

# Penny Record

Vol. 64 No. 34

Distributed **FREE** To The Citizens of Bridge City and Orangefield

Week of Wednesday, January 17, 2024

## Severe cold hampers area, more expected

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

Bridges and overpasses closed Monday evening as freezing rain slicked roadways, leading to a number of vehicle crashes and schools being canceled for Tuesday.

Most of Texas is suffering under a strong arctic front that hit Orange County on Monday with strong winds sending windchills into the teens. The low at the Orange County Airport reached 23 degrees overnight, with a low of 19 forecast for Tuesday night, according to the National Weather Service.

And even though Thursday is supposed to be sunny with a high of 68, people should leave their cold weather protections in place. Another cold front is forecast to come through on Saturday, once again dropping the temperatures into the 20s.

Orange County Emergency Management Director Joel Ardoin on Tuesday said he heard of no major problems, except for the slick roads and bridges. County offices closed on Tuesday, along with schools, because of the roads, bridges, and overpasses freezing.

A fire Monday night destroyed an RV and the resident was able to escape safely because of her dog awakening her. Fire officials attributed the blaze to a space heater “fire place.”

The NWS forecast had called for a slight, 10 percent chance of freezing rain for Southeast Texas, but some hit Monday af-

ternoon. Freezing rain falls as liquid and immediately freezes to a slick sheet of ice. A few snow flurries were spotted, but the snow didn’t stick.

Luckily, the ice layer was thin, not like the freezing rain that caused the devastating ice storm in January 1997 that left thick coats of ice on trees, causing thousands of limbs and branches to break off. The falling branches caused major power outages that took days to fix. In addition, the limbs crashed through roofs and blocked roadways.

The Texas Department of Transportation late Monday afternoon closed the Rainbow and Veterans bridges between Bridge City and Port Arthur, along with the Highway 62 overpass at Mauriceville. Tuesday morning, they were opened.

The county closed the East Roundbunch Road swing bridge outside of Bridge City and it is expected to open on Wednesday.

Some schools along with Orange County and city of Orange offices were closed Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday.

The annual Orange NAACP MLK March went on schedule late Monday morning from Salem United Methodist Church to the Riverfront Pavilion in downtown. Marchers, including a group from the new Chevron Phillips Golden Triangle Polymers plant, huddled against strong north winds with

SEVERE COLD Page 3A



Students in Mrs. Kimberly Spears' Education and Training classes expressed gratitude to former OHS students, Kaydance Whitfield and Asia Tran. Both young ladies are currently continuing their education with plans to pursue careers working with children. They came and spoke to the classes about the Education & Training pathway, endorsements, and the Educational Aide certification. They also shared college expectations and skills gained from Family and Consumer Science classes and how they are benefiting them now. PHOTO ABOVE: Kaydance Whitfield and Mrs. Kimberly Spears.

## County loses Stump Weatherford

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

Everybody knew him as Stump, a nickname Stump Weatherford had in childhood. But for Lions Club International, he was also known “National Treasure.”

Butch Campbell recalls giving the “National Treasure” name to Weatherford a few years ago at the Lions Camp for youth with disabilities. “Everybody laughed at it, but they knew it was true,” Campbell said. “He wasn’t just a local treasure, he was a national treasure.”

L.E. “Stump” Weatherford died last week at the age of 77 after cancer. He was a professional photographer and a well-known volunteer for not only the Orange Lions Club, but Lions International.

“Anytime you met a Lion and told them you were from Orange, they



Stump Weatherford and his wife, Dayle Gunn Weatherford, show off his ‘Citizen of the Year’ Award in December at the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. Weatherford died this past week at the age of 77.

asked if you knew Stump,” Campbell said.

The Lions Club is an international service and charity organization. Weatherford joined the local Lions in 1975 and

served club president twice. He also held regional, state and national positions. He was an officer at the youth camp in Kerrville, Texas, where he spent hundreds of hours

through the years volunteering to keep the camp in shape and helping to plan sessions.

After he was released from the hospital for cancer treatments in December, he was honored with a Lions dinner with dignitaries from all over coming to pay tribute to him and honor him with the prestigious Ambassador of Goodwill, the highest award.

Later in the month, the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce, where he was a member for many years, named him “Citizen of the Year” for his contributions to the community.

“Stump was a true friend,” said Gary Stelly, longtime owner of KOGT radio and chamber member. “He really lived his life by the Lions motto ‘We Serve.’”

Campbell, a longtime

STUMP Page 3A

## Paxton campaigns with Covey in SE Texas

PATRICK SVITEK  
The Texas Tribune

Attorney General Ken Paxton on Monday ramped up his political revenge tour following his impeachment last year with a visit to the district of his biggest target: House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont.

Paxton spent the day in southeast Texas campaigning with David Covey, a GOP activist from the area who is challeng-

ing Phelan in the March primary. The Phelan-led House, including most Republicans, impeached Paxton in May on abuse-of-power charges and the Senate acquitted him after a trial in September.

Appearing together Monday evening in Beaumont, Paxton praised Covey for his “tremendous courage” in challenging the speaker and bashed Phelan as being too deferential to Democrats.

“We have to protect



David Covey

Texas, and it’s guys like David Covey that are gonna go down there and undo what the speaker has done,” Paxton said.

Paxton campaigned with Covey earlier in the day in Orange, and he was set to head Tuesday to North Texas for more campaign stops for Texas House candidates. Paxton has gone on an endorsement spree since his acquittal, mostly backing primary challengers to the dozens of House Republi-

cans who voted to impeach him.

Paxton’s efforts are not just focused on the House. While in Beaumont, he also pitched three primary challengers he recruited to run against judges on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which angered him in 2021 when it struck down his power to unilaterally prosecute voter fraud.

“They’re gonna try to put me in jail for doing this, but I don’t care,” Pax-

ton said of his endorsements against the judges.

Phelan has been similarly unapologetic about the impeachment, which has made him not only a target of Paxton but also deepened a rift with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. Patrick served as judge in the trial and ended it with a speech accusing the House of cutting corners in its impeachment process.

During a campaign stop

PAXTON Page 3A



## For Floors & More We're Your Store

1000 S. Ashton St. • Vidor • (409) 422-4419 [www.TopDeckFlooring.com](http://www.TopDeckFlooring.com)



# Paxton campaigns with Covey From Page 1

last week in Port Neches, Phelan said Paxton and Patrick “have a problem with me because I’m gonna do what’s best for the state of Texas,” not what is best for them.

“I’m not gonna turn my back on corruption, I’m not gonna turn my back on malfeasance,” Phelan said. “I’m gonna do the right thing all day long, every day.”

As Paxton was campaigning with Covey on Monday evening, Phelan announced the endorsement of former Gov. Rick Perry, who had lobbied state senators to consider the evidence against Paxton. Perry’s endorsement called Phelan a “fearless conservative and a Texas Hero.”

Covey and other Phelan critics have sought to undermine the speaker’s record by highlighting GOP priorities that have not made it out of the House, like Abbott’s yearlong push for school vouchers. They have also pointed to Phelan’s adherence to a tradition of appointing Democratic committee chairs.



Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton endorses David Covey at a True Texas Project event in Beaumont on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024. Covey is running against House Speaker Dade Phelan in the Republican primary. PHOTO: Mark Felix for The Texas Tribune

“Friends, in one time, slavery was a tradition here, but a Republican stood up and said, Enough is enough,” Covey said Monday evening. He added that Phelan is “undermining and selling out our state.”

Phelan has defended Democratic committee chairs as a worthwhile practice that prevents the Legislature from seeing the kind of gridlock that regularly grips Congress. Even then, he boasted during

the Port Neches stop that last year he appointed “fewer Democratic chairs than any other speaker’s ever appointed in the history of the state of Texas as long as we’re Republican.”

# Severe cold hits county From Page 1

gusts up to 20 miles per hour. Temperatures in Orange were in the mid-30s at the time, with the winds putting the windchill to 28 degrees.

By late afternoon, the freezing rain had hit, covering cars, sidewalks, and outdoor steps. Bridges and overpasses are more likely to freeze because of cold air under their surfaces. A crash involving two 18-wheel truck rigs and a car shut down the Interstate 10 bridge over the Sabine River. A pickup truck slid and hit the wall of the Highway 62 overpass in Mauriceville.

Tuesday morning, a few

more snow flurries were spotted, but skies mostly cleared. That didn’t mean the temperatures warmed. The high at the county airport Tuesday reached 36 degrees, but the strong winds with gusts up to 25 mph made the windchill never rise past 28 degrees.

Even in the cold wind, kids out of school played outside, collecting icicles that reached 10 inches in some places and throwing discs of ice covering bird baths, pet bowls, buckets and other water-filled containers outside.

Some restaurants and businesses also closed, but were expected to be back

open on Wednesday.

The next cold front is forecast to blow in on Friday, again bringing strong north winds with gusts up to 30 mph. But at least Fri-

day and Saturday with the sub-freezing weather, the skies are supposed to be clear with no freezing rain or snow.

# Pickleball Tournament Saturday in Orange

Put your pickleball skills to the test. On Saturday, January 20th the Orange Recreation Center is hosting a Pickleball Tournament. Registration is free, and individuals can sign up for Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced levels of competition.

Call the Rec at 409-883-1072 or send an email to rec-center@orangetexas.gov to sign up today and reserve your spot.

Paxton’s appearance in Beaumont came as the state was dealing with unusually freezing conditions that appeared to put a damper on turnout. Paxton left early due to anticipated road conditions, according to an organizer.

Covey is an oil-and-gas consultant and the former chair of the Orange County GOP. Alicia Davis, an anti-tax activist from Jasper, is also running against Phelan in the March 5 primary.

Phelan has taken the contest seriously, airing TV ads touting his conservative bona fides since November. He more recently got the endorsement of the National Rifle Association,

which cited the House’s 2021 passage of a law allowing permitless carry of handguns.

Asked about the NRA endorsement Monday, Covey said he was prouder to have high marks from the Gun Owners of America, which bills itself as a harder-line alternative to the NRA. The NRA, Covey added, has “gone astray and that makes me sad.”

Covey also got an audience question about “TEXT-IT,” or the movement for Texas to secede from the United States. He said he has signed a petition from the Texas Nationalist Movement that calls for letting voters decide the question.

### HERITAGE CENTER OF ORANGE, INC.

100 S. College, Orange, TX  
(409) 886-3505

Bus. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Fri. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (closed Mon till 1 p.m. for Lunch)  
Equal Housing Opportunity  
Section 8 and HUD Subsidized  
1 OR 2 BEDROOMS

APARTMENTS FOR THE ELDERLY, DISABLED, & HANDICAPPED

## The Record Newspapers

### of Orange County, Texas

The Record Newspapers- The County Record and the Penny Record- are published on Wednesday of each week and distributed free throughout greater Orange County, Texas. The publications feature community news, local sports, commentary and much more. Readers may also read each issue of our papers from our web site [TheRecordLive.Com](http://TheRecordLive.Com).

**News Tips and Photos**  
886-7183  
E-mail: [news@therecordlive.com](mailto:news@therecordlive.com)  
**333 W. Roundbunch Bridge City, Texas**  
Offices Closed On Wednesday.  
Didn't Get Your Paper? Call 735-5305.

**TheRecordLive.com**  
Round The Clock Hometown News

### The biggest leap forward EVER in hearing aid technology!

## INTRODUCING GENESIS AI

YOUR OPTIONS FOR TREATING HEARING LOSS CAN FEEL INTIMIDATING. GENESIS AI - FIT BY AN EXPERIENCED HEARING CARE PROFESSIONAL - WILL ENSURE YOU NEVER HAVE TO MISS A BEAT.

