

First Presbyterian Church

fixion of Jesus in the Lutch-
er Memorial Building.
However, the window en-
titled PILATE'S WIFE'S
DREAM based on a paint-
ing by Gustave Dore' does
depict the time of the cruci-
fixion and displayed two
crosses. Matthew 27:19 re-
lates the story concerning
Pontius Pilate and his wife,
"And while he was sitting
on the judgment seat, his
wife sent word to him, 'have
nothing to do with that
righteous man, for I have
suffered much over him to-
day in a dream.'"

The sixth and final ser-
mon on the windows will be



JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

THE ASCENSION done by
a work from Carlotti. Jesus
is seen rising up on the re-
turn to heaven as told in



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Luke 24:51, "While He
blessed them, He was part-
ed from them."

The Lutch-er Memorial
Building is an historical

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landmark built by Frances
Ann Lutch-er to serve as the
house of worship for the
First Presbyterian Church
of

Orange located in the
downtown section of the
southeast Texas city 112
years ago. The impressive
building opened on January
28, 1912 with the first wor-
ship service being held in it,
and the First Presbyterian
Church in Orange has wor-
shipped in the beautiful
building for over a century.

Frances Ann Lutch-er was
the wife of lumber tycoon
Henry Jacob Lutch-er. The
couple moved to Orange,

Texas in 1878 and joined
the First Presbyterian
Church which at the time
was located further south
in town than the present
building and near the Sa-
bine River.

Mrs. Lutch-er had a dream
to build a church to glorify
God based on scriptures in
the Bible from Proverbs 3:9-
10, Leviticus 23:10-14, II
Chronicles 31:5, and I Kings
9:1-3. These Bible scrip-
tures all refer to giving first
fruits to Him. "Honor the
Lord from your wealth, and
from the first of all your
produce;" (Proverbs 3:9).

While visiting the
World's Fair in Chicago in
1893 Mrs. Lutch-er saw
three opalescent stained
glass windows from the
Lamb Studio that she knew
would be

the center pieces for the
church building she
planned to build. Those
three windows are now lo-
cated on the front of the
Lutch-er Memorial Building
facing the sanctuary inside.

The Lamb Studio was
hired by Mrs. Lutch-er to be
the contractor for the new

church building she was
having constructed. On
Mrs. Lutch-er's instructions
Lamb produced opalescent
stained glass windows for
the first floor of the build-
ing which served as class-
rooms for the Sunday
school and the second floor
where the sanctuary was lo-
cated.

Each window represents
an event or circumstance in
the life of Jesus Christ. The
first floor deals with Jesus
either as a child or Him
reaching out to children
while the second floor gives
more of a chronological his-
tory of Jesus' life.

Pastor Daniel will speak
on the windows found on
the second floor along the
west and east sides of the
sanctuary. The stories in
these six windows begin
with the announcement of
His coming birth and con-
cludes with Jesus returning
to be with His Father in
heaven. To view a short
video featuring these win-
dows and dates and times of
the sermon series, click this
link: [https://fb.watch/qjLP-
c3rfvj/](https://fb.watch/qjLP-c3rfvj/)

County business

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had spent a total of \$79.9
million locally. Of that,
\$42.7 million was spent by
101 local companies with
work contracted by Chev-
ron-Phillips, plus \$37.2 mil-
lion by Chevron-Phillips to
local companies for con-
tracted work.

Betancourth explained
that local companies are
those with main business
locations in Orange Coun-
ty, including the cities of
Orange, West Orange,
Bridge City, Pinehurst, Vi-
dor, and Rose City. The lo-
cal workforce in the report
is for people with a main
residences in the nine-coun-
ty area which besides Or-
ange County but also Jeff-
erson, Hardin, Jasper, New-
ton, Tyler, and Chambers
counties, plus the Bolivar
Peninsula area of Galveston
County.

Orange County Commis-
sioners Court as part of the
tax abatement agreement
with Chevron-Phillips re-
quired the company to es-
tablish the Local First pro-
gram to assure companies
in Orange County, along
with area workers are used
for the construction phase.
The quarterly reports are
part of the agreement.

As part of the program,
Chevron-Phillips has had
hiring expos for workers
and other expos for local

vendors and contractors for
how they can be approved
to become a vendor. Pre-
registration details are
available at the corpora-
tion's website or the Golden
Triangle Polymers Face-
book page.

Another Local First Job
Fair is set for March 7, from
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the
county Expo Center on FM
1442.

Betancourth said the Lo-
cal First program requested
a list of the International
Paper mill's local vendors
plus held an employment
session for the employees of
the mill. International Pa-
per in October announced
the plant's December clos-
ing.

Other statistics from the
plant project included
fourth quarter spending of
nearly \$1.7 million on small
purchases with local busi-
nesses including a number
of locally-owned resta-
urants, office supply compa-
nies, building materials, ap-
pliances, grocery stores,
floral shops, big box stores,
and a variety of others. Those
purchases would also
provide sales taxes to the
county and local cities.

County Judge John Go-
thia said he has had calls
about hiring of people who
live outside the area. But, he
explained, Orange County

"doesn't have an abundance
of skilled labor" and "some-
times you have to go to an-
other area."

In other business, Patrick
Beebe, county mosquito
control director, asked for
an additional \$82,500 for
his budget to buy mosquito
spraying insecticide to fight
the influx of mosquitos. He
said the county's spray
plane has only enough
chemicals to make four
more flights for the rest of
the 2023-24 fiscal year,
which will end September
30.

He said last year's severe
drought, followed by rain in
October, brought out the
salt water mosquitoes. An
unseasonably warm winter
has caused mosquitoes to
continue to proliferate. County
commissioners unanimously
approved the extra money.
Beebe said he hopes it lasts.

Residents of the Heritage
Hollow subdivision in Pre-
cinct 3 have requested the
county to lower the speed
limit to 15 mph on the res-
idential streets, which in-
clude Chimney Rock and
Fireside.

A resident said all but
three people living on the
street have signed a petition
because children play and
ride bikes in the street. The
county will hold a public

hearing on the proposed
new speed limit at 9:30 a.m.
April 2. The date was set to
meet the legal requirements
to advertise the proposed
change and public hearing.

Commissioners court
also appointed new Bridge
City City Manager Christo-
pher Baker to the board of
directors of the Orange
County Economic Develop-
ment Corporation. He is re-
placing the vacancy of a
Bridge City representative
on the board. In addition,
Chad Jennings with the
new Golden Triangle Poly-
mers plant was appointed
to the board.

County Tax Asses-
sor-Collector Karen Fisher
reported the county in Jan-
uary collected \$69.55 mil-
lion in taxes, with \$20 mil-
lion of that the county's
share. The county office
also collects taxes for cities,
school districts, and special
districts.

Payments approved in-
cluded nearly \$186,000 to T
Construction for work on
drainage improvement
projects with the money
coming from Texas General
Land Office hurricane re-
covery grants. Precinct 2
Commissioner Chris Sow-
ell said the work is going to
help solve drainage proj-
ects.

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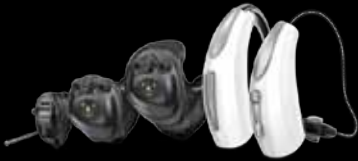
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The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced the February “Student of the Month” for Bridge City is Heidi Broussard. Heidi is ranked 43 of 199 with a GPA of 4.28 Pictured are: Dr. Amanda James, Breaker Broussard, Jason Broussard, Heidi Broussard, Kristen Broussard, Alisa Huckaby and Chelsea Skinner.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the February “Student of the Month” for Orangefield is Kimber Carpenter. Kimber is ranked 33 of 116, with GPA of 3.97 Pictured are: Rea Wrinkle, Tess Carpenter, Kimber Carpenter, Cindy Hussy, Britni Briggs and Laura Roberts.

Texas wildfires

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graders, plus the Texas National Guard with a Chinook helicopter equipped to fight fires. Also, the Texas Department of Transportation has sent crews to help with road closures and deliver fuel for fire fighters. The Department of Public Safety has troopers assisting with traffic control and closures, the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force is sending paramedics and ambulances. Public services will also be available to help with agriculture and livestock needs.

The Texas A&M Forest Service Tuesday at noon reported wildfires of 11.4 acres in Newton County, plus 33 acres burning in Nacogdoches County and 7.7 acres on fire in Angeli-na County.

This past weekend, the U.S. Weather Service in Lake Charles warned of fire hazards because of low humidity and strong winds combined with dry winter vegetation. The danger decreased some on Monday as clouds moved in and raised the humidity, though winds remained gusty.

