

# Penny Record

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## County survives another weather event

**MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record**

County Judge John Gothia praised the county's road and bridge crews plus courthouse staff who worked during the record-setting snow storm and cold.

"We worked our way through another major event," he said Tuesday during a meeting of the Orange County Commissioners Court. "Everybody pulled together and kept things rolling."

The snow storm left five to nine inches of snow across the county on the early morning of January 21. That snowfall broke the 1960 snow which held second place in local snow. First place is in 1895 with an estimated 31 inches.

The snow left streets dangerous and law officials urged people to stay inside. The county and



Orange County Judge John Gothia

other entities and businesses closed for two to three days. Gothia said some of the county staff worked from home to get the payroll processed and other necessary business.

Employees in the county's road and bridge department were out working to make sure the county-maintained travel routes were safe for motorists. The crews put barricades up in some areas that were

not safe.

Emergency Management Director Joel Ardoin and Deputy Director Leon George spent the night at the county's emergency operations center in case

an emergency needed to be declared.

Also, the county is on the way toward getting the first public pickleball courts. The court approved having the pur-

chasing agent advertise for bids to build two pickleball courts at Raymond Gould Park in Vidor.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Robert Viator, who oversees the park in his

precinct, said he is getting the specs ready for the bidding process.

Viator said he does not play pickleball, which has

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## Orange invests in re-opening paper mill

**MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record**

The 1960s paper mill that closed a year ago is on the way to be reopened under new ownership and the City of Orange is giving a \$400,000 economic development grant to help.

The Orange City Council and separate City Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors were scheduled to vote on the grant Tuesday evening.

The grant is to USG Paper on Texas Highway 87 North. The plant opened in 1967 as Owens-Illinois and went through other ownerships before International Paper acquired it. International Paper closed the plant at the end of 2023 and nearly 500 jobs were lost.

USG is United States Gypsum, which has a subsidiary paper company and mill in Michigan that produces the heavy gauge

paper used in wallboard. USG owns the Sheetrock brand.

The city will be giving USG a total of \$400,000 over two years to be used for what the city calls "infrastructure." The deal will have a maximum of \$200,000 each year.

The paper mill is in the Orange city limits after a "friendly annexation" ten years ago. International Paper asked to be annexed in a dispute concerning sales taxes to a special district.

The paper mill is a major property tax payer for Orange and the Little Cypress-Mauriceville school district. Even though a closed industry is required to pay property taxes, the value of the industry is greatly decreased if a plant is not operating.

The city cut its budget 10 percent this year because of a loss of income that included the taxes on

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Beverly Perry (L) poses with the Key to the City presented to her by BC Mayor David Rutledge (C). Also pictured on the right is Scot C. Shaffer. **RECORD PHOTO: Penny LeLeux**

## Awards bestowed; tears shed at chamber banquet

**PENNY LELEUX  
For The Record**

There was lots of applause Monday night when BCHS Coach Jimmy Hallman won Citizen of the Year and Miss B's Take Out won Business of the Year. Plus, there was a hardy round when Lenzi Belcher was presented as Ambassador of the Year. None of that compared to the standing O and wet eyes when Beverly Perry was surprised with the "Key to the City" by Mayor David Rutledge. Even the mayor cried.

Longtime chamber ambassador and civic servant to the community, Perry was honored by both the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce and the City of Bridge City for her many years of service. Scot Shaffer and outgoing chamber president, Brandy Slaughter told tales of Perry's love and dedication to the community.

"When I first joined the chamber, she was a very big mentor to me," said Slaughter. "I got very close to her. I learned a lot of things from her; good and sometimes bad. I love miss Beverly."

"She was my first girlfriend," Shaffer joked of when he first



Coach Jimmy Hallman was named Citizen of the Year by the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce Monday night. Holland is pictured with outgoing president Brandy Slaughter. **RECORD PHOTO: Penny LeLeux**

came to Bridge City. Perry worked in the RE/MAX office at the time.

"Every single night about 5:30, she opened my door to my office, throw a Snicker bar at me as hard as she could, and say, 'Get some

rest."

A story in last week's Record Newspapers revealed that Perry is leaving her beloved Bridge City to

**BCCC Banquet Page 5A**

## Boomtown 48 Hour Race kicks off Friday night at the Logon

**LARRY JOHNSON  
For The Record**

Filmmakers of Southeast Texas and surrounding areas will gather at 7 p.m. this Friday at the Logon Café in Beaumont for the annual 48 Hr. Film Race.

This free event is open to all and challenges teams of local movie makers to write, shoot, edit and deliver a short film based upon randomly assigned genres, all in just one weekend. The race kicks off at 7p.m on January 31.

Entries to the race will be shown and winners announced next month at Boomtown Film & Music Festival, Feb. 21-23.

This year among BoomFest's special guests will be beloved character actor Burton Gilliam, best known for his role in Blazing Saddles. Gilliam will speak about his experiences across fifty years of acting in such films as Fletch, Back to the Future Part III and Honeymoon in Vegas.

The Jefferson Theatre will also present a Classic Movie Night screening of



Burton Gilliam will be at the Jefferson Theater for the screening of Papermoon on Feb. 21 as part of the Boomtown Film and Music Festival Feb. 21-23.

Gilliam's first film, the 1973 comedy Paper Moon, he will be joined by Houston's PJ Johnson who played Imogene in the film. There will be a Q&A with the two actors following the film.

Beaumont's own Katie Cokinos will be returning during the festival as she does some location scouting for an upcoming movie.