Please call to reserve your appointment today!  
WE ACCEPT MOST MAJOR INSURANCES.  
ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL FINANCING OPTIONS\*

**\$795** EACH FOR HEARING LOSS UP TO 35 DBA

Cannot be combined with any other offers.  
Not valid on previous purchases.

Connects to your phone's bluetooth!

### Join us for a special hearing event!

## OUR GUESTS WILL RECEIVE:

- FREE Complete Hearing Screening
- FREE Live Hearing Aid Technology Demonstration
- FREE examination of your ears to check for wax buildup

This audiometric screening will precisely show you what you've been missing.

62 Years of Service

BROWN HEARING CENTERS  
- Since 1962 -

... Where technology meets tradition.

## ORANGE, TX

BROWN HEARING CENTERS  
105 CAMELLIA AVE.  
JANUARY 15-19, 2024  
8 AM - 5 PM  
**1-888-464-8896**



# GasBuddy predicts lower gas prices in 2024

Staff Report  
For The Record

GasBuddy, a PDI company, has released its annual Fuel Price Outlook with some good news for drivers: expect lower gasoline and diesel prices in 2024. The outlook highlights key trends in gasoline and diesel prices, forecasting that, after two years of above average gas prices, 2024 will bring relief at the pump for consumers as several factors contribute to less of a pinch at the pump. GasBuddy expects the yearly national average will drop from \$3.51 per gallon this year to \$3.38 in 2024.

Highlights from GasBuddy's 2024 Fuel Outlook:

- Gas prices still could fall below a national average of \$3 per gallon this winter before potentially rising, getting close to \$4 per gallon as summer ap-

proaches.

- Drivers in some West Coast cities could again briefly see prices above \$6 per gallon, although most major U.S. cities will see prices peak near \$4 per gallon in 2024.
- Americans are expected to spend a combined \$446.9 billion on gasoline in 2024. Average yearly spending per household will fall to an estimated \$2,407, down 2% from 2023, and over 12% from 2022.
- Electric vehicles (EVs) and the 2024 presidential election have the potential to impact fuel prices in the year ahead, with a potential slowdown in the EV transition at stake.
- Memorial Day will be the priciest 2024 holiday at the pump, with the national average price of gasoline expected



National average price of gas projected to see yearly decline in 2024 for second straight year.

to be \$3.56-\$4.04 per gallon on the holiday.

"As 2023 fades away, I'm hopeful those \$5 and \$6 prices for gasoline and diesel will also fade into memory," said Patrick

De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The global refining picture continues to improve, providing more capacity and peace of mind that record-setting prices will stay away from the pump in

2024. I anticipate that we'll still have some volatility, unexpected outages and disruptions, and potentially weather-related issues, but I do not expect it to lead to record prices. Offsetting OPEC+'s production cuts is contributing to the rise of U.S. oil production, which now stands at record levels. Combined with Canada, North American oil production could further stabilize countries that have decided to curb oil production."

The outlook forecasts the highest prices will be seen at the peak of the summer driving season in May, with the national average potentially rising as high as \$3.89 per gallon.

More uncertainty is expected with hurricane season in late summer. Diesel prices are also predicted to fall incrementally from 2023, peaking at \$4.13 per gallon in March 2024.

# November sales drop drastically for Orange

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

The city of Orange is starting the new year with a big drop in sales tax payments as Pinehurst, West Orange, and Vidor have healthy increases.

Sometimes with the city of Orange's drops, the percentage changes could be with the Texas Comptrol-

ler's Office which collects all sales taxes from businesses. The office sends entities their shares after keeping the state's share. Often, the state office mistakenly sends sales taxes from Pinehurst and West Orange to the city of Orange because they have the same Zip code.

Don't fault the comptroller's office, though.

Longtime24,168 residents get confused about the three cities, which have lines that zig-zag in and out of each other. For instance, MacArthur Drive, which is also Texas Highway 87, is in the city of Orange. The north side of the drive is in Pinehurst and the south side is in West Orange. Get to the end of MacArthur, where the

traffic circle one was, and the businesses are in Orange.

However, the difference in Pinehurst collecting almost \$8,000 more, and West Orange getting about \$12,300 more, is not enough to account for the drop of \$179,000 for Orange.

The payments sent this month are for sales in the

month of November, which included extended Black Friday sales. Because this is the first payment of the calendar year, the monthly comparisons to January last year are the same as the year to date.

Orange, with a 1.5 percent sales tax, collected \$455,136, down from \$624,168 last year, a drop of 28.68 percent. The city

had seen similar large jumps on some months last year.

Pinehurst received \$60,535 for November, an increase of 14.97 percent from the \$52,650 last year. The city also has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

West Orange, with a 1.25 percent sales tax, col-

SALES DROP Page 5A

# Stump Weatherford

From Page 1

Lions member, said Stump was instrumental getting the group's annual charity carnival together every year. The carnival is one of the highlights of the community for decades. He said Weatherford would help with any chore needed and founded the booth that would sell snow cones and hot chocolate. He was also the club's photographer and liked to walk the grounds taking pictures of people and club members having fun.

Weatherford was originally from Athens, Texas, and he never hesitated to let you know it was the birthplace of the hamburger. He graduated from East Texas State University, now Texas A&M University Commerce, and moved to Orange in the

1970s to work at DuPont. His first wife passed away at an early age and he was a single father.

Photography became his profession and he was known for many local assignments and taking pictures of all kinds of events. In the days of film, if there was even slightest wrong look of a child, he would give the photograph to the parents at no charge with an apology.

In his later years, he married Dayle Gunn Weatherford, the widow of Buzzie Gunn of Gunn Studios, and they worked a photography business together. They were married for more than a decade after dating for several years. She survives him.

Weatherford had so many contributions to the

work of Lions charities that they will probably never be fully recognized.

Every year in March, the Orange Lions Club goes to the Kerrville youth camp, set up for children with diabetes and other childhood disabilities. Campbell said Lions from all over the state came and loved to pick on Stump and he took it the teasing with a laugh.

One prank came from the local club when they went there earlier than Weatherford. Being an officer on the camp's board, Weatherford had a private room in the counselors quarters and didn't stay in the dormitory room with other Orange Lions.

He asked the local members to make sure his room was reserved. They

went and moved the furniture, including the lamp, outside and set it up in a roadway with a sign "This is Stump's Room. Do Not Disturb." When he arrived, he laughed, and moved it all back.

Orange Lions also teased him at each meet-

ing with a card game he devised called "Flim-Flam" played at every meeting in recent years. Weatherford couldn't clearly explain how the game was played, and members loved to ask him to tell the rules every time so they could laugh at his

descriptions.

Weatherford's contributions to community life also included a big smile and a hug to every friend he ran across, and in Orange, everyone was his friend.

## America's Leading Brands, Same Day Delivery!

**LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED**

**Whirlpool**

**MAYTAG**

**Latest Models! Best Prices! We Service What We Sell!**

# Harry's Appliance & Service Center

302 North 10th Street • Orange • (409) 886-4111

**REPUBLICAN TEXAS RANGER MAJOR (RET.)**

# BOBBY SMITH

**FOR ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF**

Bobby Smith, a seasoned law enforcement veteran with an impressive 29-year track record in criminal and traffic law, proudly presents himself as the Republican candidate for Orange County Sheriff.

Bobby firmly believes that there is no greater responsibility than safeguarding the cherished citizens of Orange County. In an ever-evolving landscape of threats, both traditional and new, he is unwavering in his commitment to protect Orange County with the highest levels of competence and integrity.

Make no mistake, Bobby retired from the Texas Rangers to be your next Sheriff in Orange County. His loyalty is to the Constitution and the citizens of Orange County. He understands what that means and will protect and defend your rights. Bobby and his wife, Brandy Musgrove Smith, have four children and four grandchildren who all reside in Orange County. He wants to make Orange County a better place not only for them, but for all of you. Thank you for your overwhelming support and we humbly ask you for your vote to elect Bobby Smith as the next Sheriff of Orange County.

POL. AD. PD. FOR BY BOBBY SMITH CAMPAIGN, KEITH HARRITT - TREASURER





## From the Creaux's Nest

### A.G. PAXTON CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SPEAKER DADE PHELAN IN HIS S.E.T. DISTRICT

**Attorney General Ken Paxton** ramped up his political revenge tour following his impeachment last year with a visit to the district of **House Speaker Dade Phelan**. Paxton spent the day in southeast Texas campaigning with **David Covey**, a **GOP** activist from the Mauriceville area, who is challenging **Phelan** in the March primary. The **Phelan-led House**, including most Republicans, impeached **Paxton** in May on abuse-of-power charges and the Senate, let by **Lt. Gov. Patrick**, acquitted him after a trial in September. **Paxton** campaigned with **Covey** in Orange, and he was set to head Tuesday to North Texas for more campaign stops for Texas House candidates. **Paxton** has gone on an endorsement spree since his acquittal, mostly backing primary challengers to the dozens of House Republicans who voted to impeach him. **Paxton's** efforts are not just focused on the House. While in Beaumont, he also pitched three primary challengers he recruited to run against judges on the **Texas Court of Criminal Appeals**, which angered him in 2021 when it struck down his power to unilaterally prosecute voter fraud. **Phelan** has been similarly unapologetic about the impeachment, which has made him not only a target of **Paxton** but also deepened a rift with **Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick**. **Patrick** served as judge in the trial. During a campaign stop last week, **Phelan** said **Paxton** and **Patrick** “have a problem with me because I’m gonna do what’s best for the state of Texas,” not what is best for them. “I’m not gonna turn my back on corruption, I’m not gonna turn my back on malfeasance,” **Phelan** said. “I’m gonna do the right thing all day long, every day.” **Covey** and other **Phelan** critics have sought to undermine the speaker’s record. **Phelan** is the first **South East Texan** to serve as speaker or any statewide office. Polling shows that county governments and entities will support their own native son **Phelan** for re-election. **Covey**, former Orange County Republican chairman, has never held a public office.

### NBC REPORTS

Monday, **NBC News** reported the Pentagon’s biggest fear is if **Trump** is elected he would use the military in a dictatorial manner. That’s no surprise, just listen to what he says. He wants a **Russian** type dictatorship. **Trump** lied to New York judge and said he didn’t show up in court because he had to attend his mother-in-laws funeral. He was at a political rally. His wife **Melania** says she will not campaign with him.\*\*\*\*Locally it doesn’t matter if you vote in the presidential race or not, it is already determined that **Trump** will carry the Electoral College. However, it’s important to vote in local races and state races. Most important is the state representative race..