A slight chance of rain was in the forecast for Wednesday with higher chances of rain on Thursday night into Friday as a cold front comes through. Still, winds and gusts of 25 to 30 mph are forecast. If a cigarette butt or spark hits dry vegetation, a fire could start and spread because of the winds. Orange County, though, is not under a burn ban.

Residents in Hemphill County, were initially told

to evacuate as the Smoke-house Creek fire — the largest of the four — spread and burned more than 200,000 acres within a day. As firefighters worked to contain the fire in Canadian, about 100 miles northeast of Amarillo, evacuation efforts hit a snag as the main road-way was blocked by the fire.

Shortly after the man-datory order was an-nounced, the Hemphill County Sheriff’s Office shared on social media that Highway 60/83 was shut down. The sheriff’s office instructed residents to go to the gym at Cana-dian High School to shel-ter in place.

“Having them all in one place is the safest option at this time,” said Stephanie Purcell, a representative

for the sheriff’s office.

Purcell said the wind could possibly push the fire towards Highway 33 in Canadian as well.

“There were earlier evacuation orders, but it got to the point where the fire was close enough that it was no longer safe to travel on those roads,” said Kari Hines, a public infor-mation officer for Texas A&M Forest Service. “It’s safer to stay inside struc-tures, at least while the main body of the fire pass-es.”

Hines said crews have responded from across the state and are working in long shifts to contain the fire before taking breaks to rest. With a cold front coming in, Hines said fire-fighters are preparing for another shift in the winds that might move the fire further.

Photos and videos on social media show the

small towns surrounded by smoke billowing into the air, turning the sky a brown hue, as the fires continued. In Stinnett, the wildfire has already burned more than 200,000 acres since it started on Monday afternoon. It was not contained as of Tues-day afternoon.

The High Plains region

was under a red flag warn-ing to start the week, as warmer temperatures were expected along with strong winds. According to the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Smokehouse Creek fire started in tall grasses, and wind gusts that ranged from 40-50 miles per hour pushed the fire towards Pampa.

Election Day Tuesday

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election workers for more boxes and make voting more convenient.

Only Republicans are running in local races, a complete change made after 2012, when local candidates all ran in the Democratic primary.

The race for Orange County Sheriff has drawn four to the ballot, with incumbent Jimmy Lane Mooney, who is seeking his second four-year term having three challengers. They are Ron Dischler, a lieutenant with the Beaumont Police Department and longtime Orange County resident; Mike Sanchez, chief of the Vidor ISD Police Department, and retired Texas Ranger Bobby Smith. All county voters may cast a ballot in the race.

In Precinct 2, incumbent constable Jeremiah Gunter is facing Harold Hass and David C. Bailey. Only voters living in the precinct vote for the spot.

In the Vidor area and Precinct 4, incumbent

constable Matt Ortega is being challenged by Joey Jacobs.

The OC Republican Party chair spot is also hotly contested, with incumbent Leo Labauve III, who opposed the local group’s successful vote to censure Phelan for his actions against Paxton, facing Cheryl Warren, who has been endorsed by Paxton. Warren has also started the local School Integrity Project, which is monitoring books in schools that they consider immor-al.

Early voting will continue for Wednesday, February 28; Tuesday, February 29, and Friday, March 1, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sites are the Orange County Airport, Mauriceville Community Center, Orange Public Library, and Vidor’s Raymond Gould Community Center. Registered county voters may go to any site.

As of Monday, February 26, after six days of early voting, the Republican

primary had a total of 5,756, with in-person votes at 5,577 and absentee mail-in votes at 179. The airport box had 1,302 votes, the Mauriceville box had 698, the Orange box had 1,335, and the Vi-

dor box had 2,242.

In the Democratic primary, 340 votes had been cast with 269 in-person and 71 absentee mail-in votes. The airport box had 43 votes, the Mauriceville box had 13 votes, the Orange box had 153 votes, and the Vidor box had 60 votes.

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Cheryl Warren
Chairwoman

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From the Creaux's Nest

WHY PHELAN SHOULD BE
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

One of the three most powerful political positions in Texas is on the line. It is more important to **House District 21**, in Southeast Texas because that is the district the powerful **Speaker of the House of Representatives** is from. It is the first time in Southeast Texas history that our little part of Texas has had such a strong hand in the governing of Texas. **Speaker Dade Phelan** is a true southeast Texan; his roots are deep in the Beaumont area. He is one of us. He is a great asset for us in Austin. Ten million is being spent to take the leadership out of Southeast Texas. A small group, headed by Midland billionaire **Tim Dunn**, a West Texas oilman who has built a political machine along with his allies who control the most powerful seats in the state and now want control of the **Texas House**. The only way to do that is to defeat **Phelan** or enough of his core supporters in the **House**. **Dunn and allies** provide the cash and access to political consultant's operations that can be used to spread false attacks on their targets through glossy mailers and television commercials. Someone who is not well known in the community and tell him we're going to make you a star. The person has no idea what he is getting into. He has no platform and has no say. **Dunn** and his group call all the shots; their candidate is just their stooge. If he's elected he goes to the **House** as a freshman. The power, which includes **Paxton and Patrick**, will then fulfill **Dunn's** wish with a speaker of his choice. Former **Texas Governor Rick Perry** said in a **Enterprise** commentary, "It is disheartening to see the political discourse surrounding this primary with outside interest spending millions." The attacks against **Phelan** are from folks who don't know the first thing about **Southeast Texas'** needs. These outsiders want **Dade** out so they can take control of the **Texas House** and **District 21** for themselves. **Perry** continued, "Use your vote to send a message that **Southeast Texas** is not for sale." **Phelan** is the real deal not someone off the street with no experience. **Dade** is real accessible to the public officials and citizens of Orange County with an office on 16th. St. The only way the outside forces can destroy him and take the speakership away is for the voters of **Southeast Texas** to turn against **Dade Phelan**. Despite all the money and the trash being thrown at him it's not likely that the local voters will give up this first in a lifetime leadership to return to the little forgotten part of **Texas**. For the continued good of **Southeast Texas**, vote to keep **Dade Phelan Speaker of the Texas House**. Remember it always get down to who you know in Austin.

SERVICES TO BE HELD

Dorris Norwood, 89, a 58-year resident of Bridge City, passed away February 25, 2024, in Tomball Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating will be Mark Bunch. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Condolence to her family and friends. See obituary on our website therecordlive.com

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME
10 Years Ago-2014

Congratulations go out to the **City of Orange** and also, the **Orange Chamber** for a great **Mardi Gras** parade and party. The Christmas parades that started at **MacArthur Shopping Center** to downtown Orange used to have people lined up on both sides of the entire stretch. This parade had the most folks congregated in a smaller area. Former **Orange Mayor**, the **pride of Rayne, LA**, "**The Frog Capital**," **Essie Bellfield** was in her element dancing to **Wayne Toups'** accordion music. She danced the night away. ****Thur., Feb. 27, the **West Orange City Council** will honor number 29 with "**Earl Thomas Day**." **Earl** got some great reviews for his participation in the **Mardi Gras** activities. ****It was old home week at **Robert's Restaurant** last Wed.. It's a great place for the natives to gather. Spotted in the packed house, besides the **Lunch Bunch** crew, were **Norman and Loretta Berry**, **John and Linda Heard** and friends, also **Ms. Pearl** who was dining with her two daughters **Beverly and Juanita** and a friend from Houston. **Pearl** has some pretty daughters but she was the one getting all the attention. ****March 2 is **Texas Independence Day**. It's one of our most important historical days. It used to upset our friend, historian attorney **Louis Dugas** that so little was done to mark that holiday. Did you know that the folks who died at the **Alamo** never knew **Texas** had declared its independence? **** We were sorry to hear of the untimely death of **Bonnie Pepper Peveto**, 72. **Bonnie** passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18, at her home. Services were held last Saturday, Feb. 22. **Bonnie** was such a beautiful, nice lady and had many friends. She had taught special education at **Orangefield** and was a longtime employee for **Orange County Road and Bridge**.

Lately, she had worked part time for **James Stringer**. Our condolences go out to sons, **Dean and Chad**, daughter, **Dana** and their families. ****Finally arrested in Mexico after escaping 13 years ago was drug lord "**El Chapo**" **Gusman**. The billionaire was the boss of the **Sinaloa**, the world's largest exporter of drugs. The **United States** wants to extradite the 56 year old. They fear another escape in **Mexico**. ****One of the most active community guys we know is **Port Commissioner Keith Wallace**. The guy is everywhere doing good deeds and has time to look after his **Reliable Cleaners**.