Successful screenwriter Chuck Hustmyer will travel from Baton Rouge to give insights on screenwriting that sells. Hus-

tmyer has recently sold two scripts and optioned another last week. His first feature, "House of the Rising Sun" was Dave Bautista's first starring role.

The Film Festival Doctor, Rebekah Louisa Smith, will return from Dallas to offer more film festival strategy tips and advice to get you ready for distribution.

The three day event spans several venues in downtown Beaumont, including the historic Jefferson Theatre, the Art Museum of Southeast Texas,

the Texas Energy Museum and For the Record, Southeast Texas' new combination music shop and concert hall.

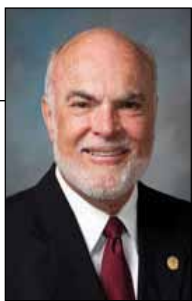
BoomFest will host the first live performances ever presented in this exciting new location.

Encore film screenings will take place during a casual Sunday Brunch at Beaumont's Logon Cafe, during which closed captions will be visible on screen in order to make the event inclusive for the hearing impaired.



# My Five-Cents

A monthly column from Sen. Robert Nichols by Sen. Robert Nichols, Senate District 3



Session is starting to heat up in Austin – the budget has been filed, committees have been appointed in the Senate, and our first hearings are scheduled. We hit the ground running this year and are prepared to accomplish as much as we can in the short time we have.

Here are five things happening around your state:

### 1. Senate committee assignments for 89th Session released

Last week, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick announced committee assignments for the 89th Legislative Session. I am honored to once again serve as the Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. I am also on the Senate Business and Commerce, Local Government, and Finance Committees. These committees cover a variety of subjects including infrastructure, broadband development, the state's budget, local regulation, and more. In fact, next week the Senate will begin work on crafting the state's budget. Senate Bill 1, the Appropriations Bill, was filed this week by Senate Finance Committee Chair Senator Joan Huffman. We will go through each article of the bud-

get, line by line, to ensure that we are responsible stewards of state and federal funds.

### 2. BOOT II awards announced by Broadband Development Office

This week, the Broadband Development Office, which is within the Comptroller's Office, announced awards totaling over \$700 million for broadband projects across Texas to connect more than 93,000 homes and businesses that lack access. The Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT II) Program sought to support countywide infrastructure projects in counties with the greatest need. To ensure equity across the state, two counties from each of the Comptroller's 12 regions were selected based on the percentage of unserved and underserved locations in the county. The program prioritized the deployment of fiber technology to bring connectivity to these areas. In Senate District 3, three counties were selected – Liberty, Newton, and Trinity. These three projects alone will connect more than 23,000 locations.

### 3. Winter Storm Enzo brings snow to East and Southeast Texas

For the first time ever, Southeast Texas was under a blizzard warning that stretched from the Golden Triangle east along I-10 into Louisiana. Winter Storm Enzo brought freezing temperatures and snow across the Gulf Coast – coating normally white sand beaches in white, powdery snow. The area saw accumulations up to five to six inches, a new record. The electric grid faired well during the freeze; only local outages due to downed distribution lines were reported. Texas had enough electricity to power the state through the storm. As always, we appreciate our first responders, linemen, and other officials who kept Texans safe and warm during the worst of the weather.

### 4. State employees fired after data breach, stolen funds

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced last week it suffered a data breach in which account information for 61,000 individuals was improperly accessed by agency employees. Information accessed included personal identifying information like full names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, email addresses, Social Security numbers, health information, and more. It may have been accessed between June 2021 and December 2024.

HHSC took action and terminated the employees and referred the case for investigation. Individuals should carefully review their accounts and information from health care providers, insurance providers, and financial institutions to ensure their activity is correct. If errors are found, the agency is asking individuals to report any questionable activity to the provider and contact law enforcement. Additionally, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients should check their Lone Star Card transactions for potentially fraudulent activity. If you think you are the victim of SNAP fraud, call 2-1-1 and choose option 3 to report the fraud to the OIG. You should also contact your local HHSC benefits office to have benefits replaced.

### 5. East Texan to be inducted into Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame

Ann Thomasson-Wilson of Jasper, TX is set to be inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. She is a two-time bass fishing World Champion, fishing tackle innovator, and owner of Ann's Tackle Shop which she opened in 1986 near Lake Sam Rayburn. The shop is a destination for anglers. Additionally, she even designed some of the gear in her store, including baits and hooks. At the end of last year, she retired and handed over daily operations of the shop to her daughter, Debra Pryor, and long-time employee Laren Bush.

## Re-Opening Paper Mill in Orange From Page 1

the paper mill and the closing of the Invista plant.

The economic development grants come from a special half-cent per dollar sales tax voter approved more than twenty years ago. The council set up an Economic Development Corporation with a seven-member board of directors. Three of those directors are members of the city council, and the other four are appointed by the city council.

Grant awards must be approved by the EDC board and then in a separate vote by the city council. Council members on the EDC board are Mayor Larry Spears Jr., Caroline Hennigan, and Mary McKenna. Other members are Jason Rodrigue, who serves as chair of the board, plus Margaret Adams, Kimberly Manning,

and George Mortimer.

Public hearings are conducted before the votes on any of the EDC projects awarded grants.

Also, the EDC board and council were scheduled to vote on a \$50,000 EDC grant for Child's hardware at 3704 North 16th Street at Interstate 10.

The business is owned by District 2 City Councilor Brad Childs, who is required to recuse himself of any voting involving his personal business.

