****Election Day, March 5, is fast approaching. Early Voting begins February 20 and ends March 1. We suggest you look the candidates over. We thank them for offering themselves to public service. Also despite local elections just in Republican Primaries, it is also the Democratic Primaries for state and national contestants. Don't stay home just because there are no local races. Red or Blue, VOTE. **** I'd best finish up and get this turned in. Be sure to read us cover to cover. Shop our family of advertisers when you can and tell them we sent you. Thanks for your time. **Take care and God bless**.

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- Re-instating vital programs such as the Homicide Investigations Team, the Multi-Agency SWAT Team, and the Highway Criminal Interdiction Team.
- Rebuilding the Narcotics Division to encompass all aspects of narcotics enforcement within the neighborhoods throughout ALL areas of Orange County.
- Restoring essential communication with the Orange County District Attorney’s Office. This will increase the efficiency of the investigation, case preparation, prosecution, conviction, and providing dispositions for crime victims.
- Assessing Law Enforcement services for area schools, churches, and businesses to better assist and enhance their security.
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Deaths & Memorials

Charles Kenneth Hall, 68, BC

Charles Kenneth Hall, 68, of Bridge City, Texas passed away on February 7, 2024 at CHRISTUS St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 am, Saturday, February 24 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bridge City, Texas. Officiating will be Pastor Paul Zoch.

Visitation will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, February 23 at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Charles was born in Columbus, Ohio on September 21, 1955 to Donald Earl Hall, Jr. and Iva Lois (Hammond) Hall.

Charles was a graduate of Bellaire High School, Bellaire, Texas and a graduate of Southwest Texas University (Texas State University), San Marcos, Texas. He worked for several companies before he found his niche in the area that interested him. He enjoyed offshore and onshore seismic surveying and worked for Marine Technical Services (MTS) in Stafford, Texas on a Geophysical Survey boat followed by John E. Chance and Associates (acquired by Fugro Geoservices), Lafayette, La. He spent much time on the water in the Gulf of Mexico as well as many freezing winters in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. He worked in the seismic business for nearly forty years before retiring. He was proud to be known as a “Doodlebugger” along with his fellow rowdy Doodlebuggers. Charles met his wife, Ann, when she worked as a temp for MTS and they married nearly 5 years later.

Charles was always there to help with any fixit jobs for his family, friends or church. Whatever he did not already know how to fix, he would research thoroughly and learn how to fix it – this started long before you could “Google” it. He loved spending time with his family, especially his three wonderful grandchildren, who knew him as “Pops”. He could talk forever to his buddies about cars and boats. He loved motorcycles, classic rock



Charles Kenneth Hall

music (especially Tom Petty and ZZ Top), classic GM cars (especially corvettes), and radio-controlled airplanes. He enjoyed watching Nascar on television every weekend – new races or the old, old ones. On his last vacation, he and Ann went to Indianapolis for a tour of the Indy 500 raceway – it was exciting to stand on that track. Charles and Ann loved going on cruises with their friends, visiting other

countries (traveling in general), and attending music concerts (which was strongly “encouraged” by Ann). Pastor Paul Zoch said he was going to truly miss all of the help that Charles provided to the church for the parade floats and any building project that was going on. His array of tools was greatly appreciated as well as his ability to use them.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Iva Lois and Donald Hall, Jr. of Houston, Texas, grandparents Pearl and Allison Hammond of Angleton, Texas, and Millicent Hall, Sarah Hall, and Donald Hall, Sr. of Columbus, Ohio.

He is survived by Celia Ann (McCallum) Hall, his loving wife of 38 years of Bridge City, his son William Charles Hall and his wife Desiree of Bridge City, his daughter Evangeline Marie Hall Jowell and her husband Houston of Houston; grandchildren – Lauren Scott, Isaac Hall, Blaire Hall; three brothers Allison Hall of College Station, Wesley and his wife Karen Hall of College Station, Craig Hall of New Braunfels; sister-in-law Jeanne Bulnes of Houston, brothers-in-law Billy McCallum, Jr. of San Augustine and Bryan McCallum of Carthage; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and other loving family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bridge City, The American Cancer Society or The Alzheimer’s Association.