20 Years Ago-2004

Former Bridge City **Judge Guy O'Neal Rascoe**, 81, died Sat., Feb. 28, after a lengthy illness. A native of Haynesville, La., born Feb. 6, 1923. He had been a resident of Bridge City for 54 years. He served as municipal judge 16 years. He was a **WWII Army veteran**. He retired from U.S. Steel after 31 years and was a **Master Mason**. He is survived by wife **Roxie** and four children. ******Darryl Brinson** is named executive editor of the **Record Newspapers**. He replaces **Jerry Childress**, who was appointed **Veterans Service Officer**. ******Russell and Stephanie Turkel** are the proud parents of a new baby girl. **Mya Rose** was born Sat., Feb. 28. She has a three years old sister **Zoe**. Grandparents are **Dr. Arlene and Richard Turkel and Cathleen and Ron Ledbetter**. **Uncle Scott Turkel** came from Austin to welcome the new baby. ******GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: Sybil Goulas Scales**, 72, of Bridge City, died Feb. 28, 2004. Service was held March 1 at St. Henry Catholic Church. Sue is survived by husband **Buster**, sons **Jimmy, Johnny and Kendal**, daughters **Christy, Nancy, Cyndi, Susan and Jodie**.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Spring is here and social activities are ready to get into full swing. **Orange Christian Services** is ready to have the most unusual fundraising event. **The Roper Romp** is set to be held Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m. at the **Hop Brewery** in Bridge City. The fun party will pay tribute to the 1970s hit TV show "**Three's Company**" that featured landlord **Helen Roper** wearing colorful caftans. Women are invited to get their vintage caftans and curly wigs, while the men can dress like hubby **Stanley Roper** in old cardigans and sweater vests. The party is being planned by the **Southeast Texas Chapter of the International Order of Mrs. Roper**. Admission is a \$20 donation, or donations of person need items like bath soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo. ****The **Lutcher Theater** continued its season with a candlelight presentation by the **Fabulous Equinox Orchestra**. The crowd included retired county judge **Carl Thibodeaux** and wife, **Michaela, Janois and Mark Grizzaffi, Michelle and Pat Belcher, Rhonda Ritter-Fenton**, plus **Casey and Leah Guillote Stark**, who brought their daughter. ****Some headed across the river to the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles to see **Shane Smith and the Saints**. Locals there included **Brandi Griggs** with **Justin Rieson, Edie Burch, Brittany and Fletcher Pipkin, and Jennifer Byr**. ******Penny LeLeux** of Orangefield pulled off another successful **Boom Town Film Festival** in Beaumont. It was her second year to be director of the event. She scored big by bringing in 75-year-old West Orange High School graduate **Dolores Cantu** from Las Angeles. Cantu drew in some of her classmates at the festival, including a special screening at the Jefferson Theatre of the classic "**Saturday Night Fever**," where the character portrayed by **Cantu** beats up **John Travolta**. The festival gave her a lifetime achievement award for her half century work in film. ****Get ready for some country music on Saturday night of March 9. The **Lamar State College Orange Foundation**, which supports scholarships and other needs of the local school, is having its 10th annual **Boot Scootin'** at the **Brown Estate**. Wonder if **Dr. Tom Johnson** will wear a bow tie. He's usually in cowboy boots anyway. ****We need to get **Paul Burch of Orange Community Players** to sing the melody of the West Side Story song '**Maria**,' substituting the name **LaToya** for us. We got OCP volunteer **LaToya Overstreet's** first name incorrect last week. ******Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center** held its annual community trash-off last Saturday and drew a few hundred volunteers to pick up litter and garbage along roadsides and waterways in Orange. It was started by the late science teacher **Michael Hoke**, who first got volunteers to clean **Adams Bayou** to establish the first nature center. The trash-off has now grown to include the **Sabine River** and areas of Orange, Pinehurst, and West Orange. Lots of companies, churches, and civic groups sent volunteers. **First United Methodist Church** had a team including **Angela Abshire, Leigh Barron, and Lance Rousseau**. **Sarah Boehme** was out with the **Orange Rotary Club**. **Chevron Phillips** had a team including **Emily Melon and Miranda Stansifer** that cleaned the Cordrey Avenue area with **Cooper's Gully**. Future Orange city councilor **Matt Chandler**, who is also pastor of **Life Church**, was joined by his young daughter, who asked to help. Maybe we can get her generation to finally stop throwing out trash on public streets and waterway. ****Congratulations to our staff of writers. **Margaret** always brings us up to date on events in her special style. **Dan** does a great job with sports. Last week he highlighted our area **girl's softball teams**. He always gives a great effort. **Debby Schamber's** story on **Capt. Danny Gray's** death and the death of **Billy Wayne Dowden** in prison February 1, was like a walk through the past. **Dowden** was responsible for **Capt. Gray's** death. **Sharon Bearden**, who was district attorney at the time praised **Debby's** report. By the way, I spoke with **Bearden** while he was attending a **Bridge City** baseball game. He tries to make as many as he can. His grandson **Hutch** is left fielder and pitcher for the **Cardinals**. **Sharon** doesn't get around as fast now-a-days but he's still in the courtroom and winning at age 86.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few friends celebrating birthdays in the next few days. First we want to wish a happy belated birthday to **Ellen Nickum** who celebrated Feb. 27. ****Feb. 28:

LeVerne McDonald, Anna Marshall, Amy Ball, Kathy McKenzie, Kurt Reeves, Royce Pendergast and Ginger Romero. ****Feb. 29: Celebrating today is our buddy **Logan Dubose**, also **Will Brinson, Kevin Jones and George Cassidy**. ****March 1: **Jill Culp, Jennifer Thomas, John Gooch, Louise Hamilton, Monica Wilson, Robert Foster and Aiyana Bland**. ****March 2: **Amy Taylor, Kay Butler, Craig Nugent, Apryl Carter, Tommy Andrus and Brittany Waguespack**. ****March 3: **Lori Bonds, Joan Broussard, Andy Pryor, Donna Sullivan and Carolyn Miller**. ****March 4: **Cassie Bearden, Coby Richard, Vickie Parish, Darrell Evans, Jo Young, Frances Brood, Travis Reeves, Barron Nimitz and Carolyn Sheppard**. ****March 5: **Jennifer Byrd, Chris Slaughter, Cathy Kimbrow, Lenzi Childress, Carolyn Hillsten and Don Bayliss**. ******Sunyi Lemoine** celebrated her birthday with a gathering of friends including **Nancy Gillam Byers, Pat Shuffler, Vicki Bingham, and Debbie Peveto Taylor**. **Shirley Ann Cloudy** turned 90 with a family party honoring her. Others celebrating birthdays this past week included **Sandra Godwin, Brandi Leatherwood, Bridget LeBlanc, Beth Mathews, Kathy Jackson Green, Bryce LeMoine, Carter Claybar, Tony Perry, Rachel Bryan, Scott Clark, Dr. George Olive, Jackie Andrew, Becky Smith, Carroll Holt, Doris Parks, Barbara Williams, Tony DuCharma, Sam Goss, Lowell Campbell, and Pastor Eddie Sheler**. And don't forget retired coach **Randy Ragsdale**. The grandpa turned 60. Word is that his wife is much younger. ****Bridge City **ISD Police Chief Cliff Hargrave** and wife **Sally** marked 36 years of marriage. He had hair when they wed. ****Toy and Michael Moses** have been married 27 years. ** **Rusty and Pam Scales Honeycutt** haven't been married as long, but this is their second time around.

NATION TRULY AT CROSSROADS

In November comes the **General Elections** where the big apple will be the presidential race. That race could be the most important race in my lifetime and quite possibly my last. My first one goes back to **Ike**, in 1952. Our democracy is the worlds best but for the first time in our history we are at the edge of going over the cliff and throwing away all the great gains our country has made. This country has had some rocky roads throughout these years from using mules to haul goods to many of our young dying to keep us free, all guided by a strong constitution. Our biggest blow to the fiber of the union came on **January 6, 2021** when our **Capital, Democracy and Constitution** were attacked from within by its sitting president who led an insurgent against his own government in an attempt to overthrow the results of our fair, national election, won by his opponent by over seven-million votes. **Donald Trump** tells us every day what his plans are for our democracy. If successful in the next election in November our children, grandchildren and great, great will never get to live with the same freedoms and laws that have guided this great country. Make no mistake about it, everyday **Trump** works to dismantle the **Grand Old Party** of **Ike, Reagan, Sen. Bob Dole** and one of our greatest heroes **Sen. John McCain**. In its place, **Trump** wants to install his own type of government which would be more reflective of a dictatorship. His relationship with **Russian President Putin** could be very profitable to him but dangerous for our country. This would be an end to this great democracy and also to the two party **Republican and Democratic** system. One man rules all is what **Trump** is pushing, along with a barrage of daily untruths. That's my thoughts as I think about the future of my country that I love and has been so good to me and mine.. We are really at the **Cross-roads**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Tee-Not Dupuis hitch hiked from Kaplan to Lafayette him, to attend da big Mardi Gras celebration. **Tee-Not** him, he don't know much bout big city life. He was walk down dis alley wen two robbers jump him. **Tee-Not**, wat is strong him, put up one heck of a fight but da robbers finally got da best of him. They emptied **Tee-Not's** pockets only to be disappointed.