### OUR CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to learn of the passing of **L.E. ‘Stump’ Weatherford**, age 77, on January 11, 2024. Most everyone knows about all the good work he did through his many years in the Lions Club. Stump also did a lot of photographs of local high school sports. Over the years he furnished The Record with local art. He and Dayle enjoyed many happy years together after Buzzie passed away. They traveled the world together. They turned out to be a great match. Services were held for ‘Stump’ Weatherford January 15. He was a good man. May he rest in peace.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2014

Gone but not forgotten. The last few days have brought sad times with the loss of some good people who have left their mark on our community. A dear friend of many years, Roy Stephen Wingate, 89, died Jan. 12. Roy was one of the most compassionate people I’ve known. He was a giver who always extended a helping hand to those in need. Roy could have been a very wealthy man but he gave away much of his service to help the indigent. He was a good attorney, but even more, he was a great person. Volumes could be written about his good deeds. He and wife, Chrystal took on great responsibilities and saw them to the end. Together, as co-chairmen of the 1976 Bi-centennial, they put on a flawless year of celebrations. Many, in the legal profession, who are still around, **Sharon Bearden**, **Tommy Gunn**, who started out with Roy, longtime friends, Wayne Peveto, **Judge Pat Clark** and others will attest to the fact that with Roy principle always came first. Like so many others, I’m proud to have known this special person. \*\*\*\*Many years, in the very early 1970’s, I had the good fortune to met a young couple, **Ed and Juanita Smith**, and I was impressed with them at the time and my admiration only grew through the years. Reece Edward “**Ed**” **Smith**, 71, died Jan. 5. Services were held Jan. 9. Ed had been an IBEW electrician for 35 years, starting

in 1966. He and Juanita did a lot of church work and were very involved with the Orange Mardi Gras. They were recently named Grand Marshal. \*\*\*Congrats to Coach R.C. Slocum on his latest, most deserving award and recognition. I really enjoyed the in-depth feature story, written by Joe Kazmar last week in the County Record.\*\*\*\* Congratulatory to the Bridge City Chamber for another great ‘Taste of the Bayou’ awards banquet. Also, congrats to outgoing chamber president, Brandy Slaughter, and her team for the great strides the chamber has made over the last 21 months. I know these people on the team and Brandy and that group worked tirelessly to build a strong and active chamber. Best wishes go out to new president, Lucy Fields. Lucy is a people person and a doer; she won’t let any grass grow under her feet. Jerry Jones, Bridge City city manager, was a great choice for “Citizen of the Year.”

### 20 Years Ago-2004

**Kathy and Daniel Ray’s** business, Daniel’s Electric, to be honored at Bridge City Chamber’s “Business of the Year” at the annual Taste of Bridge City celebration, Jan. 20. Sue Bailey will be honored as the “Citizen of the Year.” Terry Steubing will serve as master of ceremonies. \*\*\*\*Congressman Jim Turner has announced he will not be a candidate for reelection. He is considering using the \$1.5 million left in his campaign account to run for governor. Turner said that redistricting is the pinnacle of a **Republican** 30 year march to dominance. The goal is to have one predominate party in Texas. “That’s what happened.” \*\*\*\*Jim Arrons, former Bridge City High School principal lost a long hard battle against cancer. He died Sunday, Jan. 11, in Oklahoma.\*\*\*\*Two Bridge City NFL stars are in town after their teams were eliminated from play-offs. Matt Bryant, with the NY Giants and Jason Matthews, with the Tennessee Titans.

### 45 Years Ago-1979

Orange County lost three good men last week. Raymond **Hubbard**, **Gus Foyle** and **Crip Trahan**. \*\*\*\*The Richard Newsome’s are the proud parents of **William Richard Newsom III**. He was born Jan. 1, in Houston.\*\*\*\* Judy Wyatt recognized as Bridge city “Citizen of the Year.” the award was presented at the 20th annual chamber banquet. Judge **Don Burgess** made the presentation.\*\*\*\*A historical passage on Tuesday, Jan. 16, the first **Republican governor** in 100 years takes office. Bill Cements will be working with the Democratic House and Senate.\*\*\*\*Robyn Lusignan will celebrate her 11th birthday Jan. 21.\*\*\*\*The Dallas Cowboy coaches prepare for the Super Bowl game against the Steelers. Coaches are Tom Landry, Gene Stalling, Ernie Stautner, Mike Ditka, **Dan Reeves**, **Jim Myers**, **Ermal Allen**, **Jerry Tubbs** and **Bob Ward**. What a great football time, what a coaching staff. Chuck Noll is the Pittsburgh coach. Roger Staubach is the Cowboy quarterback. Terry Bradshaw is the field general for the Steelers.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

Orange County may be out of sequins with all the **MLK Gala** this past week and the **Mardi Gras ball** this coming Saturday. Formals, tuxes, plus elaborate **Mardi Gras** costumes must be in short supply. The **MLK Gala** at the **Orange County Expo Center** drew a full-capacity crowd Saturday night with lots of red carpet styles. **Margan Ferguson**, WO-S teacher named **Educator of the Year**, was stunning in a slim white gown with one long sleeve plus one shoulder and sleeve bare. **MaQuettia Ledet** worn a dark green gown covered in sparkles with a unique necklace-style headpiece coming down to a pendant on her forehead. **Benitris Edwards** wore a royal blue gown with a large ruffle neckline. **Rose Bottley** had sparkles and embroidery on her jacket as she came to see son, **Russell Bottley**, receive the **Integrity Award**. **Bottley** relatives came from as far away as Houston and Gonzales, Louisiana. **Golden Triangle Polymers** was a major sponsor and plant manager **Chad Jennings** presented the **Impact Award**. **Michael Booker** was named **Man of the Year**, while **Tori Mayfield** and **Claydra Rhodes** tied for **Woman of the Year**. **Tahj Amerson** was **Student of the Year** and the **Business of the Year** went to **Bugless Doctor**. The crowd included **Jesse Fezia III**, **Geraldine Richard**, **Beverly Robinson**, **Gabriella Ada**, **Kristal Linton-Dugas**, **Preshawn Henson**, **Monique Mitchell**, and **Ja’Keenan Cotton**.\*\*\*\* Also this past Saturday, **LCM and Orangefield** high schools held their winter formals. Most of the girls wore short, sleeveless dresses in the cold, while the boys seemed more comfortable in their long sleeves and jackets.\*\*\*\*The **Beaumont Junior League** is once again hosting the **Dancing with the Stars** competition and this year has a dancing team from Bridge City, **Dr. Russell Perry** and **Lacey LeMoine**. The fundraiser will be held in March and online votes will cost a dollar donation.\*\*\*\***Heritage House Museum** held an opening reception Sunday afternoon to celebrate the 20th anniversary of **Orange’s Mardi Gras**. The museum has a big collection of local costumes on loan for the special exhibit. Those attending included **Juanita Smith**, **Peggy Wells**, **Ida Schossow**, **Glynnis Gothia**, **Beth and Kenneth Weaver**, and **Susan and Jerry Pennington**. The exhibit will be on display until February 14 and is free during regular museum hours on weekdays. This week, though, the museum may be closed because of the weather.\*\*\*\***The Oaks in Vidor** drew a big crowd Saturday night with country star **Neal McCoy** and local group **Bayou Rush**. Seems the whole **Goss-Mooney clan** were there, including **Sheriff Jimmy Lane Mooney** and wife, along with **Terri Mooney Goss**, and **Todd Goss**. Also in the crowd were **Joey Jacobs** and wife, **Charlie Atwood**, **Brandi Robertson** with mom **Janet Roy** and sister **Stephanie Robinson**.\*\*\*\*Others on Saturday went across the river to the Golden Nugget to see **Little River Band** including **Steve** and **Gail Maddox**, **Carrie Johnson**, **Rhonda Ivey**, **Gary** and **Allisha Bon-neaux**, and **Becky** and **Tom Henry**.

### A LITTLE ABOUT THE NATIVES

*C. Jenkins & Sons Top Hog Processor and Smoker, McLewis, Tx.*

The **Jenkins Company** is in the process of developing an alligator-sow smoked sausage to be tested later in February. The company hopes to market the only product of its kind in 2025. Alligator is plentiful and also a very healthy meat. Spices to blend the two products will be obtained through **Robert Meat Market** in Pinehurst.\*\*\*\* We got in contact with our friend **Kenny Pigg** and learned he has had back surgery. Unfortunately he has fallen a half dozen times causing setbacks in his recovery. He says he’s through falling. **Kenny**, from the old labor gang, will do to ride the range with. **Teddy Bear, Vaughn, Bean, Dovie** and other union leaders don’t get near the credit they deserve for improving the quality of life in the 1950’s, 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. **Ward Stephenson**, along with **Martin Dies** were the Local’s backbone. **Kenny** is still in touch with **Martin**.\*\*\*\*We still have not been able to contact **Quincy Procell**. We would like to know his health condition. If you know please contact our office at 409-886-7183.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays celebrated in the next few days. Jan. 17: **Susie Repasky** celebrates 99 years, **John “Jack” Smith**, **Gail Meadows**, **Loretta Stevens**, **Jeff Overman**, **Tanner Wilson**, **Bob Couser**.\*\*\*\*Jan. 18: **Hershel Stagner**, **Brenda Oliver**, **Laverne Walles**, **Bonny Sarver**, **Dylan Huckabee**, **Misti Jagoe**, **Tara Thompson**, **James Crabtree**.\*\*\*\*Jan. 19: **Candace Clark**, **John Michael Foote**, **Lisa Costilla**, **Michael Amsden**, **Brenna Manasco**.\*\*\*\*Jan. 20: **Melissa Berry**, **Beth Fisher**, **Gloria Bertrand**, **Steve Griffith**, **Beverly Delahoussaye**.\*\*\*\*Jan. 21: **Sarah Bonds**, **Millagro Foster**, **David Doucet**.\*\*\*\*Jan. 22: **Cris Anderson**, **Meloney Delano**, **Gary Baker**, **Janice Westfall**, **Myra Sherwood**, **Nancy Sieck**, **Suzanne Pittard**, **Betty Stephenson**.\*\*\*\*Jan. 22: **Sandra Peveto**, **Caitlyn Lindner**, **Erin Leroux**, **Jennifer Grizzaffi**, **Logan Mitchell**, **Lyndell Hodgkinson**, **Sue Harris**, **Karen Anthony**.\*\*\*\* Birthdays this past week included future judge **Rodney Townsend** and retired **Judge Jerry Pennington**, who shared celebrations on the 14th. Also, **Beth Vacek**, **Dr. Mike Amsden**, **Curt Leger**, **Lyndia Permenter**, **Dyan Eatman Morris**, **Elaine Cook**, **Roderick Robertson**, **JoNell Gerland**, **Mary Johnson**, **Stephan Malick**, **Marilyn Martin**, **Jim Brown**, **David Hulsey**, **Tyley Reves**, **Greg Gravett**, **Justin Griggs**, **Skylar Jack**, **Conor Dean Tatom**, **Edith Colburn**, **Michael Moses**, **Susan Dorman**, **Robert Vail**, **Jamie Alexander**, **Jan Zuniga**, **Zach McCombs**, and **John Kennedy**.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

After a hard freeze, wen da sun come out, da fish dem really bite at da Whiskey Bay Bridge. Doctor Babineaux him, really wanted to go fishing Friday so he axe his hired hand. “Pooldo” if he would watch da clinic for a few hours and take care of da patients. If an emergency came up, he was to call Doctor Darby.

**Pooldo** say, “Yes sir, Doc.”

Late Friday afternoon, wen Dr. Babineaux return, he axe **Pooldo**

“How did it go?”

**Pooldo** say, “Doc, I took care of tree patients me. Da first one had

a headache so I gave him a Tylenol.”

“Good,” said da Doc, “And da second one?”

**Pooldo** say, “His stomach it was burning so I gave him some Maalox.”

“Very good,” said da Doc. “Wat bout da turd one?”

**Pooldo** say, “Doc, I was sitting here and suddenly da door flies open, a women rush in and she undress herself plum, take evryting off and lies down on dat table dere and shouts, “Help me! I ain’t seen a man in over two years!”