First Baptist- Bridge City named ‘Business of the Month’

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that First Baptist Church Bridge City has been named Business of the Month for January 2024. They were presented an award at the February Networking Coffee hosted by Factory Outlet Flooring. Pictured are: Wanda McGraw, Keith Royal, Kevin Bourque, and Dana Bourque.

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Orangefield beats Kountze to tie for first

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

A battle for first place in the district standings was fought Friday night, February 9, at Orangefield Gymnasium. The Bobcats captured a tense 60-55 victory over the Kountze Lions.

Orangefield with the win moved into a tie for first place in District 22-3A with Kountze. Both teams are 12-1 in district with a game to play, so a seeding game will be played if the Bobcats and Lions both won their final games of the regular season on Tuesday, February 13.

The gym at Orangefield was packed on the home side as well as the visitor side. The fans were enthusiastically loud in both stands throughout the whole contest as would be expected for such an important game.

Kountze took the initial lead with a basket which was answered by the Bobcats' Jaden Scales who hit the first of his four three pointers that night to put Orangefield on top 3-2. The Lions regained the lead briefly before Scales hit another basket to give the Bobcats a 5-4 advantage.

A free throw tied the game for Kountze, but Scales was red hot and hit



Dan Perrine his next three field goal attempts including another shot from beyond the three point line as Orangefield went on top 13-7. Zane Wrinkle got in on the action hitting a three pointer and a field goal sandwiched around the third three of the quarter by Jaden and a basket by Kountze to stretch the Bobcat lead to 12 points at 21-9. A three at the buzzer by the Lions made the score 21-12 after one period.

Scales and Wrinkle continued putting points on the board in the second quarter. Jaden made a steal and a bucket for the first points of the period and added another three later to have 21 points at the half. Wrinkle scored five points to reach double digits after two quarters.

Posts Garrett Rawls and Kady Rucker both got buckets in the second. Rucker also blocked a shot that got the Orangefield faithful on their feet. The Bobcats enjoyed a 35-25 lead as the teams went to the locker rooms.

Kane Smith of the Bobcats made a beautiful reverse layup early in the third quarter for his first points of the game. Mason Manning grabbed a



Aaden Bush of Bridge City scored double digits in both of the Cardinals' wins that clinched second place in district for them.

rebound which he put back in the hole for two points, and Griffin Thomas made the last basket of the third quarter to keep Orangefield ahead by five points 44-39 with eight minutes to play.

Kountze raised the in-

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Orangefield honored its senior basketball players Kamden Hare, Garrett Rawls, Zane Wrinkle, Kane Smith, Scotty Szakmeister, and Kady Rucker prior to Friday night's game with Kountze.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Lady Bobcats advance in basketball playoffs



Lady Cardinals Nicole Sasser, Kennedy Campbell, and Kaylee Britten all scored in double figures to help Bridge City beat Lumberton in the final regular season game and force a seed game against the Lady Raiders.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The state playoffs in girls high school basketball began Monday, February 12, with three local teams participating. Both Bridge City and Little Cypress Mauriceville in Class 4A as well as Orangefield in Class 3A earned spots to the post season.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats have advanced to the second round of the state basketball playoffs. Orangefield beat the Woodville Lady Eagles 51-48 in overtime at Kirbyville on Monday.

The Lady Bobcats were led by their fantastic freshman Mikayla Locke who scored 20 points, grabbed 2 rebounds, and made 2 steals. Rebecca Durbin was dominate inside achieving a double double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Steeley Franklin made phenomenal contributions with 8 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals, and 2 assists. Greenlea Oldham fought



Mikayla Locke scored 20 points to help Orangefield beat Woodville and advance to the second round of the state basketball playoffs.

hard for 9 rebounds and added 5 points to the winning Orangefield effort.