One of dem robbers say, "**You stupid Cajun**, you got yourself beat up an almost killed fighting for just **\$2 in you pocket**."

Shaking his head **Tee-Not** said, "I'm not stupid like you say, me, I have a hundred dollar in my sock me."

C'EST TOUT

We congratulate the candidates who have offered themselves for public service. We thank those who have used our publications, **The County Record and The Penny Record**, to reach the voters with their messages. Early voting ends March 1 and Election Day is Tuesday March 5. A very important race that usually goes unnoticed is the all important **Precinct Chairman** race that is being contested in the **Republican Primary**. ****I've got to get out of here. Thanks for your time. Please read us cover to cover, including the ads and patronize our family of advertisers. **Take care and God bless**.



Orange County Community Happenings



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Lisa Nixon with Chicken Express has been named February Employee of the Month. Pictured are: Stephanie Roberts, Lisa Nixon and Glori Davis.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce awarded the January “Student of the Month” for Bridge City High School to Aden Lapeyrolerie. Aden is ranked 17 of 199 with a GPA of 4.6 Pictured are: Aden Lapeyrolerie and family, Chloe Tucker, Dr. Amanda James and Elyse Thibo-deaux.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the January Student of the Month for Orangefield is Logan Cheek. Logan is ranked 2 of 116, with GPA: 4.83. Pictured are: Logan Cheek and Family, Rea Wrinkle, Britni Briggs, and Mistie Carpenter.

First Saturday at First Baptist Bridge City

First Saturday at First Baptist in Bridge City will be set up again in the church parking lot to give away bags of food. Saturday, March 2nd bags containing bags of rice, cans of chili, cans of beans, and crackers. The size of your family will determine how many bags you will receive. The event will start at 10 o'clock and last until 12 noon. Look for the blue canopy and flags marking the parking lot at 200 West Roundbunch Rd. We would like to pray with you about your health or your family and give out pamphlets and Bibles. Let your neighbors and friends know about the FREE food March 2nd. Chili is always good on a cold day.

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ACTIONS NOT WORDS

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Navarro promoted to Sergeant at BCPD



Bridge City Police Chief Tod McDowell announced this week that Lari Navarro has been promoted to sergeant at the department. The officer is the daughter of retired Bridge City ISD Police Chief George Navarro, who had a long local law enforcement career. Pictured are: Capt. Richard Teague, Police Chief Tod McDowell, Lari Navarro and Asst. Chief Robert Bergeron.

Award-Winning Bridge City Strutters Compete



The renowned Bridge City Strutters dance team won the grand champions award this past week at the Crowd Pleasers competition in Big Springs. In addition, the team and officers won a number of other awards, including team hip hop, jazz, lyrical, pom, and prop competitions. The achievements mean the dance team will be going to Nashville, Tennessee, in March for the national Crowd Pleasers contests.

Spring Break Shoot-Out March 15

Get ready to make a splash as the 2nd annual Spring Break Shootout - Jet Ski Races return to Orange, TX in 2024! Catch all the action on March 15th – 16th, when Explore Orange and Nauti Water Racing host the Spring Break Shootout - Jet Ski Races at the Riverside Pavilion and City of Orange Boat Ramp on the Sabine River.

Watch as competitive riders race across the river, showcasing their speed, skills, and agility on the water in a series of exhilarating jet ski races! Indulge your tastebuds with a diverse selection of food vendors offering savory dishes, and keep

the little ones entertained with a variety of kid activities offered throughout the day.

The Spring Break Shootout is sure to be an adrenaline-packed weekend of high-speed thrills, mouthwatering treats, upbeat music, and family-friendly activities that will make this event the highlight of your spring break.

Gates open at 10:00 am each day. Please note, no dogs or pets will be allowed at the Riverside Pavilion. For more information, please call the Explore Orange Convention and Visitors Bureau at 409.883.1011.

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- 35 years of law enforcement experience, 27 years with Orange County agencies.
- The only candidate that has sheriff experience
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- Reduced overall crime rates in rural areas by 7%
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- Increased active shooter training and SWAT training for our officers.
- Increased equipment for deputies without costing taxpayers money.
- Never had go back to commissioner's court and ask for the budget to be increased.
- Saved tax payors an excess of \$500,000 by using drug asset forfeiture money.
- Reopened unutilized rural substations.



A Sheriff for the Community



Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney of the Orange County Sheriff's Department is more than just a law enforcement officer; he is a dedicated steward of community well-being. His deep involvement in community affairs has not only fostered trust but has also made Orange County a safer and more vibrant place to live.



Sheriff Mooney's commitment to community engagement was recently highlighted during a collaborative effort involving multiple law enforcement agencies to apprehend suspects near Deweyville High School. His department's swift action, alongside other agencies, ensured the safety of students and faculty, demonstrating Sheriff Mooney's proactive approach to safeguarding the community.



Beyond law enforcement operations, Sheriff Mooney has been instrumental in driving positive change throughout Orange County. Under his leadership, the community has seen a remarkable reduction in property crime by 33% and an overall decrease in crime by 7%. His decision to reopen substations in key areas like Vidor and Mauriceville has not only improved response times but has also fostered stronger ties between deputies and residents.

Sheriff Mooney's involvement extends beyond crime prevention. He has been a consistent presence during times of crisis, leading rescue efforts during natural disasters like Hurricanes Harvey and Imelda. His hands-on approach to community service has earned him the trust and admiration of Orange County residents.

Moreover, Sheriff Mooney has spearheaded initiatives to support mental health access in the jail, donated resources to law enforcement, and championed community projects such as the "Hope House." These endeavors reflect his deep-rooted commitment to addressing not only law enforcement challenges but also broader social issues affecting the community.



In Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney, Orange County has found a dedicated servant leader who prioritizes community well-being above all else. His tireless efforts to engage, protect, and uplift the community serve as a testament to his unwavering dedication to Orange County and its residents.

Keep Orange County Moving Forward Re-Elect Jimmy Lane Mooney

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Lemoine’s jersey retired during BC tournament

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Baseball and softball tournaments were conducted the last weekend of February for Orange County teams. The local teams got their first good opportunity to show what they have for the season ahead.

The Bridge Cardinal Invitational was held Thursday through Saturday at Chuck Young Field. Eight teams each played four games over the three day baseball tournament.

The highlight of the tournament was Friday night with the retiring of Cardinal great Jake Lemoine’s jersey in a special ceremony. Lemoine graduated from Bridge City

High School in 2012 following his outstanding career as a pitcher.

After pitching for the University of Houston in college Lemoine was drafted by the Texas Rangers in 2015. Seven years later Jake was selected by the Oakland Athletics, and during the 2022 season he made his debut in the major leagues.

Jake Lemoine is the first Bridge City graduate to ever play baseball in the big leagues. His Cardinal number 18 will never be used again, and a big red sign now hangs on the left field fence at Chuck Young Field with Lemoine’s name and number on it.

The best game of the tournament was played following the ceremony honoring Lemoine. Bridge

City rallied from seven runs down against Orangefield to win 8-7 on a two out walk off bases loaded triple by Hutch Bearden.

The Cardinals went 3-1 in their tournament. Bridge City won on Thursday 5-3 over Buna before losing 6-3 to Hamshire-Fannett on Friday night prior to Lemoine being honored. The Cardinals blasted Mount Vernon 13-3 on Saturday morning helped by a first inning grand slam from John Van Huis.

The Orangefield Bobcats lost to Nederland, Bridge City, and Port Neches-Groves in their first three games but closed with a resounding



Jake Lemoine and his former Bridge City coach Chad Landry share the retiring of Lemoine's jersey at the Bridge City Invitational baseball tournament. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

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LCM Bears work on improvements

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears were young in 2023 and just missed making the playoffs. With another year under their belts the Bears are prepared to make a run at the post season this campaign.

The opportunity to make the playoffs last year for LCM came down to the last week of district action as the Bears needed to sweep their two games with the Silsbee Tigers. That did not happen so Little Cypress Mauriceville stayed home when the post season began.

Bears’ Coach Hunter



Coach Hunter Hagler of the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears baseball team.