“Lordy, Lordy, Pooldo, wat did you do hanh?” axe da Doc.

“Mais Doc, I put some drops in her eyes me.”

### C’EST TOUT

### TEXAS OFFICIALS WATCH THREE DROWN

Three migrants, a woman and two children, drowned in the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass, after **Texas National Guard** troops blocked **Border Patrol** units from having access to crucial portions of the U.S.-Mexico border, according to officials. “This is a tragedy, and the State bears responsibility,” **U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar** wrote on X. Attempts were made by **Border Patrol** officials to contact the **Texas Military Department (TMD)**, **Texas National Guard** and **Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)** but “were unsuccessful” in relaying the information by phone, Agents then went to the gate at Shelby Park to verbally relay the information but were told by **Texas Military Department soldiers** “they would not grant access to the migrants -- even in the event of an emergency.” On Saturday, the bodies of the three migrants were recovered by Mexican authorities. **Cuellar** added that Mexican officials identified the woman as the mother of both children, an 8-year-old girl and a 10-year-old boy, all **God’s** children. **Border Patrol** agents were physically barred by **Texas** officials from entering the park,” **Homeland Security** said in a statement. “The Texas governor’s policies are cruel, dangerous, and inhumane, and Texas’s blatant disregard for federal authority over immigration poses grave risks.” Abbott’s office referred questions about the drowning to the **Texas Military Department**.\*\*\*\*Winter record cold blast hits area for three day freeze. Record low 18 degrees in Orange County Wednesday morning. Temperatures due to rise Thursday after leaving many plants and flowers dead or damaged. \*\*\*\* Thanks for your time, mine is up. Check out our family of advertisers, they bring you this paper, free of charge, each week. Take care and God bless.



## Deaths & Memorials

### L. E. “Stump” Weatherford, 77

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for L. E. “Stump” Weatherford, 77, of Orange, Texas, at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Reverend Antony Paulose officiating. A burial will follow at Autumn Oaks Cemetery. Immediately following the burial, a meal will be served to all at St. Mary Parish Hall.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with Remembrances at 6:30 p.m. and a Rosary Service to follow at 7:00 p.m. officiated by Deacon David Bonneaux.

Stump passed away on January 11, 2024, with his wife at his side. Stump is a graduate of Athens High School and East Texas State University, now called Texas A&M University at Commerce. Past Council Chairman Lion, L. E. “Stump” Weatherford joined Orange Lions Club in 1975 and served twice as president and on the Orange Lions Club Charity Carnival Committee since that time.

He was a member of the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce, where he served as Ambassador. He was recently named Citizen of the Year for 2023 by the Chamber. Stump has held many positions in Lionism, including District Governor from 1997 to 1998, Council Chair from 2010 to 2011, District Photographer, and District GLT Coordinator. Lion Stump has attended international conventions, USA Conventions, and State



“Stump” Weatherford

Conventions. Lion Stump is a lifetime member of the Texas Lions Camp, is a Progressive Jack Weich Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow, and has received several International President’s Awards. Lion Stump is also a member of Lions of Texas Eye Bank and is the Immediate President.

The Orange Lions Club recently named him as the Inaugural Inductee to the Orange Lions Club Hall of Fame, and in December, he was awarded the highest honor in Lions International. Stump and his wife, Dayle, are active members of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Stump is preceded in death by his parents, Loyd and Lou Fern Weatherford; and his first wife, Diane Weatherford.

Stump is survived by his wife, Dayle Gunn-Weatherford; his brother, Bill Weatherford; his nephew, Cory Weatherford; his children, Ashley Babb and husband, Steve, Amy Weatherford and Fraiser, Aaron Weatherford and wife, Carrie, Chris Gunn and wife, Cindy, Lacey DeVille and husband, Ricky, Bridget Toohey and husband, Jet; grandchildren, Lauren, Ethan, Taylor, Lakyn, Dexter, Marianne, Regina, Anthony, Kaycie, and Vinny; and ten great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic School in Orange, Texas, or the Lions Eye Bank at lionseyebankoftexas.org.



Orangefield High School debaters Calvin Kelly and Sidney Holderman competed at the State UIL Congressional Debate Meet on January 10, 2024. Debaters Major Cope-land and Colton Myers attended the event as alternates.

Students were chaperoned by OHS Debate Sponsor Bridget Trahan and OHS UIL Coordinator Misty Bellard. The group toured the Texas Museum of Science and Natural History on the University of Texas - Austin campus.

### Darvin Nick Rothering, 93, BC

Darvin Nick Rothering, 93, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on January 11, 2024, peacefully at home.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., January 19, 2024, at First Baptist Church in Bridge City. Burial will follow at a later date at Old Cypress Cemetery. The family will be providing refreshments after the service.

Born in Alma, Wisconsin, on September 26, 1930, he was the son of Clarence Rothering and Alvina (Heinz) Rothering. Darvin began his career by working at a dairy after completing high school. However, his passion for automobiles soon led him to car dealerships in the Orange area. Over the years, he gained valuable experience and knowledge in the industry. Eventually opened two successful businesses – Express Auto Rentals Inc. and S&R Used Cars. For over seven decades, he served as a trusted source for quality automobiles and provided exceptional service to countless customers. Darvin was drafted into the United States Army in 1951 and served for four years before joining the National Guard for an additional two years. During his military service, Darvin had the unique opportunity to witness



Darvin Nick Rothering

history being made as he witnessed the first Atomic air drop in Nevada. Outside of his professional and military endeavors, Darvin found solace in pursuing two of his favorite hobbies – woodworking and bowling. While Darvin’s career achievements were impressive, his love for his family was unparalleled. He cherished every moment spent with his loved ones and always made them a top priority. Darvin was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who brought joy and laughter to those around him. His legacy will continue through the lives and memories of his loving family and the countless individuals who were impacted by his kindness, professionalism, and unwavering dedication.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Alvina Rothering; and his brother, Veryl Rothering.

He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Ann Rothering; children, Greg Rothering and Janice Kirbow; grandchildren, John Kirbow, Bridget Rothering, and Kayla Abney; great grandchildren, Jackson Pohorence and Blakely Abney.

### Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Orange County will hold free Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes. Join them in learning how to prevent and control your type 2 diabetes, eat healthily, and much more to control your diabetes. The series will last for 5 classes on January 11, 18, 25, and February 1 and 8, 2024, and will be from 2-4 PM. They will be held at the Neighborhood Facility Building at 303 N. 8th St. in Orange. To get the full educational benefit, you must attend all 5 classes if possible. Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 to sign up for this series.

### People you know. A name you trust.



DONNA GRAY

BILL NICKUM

CHERYL SQUIRES

**SERVING ORANGE COUNTY FOR OVER 50-YEARS!**

# Bill Nickum

LUTCF

1930 Texas Ave. Bridge City  
(409) 735-3595



Accepting New Patients

Gulf Coast Cardiology Group, P.L.L.C.

A Brand New Concept In Heart Care

• Walk In Heart Clinic - No Appointment Necessary (M-F 830a-5:30p)

• Same Day Testing in Office: Ultrasounds & Nuclear Stress Testing

• In Office Heart Cath Lab - Capable of stenting heart and leg arteries in the office as well as implanting pacemakers and defibrillators.

• Every Patient is always seen & examined by a Board Certified Cardiologist.

• Cath Lab Services are provided the same day with no delays.

Hearts Cannot Wait

If you are tired of struggling with VARICOSE VEINS, set an appointment now for “ABLATION OF THE LEGS” with DR. ABOCHAMH or DR. ABDULLAH.

Pradip J. Morbia, M.D.

F.A.C.C., F.C.C.P.

Board Certified in Cardiovascular Medicine, Interventional Cardiology & Internal Medicine

Specializing in:

• Cardiovascular Consultation

• Critical Care / ICU

• Invasive Cardiology

• Cardiac Catheterization

• Interventional Cardiology

• PTCA (Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty)

• Stent Placement

• Rotoblader IVUS

• Angiojet

• Non-Invasive Cardiology

• Echocardiography

• TEE (Transesophageal Echocardiogram)

• 24-Holter Monitoring

• Stress Testing and Stress Echocardiography

• Peripheral Vascular Interventions and Stents, Renal, Iliac, Femoral, Popliteal, Mesenteries, Subclavian

• Pacemaker Implantation & Services

• Preventive Cardiology

• Tilt Table Testing

• Nuclear Cardiology

• Inferior Vena Cava Filter

• Biventricular Pacemaker

• AICD (Automatic Implantable Pacemaker Defibrillator)

Dia A. Abochamh, M.D.

Board Certified in Cardiovascular Medicine, Specialized in Interventional Cardiology & Electrophysiology

3921 Twin City Hwy. Jefferson City Shopping Center (Old Woolco Building), Port Arthur, Texas 77642

Open M-F 8:30am to 5:30pm

(409) 963-0000

After hours 724-7389 • (409) 963-1899 Fax

Mohammed A. Islam, M.D.

F.A.C.C.

Board Certified in Cardiovascular Medicine, Echocardiography, Nuclear Cardiology & Internal Medicine

www.GulfCoastCardio.com • We Accept All Insurance Plans

ICANL Accredited Nuclear Stress & Pet Scan

IAC Accredited Cardio Department

We have Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters available in the office.



# THE RECORD

## Community Classifieds

409•886•7183

Penny Record & County Record Offices now located at:  
333 West Roundbunch, Bridge City, 77611

NOTE: Offices closed on Wednesday

• Just \$10 for a 30 word ad in both papers and on the web

• Classified Newspaper Deadline: Mondays @ 5 pm

• You can submit your ad ANYTIME @ TheRecordLive.com

Your ads published in both newspapers,  
the County Record & the Penny Record,  
plus on our web site @ TheRecordLive.com

APPLIANCES

HARRY'S APPLIANCES - Used appliances starting at \$99.95, 302 10th. St. (10th. & main) Orange, We also buy used appliances, Call or come by 409-886-4111.

FOR RENT

Mobile Home / RV spaces for rent 409-203-5952

Small Rv for rent \$725.00 all bills paid in Bridge City. Call 409-272-4166 for more info.

HOME FOR SALE

Real Estate for sale. 2 BR, 1 Bath, Living room, dining room, kitchen, covered carport, 2 open porches and 2 corner lots. West Orange Please call Karen Schrieber at 409-238-5493.

BURIAL PLOT

Cemetery Plots for Sale, Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Bridge City Tx. Lot 200, Blk B, Space 3-4, Last Supper Garden, 2-spaces \$5,500.00. Please call 281-806-1832

American Legion Post 49  
409-886-1241  
Hall Rental

SERVICES

TRACTOR WORK

- Bush Hogging
- Water
- Dirt & Shell
- Sewer
- Electrical
- Digging Services

LOCAL  
409-670-2040

- PUBLIC NOTICES •
  - LEGAL NOTICES •
  - ENGAGEMENTS •
  - WEDDINGS •
  - ANNIVERSARIES •
- Please call us at:  
**409-886-7183**  
Email at: news@therecordlive.com

HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED**  
FULL TIME & PART TIME GROCERY STOCKERS GROCERY CHECKERS DELI WORKERS APPLY IN PERSON ONLY NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!  
  