The Orange City Council also voted to endorse a proposed apartment complex, Orange Trails, for senior citizens of low to moderate incomes. Trinity Housing Development plans to build the apartments at 4438 27th Street north of Interstate 10.

The plans are for 62

apartments for senior citizens with incomes between \$27,000 and \$37,000. The apartments will rent for prices between \$700 and \$1,000 a month based on the number of bedrooms and income of the tenants.

The site is vacant land behind two older motels off the interstate and north of Eddleman Road. A Waffle House is also about a block away from the site. The land is in the city's Interstate Development Corridor with adjacent land zoned Residential-3, which allows apartments.

If the project is approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to qualify for tax credits,

Trinity Housing Development will build the apartment complex with investments. The investors will

get credits to offset their income taxes.

The city council needs to approve a resolution endorsing the apartments and pay a token \$250 in support before the state group decides on the tax credits.

In other business, the council learned from Fire Chief John Bilbo about a grant the city is getting for its animal shelter from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The \$46,200 grant will build a fenced area to allow the shelter animals a place to exercise and space to meet and play with people who want to adopt a pet. The area will include sunshades and benches.

The city does not have to contribute money to the project.

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## BC Chamber of Commerce bestows monthly student, business awards . . .



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the January Student of the Month for Bridge City is Ethan McAdams. Ethan is ranked 115 of 211 with a GPA of 3.7. Pictured: Dr. Amanda James, Nathan Fowler, Mia McAdams, Barbara Moore, Ethan McAdams, Chloe Tucker and Dr. Mike Kelly. Photo courtesy of Bridge City Chamber of Commerce.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the January Student of the Month for Orangefield is Colt Longron. Colt is ranked 2 of 136 with GPA: 4.80. Pictured: Todd Longron, Becky Longron, Christy Roccaforte, Colt Longron, Jennifer Sims, Dr. Shaun McAlpin and Rea Wrinkle.

## County sees big increase in sales taxes

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

People shopped Orange County in November, sending an increase of sales taxes to the local entities. The Texas Comptrollers Office sent the individual payments in January that cover the month that includes holiday shopping.

Orange County saw a jump of 52 percent in sales tax income for November 2024 compared to November 2023. The county has a sales tax of 0.5 percent, or a half penny per dollar. The county took in \$881,390 for November sales, up from \$579,210 last year.

Bridge City was only slightly up. The

city has a 1.5 percent sales tax and collected \$177,000 for November 2024, compared to \$173,600 the year before, an increase of nearly 2 percent.

Orange had a big jump in sales for the month with \$542,600, a nearly 22 percent increase from \$445,136 in 2023. The city has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

Pinehurst was down slightly, collecting \$59,627 for November 2024 compared to \$60,534 for the same month in 2023. It was down 1.5 percent. The city has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

West Orange collected \$161,400 for November, up nearly 24 percent from 2023 with \$130,405. The city has a 1.5 percent sales tax.

## County business From Page 1

become the fastest growing sport across the country. Judge Gothia said he has played it with his son. The sport has players holding a racket or paddle and hitting a plastic ball on a court. Two to four people can play. The sport, though, similar to other ones, has different balls, rackets, rules, and scoring than tennis, table tennis, or badminton.

The past couple of years, the commissioners court has agreed to spend an certain amount on recreation for county parks in each of the four precincts. Precinct 2 Commissioner Chris Sowell, who oversees Claiborne West Park, said that park may be getting pickleball courts in

the future.

Commissioners Court Tuesday also approved dates for the next sales of fireworks. Fireworks may not legally be sold within city limits and the county sets dates based on days the state allows.

Orange County will allow fireworks to be sold from February 26 to midnight March 3 for Texas Independence Day; April 16 through midnight April 21, for San Jacinto Day; and Wednesday May 21 through Monday May 26 for Memorial Day.

The court approved the payment of bills including \$93,805 from the special grants fund to Triangle Concrete.



Mucas Tire Shop was named Bridge City Chamber Business of the Month for January. Pictured: Mandy Lyda, Chelsea Skinner, Quan Fignau and Lucy Fields. Photo courtesy of Bridge City Chamber of Commerce

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## From the Creaux's Nest TRUMP'S VERY FIRST DAY BACK

On his first full day back in the White House, **President Trump** vowed to do what no president had ever done before. "We're going to do things that people will be shocked at," he declared. Of all the thousands of words that **Trump** uttered during his **fact-challenged, talkathon-style** opening days as the nation's 47th president, those may have been the truest. Not so much because of the ideological swings that come with a party change in the **White House**, but because of the norm-shattering, democracy-testing assertions of personal power that defy the courts, the Congress and the ethical lines that constrained past presidents. **Trump** freed even the most violent of the rioters who assaulted the **Capitol** in his name four years ago. Over questions of loyalty, he stripped former advisers facing credible death threats of their security details. Disregarding a law passed with bipartisan support and upheld by the **Supreme Court**, he allowed the **Chinese-owned app TikTok** to operate despite national security concerns. Not satisfied just to eliminate diversity initiatives, like the **Gestapo**, he ordered government workers to snitch on anyone suspected of not going along. He **fired at least a dozen inspectors general** who monitored departments for corruption and abuse, ignoring the law that requires him to give Congress 30 days' notice and provide specific reasons. He also decided to rewrite the **14th Amendment** to declare that it does not guarantee automatic citizenship to children born in the United States. And unlike any president in modern times, **Trump** has tried to redraw the map of the world. He unilaterally declared that the **Gulf of Mexico** was now the **Gulf of America**. And he held out the possible use of force to **take over Greenland and seize the Panama Canal**. Rules his predecessors largely followed were meant to be bent, bypassed or broken. **The 22nd Amendment** bars him from running in four years. **Don't bet he will leave when his time is up.**

## TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2015

Look for a great Super Bowl. For over a week now the talk hasn't been about what promises to be a great **Super Bowl** game between the **Patriots and Seahawks**, instead thousands of stories have been about **Tom Brady's deflated balls**. One person is believed to now be involved. It really doesn't matter, Brady still had to throw and someone had to catch the ball. The score was 17-7 at the half with deflated balls and with pumped up balls **Brady** ran the score up to 47-7. This game won't be a blowout. I'm pulling for **Earl Thomas and the Seahawks**, who will have to play a great game.\*\*\*\***Follow the money**. One of the most poisonous Tea Party congressmen in the country, **Steve King**, hosted a GOP candidates **Christian Right Forum** in Iowa. A parade of would-be candidates for president showed up. **Christi, Cruz, Perry, Walker, Huckabee, Carson, Santorum**, who won Iowa two years ago, even **Donald Trump and Sarah Palin** showed up as advisers to the candidates. **Palin** rambled and no one figured out what her message was. **Romney, Bush, Paul and Rubio** stayed away. Most candidates don't have a chance but are in it for the money. **Santorum** has made a living running for president. **Old man Ron Paul** retired wealthy on campaign funds he was able to keep after running. **Perry** had enough left from his "oops" campaign to be able to pay his lawyers now. Some are wondering why **Mike Huckabee** is giving up a \$2 million a year gig to run. Simple, follow the money. Six million for his book, "**God, Guns, Grits and Gravy**." If he raises \$50 million for a campaign and spends only \$40 million, he pockets \$10 million. Running for president is the only political office in the nation that a candidate gets to keep political contribution for their own use. **That's why so many run.**\*\*\*\* We were sorry to learn about the death of **Glenda Kinder**, 63, who passed away Jan. 23. She was the owner of **Glenda's Bake-A-Cake**, on Western Ave., for over 35 years.\*\*\* We also lost **Rodney Lejeune**, 79, a resident of Nederland. He was a native of Church Point, LA. **The Cajun musician** was well known and always thrived to promote the **Cajun culture**.\*\*\*\*The tidal wave of snow that spread through the northeast Monday and Tuesday found some **Orange County natives** in the worse of the storm. Even though the blizzard wasn't as bad as predicted, it was bad enough. In Hudson MA., where **Mark Dunn's** daughter **Jenna** and her family live, she reported they had plenty wood for heat and husband **Robby** was out plowing snow, his line of work. **Robby** calls snow "white gold." They received over 30-inches. The other bad spot was in Long Island, New York, where **Jenna's cousin and Karen's son, Sean Gros**, is stationed with the **Coast Guard**. He was on 48-hour duty at the CG station. A Gulf Coast boy from Bridge City finally saw his first snow, a 29-inch freezing blizzard. He'll take the South. (Editor's note: **Sean**, who is now a physical therapist witnessed last week's Orange County and East Texas snow.\*\*\*\* "**Mr. Cub**," **Ernie Banks**, Chicago's great shortstop from 1953 to 1972, died at age 83. Folks my age were lucky enough to be able to follow him through his entire career. He was

the **Cubs first black player** and one of the best to ever play the position. He was top notch on and off the field.

## 26 Years Ago-1999

The 580-foot ship **Cannes**, seized last week with **five tons of cocaine** in Houston by the U.S. **Coast Guard**, is being stored at **Orange's CBH Services**. The cocaine, valued at \$375 million, is the largest cocaine bust in Texas. U.S. officials arrived in Orange to continue the investigation.\*\*\*\*The **Bridge City Business and Professional Women's club** names **Beverly Vincent "Woman of the year."** **Beverly** and husband **Gale** have three daughters, **Melissa, Connie and Amber**. **Beverly** is very active with **CASA** and **PTA** and other major civic projects.\*\*\*\***Architect Mark Magnuson** tells commissioners court that renovations to the exterior of the court house is estimated to cost \$537,950 and would take six months to complete. **Judge Carl Thibodeaux** said the money for the project has been budgeted for this year. \*\*\*\***Denver wins Super Bowl 34-19** over Atlanta. **The Falcons** had five turnovers including three interceptions. The Denver offensive line was awesome. No one laid a hand on **Elway**.\*\*\*\***Blind radio personality** on KOGT **Terry Lyons** celebrates 20 years with the station. Station manager **Bill Forte** hired him to do telephone ad sales but because one D-Jay was fired and another quit, **Terry** was forced to go on the air. The rest is history. He never sold the first commercial. He does the morning show plus is host of **Trading Post** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. (Editor's note: Since then **Terry** has passed away.)\*\*\*\*The following Bridge City football players sign college letters of intent. **All-Staters Jared Williams and Jeremy Stolfa, kicker Raun Bryant, Dathan Juneau, Eric Bramblett, Bryan Wiggins, Daniel Kibodeaux, Jeremy Buckley, Dustin Denhan, quarterback Brad Miller, Charles Higginbotham and Shane Peveto**. They all played for **Coach Les Johnson, Darrell Brock**, defensive coordinator and **Rick Colson**, offensive coordinator.\*\*\*\*The coach at Orangefield said he will have three players sign this week.\*\*\*\***Pole vaulting champion Eric Eshbach** will celebrate a birthday February 4.\*\*\*\***Butch Campbell** served up great gumbo at the **Orange County Day** in Austin.