Hagler recapped last season. “I think last year we left a lot of things on the table. We will hopefully learn from last year. We had some Bears that got to play, and we were excited for them. We are working to get better every day,” Hagler evaluat-

ed.

Because Little Cypress Mauriceville was young last season there is a large group of Bears with experience for this year. Coach Hagler is counting on returning lettermen to lead the team in 2024.

Parker Seago returns at shortstop and on the mound for the Bears. Seago batted in the lead-off position last season, but may be moved to the middle of the batting order.

A key batter that is back is Marco Bandiero who was the offensive most valuable player for the Bears. Bandiero plays first base.

Justin McCarver returns as the Bears’ catcher. Parker Freeman was

primarily the designated hitter for LCM, but will see time at the corner infield positions as well this season.

Landon Richards will play at third base when he is not on the mound pitching. Hagler commented, “Landon was one of our starters last year throughout district. He’s a guy we’re looking kind of to lean on a little bit on the mound this year.”

Other starters back from last year are Clay Raney and Ethan Fry. “We’re returning a lot of Bears, and what’s nice is when you have guys that you start to see that youth like we had start to ma-

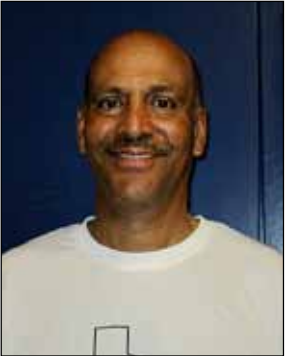
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WOS Mustangs eager for action

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Steady progress is being made in the rebuilding of the West Orange-Stark baseball program back to what it was less than a decade ago. More improvement is expected this year from the Mustang diamond devotees.

Last year in preseason West Orange-Stark won several games in tournament action. The Mustangs were winless though in the very competitive District 19-4A against teams filled with players that participate in select baseball leagues throughout the year.



Coach Sergio Espinal of the West Orange-Stark Mustangs baseball team.

“We’re making tremendous progress, even though they are small steps, things are coming along well. We continue

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Can Orange County Afford to Elect a Sheriff That Stays in the Background?



Why is the former sheriff's regime and others endorsing a candidate when that endorsement is based on lies, accusations, innuendos, and non factual informations? Are we honestly considering reverting to the era of shady deals and zero accountability within our sheriff's office?

Do we want to go back to the days where Orange County sheriffs made headlines for going to prison, being fined for falsifying reports and tampering with odometers under their direction, numerous deaths in the jail, or sheriffs making headlines for lawsuits?

Do we want to return to a time when deputies faced no disciplinary actions? Instances such as a lieutenant/supervisor shooting at a neighbor's residence, or a deputy deploying a taser on an individual already in handcuffs and making racial slurs, prompting intervention by the NAACP?

Do we genuinely want a sheriff who's completely out of touch with our community, doesn't understand a thing about Orange County, and has allowed animosity to fracture long-standing friendships?

Do we really want a sheriff who assembled a team to investigate the Uvalde School shooting, only for that team to fail in their investigation as noted by the DOJ? Shouldn't we be concerned about entrusting leadership to someone who couldn't effectively handle such a critical situation?

It's crucial to consider the implications of placing our faith in a sheriff who demonstrates incompetence in handling urgent matters of public safety.

Vote for a Sheriff Who Votes!

Voting is like fuel for our democracy. It's the way we express our voice and steer the direction of our country.

Let's talk about Bobby Smith, who's running for sheriff. He's knocking on doors, shaking hands, and asking for your vote. But then he turns around and doesn't think voting is all that important. It's like saying, "Hey, I want your support, but I'm not really bothered about the system that lets you elect me as sheriff."

And think about our troops overseas. They're out there, fighting to protect our freedoms, including the right to vote. They're making sacrifices so that we can have a say in how our country is run. When someone doesn't vote, it's like saying their sacrifice doesn't matter. It's like shrugging off the efforts of those who fought and died for our right to have a voice.

Our servicemen and women rely on us to elect capable leaders who understand the impact of their decisions. The chaos at home and abroad underscores this urgency: the White House administration struggles with crises, including the Ukraine conflict and Middle East tensions, while our borders remain open. When an American decides not to exercise their right to vote, they're essentially casting a silent ballot for the current president and accepting the status quo, despite the potential consequences for our nation and the world.

Voting isn't just a right; it's a responsibility. It's how we make sure our leaders represent us and our values. So when Bobby Smith asks for your vote but brushes off the importance of voting, remember this: Every vote counts, and it's a way to honor those who've fought for our freedom.

Young Cardinals compete in a tough baseball district

DAN PERRINE
Orange County Sports
For The Record

Bridge City baseball had a good year in 2023. The Cardinals will be younger this season, but have a good group of ball players that should carry them to another successful season this year.

The Bridge City Cardinals finished last season with 25 wins which is the most for them in quite a few seasons. Huffman proved to be a tough opponent in the second round of the state playoffs, and the Cardinals were eliminated in a competitive three game series.

Cardinal Coach Chad Landry said Bridge City has a core group of veterans with a bunch of younger Cardinals who want to learn. “Last year was a good year. We got a lot of guys some experience. We had a lot of seniors though, losing thirteen or fourteen to graduation. Replacing those guys for this year has been our top priority because that was a lot of experience, a lot of depth. This season has been a been a big learning curve so far with so many new Cardinals, but we’re excited and it is good to have some young guys that we can go back to coaching a little bit of the basic stuff. The environment is good, the atmosphere is good, and we’re excited about it,” Landry expressed.

There are six seniors on the Bridge City varsity and three of those have been starters multiple years. John Van Huis is a four year starter in centerfield, Landon Reeves is also a four year starter at multiple positions, and Aidyn Mulhollan is a three year starter as a pitcher and infielder.



Coach Chad Landry of the Bridge City Cardinals baseball team.

Landry praised, “Those three seniors have played a lot of games. They’ve experienced a lot, they’ve seen a lot, they know how it works. We count on those guys to really produce for us, to lead for us, and to really show our younger Cardinals how we would like to do things.”

Outfielder Gavin Bodin is a senior who has been playing well. Another senior Lorn Little is a first baseman who can hit the baseball a long way.

Brayton Tregre is the sixth senior on the Bridge City varsity. “Brayton is a great teammate. He’s a guy that every program needs. In fact we’re going to throw him on the mound a little bit this year. He’s done a great job in the scrimmages early so could be a guy to eat up some innings for us and I look forward to seeing that,” Landry described Tregre.

The sophomore class at Bridge City is a large group and is the biggest class since Landry came here in 2009. Twenty-three altogether are in the baseball program with at least eight on the varsity which makes up the majority of the Cardinal pitching staff.

Austin Frederick, Hunter Ford, and CJ Riojas were three sophomores who saw playing time as freshmen. Brady Havard, Max Pachar,

and Owen Tucker will definitely see playing time this season.

Landry elaborated, “All these guys are going to have to play for us. They’re going to have to learn, they’re going to have to get after it, and they have all the talent in the world. They’re great players. We’ve just got to get them a little more experience.”

“Our under level guys, our young guys, are extremely eager to learn. It doesn’t matter what we throw at them every day in practice they’re right there they’re ready to take it. They’re absorbing it. Coach Elmer Laird and Coach Shea Landry have done a great job. We threw the book at the new kids on day

one knowing they wouldn’t get it all, but this is what it takes. The young Cardinals want to do it, they want to be here, they want to represent our program, and the interlocking “B C” that is on their hats,” Landry added.

Hitting should be a positive aspect for Bridge City this season. The Cardinal lineup is very balanced with guys that can put balls in

play. Coach Chad Landry evaluated, “We really like our team speed overall. We can run. We’re extremely athletic starting with Hutch Bearden. When Hutch is on the baseball field he’s flying, it is impressive to watch how well he moves on the baseball field.”

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Bridge City tourney

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17-0 triumph over Hamshire-Fannett. Freshman pitcher Carson Gonzales threw an abbreviated four inning no hitter with one walk and seven strikeouts.

Little Cypress Mauriceville played in a tournament at Lufkin during the weekend. The Bears lost their opener on Thursday to Porter before splitting two games on Friday.

Freshman Jacob Scheiderer threw a seven inning shutout on Friday against Krum allowing just two hits and striking out six as the Bears won 2-0. On Saturday LCM got another strong outing beating Henderson 4-1 with the help of a bases loaded walk for Ethan Fry and a single by Justin McCarver.



Jacob Scheiderer threw a two hit shutout for Little Cypress Mauriceville over Krum.