K-DAN'S SUPER FOODS \_ 9604 FM 105 DANNY'S SUPER FOODS 2003 Western

• LEGAL NOTICES •  
• ENGAGEMENTS •  
• WEDDINGS •  
• ANNIVERSARIES •  
Please call us at:  
409-886-7183  
or Email us at:  
news@therecordlive.com  
OR  
ads@therecordlive.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Orange County will hold free Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes. Join them in learning how to prevent and control your type 2 diabetes, eat healthily, and much more to control your diabetes. The series will last for 5 classes on January 11, 18, 25, and February 1 and 8, 2024, and will be from 2-4 PM. They will be held at the Neighborhood Facility Building at 303 N. 8th St. in Orange. To get the full educational benefit, you must attend all 5 classes if possible. Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 to sign up for this series.

LEGAL NOTICE

The two properties, the first commonly known as 5615 Tyler St., Vidor, TX 77662 and the second commonly known as 1520 Buckhorn St., Vidor, TX 77662 are scheduled to be sold at public foreclosure auction on 02/06/2024 at 01:00 PM or no later than 3 hours thereafter at the back door of the Courthouse in Orange County, Texas. If the preceding area is no longer the designated area, the sale will be held at the area most recently designated by the Orange County commissioner's court. The Substitute Trustee will be Margie Allen, Angie Brooks, Kyle Barclay, Tommy Jackson, Keata Smith, Stephanie Hernandez, Selim Taherzadeh, or Michael Linke, any to act. The winning bidder buys "as is" and must pay at the auction with certified funds.

There will be an auction to satisfy a landlords lean on Saturday, February 3rd at 10 AM at Johnson's Mini Storage, located at 2400 MLK Drive in Orange, TX, 77630.  
The following units contain household furniture and misc items.

A03 McClendon  
A35 Hand  
B10 Granger  
B11 West  
D09 Johnson  
E37 Kleinpeter  
E46 Brown  
E61 Pepper  
E67, E71 Jones  
E68 Polk  
F29 Boyd  
K13 Pitre  
S\*19 Brown

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas  
To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of  
  
GEORGE D. THOMPSON, Deceased  
Cause No. P19892  
in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on the 11th day of January, 2024, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of GEORGE R. THOMPSON, 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 11th day of January, 2024.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,  
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: Danielle Kendrick, Deputy

Danielle Kendrick

Visit us at  
therecordlive.com

SCAN QR Code!



**GRANT SERVICES  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
RFP-2024-01-TWDB-FIF**

The Orange County Drainage District intends to participate in the Flood Infrastructure Fund grant program with funding from the Texas Water Development Board. We are soliciting proposals to provide grant application and administrative/project delivery services related to this program. Accordingly, the Orange County Drainage District seeks to contract with a qualified service provider for pre-award and post-award management of FIF project(s). Interested Respondents may find copies of RFP-2024-01-TWDB-FIF ("RFP") on the District's website at: <https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing/> (search under "Current Procurement Opportunities") and at <https://www.civcastusa.com> (search for "Orange County Drainage District"). Please submit (5) physical copies of your proposal of services to Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, at the Orange County Drainage District located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, TX 77630 ("District Office"). To be eligible for consideration, the District must receive the proposals no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the District Office. The District will publicly open the timely submitted proposals at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the District Office. The District reserves the right to negotiate with all Respondents submitting eligible proposals. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

**REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
RFQ-2024-02-TWDB-FIF**

The Orange County Drainage District intends to participate in the Texas Flood Infrastructure Fund ("FIF") program with funding from the Texas Water Development Board. We are soliciting statements of qualifications from Texas-registered engineers to provide engineering services related to this program. Accordingly, the Orange County Drainage District seeks to contract with a qualified service provider(s) for pre-award and post-award engineering services for "FIF" project(s). Interested Respondents may find copies of RFQ-2024-02-TWDB-FIF ("RFQ") on the District's website at: <https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing/> (search under "Current Procurement Opportunities") and at <https://www.civcastusa.com> (search for "Orange County Drainage District"). Please submit (5) physical copies of your proposal of services and statement of qualifications ("SOQs") to Mr. Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser, at the Orange County Drainage District located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, TX 77630 ("District Office"). To be eligible for consideration, the District must receive SOQs no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the District Office. The District will publicly open the timely submitted SOQs at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at the District Office. The District reserves the right to negotiate with all Respondents submitting eligible SOQs. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

## Sweet Creations, etc.

Gifts • Candles • Candy • Flowers

### Is it time to start off the NEW YEAR with a fresh clean house?

## CALL US now



### Let us help you make it SPARKLING CLEAN!

Residential & Commercial Cleaning

**Sparkling Clean LLC**

**CLEANING SERVICE**

**NOW HIRING**

HOME OF THE INCREDIBLE GARDEN PLANT STANDS & HANGERS

Open: Mon-Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

409-886-1630 3515 Mockingbird, Suite 1

## BUSINESS CARD LISTINGS

You can advertise your business, services or craft here for only \$25.00 a week.  
Contact us at ads@therecordlive.com or call at 409-886-7183

ORANGE'S OLDEST HOMETOWN APPLIANCE DEALER  
SINCE 1963  
**HARRY'S APPLIANCE & SERVICE, INC.**  
• FREEZERS • DISHWASHERS  
• REFRIGERATORS • WASHERS & DRYERS  
• RANGES • AIR CONDITIONERS  
We sell parts for all major brands - We service what we sell!  
FREE LOCAL DELIVERY **409-886-4111** 302 10th St. Orange

**COASTAL LANDSCAPE SERVICES**  
Landscaping-Lawn Maintenance  
**409-738-2070**  
Quality Landscaping At Affordable Prices  
2899 W. Roundbunch Orange TX

- General Landscapes
- Tropical Landscapes
- Spring/Fall Clean Ups
- Lawn Maintenance
- Palm Trees Installed
- Grass Installation
- Tree Removal
- 8 Yard Loads Delivered
- 60/40 Sand/Garden Mix
- Driveway Materials

**Stakes Electric**  
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL  
OLD HOMES • LED UPGRADES  
ALL UNDERGROUND  
**409-749-4873**  
Licensed  
Customer: #25151 Master: #14161

Mobile Home Lots  
RV's Welcome  
**Bayou Pines**  
Mobile Home Community  
**www.bayou-pines.com**  
19603 Hwy 62 S. Orange, TX 77630  
(409)203-5952

Residential & Commercial Cleaning  
**Sparkling Clean LLC**  
CLEANING SERVICE  
**409-886-1630**  
3515 Mockingbird, Suite D, Pinehurst

**Colonial Life**  
Injury - Illness - Dental - Vision - Life  
**JANOIS GRIZZAFFI**  
AGENCY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER  
[janois.grizzaffi@colonialflife.com](mailto:janois.grizzaffi@colonialflife.com)  
409.988.3371  
Providing benefits employees want for life's unexpected moments.  
\*not to be confused with Engage





# Bobcat basketball shoots for first place

DAN PERRINE  
Orange County Sports  
For The Record

The boys district basketball schedules reach the half way point this week. Games on Friday, January 19, will mark the conclusion of the first half of district competition.

The Orangefield Bobcats in District 22-3A won their first five district games to share first place in the district with the Kountze Lions. The Bobcats and the Lions battled on Tuesday, January 16, at Kountze with the winner grabbing the outright district lead.

Orangefield won two games the second week of January. The Bobcats went to Anahuac on Friday, January 12, and defeated the Panthers 65-54 to improve their record to 5-0 in district.

Zane Wrinkle of the Bobcats was the leader on the court with 28 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 steals. Jaden Scales scored 21 points and added 2 assists for Orangefield. Kane Smith made 8 points and had 5 rebounds to help the Bobcats capture the victory.

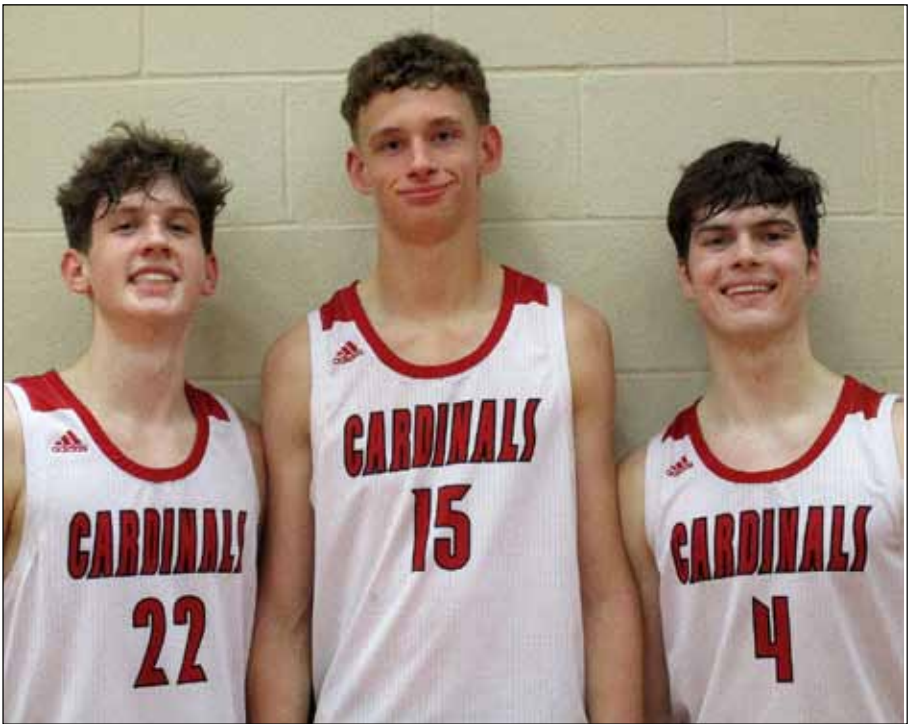
Earlier on Tuesday, January 9, Orangefield won at home 53-46 over the East Chambers Buccaneers. High scorer for the Bob-



Jayden Benton has been a key player for LCM in the post providing points and rebounds for the Bears.  
RECORD PHOTO



Andrew Cooper has been leader on defense and scoring for the West Orange-Stark Mustangs through the first half of the district basketball schedule.



Aaden Bush, Hunter Silveira, and Lincoln Breaux all made huge contributions in Bridge City's double overtime win over Lumberton.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

ORANGE Page 3B

## OC girls basketball heads into second half



Keylie Washburn led the Lady Bears in scoring during both of their games last week including 19 points in their win over Jasper.  
RECORD PHOTOS



Kaylee Britten of the Lady Cardinals scored 9 points, made 13 rebounds, and had 3 steals in their important win over Vidor.

DAN PERRINE  
Orange County Sports  
For The Record

The first half of district games wrapped up on Friday, January 12, for the four local girls basketball teams. The second half started Tuesday for the Bridge City Lady Cardinals, the Little Cypress Mauriceville Lady Bears, the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs and the Orangefield Lady Bobcats.

The second week of January saw Bridge City and Little Cypress Mauriceville both win one and lose one game while West Orange-Stark lost its only game played to first place Silsbee. The Lumberton Lady Raiders moved up in the District 19-4A standings with wins over the Lady Bears and the Lady Cardinals.

The Bridge City loss to Lumberton on Friday dropped the Lady Cardinals into a second place tie at 4-2 with the Lady Raiders. Lumberton won 45-40 at home.

The Lady Raiders scored the first six points of the game and enjoyed a 10-7 lead after the first quarter.

The lead expanded to seven points by half time 24-17 in favor of Lumberton.

The Lady Cardinals played a strong third quarter to pull within two points 28-26 with eight minutes to go. Lumberton finished well though outscoring Bridge City 17-14 in the final period.

A look at the statistics showed the Lady Cardinals probably lost the game at the free throw line. Bridge City only made 8 of 28 free throw attempts.