The win allows the Lady Bobcats to move on to the Area Round of the post season. Orangefield will face the winner of the Anderson Shiro and Boling playoff with details to come after the opponent is determined.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats finished the regular season with a 12-2 record which earned them second place in District 22-3A behind first place Kountze. The Lady Bob-

GIRLS Page 5B

FIRST TERM SUCCESS

33% PROPERTY CRIME DECREASE; 7% CRIME REDUCTION AS A WHOLE

With all the uncertainties in the world, there remains one constant: Jimmy Lane Mooney. Now is not the time to change the safety of Orange County with doubt and instability. In the upcoming election for Orange County Sheriff, the choice is clear: re-elect Jimmy Lane Mooney to continue the progress and safety enhancements that have marked his tenure.

Crime Reduction and Progress: Under Sheriff Mooney's leadership, Orange County has seen remarkable progress in reducing crime rates. With a 33% decrease in property crime and an overall 7% reduction in crime, our community is undeniably safer than before. Sheriff Mooney's proactive approach to policing, as well as reopening substations in Vidor and Mauriceville, has empowered deputies to address issues head-on, leading to tangible results.

Leadership in Crisis: Sheriff Mooney has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to Orange County, even in times of crisis. During natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey and Tropical Storm Imelda, he was on the front lines, personally rescuing citizens from floodwaters. His commitment to serving and protecting our community knows no bounds.

Professionalism and Accountability: Sheriff Mooney holds himself and his team to the highest standards of professionalism and accountability. By bringing in proper professional training and settling union contracts, he has fostered harmony within the Sheriff's Office and ensured that deputies are well-prepared to handle any situation.

Keeping Promises and Making Progress: Throughout his first term, Sheriff Mooney has delivered on his promises and achieved tangible results. With the help of commissioners and county judges, he closed down illegal gambling rooms, as they were instrumental in getting the ordinances passed to shut those down. From this action to increasing law enforcement presence in rural areas, he has shown a steadfast commitment to fulfilling his obligations to the citizens of Orange County.

Zero Jail Deaths: It's important to note that under Sheriff Mooney's tenure, there have been no deaths in Orange County Jail. This speaks volumes about his commitment to safety and professionalism.

Campaign Fund Integrity: Jimmy Lane Mooney's campaign funds have all come from Orange County. He is not beholden to outside interests, ensuring that his focus remains solely on serving the needs of our community.

Forum Endorsement: At the recent forum, the only candidate who unequivocally stated that he would back up, support, and fight for his people is the current Orange County Sheriff, Jimmy Lane Mooney.

Opposing Candidates Threaten to Undo Progress: All three opposing candidates would return Orange County to a state of turmoil, with disgruntled employees, no pay raises, and a tragic history of five deaths in the jail. Why should we bring back the past when Sheriff Mooney has shown us a better future?

Looking Forward, Not Backward: Electing Sheriff Mooney for a second term means choosing to move Orange County forward, not backward. His opponents may promise change, but why fix what isn't broken? Sheriff Mooney has proven himself as a dedicated, effective leader who has earned and deserves a second term in office.

Let's keep Orange County on the path of progress and safety. Vote to re-elect Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney – a proven leader for a safer, stronger Orange County.

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Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record

I have no idea why we as anglers are constantly trying to complicate things, always re-inventing the wheel and adding corners. In our never ending quest to catch more and bigger fish we often stray down the path which we think leads to discovery only to find that out that if we had just read the street signs we'd be in much better shape.

Over the years it seems like we have become so



Chuck Uzzle

detailed and specific that the average fisherman suffers from "paralysis by analysis". Fishing reports have become "thesis like" statements so full details that instead of helping they now hinder the angler. A once simple task has now become so complex that many anglers doubt their own ability to catch fish. An extremely simple answer to this new

"information overload phenomenon" can be summed up with 4 letters, "K.I.S.S.", and they stand for Keep It Simple Stupid. I am a firm believer in the concept and you should be as well.

In our quest to become "fish catching machines" and "super anglers" many of the best things about the sport of fishing routinely take a backseat to the "newest, latest, and greatest". I usually get my own brand of wake up call from clients who share the boat with me, especially kids and anglers new to

the sport.