## 46 Years Ago-1979

**Runnels Tire Company** holds open house at their Simmons Street location. **Joe Burke** eats only the icing on the cake. He's on a diet. \*\*\*\* A new 1974 **Step Side C10 pickup** at **Harmon Chevrolet** will set you back \$2691, with monthly notes as low as \$46.\*\*\*\***Dick Bivens, at Texas Avenue Grocery**, has a 10 ounce jar of oysters for 99 cents; **beef hind-quarters 99 cents lb.; Miracle Whip, 69 cents; Texas Pride beer, 6 pack, 12 oz. cans, 89 cents; Borden's 1/2 gallon buttermilk 77 cents; Del Monte catsup, 29 cents; lettuce, 25 cents a head; baking hens 59 cents lb; lean hamburger meat, \$1.09 pound; soup bones 9 cents pound**. Those were the days.\*\*\*\* **Gene Rutledge** is the new postmaster at Corrigan. He and wife will be missed by friends in Bridge City. (Editor's note: Today, 46 years later their son **David** is mayor of Bridge City.)\*\*\*\*The local daily newspaper is putting trash out on **District Attorney Sharon Bearden**. That's no surprise. \*\*\*\***The Witnesses**, a musical outreach group from **First Baptist Church**, have recorded an album. Some singers are **Keith Branson, Doug Massey, James Decker, Ruthie Harris, Sheree Davis, Ann Sanders, Sheri Kiser. Director is Mrs. Bennie Ross Talmadge.**

## A FEW HAPPENINGS

It's school board filing time in Bridge City. The grand dame of school board members in Texas is board president **Rebecca Hall Rutledge**. "Bear" is married to **D. "Bagpipe" Rutledge**, mayor of the city between the bridges. She is running for re-election. **Rebecca** has school board knowledge and has attended many state school board seminars. Also running for **B.C.I.S.D.** is **Thad Hill**, a guy I've liked since he won his first race. I didn't give him a chance to beat fire chief **Jerry Pesson** for city council and he surprised all the old pros.\*\*\*Also seeking re-election is **Jerry McInnis**. He just keeps moving on.\*\*\*\*At **L.C.M.**, the other **Roy Dunn, "Derry"** resigned his seat due to health problems. **Derry** will always do to ride the range with. We pray for improved health.\*\*\*\*Two former school teachers, **Windee and Chad Jenkins**, missed a chance with last week's cold to make their famous "**Top Hog Sausage**." The boys were out of pocket to help and **Windee** told **Chad** to count her out, too cold and too much work involved.\*\*\*\* A few folks I've known a long time and think highly of celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Devra Cormier, Bobby's** first and only wife, a wonderful lady we have known since they were both youngsters. **Ms. Devra** celebrates her birthday on Jan. 29.\*\*\*Another great lady **Rosalie Clark, Pat's** better half, celebrates Jan. 30.\*\*\*The next guy is the best high school pitcher to come out of Orange County. When the **Washington Nationals** played their very first home game, **John Patterson** was the starting pitcher. His dad **Doug**, also former pro pitcher brought me **John's** cap from that game. He also celebrates on Jan. 30.\*\*\*Feb. 2, is **Ground Hog Day**, but also one of **Coach "Bear" Bryant's** boys, **Don Kachtik**, the old Aggie's birthday.\*\*\***Attorney Noland Leblanc, Jr.** celebrates his birthday Feb. 3, which is a Monday. He'll have to start celebrating in Louisiana on Friday.\*\*\***Eric Eshbach**, a high school, college and national champion pole vaulter and was one of his grandmother **Dot's** favorite guys. I watched him in Austin, a kid from Orangefield, win state and set a new record. Happy Birthday **Eric** on Feb. 4.\*\*\*I'm proud to have known them.\*\*\*\*One of **Roy and Ms. Phyl's** great grandsons, **Leland Clay Gros**, celebrated his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on Jan. 28, with family, at **MeMe and Papa's place**.\*\*\*\*We haven't heard from a lot of our friends lately. I guess we lost our court house connection.\*\*\*\* Thanks for the comment on the web on our story about **Beverly Perry** moving to Georgia in last week's paper. The reader said "A true lady! Someone who had made a wonderful contribution to the community. Bridge City and its residents will miss you!" We couldn't agree more.\*\*\*\***County Commissioner Johnny Trahan** checked in to the hospital in Hous-

ton for a Hip Revision surgery. He has been given the all clear after dealing the other hip replacement and infection for 4 months.\*\*\*\***Attorney Sharon Bearden** is on a 31 day medicine and rehab program at **The Meadows**. He hopes to be able to leave within 10 days.\*\*\*\* **LeAnn Rimes** made a big impression on the crowd at the **Lutcher Theater** Saturday night, but perhaps her biggest impression was made on **Madison Alaniz**, a local hair stylist. **Madison** was chosen to help with the Grammy-winning singer's hair for the concert. When she got a text a couple of days before the concert asking her to do the star's hair, she thought the message was a scam. **Janois Grizzaffi** is getting to be a regular at the theater and her trip for **LeAnn Rimes** was part of a birthday celebration. **Terri Hoyland**, who can belt out some songs herself, took her mom, **Karen Colburn**. Also in the crowd were **Shannan Harris, Callie Summerling, Sheigh Rhodes, Sherry and Rick Sturdivant, Eric Ellison and Tricia Gillis**.\*\*\*\*Former West Orange city councilor **Annette Bonnin** will be retiring from her career this week after spending 48 years in the banking business.\*\*\*\***Brandi Griggs** marked her 15th year working at Exxon Mobile refinery.\*\*\*\***Patricia Kemp** has a new great-grandson, **Wesson Walker Kemp**. He's her fourth great-grand.\*\*\*\***Lady Whistlebreaux** is hoping **Jean Parker** has recovered from her disappointment. We've heard her onion didn't bloom in her attempt to fry up a blooming onion.\*\*\*\*And Bridge City is already planning for community events this year. **The Farmers Market** will be opening on March 22 and save the dates off June 27-28 for another **Red, White & You Festival** including another drone show.