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Bobcats split their two games on Thursday losing to the host Lady Indians 10-4 and beating Vidor 8-2. Charlee Sanches homered in both games for the Lady

6-0 on two hits. Curphey threw a one hitter shutting out Bridge City 2-0. Haylee Spears and Aubree Beck drove in the two runs for Orangefield which improved to 8-4-1 on the season.

Bridge City completed the tournament at PN-G with three shutouts by its pitchers. Cardinal pitching ace Carson Fall threw two no hitters during the tour-

namment.

After a 6-6 tie with Anahuac on Thursday morning Fall threw the first of her no hitters 3-0 against Hamshire-Fannett. The second no hitter followed on Friday with Lumberton falling 7-0. Port Neches-Groves could do no better as they were shutout 6-0 by Bridge City. Only Orangefield could beat Bridge City over the weekend.

Little Cypress Mauriceville won five of its six games at Sweeney. The Lady Bears

took two games on Thursday, won both games on Friday, before splitting their two games on Saturday.

The two LCM pitchers Ella Stephenson and Tessa Erickson pitched well in the tournament. Lexis Moss hit three homeruns including a grand slam on Saturday and Jacelyn Cook cranked a homer on Thursday.

West Orange-Stark went 2-3 at its own tournament. The Lady Mustangs got a decisive 16-5 win over

Beaumont Kelly on Thursday and edged Port Arthur Memorial 7-6 on Friday.

The local tournament this week will be the Certta-Bearden WOS Classic at West Orange-Stark. The Mustangs will play four games over the three day tournament while Orangefield and Little Cypress Mauriceville play each other on Thursday afternoon and Orangefield has another game scheduled on Saturday afternoon at Ronnie Anderson Park.



The Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears won five of the six games they played in the Sweeney tournament.

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs played four games in the Kountze tournament. The Mustangs dropped all their games but played a close one with Hemphill before losing 7-4 on Saturday.

Softball Action

There were three girls softball tournaments over the weekend. Orangefield and Bridge City traveled to Port Neches-Groves, Little Cypress Mauriceville went to Sweeney, and West Orange-Stark played at home in its own tournament.

The Orangefield Lady

Bobcats, and Hallee Becker scored four runs in the two games combined.

Orangefield defeated Lumberton 6-1 and tied Hamshire-Fannett 1-1 on Friday. Sanches got the win surrendering no earned runs to Lumberton and struck out six. Hallee Becker was a leader at the plate with three hits and three runs scored. Abigail Curphey pitched a good game yielding just one run and striking out seven against Hamshire-Fannett in the tie.

The Lady Bobcats swept their two games on Saturday with a pair of shutouts. Sanches shutout Anahuac



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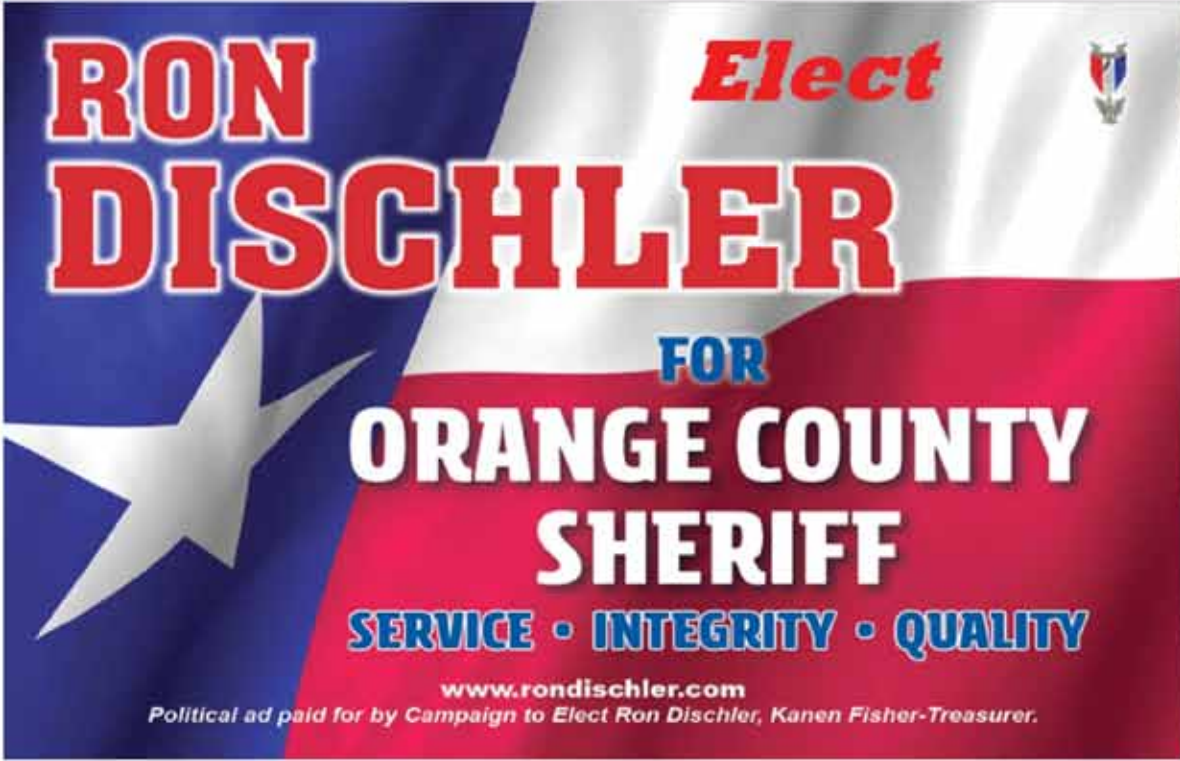
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Bobcats hope to make extended run post season

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For The Record

Baseball has been very good at Orangefield the last several years. The prospects are high for another banner year on the diamond for the Bobcats this season.

In 2023 Orangefield played a tough non-district schedule that got the Bobcats ready for district which carried over into the playoffs. At one stretch the Bobcats won a remarkable 23 games in a row.

Coach Tim Erickson reflected on the performance of his Bobcats last year. "That win streak was big for our program. We made a pretty good run in the playoffs, we just ran into a really tough Central Heights team in the third round. Hopefully, we get an opportunity to face those guys again, and I know the kids are looking forward to it. It was a good season overall," Erickson replied.

Twelve seniors return from the district championship team last season for the Bobcats. This is the biggest senior class the coach has had since he came to Orangefield.

Centerfield will be covered by Kane Smith when the basketball playoffs come to a conclusion for the Bobcats. Smith is also the leadoff hitter in the Orangefield batting order. Erickson reminded, "Kane was an all-state player for us last year."

Brycen Tait will lead the Bobcat pitching staff. Tait won nine games as a solid reliable pitcher last season, and Erickson expects the same thing again from Brycen.

The Orangefield infield will have three familiar faces. Matthew Johnson returns at third base and should make some big strides as a sophomore. Caleb Fregia is running things at shortstop with three years on the varsity after moving to shortstop last year from second base. Adam Tran is back at second base where he started last season.

Camden Fountain will play first base while Kyle Michael an all-stater last year is recuperating from a knee injury suffered during the football season. "Camden is a guy we can play anywhere on the field but catcher, so he has stepped into the first base spot and really done well through



Coach Tim Erickson of the Orangefield Bobcats baseball team.

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the scrimmages and should hold down that position really well," Erickson predicted.

Joining Kane Smith in the outfield will be Cameron Dearing in left field. Dearing was a part time starter last year and was a big contributor for the Bobcats. In right field Logan Cheek has a solid bat, is a really good fielder, and a lot is expected from him.

With so many returners there are not very many holes to fill for Coach Erickson. Catching is the big one with Carson Worthy the prime candidate to be behind the plate for the bulk of the Bobcat games this season.