Whitney Cunningham led the Lady Cardinals with 16 points. Kaylee Britten had 9 points and 5 rebounds. Kennedy Campbell scored 7 points and made 6 rebounds for Bridge City.

The Lady Cardinals fared better on Tuesday, January 9, beating the Vidor Lady Pirates 49-41 at Bridge City. Kaylee Britten played very well with 9 points, 13 rebounds, and 3 steals. Kennedy Campbell was the Lady Cardinal with the most points scoring 14 to go with 5 assists, and Nicole Sasser tallied

GIRLS Page 3B

Lets Keep Orange County  
Moving Forward

RE-ELECT  
JIMMY LANE  
MOONEY  
FOR SHERIFF

- PROVEN RESULTS
- PRO-ACTIVE POLICING
- PROPERTY CRIMES DOWN IN RURAL AREAS DUE TO INCREASED POLICING

With Your Vote & Support  
We Can Keep Orange County  
Moving Forward

Political Adv. Paid for by Restoring American Values



OUTDOORS

# Winter Fishing

OUTDOORS  
Capt. Chuck Uzzle  
For The Record

How many times have you had it happen to you? After hours of fishing, struggling, changing baits, and changing tactics it finally happens, the fish finally decide to cooperate and all is right with the world again. That brief period of euphoria wipes away all the memories of cold boring hours spent probing empty acres of water; it's the opportunity we all search for yet only few find on a consistent basis.

Those few fishermen who routinely find these brief periods where fish go on rampages that the average guy can only dream of rapidly reach mythic status in the fishing community. The "underground" of the fishing world buzzes with the stories of these fishermen, exploits surrounding sessions when every cast was met with a bone jarring strike circulate at the boat shows and each time the story is told the stringer always gets bigger. Every coastal angler dreams of fishing trips like these but most don't understand what it takes to achieve these results.

If you ever get a chance to talk to the really good fishermen along the Texas coast you will find that most of them are very detail oriented and they keep some sort of records. The records consist of all the obvious things like tides, temps, weather along with bottom structure, available bait, and a few others. The records offer up valuable history that can help anglers find a consistent fish catching pattern. During the winter months those fish catching patterns don't last very long during the day, all the factors tend to align themselves for a brief period of time and that's when memories are made.

These small windows of opportunity are the key to being successful during the tough stretches in January and February because these windows are the smallest of the year. Many anglers fish all day in hopes of finding fish while others make shorter trips based on the patterns from past years. 9 times out of 10 the guy with the known pattern on his side will catch more and bigger fish.

On Sabine and Calcasieu the patterns hold the same much like they do farther down the coast, warmer water on incoming tides late in the day are a favorite of many. The combination of these factors can be extraordinary, especially when you know you can count on the bite being consistent. The afternoon incoming pattern works well and is probably the favorite but what happens when you don't have these conditions? The outgoing tide can also provide some warm water onto productive flats provided you have some marsh areas nearby. Water from the back lakes and marshes heats up during the day and is usually protected so it holds heat for long periods of time.

On the outgoing tide this warmer water rushes out onto the flats and bars carrying with it bait fish and other food that speckled trout, redfish, and flounder thrive on. These sudden temperature changes coupled with tidal movement will often kick start the fish into feeding mode and if you happen to be there at that time you may just be the subject of the next great fish story.

I have been on the fortunate end of career days using both the incoming and outgoing tides during the winter and these trips help erase the thoughts of the bad days which we all inevitably suffer through. All you can do as a fisherman is to put the most odds in your favor and put your time in on the water.

As unpredictable as the winter can be it's awful nice to know that there is the possibility of predicting when and where the fish will bite.

## 'The Lakes' Fishing

• Toledo Bend Fishing Report

GOOD. Water clear; 52-54 degrees; 3.82 feet below pool. After the recent rains the water temperature dropped to the low 50s and the creeks are muddy. Super cold weather is in the forecast so expect a tough week for fishing. Shallow fish will be difficult to catch, so best to key on fish in the 8-20 feet range. Crappie bite was improving, but this front will hamper the bite for the next week or two. Report by Stephen Johnston, Johnston Fishing.

• Sam Rayburn

FAIR. Water slightly stained; 53 degrees; 7.31 feet below pool. The creeks are muddy after the recent rains. The forecasted cold front will bring wind and freezing temperatures. The females will start to move shallow in the next few weeks gearing up for the spawn. Bass are good shallow out to 12 feet of water, with some bass on deeper points using rattletails and shallow running spinnerbaits, and topwaters early. Crankbaits or Carolina rigs off points and drains Crappie are in the creek channels stacking up in deeper water. White bass are moving up the river using small rattletails and road-runners. There is a shallow bite in the early morning and late afternoon on chatterbaits, lipless crankbaits or hybrid hunters. Report by Captain Hank Harrison, Double H Precision Fishing.

## Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

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

• Sabine Lake

GOOD. 58 degrees. The forecasted norther will keep anglers off the lake due to cold temperatures and high winds. Best success will be fishing the Neches River while the blustery winds blow. Trout, redfish, flounder and very nice catfish can be caught off the rocks, points, shell banks and drops with Carolina rigs in 4-20 feet of water. Flounder are still in the system and moving around biting plastics tipped with shrimp.

Marsh is holding limits of sheepshead and drum in 4-9 feet of water along the shell banks, points and ship turnarounds. Fish are deeper feeding on mud minnows and marsh minnows, so fish with live shrimp on a Carolina rig. The north end of Sabine Lake is good for slot trout or redfish drifting off Stewts Island, or wade fishing with topwaters and suspended baits off of points and shell banks. Pleasure Island Point North Levee continues to have an early morning bite for nice redfish, speckled trout and flounder on live shrimp on popping cork or Carolina rig.

Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 60-65 degrees. Goat Island drains water runoff into the open water, holding redfish and trout on topwaters early and late, soft plastics later. Fish cuts through the inter-coastal waterway from goat Island to rollover. Ytes Bayou drains holding redfish on soft plastics and live shrimp under popping cork. Report by Captain



The Record's Capt. Chuck Uzzle displays a nice Sabine Lake redfish caught using winter tactics.

Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service.

• Trinity Bay

GOOD. 57 degrees. Scattered trout being caught in Tabbs Bay in 6-7 feet of water using soft plastic lures. A few catches of sheepshead and black drum being taken on live shrimp further up along the Spoil Islands lining the ship channel. Trout bite is slow in this same area, but a few fish being caught on soft plastics. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

The bite has changed after the recent rains. Redfish can be caught under the pelicans smashing swimbaits, or still hitting live shrimp under a popping cork. Trout are hugging the bottom in waterways that are not blown out by dirty water and starting to transition to a winter pattern finding dead ends in more clear

water. Catches can be had using croaker, swimbaits and a few bites on live shrimp. Sheepshead are on fire around docks and structures free lining shrimp with serum mixed in as well. Flounder are starting to mix in drains off of small lakes and bottleneck areas with current being caught on swim baits and a bit in live shrimp. Pay attention to tide charts and weather reports so you do not risk your safety or safety of the members onboard prior to heading out on a fishing adventure! Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

• East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 54-60 degrees. Redfish dominate the catches up along grass shorelines and in deep bayous. Scattered trout from the same area. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter.

Surface water temperature is 54 degrees and the water clarity is average for this time of year. This week we have concentrated back in the marsh areas where we can get some protection from the wind and wave action, as well as find some pockets and areas with adequate water depth and slight temperature increases. The over-size redfish and speckled trout bite has been consistent in deeper cuts in 5-7 feet of water utilizing ¼ ounce jig heads with blue moon or chartreuse paddle tails. After the cold front and water temperature drop a slow presentation was preferred. Very slow movement of the lure dragging across the bottom, sometimes even deadsticking it, triggered the most strikes for our anglers. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Services, LLC.

• Galveston Bay

FAIR. 58 degrees. Winds and weather have kept most anglers pinned up to the shoreline. Overall the bite has been slow with a few catches of black drum and sheepshead reported. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

• West Galveston Bay

FAIR. 58 degrees. Scattered speckled trout being caught by those drifting with soft plastics. Waders picking up some decent fish along lower bay structures near drop offs. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Carancahua Lake and Green's Lake are holding redfish and black drum on shrimp at the grass lines. And some redfish and trout inside on soft plastic. Watch the tides. South of cold pass waders still getting trout and redfish in deeper waters. Jones bay holding a few fish early on soft plastic.

20th

ANNUAL

Mardi Gras

ON THE

sabine

EXPLORE ORANGE AND GREATER ORANGE  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FEB  
2-3

RIVERSIDE PAVILION  
ORANGE, TX

A green cartoon crocodile is depicted wearing a black top hat with colorful feathers and a purple and white striped shirt. It is holding and playing a golden trumpet. The crocodile has a friendly expression and is standing on its hind legs.



# Girls basketball

From Page 1B

13 points with 7 rebounds. Little Cypress Mauriceville lost to Lumberton 43-30 on Tuesday, January 9, at the Dr. Pauline Colburn Hargrove Gymnasium. Lumberton took an early 6-0 lead and never trailed in the game.

The Lady Bears made a comeback effort late in the third quarter that got them within two points 28-26 with ninety seconds to go in the quarter. The Lady Raiders answered by scoring the last four points in the third and the first seven of the final quarter to squash any realistic hopes for LCM.

Like the Lady Cardinals in their game with Lumberton a failure to hit free throws plagued Little Cypress Mauriceville. They Lady Bears made only 3 of 13 free throws.

Keylie Washburn only scored one point in the first half before finishing with 14 points to lead the Lady Bears. Maya Meadows carried the LCM offense early scoring eight of the team's fourteen first

half points and had 10 points in the game.

Little Cypress Mauriceville rebounded on Friday, January 12, at Jasper. The Lady Bears more than doubled the hometown Lady Dogs 68-24 to even their record at 3-3 in district tying LCM with the Vidor Lady Pirates for the fourth and final play-off position with the second half of district still to be played.

Four Lady Bears scored in double figures. Keylie Washburn led the way with 19 points, Kendall Jones was next with 12 points, Lindi Perry popped in 11, and Paisley Angelle added 10 points for Little Cypress Mauriceville.

The lone game of the week for the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs was against the Silsbee Lady Tigers. Silsbee remained undefeated in district drilling the Lady Mustangs 70-32 on Friday night. WOS dropped to 1-5 in district.

West Orange-Stark and Little Cypress Mauriceville opened the second half

of the district schedule at the Lady Bears' gymnasium on Tuesday, January 16. The Lady Bears play at Silsbee on Friday while the Lady Mustangs are at home on Friday against Bridge City. The Lady Cardinals opened their second half at Jasper on Tuesday.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats finished the first half of district in second place with a 6-1 record their only loss coming at the hands of Kountze in the district opener. Orangefield trailed first place Kountze by one game when the two teams met for the second time this year on Tuesday, January 16, in Kountze.

Orangefield went to 6-1 with a 76-27 triumph at Anahuac last Friday. The Lady Bobcats had a great team effort in securing the nearly fifty point victory.

Mikayla Locke was the leader for Orangefield with 18 points, 6 steals, and 3 assists. Paisley Reeves scored 10 points and grabbed 4 rebounds.

Brooklyn Wagoner, Steeley Franklin, and Olivia Smith all tallied 8 points apiece. Kaylea Gravett got 4 points, made 5 assists, with 7 steals.

The Lady Bobcats won a close one on Tuesday, January 9, at home against the East Chambers Lady Bucs. Orangefield took the game 40-35.