## BREAUX BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Birthdays celebrated this week. **Jan. 29:** **Devra Cormier, Wyman Ogden, Paula Perkins, Caitlyn Eubanks, Rachel Beaulieu, Ricky Miller, Traci Anderson**\*\*\*\***Jan 30:** **Rosalie Clark, John Pateron, Lindsey Garrett, Shirley Whitley, Jeanie Kreger, Rad Blanchard**. \*\*\*\***Jan. 31:** **Dr. Jimmy Jones**, who turns 85. He also started his medical practice 60 years ago, **Scott Free, Lily Fields, C.B. Burns, Marty Delano, Eric Mangham, Regina Gaspard, Steven Kimbell, Telisha Kuykendall, Lucas Adams**.\*\*\*\***Feb. 1:** **Lucas'** twin brother **Mason Adams, Kimberly Bernard, Gera Benoit, Quade Clark, Wayne Sullivan, Virginia Williams, Brittany Leonard, Garrett Kerger, Jake Williams, Lisa Monceaux**. \*\*\*\***Feb. 2:** **Don Kachtik, Vance Thomas, Kelly McBride, Fred Dohmann, Daric Rogers**. \*\*\*\***Feb. 3:** **Nolan LeBlanc, Melissa Haley Alssa Allensworth**. \*\*\*\***Feb. 4:** **Eric Eshbach, Lisa Ludwig, Mike Boyd, Chelbi Sanford, Becca Mathews Peveto, Lydia Wilson, Brad Freeman, John LeBlanc Lindsey Hollingsworth, Mel Moreau, Rheese Rhodes, Jack Jones**.\*\*\*\* Birthday greetings go out also to **Jane Bonin Jeanis**, who has turned 92, and **Susan Tiger** had cupcakes for her 87th. Others celebrating include **Keith Lindsey, Caroline Claybar, Haley Anders, Grace Burch, Kaylyn Roberts, Kathy LeBlanc, Clayton Geis, Kerri Droddy, Kelli Stephenson Pachar, Pete Hardey, Stephen Shaw, Taylor Thibodeaux, Seth Dronnett, Chrissy Karl, Krewe Bearden, Jeff Hancock, Gabrielle Harden, Sarah Broussard Simon, and Cameron Sigler Henderson**.

## CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

**Joe Meaux** brought his pet monkey to **Tee-Boy's Bar**. Dat monkey him, jump on everyting and grabs olives, slices of lime and whatever and eats dem. **Joe**, he order a drink but dat monkey him, jump on da pool table, grabs one of dem balls and sticks it in his mouth. Everyone in da bar is amazed dem when dat damn monkey swallow dat pool ball whole.

**Tee-Boy**, he screamed at **Joe**, "You monkey jus ate my cue ball, he swallow it whole him."

**Joe** witout looking up from his drink say, "Dat don't surprise me, he eats everyting in sight. I'll pay for the cue ball and utta stuff me," den **Joe** left with his monkey.

A few weeks later, **Joe** and his monkey returned. Dat monkey find da cherries, grabs one, puts it near his rear end and den eats it. He does the same wit da peanuts.

**Tee-Boy** him is disgusted, he said to **Joe**, "Did you see what you monkey did, he put a cherry and a peanut to his butt den he eat it."

**Joe** answer, "Well, he still eats everyting in sight but since he pass dat cue ball he measures everyting first."

## DALLAS HIRES NEW HEAD COACH

**Mike McCarthy** brought **Brian Schottenheimer** into the Cowboys organization. Now he's staying behind to take his place. The club announced Friday evening that **Schottenheimer**, the team's offensive coordinator the last two seasons, has agreed to a contract to become the **Cowboys head coach**. In what can only be called an unexpected turn, the long-time head coach, becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> man to hold that title in the franchise's rich history. The deal is for four years. A familiar face could be poised to join **Schottenheimer's** staff. There's a chance **Jason Witten**, the perennial **Pro Bowl tight end**, who spent 16 of his 17 NFL seasons with the **Cowboys**, will join **Schottenheimer** as the team attempts to rebound from a 7-10 season undercut by injuries. **Jones and McCarthy** met for four consecutive days after the **Cowboy** season came to an end. Despite the split, both men found strong common ground on one point, a person with knowledge of the discussions said it was essential that the offensive scheme remain in place for **Prescott**, the 31-years-old quarterback, who will be returning from major injury. Saying that football is in **Schottenheimer's** blood is not hyperbole. He's the son of the revered **Marty Schottenheimer**, who spent 21 years of his life as a head coach in the NFL, most notable with **Cleveland and Kansas City**. The younger **Schottenheimer** has spent 25 of his 28 years of coaching in the NFL. As a player, **Schottenheimer** earned three letters as a quarterback at the **University of Florida**, where he played under **Steve Spurrier** and backed up **Heisman Trophy** winner **Danny Wuerffel** during the **Gators National Championship** season in 1996.\*\*\*\*Thanks for your time, mine is up. Take care and God bless.