Sometimes it takes seeing the sport through a different set of eyes to help you truly focus on what's good. If you stop for just a moment and think about what is the most basic and pure moment in the whole fishing equation it has to be when a fish pulls on the other end of the line. At that moment it doesn't matter what lure or bait you using, what rod your casting, or even what kind of fish is doing the pulling. All that is good about the sport is compressed into that split second when excitement and anticipation meet, that's what keeps us coming back.

Now a lot of fisherman will scoff at the notion of simplifying the fishing process and they are certainly welcome to do that because the sport means different things to different people. I personally

love to simplify things every now and again because it helps me gain perspective. Here recently I have taken to the notion of getting "uncomplicated" and it's been a blast.

For years when I first started guiding my security blanket if you will was a handful of Mansfield Maulers and a bag of glo cocahoe minnows. I spent hours drifting that slender rattling cork made by the legendary Bob Fuston and I caught the heck out of fish while doing so. I have come full circle and returned to my old ways it seems as I now reach for that rod with a cork on it more often. I don't care who you are or where you fall out on the angling scale everyone who fishes loves to see a cork dance and then plunge under water, it's the most basic of all scenes in the sport and something that every fish-

erman has in common with one another.

The idea of fishing with a cork will certainly be met with resistance from those who believe themselves above such mundane types of fishing and that's okay because everyone has certain likes and dislikes.

I have no problem slowing things down every now and again, taking a little time to just have some fun and get a bite. It's even better when those bites become big fish and it's great when they won't hit any of the "high tech" lures of those who look down upon the cork. Nothing like hearing a guy at the dock who is decked out in the latest high end clothes, glasses, boat, and truck tell his buddies "yeah they caught fish but they were using corks" while he puts an ice pack on his pride.

Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• Sabine Lake

FAIR. 58 degrees. When the winds are persistent fish the Bessie Heights Marsh ditches for drum, sheepshead and redfish using Carolina rigged live shrimp, or live shrimp with a popping cork. When the winds allow, redfish are good along the shorelines, points and drops in Sabine Lake using live shrimp with a popping cork.

Redfish, sheepshead and drum catches on bayous shell humps with Carolina rigged live shrimp. Limits of slot redfish can be had off the rock piles and shell flats in the ICW. The influx of freshwater has pushed most of the fish south, slowing the trout bite. As the winds lay, expect the trout bite at the levees to resume.

Report by Captain Ran-

dy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 50 degrees. Water clarity is brackish and muddy on the north end, and clearing on the south end. Catches of sheepshead, a few small speckled trout, redfish of all sizes and black drum at the jetties using live shrimp, or cut bait. Some catches of stingrays and sharks reported in the surf, along with a few bull redfish. Nice catches of speckled trout, black drum, sheepshead, redfish and flounder reported in East Galveston Bay. White, brown, ghost and hopper shrimp have all been present in the bay, indicating a good shrimp migration. Report by North Jetty Bait Camp.

• Trinity Bay

SLOW. 58 degrees. Few reports while the bay is freshwater. Best chances will be to fish along the northwest and western shoreline around Dow's Reef. Bays along the upper ship channel should begin to clear on each incoming tide. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

Water continues to be stained after the recent floods but there is good water to be found in the backwaters. Redfish are being caught on swimbaits with a weedless hook. Trout can be caught south where the water salinity is higher with shad soft plastic in the chartreuse color under a popping cork. Drum and sheepshead are being caught around boat docks and structure free lining live shrimp.

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our neighboring counties. She has already performed
the chair's duties unlike our present chair. He has
fought her at every turn, and only recently recruited
opponents for our hard working precinct chairs, some
of those he recruited have never darkened the door of
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party activities. He simply seeks to destroy the
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Girls basketball

cats won their only game last week 56-14 over Anaheim. The game featured a great effort by Mikayla Locke scoring 15 points, grabbing 5 rebounds, making 2 steals, and dishing out 2 assists. Brooklyn Wagoner scored 7 points and Steeley Franklin finished with 5 points. Seniors Greenlea Oldham, Bri Moore, Ava Dyer, and Kaylea Gravett played their final home games for Orangefield. Oldham and Moore scored 9 points

apiece and Dyer chipped in with 4 points. Oldham also had 12 rebounds, Moore made 4 rebounds, and Dyer had 6 boards. Gravett contributed 5 steals for the Lady Bobcats. The basketball season came to an end for the Bridge City Lady Cardinals on Monday, February 12, in the first round of the state playoffs. The Lady Cardinals lost to Liberty 40-22 in Winnie. The game was close at the half with Bridge City trailing by just two points 16-14.