**Kaylea Gravett and Madison McCormack have been leaders on the Orangefield girls basketball teams with Gravett starting every game on the varsity and McCormack mostly playing on the junior varsity.**  
**RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine**

Greenlea Oldham led the Lady Bobcats with 13 points and 6 rebounds. Mikayla Locke made 12 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 steals. Kaylea Gravett scored 6 points to go with her 3 steals and 2 assists. Olivia Smith had a strong game defensively with 5 steals and 4 rebounds while chipping in with 5

points.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats will follow up their game on Tuesday against Kountze with their next game at home on Friday, January 16. Orangefield will play Kirbyville who the Lady Bobcats beat in the first half 57-38 at Kirbyville.

# Orange County boys

From Page 1B

Lincoln Breaux of Bridge City scored seven points in the first quarter to help the Cardinals take a 10-5 lead. The Raiders hit a three pointer at the buzzer to make the score 10-8 after one quarter.

A Raider three pointer about halfway through the second quarter gave Lumberton the lead 17-14. Another three increased the advantage to four points 20-16 with 3:37 left in the half.

Bridge City rallied scoring the final six points in the quarter. Bryce Linder

hit two significant shots in the lane and Jagger Carlin made the last basket of the second quarter to put the Cardinals back on top 22-20 as the teams went to their locker rooms.

Aaden Bush of Bridge City scored his first points of the game on a three pointer in the third. The Cardinal advantage stretched to three points 31-28 at the end of the period as Breaux sank a late field goal.

It took the Raiders just over two minutes to tie the game at 31 apiece in

the fourth quarter. Stephen Stone popped the cords with a three pointer at 3:40 of the fourth that seemed to give the Cardinals momentum but Lumberton stayed close and got two free throws with 6.9 seconds left in regulation to it up again 37-37 to force overtime.

Sophomore post Hunter Silveira made his presence felt early in the overtime when he took a feed from Breaux to sink a basket despite being fouled and then added the free throw to give the Cardinals an



**Zane Wrinkle scored 28 points for Orangefield against Anahuac and almost had a triple double in the Bobcats win over East Chambers.**

early two point lead. Bush duplicated the three point play after a pass from Breaux with 35 seconds

left in the first overtime to again put Bridge City two points ahead, but Lumberton scored to tie the game 43-43 and send it to a second overtime period.

Just as it did in the first overtime Lumberton took the initial lead to start the second overtime with a successful free throw. Just as he did in the previous overtime period Silveira made a huge bucket to put Bridge City back on top 45-44, and the Cardinals would never surrender the lead again.

The final dagger to the heart of the Raiders came from the free throw line when Lumberton was forced to foul the Cardi-

nals when they were in the bonus situation. Bridge City sank thirteen free throws in the second overtime to match the final score's margin of victory at thirteen points.


Making eight of eight from the charity strip for Bridge City was Aaden Bush who finished his long night with 17 points after being scoreless in the first half. Lincoln Breaux scored 15 points, dished out two big assists in the first overtime, and made multiple steals for the Cardinals. Jagger Carlin also finished in double figures with 12 points.

**BOYS Page 4B**

# Feeling down? Let it out.

This time of year can be tough on anyone's mental health and wellbeing—making healthy outlets more important than ever. Whether to a friend or a fresh page in your journal, express your feelings and begin your path toward healing.

Gift yourself time to check in



**turn to**  
For more resources and support, visit [TurnToSupportsTX.org](https://TurnToSupportsTX.org)



**TEXAS**  
Health and Human Services



# Jerry Jones sends message in team meeting

**Staff Report**  
**Dallas Cowboys Release**

FRISCO, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys were back at The Star in Frisco on Monday morning to perform their exit meetings with head coach Mike McCarthy as well as to clean out their lockers after Sunday's shocking Wild Card Round loss to the Green Bay Packers at AT&T Stadium.

The feeling in the locker room was somber on Monday as the shock and surprise of the early exit still sat with the players and coaches.

"It hasn't been 24 hours yet," cornerback Jourdan Lewis said. "Still shocked more than anything."

Along with the exit meetings,

the entire team met with Mike McCarthy at noon where he expressed his feelings about the end of the season.

"He felt for us," Lewis said. "He wanted it really bad for us. The type of caliber guys we are, he knew how together we were. He wanted it."

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones also popped in to meet with the team and express his urgency about the team's desire to win.

"His message was we gotta win," Lewis said. "It's the Dallas Cowboys. We had everything to win. We can't let this feeling keep going on, so it makes sense. I just feel like he wants to win right now. The urgency is now. It was always that on our shoul-



Owner and general manager Jerry Jones express his urgency about the team's desire to win.

ders. He made it clear that that was the point."

With speculation circling around what impending deci-

sions that Jerry Jones could make about players, Mike McCarthy and more, Lewis took an opportunity to defend his head coach

and quarterback on the season they had.

"This is one of the hardest jobs in America," he said. "The quarterback and the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys. I feel like [McCarthy's] done a tremendous job with all things in consideration. It's kind of hard."

"A lot of people against you, all of the outside noise, we just made sure we stuck our arms around each other and stayed together. I think he did a really good job."

"Look what happened when he wasn't here. We were struggling to be over .500. We had three straight seasons of 12 wonned games. I would hope [he would be back]."

# Gilmore on playoff meltdown: 'Didn't see it coming'

ARLINGTON, Texas — The final score was 48-32 but, to be quite honest, it wasn't ever really that close of a contest between the Dallas Cowboys and the Green Bay Packers. The latter came out firing on all cylinders while the latter failed to get into gear time and again, and the Cowboys' season now ends in shocking fashion on Super Wild Card Weekend.

Jordan Love looked like prime Aaron Rodgers at AT&T Stadium on Sunday, the Dallas defense having no answers for him or run-



Dallas Cowboy cornerback Stephon Gilmore

ning back Aaron Jones, and while McCarthy's offense did little (until it was too

late) to save the day, it was easily the worst defensive outing in the Dan Quinn era.

If they hadn't taken their foot off of the accelerator late, Love and Co. might've hung nearly 60 points on the Cowboys on their own field.

"They started out hot and we weren't able to stop them, especially on the defensive side," said cornerback Stephon Gilmore. "We weren't able to get in a rhythm. I think they only punted one time. So, that's ultimately what it came

down to."

They punted a total of three times, but two were when head coach Matt LaFleur began to ease off of the accelerator with the game well in-hand. At one point late in the second quarter, the Packers owned a 27-0 lead, before quarterback Dak Prescott was able to finally get points on the board by way of a touchdown from tight end Jake Ferguson.

For the majority of the contest, the Packers owned time of possession, conversion rate, yards per play,

number of explosive plays, etc. etc., and the Cowboys defense registered zero sacks and zero takeaways for the first time all season.

"I don't know," said Gilmore, still searching for words. "I'll have to watch the tape to really see, but they were running the ball and then they got into short yardage and were able to pass the ball here and there, and we just couldn't get in a rhythm, and we didn't force any turnovers. ..."

"I'm surprised. I didn't see this coming."

In a locker room atmo-

sphere that was as solemn and mournful as it's ever been, cornerback Jourdan Lewis also weighed in on what happened against the Packers — echoing Gilmore.

"I don't know," he said. "I'm kind of distraught. You don't know what to feel. We definitely didn't know that we'd be feeling this, this early. ... We just didn't execute at all, and they had our number all day. We didn't execute to the best of our ability, so they took advantage of that."

# Boys basketball From Page 3B

Coach Randall Robertson of Bridge City commented on the big win afterwards. "This was an unbelievable game. This is always a big game and a tough game when these two teams meet. We battled back and we found ways to get it done as the momentum was swinging back and forth every single possession until we finally built up a lead in the second overtime," Robertson replied.

The coach cited the clutch play of Hunter Silveira in the overtime. "We finally got the ball inside a little bit with Hunter Silveira giving us a big spark off the bench. He had five points in overtime and made the one that gave us the lead after which we finally were able to build on it because they had to start fouling, and we hit free throws in the end," Robertson exclaimed.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday Bridge City went to Vidor and came home with an important 57-44 victory over the Pirates. Free throws were a key in that game as the Cardinals made 14 of 17 at the free throw line.

Three Cardinals finished in double figures. Aiden Gutierrez, Lincoln Breaux, and Aaden Bush each

scored 14 points in the game.

The two wins this week put Bridge City at 3-1 in excellent position to complete the first half of district in second place. Coach Robertson explained, "This was a big one for us because this one gapped us two games over a few of the other teams. We are currently going to be tied most likely with West Orange-Stark after they played Silsbee tonight. We've got Jasper on Tuesday at Jasper which is never easy, and then we end the first half with West Orange-Stark here at home so it's going to be another huge game for us. They're all big in our district, every game's tough, and we've got to come ready to play in every single one."

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs had their first half bye on Tuesday, January 9, before traveling to Silsbee on Friday. The Tigers were dominating taking WOS down 107-62 remaining undefeated in district and handing the Mustangs their first loss making them 3-1 in district.

West Orange-Stark played at home on Tuesday, January 16, against Little Cypress Mauriceville. As mentioned the Mustangs close out the first half of

district this Friday at Bridge City.

The Little Cypress Mauriceville Bears split their two games of the week past. The Bears lost 54-47 in double overtime to Lumberton on Tuesday and defeated Jasper 57-33 on Friday to even their district record at 2-2.

Three Bears scored in double figures in the loss to Lumberton. Jonah Fuller led with 19 points, Jayden Benton had 12 points as did Alantheon Winn.

LCM had to battle with Jasper as the score was close through the first half. A big third quarter run by the Bears to start the second half proved pivotal to the win as Winn was the lead-

ing scorer with 29 points. Little Cypress Mauriceville concludes the first half

of district with two tough opponents. Tuesday the Bears went to West Or-

ange-Stark and on Friday they play at home against first place Silsbee.



**PESTCO**  
Professional Pest Control Inc.

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL • MARINE

**FREE ESTIMATES!**

TERMITES

ROACHES

FLEAS

RATS & MICE

SPIDERS

ANTS

BEES/WASPS

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Eliminate what bugs you with our

**Mosquito Control Treatments... and enjoy your backyard again!**

*Locally Owned Serving the Entire SEIX Area*

**VIDOR**  
409-769-4050  
**BEAUMONT**  
409-866-8870

**ORANGE**  
409-886-4248  
**NEDERLAND**  
409-722-9889





*Cash & Carry Sale*

**Now through January 19th!**

at

**1000 S. Ashland, Vidor, TX 77662**

**COME CHECK OUT OUR END OF THE YEAR CASH & CARRY SALE**

**(ALL SALES FINAL)**

- LVP AS LOW AS \$2.15 sq ft
- VIYL AS LOW AS \$.54 sq ft
- CARPET SALE

Need small project deco tile, we have boxes for any projects big or small, starting at \$1.50 sq ft

**Top Deck Flooring Co.**





Asia Tran, former Orangefield High School student returned to join Mrs. Kimberly Spears' Education and Training classes and spoke to the classes about the Education & Training pathway, endorsements, and the Educational Aide certification.

# Hearing aids may boost longevity, study finds

Allison Aubrey  
NPR News

Among the roughly 40 million adults in the U.S. who have hearing loss, most don't use hearing aids. This means they may be missing out on more than just good hearing.

Research shows hearing loss, if left untreated, can increase the risk of frailty, falls, social isolation, depression and cognitive decline. One study from scientists at Johns Hopkins University found that even people with mild hearing loss doubled their risk of dementia.