Miss B's Takeout was named Business of the Year Monday at the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Pictured left to right: Clyde Scott, Aleiya Hawkins, Kacey Scott, Amanda Bradford, Sandy Scott and Brandy Slaughter. Clyde and Sandy Scott own Miss B's.  
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Beverly Perry was surprised when BC Mayor David Rutledge presented her with the Key to the City. Pictured L to R: Brandy Slaughter, Beverly Perry and David Rutledge.  
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## BCCC Banquet Awards From Page 1

move to Georgia with her son due to health reasons.

Coach Hollman has been with the Bridge City ISD for 11 years and this will be his 23rd year in education. He has also coached in Deweyville, West Orange - Stark and Orangefield in all areas of sports.

"Most of you all know me and I don't get this way a lot, but I'm actually speechless," said Hollman when presented with his award. "I'd love to talk and I'm truly honored. I'm not gonna cry," he said, just before he broke down. "Oh, but I am. I'm honored to receive this. Thank you all. You're the best!"

Amanda Bradford spoke on behalf of Miss B's owners' Sandy and Clyde Scott.

"We are overwhelmed with gratitude and deeply humbled to receive the Best Business of the Year award," Bradford read from her phone. "First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the city of Bridge City for this award. It is a tremendous honor to be acknowledged for our unwavering dedication. This award is a shining testament to our collective excellence and I am truly proud to be part of such an exceptional team."

She said it was a privilege to work in such a dynamic and nurturing city.

"This award motivates us to continue to strive for excellence."



Lenzi Belcher was named Ambassador of the Year of the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce. She is pictured with Patrick Brekel.  
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Raely Ply, a senior at Bridge City High School belted out the national anthem, a cappella without a microphone as her father, Roger Ply, videoed and her mother, Crystal Ply watched with pride.

Blake Hopper from U.S. Rep. Randy Weber's office presented certificates of Congressional recognition to the evening's honorees.

The event was catered by the Business of the Year, Miss B's Take Out. The attendant's feasted on fried shrimp or grilled chicken, baked potatoes with the trimmings, green beans, salad, rolls and banana pudding for dessert. All tables had a charcuterie board for appetizers.

Master of ceremonies Shaffer also presented the opening and closing prayers. Candace Mulhollan was presented her gavel as incoming president and Brandy Slaughter was presented with a gavel stand as outgoing president. This was Slaughter's third year to preside in that capacity.

A report of the year's activities was presented covering scholarships, coffees, ribbon cuttings, reverse Santa Clause, Purse Bingo, the Hot Air Balloon Fest and more.

Many sports memorabilia and other items were available through the silent auction.

They finished the night drawing for door prizes.



BCHS senior Raely Ply sang the national anthem at the BCC Banquet Monday night. Pictured L to R with her parents are: Crystal, Raely, and Roger Ply.  
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# Live Against the Drift

**Marshall Segal**  
Staff Writer  
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The danger of drifting, spiritual or otherwise, is in just how subtle and comfortable drifting can feel. Often we don't even notice it's happening at all.

I grew up outside Cincinnati, Ohio, a far drive from any ocean. I can't even remember a lake near our house. The largest body of water might have been the man-made pond next to the local golf course. So when I finally met the ocean, I would never forget it. I had never seen anything so large and alive and frightening — and yet my little brother and I could splash and wrestle in its wake.

I distinctly remember, on one of those early beach days, mustering up the courage to swim out a little farther, and then a little farther, floating over wave after wave, learning how they obediently march in rows and yet dance in their own way. And then, as happens to so many first-timers, I realized (with great fear) just how far I was from safety. Suddenly the waves were coming higher and faster, pulling me farther than I wanted to go. My feet searched frantically for the bottom. My arms and legs suddenly felt like logs, like they were somehow taking on water. I looked and looked along the beach, but couldn't see my brother, my dad, my mom, anyone. Another wave crashed over my head.

In a panic, I swam frantically, and soon found my

feet back on land, but I had learned just how easy and dangerous it is to drift away from shore. How much more dangerous, then, to drift away from Jesus — to realize, after weeks or months or years, that the waves of life have carried us farther away than we ever expected.

## Focus or Drift

One mark of Christian maturity is learning that none of us passively drifts toward Christ, not even after we've followed him for years or even decades. The currents of the still-sinful soul, weathered by constant waves of temptation, still pull us out to sea. We can't sluggishly float in place. We're either swimming toward God or drifting somewhere else.

The writer of Hebrews had felt the undertow of sin battling our love for Jesus. After lifting up the supremacy of the Son in creation, in redemption, in authority, in glory, he writes, "We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it" (Hebrews 2:1). In other words, if we take our eyes off of this Christ, we'll soon find ourselves further from him. In the life of faith, we either focus or drift.

For his immediate hearers, the tide threatened to pull them back into the Christ-less rituals of old-covenant Israel. Jewish persecution made following Jesus painful and costly, leaving some in prison (Hebrews 13:3). Many consid-



ered retreating from Christ to being mistreated with him. Our souls may drift along similar lines. We might drift because people we love hate the God we love, making belittling comments about our convictions or distancing themselves from us because of them. Or we might drift in other, very different directions.

We might drift after unrepentant sin, allowing some lust or bitterness or craving or envy to take hold and slowly drag our souls from safety. We might, like Demas, drift away into worldliness, slowly allowing our affections and imaginations to be absorbed with some distraction — deadlines and promotions, headline news, sports triumphs or losses, shopping trends and deals, social media controversies. We might even drift away because of a fixation on friends or family. Each of

these loved ones is a gift of God meant to lead us to God, and yet how often do they instead become gods?