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The second half would see the Lady Cardinals only score eight points. Turnovers and poor free throw shooting hurt Bridge City. The Lady Cardinals made 22 turnovers in the first three quarters alone and missed 10 of their free throws. None of the Lady Cardinals scored more than five points.

Bridge City battled the Lumberton Lady Raiders for second place in District 19-4A. A seed game was played on Friday, February 9, at Deweyville which Lumberton won 52-43 to claim second place. Whitney Cunningham made a valiant effort in the loss with 11 points for the Lady Cardinals. Bridge City forced the seed game by winning 51-41 at home on Tuesday, February 6, against the Lady

Raiders. Three Lady Cardinals scored in double figures as Kennedy Campbell scored 13 points, Kaylee Britten got 11 points, and Nicole Sasser had 10 points. Rylynn Thornton led with 11rebounds. It was senior night for Bridge City. Seniors Laken Bellanger, Rylynn Thornton, Shayanne Black, and Brooke Carpenter were recognized with their families in a pregame ceremony. The Little Cypress Mau-

riceville girls closed out their basketball season on Monday, February 12, losing 80-22 to Hardin-Jefferson at Kountze in the first round of the state playoffs. The Lady Bears concluded their regular season with an impressive 69-20 win over Jasper on Tuesday of last week. The Lady Bears finished the district with a record of 7-5 and were a fourth seed going into the post season.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARILYN JEAN MASON**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 5, 2024, in Cause No. P19631**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Christina Lynn Cunningham**.

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: **Barron Law Office**
P.O. Box 279
Orange, TX 77631-0279

Dated the 5th day of February, 2024.

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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Dated the 2nd day of January, 2024.

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Cause No. P19921
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The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on the 8th day of February, 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **CHARLOTTE WOOD BURCH**, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court **by filing a written contest or answer** to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on the 9th day of February, 2024.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: *Danielle Kendrick*, Deputy
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **BETTY MORGAN MASSEY**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 7, 2024, in Cause No. P19889**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **George A. Toal, Jr.**

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

c/o: **James R. Dunaway**
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Dated the 12th day of February, 2024.

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6. Not St. or Blvd.
9. Tucked in
13. Whatchamacallit
14. Robert Redford's Sundance ____
15. In a cold manner
16. Tiny island
17. Mad King George's number
18. Hearing, e.g.
19. *Love's late Nirvana husband
21. *Star-____
23. *Air Supply's "Making Love Out of Nothing at ____"
24. Elementary particle
25. Tire meas.
28. Land of Israel
30. *Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes: "Love lifts us up where we ____"
35. Ladder cross-piece
37. Frenzied
39. London's Thames, e.g.
40. ____-European language
41. Call it quits
43. Very bright star
44. What procedural and epidural have in common
46. Crosby's and Still's partner
47. Mountain valley
48. Final words
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71. Entrenched (2 words)
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73. Volleyball court center
74. English homework assignment

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3. Capital of Norway
4. Single-cell protozoan
5. Bottom lines
6. Similar
7. One of the Tudors
8. Authoritative proclamation
9. Single pip cards
10. The Container Store purchase, pl.
11. "What ____ can I say?"
12. T-shirt, after tied
15. Chemical cousin
20. Homer's epic

22. Actor Lowe
- Name of "Love" song
26. First light of day
27. Lemur from Madagascar
29. Damien's prediction
31. Ding-a-____
32. Convex molding
33. "Love means ____ having to say you're sorry"
34. "Love Actually" star
36. Hockey score
38. *True Love's

42. Feudal lord
45. Loafed
49. "Holy moly!"
51. Rant
54. "Peace" with fingers (2 words)
56. Phony
57. Teeth mark
58. Children's writer Blyton
59. Old, in Scottish
60. Three pointer
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