Now a new study finds that restoring hearing loss with hearing aids may lengthen people's lives.

Dr. Janet Choi, an otolaryngologist with Keck Medicine of USC, wanted to evaluate whether restoring hearing with hearing aids may increase the chances of living longer.

Using data from the the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, a large, national study, Choi and her colleagues tracked the status of nearly 1,900 adults who had been shown to have hearing loss during screenings. The participants completed questionnaires about their use of hearing aids.

"The group of patients who were using hearing aids regularly had a 24% lower risk of mortality compared to the group who never use hearing aids," Choi says. Meaning, the participants who were in the habit of wearing hearing aids were significantly less likely to die early.

The researchers had hypothesized this would be the case given all the studies pointing to the negative impacts of untreated hearing loss. But Choi says they did not expect such a big difference in mortality risk. "We were surprised," she says.

Prior research has shown that age-related hearing loss – if untreated – can take its toll on physical and mental health. And a recent study found restoring hearing with hearing aids may slow cognitive decline among people at high risk.

This new study, which was published in The Lancet Healthy Longevity Wednesday, adds to the evidence of benefit. The findings do not prove that it's



People who use hearing aids to restore hearing have a 24% lower risk of death, compared to people who don't use hearing aids, a new study finds.

the hearing aids that lead to longer life. It could be that people who regularly use hearing aids are also more likely to stave off isolation, remain more active or have reduced risk of falls, which could explain the increased longevity. The effect held up even when the researchers accounted for differences such as age, ethnicity, education and medical history.

Given the benefits, Choi says it's stunning how few people with hearing loss wear hearing aids regularly – just 12%, according to her study.

And Choi says another striking finding is that, the people in the study who had hearing aids, but didn't use them regularly, were as likely to die prematurely as those who never used them.

Choi recommends new users wear their hearing aids every day for 30 consecutive days to get used to them.

"Hearing loss is an invisible problem, and it happens gradually, so it takes time for you to get used to hearing aids and then get the benefit," she says.

Choi knows from personal experience the difference hearing aids can make. She was born with hearing loss in one ear. And for years she says she resisted the idea of wearing hearing aids, given that her hearing was very good in one ear. But when she became a surgeon she realized she was missing out.

"In the operating room during surgery, sometimes if someone talked to me on the left side when there was a lot of background noise, I usually wouldn't respond," she says. "People thought that I was just ignoring them, which was actually not true. I just didn't hear them."



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club named Brody Hairston as their Bridge City January Student of the Month. Brody has a GPA of 3.9 and ranks 83 out of 199 students. He plans on continuing Aviation School at Jack Brooks to one day be a commercial pilot like his uncles. Pictured are Amanda James-BCHS Principal, Rose and Marte Hairston-Grandparents, Janet Morris-Mother, Brody-Student, Lisa Huckaby-Counselor and Mark Bunch-Rotarian.



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club named Joshua Eckerle as their Orangefield January Student of the Month. Joshua has a 4.30 GPA and ranks 20 out of 116 students. He plans to attend the University of Arkansas to obtain a degree in Music. Pictured are Kenneth and Sherry Eckerle-Grandparents, Amy and Kenneth Eckerle Jr. -Parents, Joshua-Student, Rea Wrinkle-OFHS Principal, Mark Bunch-Rotarian, Shaun McAlpin-Orangefield Superintendent, and Britni Briggs-Counselor.

## Heads Up

### Automotive Machine Shop

— Est. 1994 —

Still owned and operated by Harry Risher for over 28 years and still servicing Orange County and the surrounding areas!

**Heads-Up offers:**

- Hot Tanking • Blocks Boiled •
- Boring • Crankshaft Polishing •
- Valve Jobs • Head Resurfacing •
- Cam Bearings • Engine Assembly •

Engine Kits available.

**409•886•1340 806 Border St. • Orange, TX 77630**

# MOBILE BANKING

More Flexible Than Ever.

**DEPOSIT YOUR CHECK REMOTELY**

using our mobile app on your Apple or Android phone

Online and Mobile banking | 24/7 Bank from anywhere, anytime.

Visit us online at [www.fsboftx.com](http://www.fsboftx.com)

Member FDIC

**ORANGE**

409.221.6777

**BEAUMONT**

409.924.1045

**VIDOR**

409.681.4565

**THREE RIVERS**

361.786.2525

Visit Our Website For These Articles & More  
[www.TheRecordLive.com](http://www.TheRecordLive.com)





# ‘The Shadow Proves the Sunshine’

**Jon Bloom**  
Staff Writer  
DesingGod.org

A number of years ago, I was having dinner with a dear friend who was experiencing a season of significant spiritual darkness. He was struggling with doubt. He hadn't given up his faith, but he felt the pull. Internally, he was wrestling over what appeared to him like dissonant truth claims. Externally, he was wrestling over the profound brokenness and suffering of the world, some of which had suddenly emerged in his family.

We're a lot alike, my friend and me. We both take life very seriously and process information, observations, and experiences through a similar inner reality detector, overseen by our skeptical inner inspector. We both have a melancholic streak, and since we're both amateur musicians, we're both drawn to songwriters whose compositions reflect and articulate our complicated perceptions of reality.

So, as my friend described his wrestlings, he read me some quotes from a songwriter who had once been a Christian but had since lost his faith. The lyrics were raw, honest descriptions of life in the world as the songwriter now saw it — like Ecclesiastes, but without any hope that God exists and will bring any ultimate justice or redemption. My friend admitted the lyrics were



dark, but at the time they seemed to him to describe reality more accurately than the gospel-laced songs we sang together at church.

He knew that, years earlier, I had wrestled with similar questions during a spiritually dark season, so he wanted to know what I thought. The first thing that came to my mind was the title phrase from an older song by Switchfoot: "The Shadow Proves the Sunshine." Those five words launched us into a fruitful discussion about the nature of spiritual light and darkness.

### What Are Light and Darkness?

Imagine you and I are sitting in a booth at a restaurant, and I asked you the following questions. If you can, pause for a moment after each question and try to answer it before reading on.

Could you do it? Can you meaningfully define what darkness is with no reference or inference to light at all? If you can, please share your definition with me, because I think it's impossible. And here's why.

### Why We Have Eyes

Light, as we experience it in the world, is electromagnetic radiation. In other words, light is actually a thing. But darkness is the absence of light. In other words, darkness isn't a thing, it's the absence of a thing. Trying to describe darkness without any reference to light is like trying to describe nothing without any reference to things. Nothing is the negation of things (no thing). Without things, the term nothing would be completely meaningless. And I think the same is true of darkness; it's the negation of light. Without light, the term darkness would be completely meaningless.

The fact that light exists is the reason we have eyes. We wouldn't have them if we lived in a universe in which light didn't exist. And though millions of people can survive and thrive in our world even if their ability to see is for some reason disabled, they're only able to do so with help from others who can see.

What's true about eyes is true of all our physical perceptual abilities. The reason we, as a species, have them is because the reality we live in requires them.

Darkness is not a thing; it's the absence of a thing. We know what darkness is because we know what light is. Light, on the other hand, is not dependent on darkness to exist.

### What the Shadow Proves

As I told my friend that evening, this reality doesn't answer all the hard questions or address every doubt. As an apologetic, it's not even specifically Christian. But I do believe it is a pointer to the nature of ultimate reality, and a precious one to those who find themselves walking through darkness.

We have eyes because there is a sun. So why do we have spiritual "eyes" that long for spiritual light? When we're walking through the valley of shadows, how is it that we discern the shadows? If we say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night" (Psalm 139:11), how is it that we can still distinguish day from night?

It is, I believe, because our very experience of spiritual darkness bears witness to the existence of spiritual light. The shadow itself proves the sunshine. And if that's true, if we seek the sun rather than the shadows and all the questions they raise, what we'll find is the light of the world, which is the light of life (John 8:12).

This has helped me in my seasons of darkness, and it helped my friend in his. Perhaps it will shed some needed light into your life or the life of someone you love.



## Wesley United Methodist Church

401 N. 37th St., Orange (409) 886-7276

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.  
Pastor Benny Smith and wife Iberia

Join Us For Sunday Service at 11 AM  
Also Streamed Live On Facebook



## The Record

Church Page Listings  
Just \$10.00 Per Week



## Cowboy Church of Orange County

Anointed Ministry with Pastor Harland Strother  
Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Plus rockin' Gospel music by Cowboy Cross Band  
673 FM 1078, Orange  
409-920-2271  
youtube.com/c/cowboychurchfororangecounty

# Church Directory

## First United Methodist Church Orange

502 Sixth Street 886-7466

10:00 A.M. - BLENDED SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY  
All of our services are also available premiered on:  
Facebook at 9:00 a.m. (https://www.facebook.com/FUMCOrangeTX)  
or online on our Vimeo Page and YouTube.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 9:00 A.M.  
www.fumcorange.org

Pastor: Rev. Lani Rousseau  
Director of Music and Fine Arts: Caroline Dennis

“In the world you will have  
tribulation. But take heart; I  
have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

## Bethel Baptist Church

2906 Western Ave. • Orange

Pastor Dr. Hershell Garner  
(409 782 5352)

Opportunities for Worship and Fellowship  
Sunday School...9:30am Worship 10 :30 am

## Starlight

## Church of God in Christ

2800 Bob Hall Road • Orange • 886-4366  
Pastor: Ernest B Lindsey

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. VIM Youth 6 p.m.

Intercessory Prayer Daily 9:00 a.m.  
www.slccgicorange.org

## Living Word Church

## FULL GOSPEL

7403 FM 1006 (Corner of 87 & FM1006)  
409-735-6659

COME WORSHIP WITH US  
Sunday 10 A.M. & Thursday 6 P.M.  
Dr. Rev. Samuel Karunanithi - Pastor  
Rev. Ron Richardson, Co-Pastor

## Triangle Baptist Church

6446 Garrison at Hwy. 408 Orangefield  
“Come Worship With Us”

409-920-3891

Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

We are a KJV independent Baptist Church



200 W. Roundbunch  
735-3581  
www.fbcbc.org  
Sunday schedule: Bible study 9:15 a.m.,  
Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m.,  
Adult, Youth, Children  
Discipleship Classes, Sun. 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Schedule 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting  
Youth & Children's Activities  
Pastor: Keith Royal

## Winfree Baptist Church

19525 Hwy 62 S • 409-735-7181  
office@winfreebaptist.org  
Dr. Larry Haynes, Interim Pastor

Sunday:

Sunday School - 9:15 am  
Morning Worship - 10:30 am

Wednesday:

Mid-Week Service - 6:00 pm  
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Committed... To Christ, To His Word, To His Church, To His Commission

## Orange First Church

## of the Nazarene

3810 MLK Drive, Orange

Lead Pastor Shane Weaver  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.  
www.ofcn.church

## TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH ORANGE

1819 16th Street • Orange • 886-1333

We Welcome You To Join Us.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Nursery Provided

## Patronize ‘The Record’ Church Sponsors

Become A Sponsor And List Your Business Here To Support Local Church News

## Jeremiah 29:11-13

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare[a] and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

**LIKE NEW  
AUTOMOTIVE**  
**COLLISION SPECIALIST**

## Cove Baptist Church

1005 Dupont St. • Orange

DARRYL SMITH, PASTOR  
Sunday Service: 10:30 am and 6pm  
Wednesday Service: 6 pm  
We Love You And God Loves You.