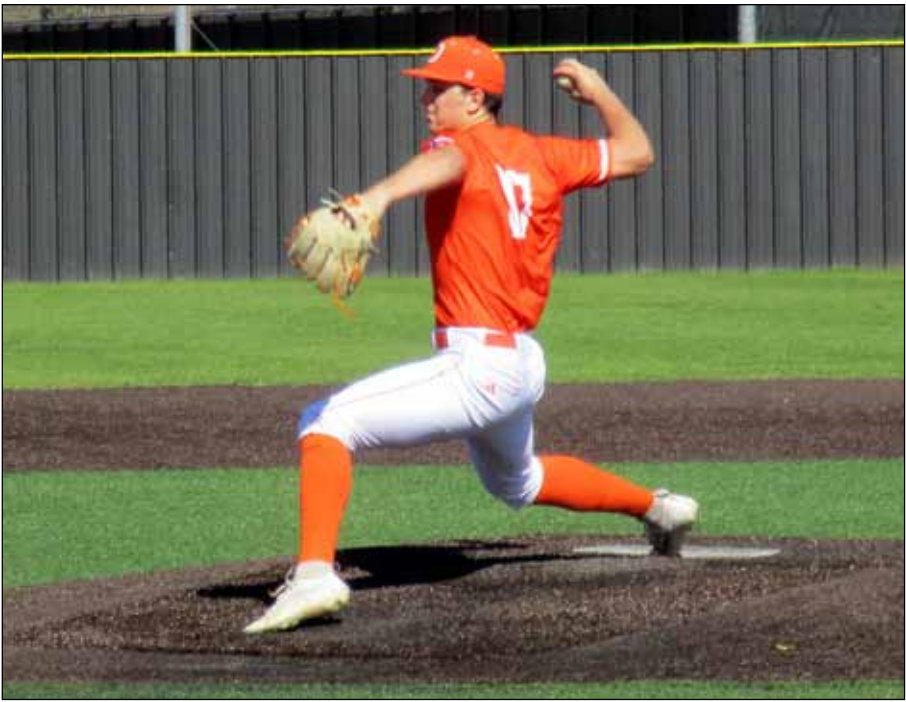
Erickson elaborated, "Carson caught every game on junior varsity last season and worked hard over the summer. He is fitting right in during the scrimmages doing really well, we're impressed with what he's done."

Kaleb Menard is another Bobcat who was brought up to the varsity for the playoffs last year. Menard played mostly on the junior varsity as a freshman, but is expected to be a big impact guy now as a sophomore at the plate and on the mound for Orangefield.

Kyler Green is a utility infielder who can fill in when one of the normal Bobcat starters is called on to pitch. Green also does a great job on the base paths according to Erickson.

Orangefield with its large group of seniors and returning lettermen there is a whole lineup of Bobcat hitters that can handle the bat. "We're going to limit strikeouts, we're going to have good at bats with guys that just know how to play the game because they've been in the system for three or four years now. I think top to bottom we're going to be really good," Erickson promised.

Big hitters should include Matthew Johnson who is



Orangefield pitcher Carson Gonzales threw an abbreviated no hitter with one walk and seven strikes against Hamshire-Fannett on Saturday.

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making strides to drive runs in by hitting balls in the gaps. Logan Cheek drove in runs last year and is being counted on to repeat that this year. Kaleb Menard is another Bobcat that should really produce a lot of runs and take advantage of what his teammates in the lineup are doing to get on base while putting themselves in scoring position.

Kyle Michael has been a top hitter for Orangefield the last three seasons and is working hard through rehab to be able to get the injured knee in shape for him to at least be able to swing the bat. Erickson informed, "Our goal is for the second round of district for Kyle to come back and designate hit. I think he will be there, no question. Kyle's working hard doing everything he has to do. Just to have him back in the lineup will be a big plus for the Bobcats."

Pitching has been a strength for Orangefield during Coach Erickson's tenure. This season should be no different with several arms the coach can call on to deliver on the mound.

The number one pitcher and leader of the pitching staff should be Brycen Tait. "We expect him to get the majority of the innings. We know he's going to give us quality starts when he goes out there. Brycen really knows how to pitch, he's going to give us a chance to win every time he's on the mound," Erickson praised.

Several other Orangefield pitchers are coming back. Garrett Rawls is in basketball, but when the playoffs conclude he will be a big addition with his strong arm.

Colton Myers was used as a reliever during the previous season and is expected to

fill the same role this year, but may get some starts during the tournament

phase of the schedule.

Kaleb Menard could be the kind of pitcher who can beat any opponent he throws against. Erickson believes it is going to take Kaleb getting on the mound and getting comfortable so he can throw pitches around the strike zone.

Other Bobcats have been used in the early scrimmages. Erickson indicated, "Camden Fountain, Matthew Johnson, even Caleb Fregia have thrown a little just to give us some options when we get into these four game tournaments, or down the road when we're going to need somebody to step up to get on the mound."

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The coach predicted Bridge City may not hit a ton of homeruns. The Cardinals have gravitated towards it is okay to put the ball on the ground with their bats because they have the speed to beat out grounders and to help move runners over a base. "The more that we do that the better we're going to be. Our offense has morphed into contact driven, small ball driven, athletic driven, and to get on base to score runs" Landry confirmed.

The Cardinal offense starts with leadoff batter John Van Huis. "John has been a leadoff guy for multiple years. I like describing John as he's not great at anything, but he is really, really good at everything. John's a baseball player every team wants at the top of their lineup. It is great to see him develop into the player and leader that he is today," Landry responded.

Pitching is a key to any team's success especially in a tough district like 19-4A where Bridge City competes. Through the early scrimmages a couple Cardinal pitchers have estab-

lished themselves as the two aces of the staff.

Aidyn Mulhollan is the number one starter for Bridge City. Landry and the coaches rested Aidyn in the fall, have slowly brought him back, he is healthy now, and pitched very well in a game against one of the top teams in Louisiana.

The number two pitcher will be Landon Reeves who will move into more of a starter's role after serving as a relief specialist last year. Young arms include Brady Havard, Max Pachar, Owen Tucker, and Trey Goodwin who all will see time on the hill for Bridge City.

The Cardinals will compete in a tough district with Little Cypress Mauriceville which had a very young team in 2023 expected to rebound this year. "We feel like the Bears will be one of the top teams to beat in the district because they are loaded with arms and talent.

"Lumberton has their two arms back. It's a dogfight, it's a battle, it's stressful. We love to compete. It's going to be a tough test

for us with so many young guys, but we want to get cranked up," Landry concluded.

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WOS Mustangs From Page 3B

to coach and try to show the kids how to do it the right way fundamentally, the Mustangs are learning the game, they're learning how to play the game, and things are getting better but it's just taking time," Espinal confirmed.

Improvement over the last couple of seasons could carry over to this year. Espinal explained, "I think the biggest improvement this year that we'll see is probably our outfield. Christian Anderson, William Lee, and Cortez Robertson have good

range, good fundamentals, and they have been working so hard. I think our top three outfielders who are all seniors have been doing a pretty good job. We went through our struggles three years ago with them, so this year they are putting the pieces together and they should all have an outstanding season."

Lee played summer baseball and continues to work out taking baseball more seriously. Espinal indicated, "William is looking forward to going

to college on a baseball scholarship. I think he's got the opportunity to do it, and he's got the ability to do it. It's just a matter of time and if he turns it on to have a great year this season."

The two best returning Mustangs are both sophomores. Diego Ibarra and Noah Robles were leaders when they were freshmen last year so more is expected in their second seasons on the West Orange-Stark varsity.

Ibarra was the leader on the mound last year for

WOS which makes him a key pitcher again this season and will play first base when he is not pitching. "Diego's got a good stick, and I know he's got better so he should contribute for the Mustangs tremendously," Espinal stated.

Robles has a lot of tools whether on the mound, in the infield, or at the plate. Espinal believes, "Noah should really help us in every possible way. He's a pitcher, a shortstop, an infielder, I can put him anywhere, and he swings the bat pretty well."

Senior Zach Nation is one of the team leaders. "Zach grew, got taller, got

smarter, got a little stronger, so we look forward to having Zach as one of our leaders and contributors to our baseball program this year," Espinal praised.

Whether it is behind the plate as the catcher or on the mound as a pitcher Grayson Gregory of the Mustangs will be a factor for the ball club. Espinal evaluated, "Grayson has shown some sparks of getting better, and he's made some improvements. He has to continue to improve because as our catcher he has to be the leader on the field."

The are some new Mustangs who will play on the

varsity for Coach Espinal. Blade Williams is a sophomore moving up from the junior varsity last season. "He's grown to a good size, right handed hitter, that plays first base and third base, will also pitch a little bit, swings the bat pretty good, also learning the game, but Blade has got a lot of potential and ability," Espinal described.

Another new face on the baseball diamond is Marcus Turner. WOS fans know Turner as the starting quarterback on the Mustang varsity football team. Turner wants to learn baseball, so things are looking good.

LCM Bears From Page 3B

ture which is exciting," Hagler observed.

There will be a few Bears moving on to the Little Cypress Mauriceville varsity this season. Brice Frenzel pitched a little in the scrimmages and tournaments last year. Hagler indicated, "We're hoping Brice can pitch a lot for us this year. He's playing a little bit of right field as well and hitting in the middle of the batting order."

Freshman Jacob Scheiderer has already seen a number of innings in left field during the early Bear scrimmages, and had an impressive pitching debut. "Jacob got two or three innings the other night. He came in to shut down a bases loaded jam and pitched two and two third innings with eight strike-

outs in his first pitching outing as a freshman," Hagler reminded. Scheiderer had two hits in that same game.

Hitting has traditionally been an asset for Little Cypress Mauriceville. With the number of returning lettermen the Bears should have some big bats in their lineup again this season.

Hagler analyzed, "Right now I think up and down we are right there. Early in the season the hitters kind of miss a barrel here or miss a barrel there which in two or three weeks that same guy is going to square up and you know it from just seeing him do it before."

The coach identified the expected leaders with the bat for the Bears. "Bandiero is definitely a guy that

can swing it. Seago is another guy that is going to swing it really well, always has and always will. Freeman is a big body who can lose one every now and the too, and he's going to find barrels. McCarver has been hitting in the two hole through the scrimmages into the early games, and he's basically doing whatever you need the two hole to do whether it's bunt to help move runners, drive guys in, see a lot of pitches, and different stuff like that. Justin is doing a really good job at doing it," Hagler praised.

"I think once you find some continuity and guys start realizing what their role is you can start to see a little bit of that flow in a lineup. We really started to see that in the game last night which is really excit-

ing," Hagler added.

In that game the Bears put eleven runs on the board. LCM had runners in scoring position throughout the game and only left one runner on base.

The pitching staff for Little Cypress Mauriceville has more than half a dozen good arms that Hagler can put on the mound. Hagler elaborated, "Honestly, right now there are six Bears I can think of that I wouldn't be afraid to throw out there at any point and time. There are two more guys who in a jam could potentially go out there too when we're deeper in tournaments."

Landon Richards tops the list of Bear pitchers. "I think he's going to be a guy who really shocks a lot of people this year building off what he did last year. Landon gained that

experience and then figured out who he really is on the mound which is really exciting," Hagler explained.

Marco Bandiero was not able to pitch last year because of some arm trouble after being a regular on the mound the year before. Hagler is excited to see Marco get back on the hill this season as he can throw it with the best of the Bear pitchers.


Another Bear who will get innings in any situation is Parker Seago. Brice Frenzel and Parker Freeman will also play bigger roles for the LCM pitching staff this season. Not to be overlooked is freshman Jacob Scheiderer who every outing has just built on what he has done previously.

Hagler reiterated, "Six guys that we really aren't scared to throw at anybody at any point and time


in a game. We're excited about the staff where they are, how they developed, and we're looking forward to the season."

Coach Hagler is not going to look too far down the road for the Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears. He insisted on taking this year one day at a time, but does feel the team is moving in the right direction which has him excited about the new season.

"I think anybody that throws out any prediction this early in a season might look back later and hoped they didn't. We're just taking it one day at a time trying to get better every single day, learning who we are, continuing to grow, continuing to mature, and then just learning what to expect out of each other every single day on a daily basis," Hagler concluded.



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

c/o:
James R. Dunaway
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 100
Orange, TX
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Dated the **21st** day of **February**, 2024.

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NOTICE OF NEW ELECTRIC RATE REQUEST

On February 13, 2024, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or "the Company") filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") for approval of Rate Schedule UODG (Utility-Owned Distributed Generation) and an associated form Customer Agreement consistent with Public Utility Regulatory Act § 36.215. ETI's filing was assigned Docket No. 56216 and is styled Application of Entergy Texas, Inc. for Approval of Rate Schedule UODG. Rate Schedule UODG is a new voluntary rate schedule that will be charged to only eligible commercial and industrial customers who elect to subscribe for backup electric service supplied by dispatchable distributed generation ("DG"), owned and operated by ETI. ETI is requesting that Rate Schedule UODG be effective beginning March 19, 2024.

The fleet of DG will supply a portion of ETI's long-term resource needs, be available to provide capacity and energy benefits to all ETI customers, and enhance the resiliency of ETI's electric grid. In addition, during an outage, the DG, which will be located at or adjacent to a host customer's premises, will be available to supply backup electric service to the host customer and allow it to continue to provide vital goods and services to the community while service to the larger area is being restored.

If the Commission adopts the 45-day intervention deadline proposed in the Application, the deadline to intervene will be March 29, 2024, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission, at its address provided below, by that date. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>.

Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/industry/filings/E-Filing_Instructions.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you must email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936- 7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

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-  Restoring confidence within all ranks of the Sheriff's Office through honest, respectful, and two-way communications creating a trusting, healthy, and more productive work environment.
-  Improving day to day, internal operations of the Sheriff's Office.
-  Restoring relationships with ALL law enforcement partners. Inter-Agency communication and cooperation is vital to the safety of the entire county.
-  Re-instating vital programs such as the Homicide Investigations Team, the Multi-Agency SWAT Team, and the Highway Criminal Interdiction Team.

"I consider Bobby Smith to be one of the top law enforcement professionals in the country. His honesty, integrity, experience and training sets him apart from all other candidates."
John Kimbrough,
Orange County District Attorney

"When I first met Bobby, who was a Highway Patrolman at the time, you realized real quick Bobby is a professional with a deep desire to provide the best Law Enforcement services."
Keith Merritt, Orange County Sheriff (RET)






"During our time working together I found Bobby to be a man of integrity and truth. He always held strongly to moral and ethical principles and values. He was then and is now a man of integrity."
John Tarver Chief Deputy Orange County Sheriff's Office (RET)



Bobby Smith, Texas Ranger Major (RET.)



Bobby Smith and family

-  Rebuilding the Narcotics Division to encompass all aspects of narcotics enforcement within the neighborhoods throughout ALL areas of Orange County.
-  Restoring relationships with ALL law enforcement partners.
-  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.
-  Working closely with the Sheriff's staff and Commissioner's Court on budgetary issues, including the Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds, to be fiscally responsible within the guidelines of state and federal law.

Bobby Smith is dedicated to the core values of professionalism, integrity, accountability, excellence, and teamwork.

His education, training and experience has given him the ability to stand out amongst other candidates.

Community members and local organizations supporting Retired Texas Ranger Bobby Smith for Orange County Sheriff 2024 are prepared to work hand-in-hand to ensure the safety of Orange County, with an array of endorsements as of press time Including:

- Sabine Area Central Labor Council AFL-CIO
- West Orange Municipal Police Officers Association
- Orange County Freedom Caucus
- Keith Merritt - Orange County Sheriff (RET)
- Mike White - Orange County Sheriff (RET)
- John Tarver - Chief Deputy Orange County Sheriff's Office (RET)
- Dennis Marlow - Captain Orange County Sheriff's Office (RET)
- Tommy Smith - Captain Orange County Sheriff's Office (RET)
- Flo Edgerly - Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 (RET)
- Mark Philpott - Constable Pct. 3 (RET)
- Babette Philpott - Former Bridge City Municipal Court Judge
- Dean Crooks
- BoJack Davis
- John Kimbrough - Orange County District Attorney
- John Banken - Former Orange County Commissioner Pct. 3/Former Bridge City Mayor
- Buster Ascol
- Jeff Mathews - AD/Head Coach Vidor ISD (RET)
- Cornell Thompson - AD/Head Coach West Orange-Stark ISD (RET)
- Sam Kittrell - Chief of Police (RET)
- Richard Howard - Sergeant Texas Department of Public Safety (RET)
- Janois Strause Grizzaffi - Orange County Sheriff's Office (RET)
- Kevin Williams
- John Houseman
- Kenny Pigg
- Gary Hinton - Texas DPS Trooper and Investigator, Orange County Sheriff's Office (RET)
- Jason DeMontmollin
- Cliff Hargrave



Bobby Smith with Lefty Block, Sr. Ranger Captain and Orangefield Native.

Bobby Smith is a Proven Leader:

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

- Texas Department of Public Safety - Chairman Use of Force Board
- Texas Highway Patrol
- Texas Highway Patrol Sergeant
- Texas Ranger
- Texas Ranger Lieutenant
- Texas Ranger Captain
- Texas Ranger Major

CERTIFICATIONS

- Master Texas Peace Officer
- Advanced Crime Scene Investigations
- Advanced Incident Command and General Command Staff
- Force Science Analyst
- T.C.O.L.E. Instructor
- Firearms Instructor
- Critical Incident Response
- SWAT Command Staff
- Crisis Negotiations

TRAINING

- Advanced 4th Amendment
- Crime Scene Reconstruction
- Tactical Firearms
- Arrest, Search, and Seizure
- Stress Management
- Interview and Interrogation
- Supervision and Management
- Blood Stain Pattern Interpretation
- Homicide Investigation
- Advanced Homicide Investigation
- Statement Analysis Investigating Deception
- Intermediate and Advanced Incident Command
- Accident Investigation
- Advanced Accident Investigation

EDUCATION

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- Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Academy
- Force Science Institute
- FBI National Academy

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