We might drift any number of ways to any number of places. The warning is that if we're not currently swimming closer to Jesus, we cannot stay where we are. Paddling in place is not an option. And the tide will choose where we go — if we let it. The human soul is designed to wax or wane, to drive or drift. So do you know, in the moments of greater preoccupation and weaker resolve, where your soul tends to drift?

## Because of Who He Is

Wholly apart from our tendency to drift, Jesus really is worthy of our whole attention. He really is endlessly fascinating. When my family visited Yellowstone, we came across two grizzly bears playfully wrestling in

a field. We were far enough away to be completely safe, but close enough to see it all. I can still picture those enormous, furry brawlers running and tackling and rolling. No one had to convince us to pay attention or keep watching. Someone could have easily made off with our car, which we had left running.

## Because of Who You Are

We pay exceedingly close attention to Jesus because he's worthy of such attention, and because we know how easily we drift away from him. "We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it." We keep our eyes fixed on him because of who he is, and because of who we are — tempted, distracted, sometimes wandering.

Staying close to Jesus means steadily moving toward Jesus. Scripture's language of "walking by faith" is a great encouragement here. There are times to run (or swim) hard, but most of the Christian life will be walking with Jesus against the drift, like the disciples who walked with Jesus during his ministry. In an age of driving, riding, flying, and hurrying, many of us have lost the art of walking. Resisting the tide often means just taking the next few steps — reading the next chapter, praying the next prayer, preparing for the next Sunday gathering. As we do, we'll find, on some days and in some seasons, that the waves actually turn to serve us, to lift us higher and farther in the right direction.

As we fight the drift within us, we don't have to try to finish our race today. We just need to go as far as we can in these few hours with our eyes on Jesus.

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# Super Bowl 2025 ticket prices record high

Staff Report  
For The Record

Anticipation is mounting for Super Bowl LIX, which will be held in New Orleans on February 9 when the Kansas City Chiefs clash with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Adding to the excitement is pop icon Taylor Swift, expected to attend the big game to cheer on her boyfriend Travis Kelce, tight end for the Chiefs. Her presence will only heighten the spectacle.

As fans look to secure tickets, understanding pricing, purchasing options and timing is crucial to getting the best deal. Newsweek scoured ticket platforms offering seats for the NFL showcase.

• **Why It Matters**

The Kansas City Chiefs are vying for a three-peat after winning the past two Super Bowls, while the Philadelphia Eagles aim for redemption following a narrow loss to the Chiefs

in 2023.

**Where Will Super Bowl 2025 Be Held?**

Super Bowl LIX will take place at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans. Known for its rich history, the venue has previously hosted seven Super Bowls, making it a fitting stage for this year's showdown between elite athletes like quarterbacks Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts.

• **How Much Are Super Bowl Tickets?**

For fans looking to attend, understanding ticket options and timing can make all the difference in securing a seat to witness history.

Ticket prices for the 2025 Super Bowl reflect high demand. As of January 27, they start at \$4,516 for seats in the 600-level sections.

Premium seating in the 100-level sections near the field can cost upward of



Situated at 1500 Sugar Bowl Drive in New Orleans, Louisiana, Caesars Superdome stands as the home turf for the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League. Renowned for its grandeur, the stadium has played host to eight NFL Super Bowls.

\$6,774 before fees.

But the most exclusive options, such as suites, can climb as high as \$478,652.

Ticket prices are subject to change, and price references in this article may change after publication.

• **What Are the Cheapest Tickets Available?**

For fans looking to save some money, the cheapest tickets are in the upper sections of the Superdome. But they shouldn't plan on getting a seat without first paying a pretty penny.

As of January 27, seats in section 651, a highest-level area, were listed at \$5,291 on StubHub, while similar

options on Ticketmaster cost from \$6,495 to \$7,200.

• **Super Bowl Ticket Packages**

For a comprehensive experience, fans can consider buying team ticket packages from On Location, the NFL's official partner. These packages include

perks such as VIP seating, chef-curated meals inspired by New Orleans, musical entertainment, exclusive NFL Legend Meet & Greets and much more, based on packages.

The lowest-available price of an On Location package that includes a game ticket is \$6,605 per person.

Other packages vary in price and perks may vary based on team.

• **When Is the Best Time to Buy Super Bowl Tickets?**

Experts recommend purchasing tickets closer to the game, as prices often drop as kickoff approaches.

Secondary market platforms like StubHub and Vivid Seats are reliable options, offering guarantees on ticket delivery. But buyers should be careful when purchasing tickets online and be wary of counterfeits.

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# Kendrick Lamar to perform Super Bowl Halftime Show in New Orleans



Kendrick Lamar, the 17-time Grammy winner will take the halftime stage on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025 at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans. The NFL, Roc Nation and Apple Music announced the news ahead of the Sunday's Week 1 slate.

Amanda Hill  
For The Record

Grammy Award-winning artist Kendrick Lamar is set to headline the Apple Music Super Bowl LIX Halftime Show at the Caesars Superdome in

New Orleans on Feb. 9, 2025 on FOX.

Lamar announced the news on Sunday morning in a post on social media.

"Rap music is still the most impactful genre to date. And I'll be there to remind the world why,"

Lamar said in a statement. "They got the right one."

"Few artists have impacted music and culture as profoundly as Kendrick Lamar," NFL head of music Seth Dudowsky added.

"Time and time again, Kendrick has proven his unique ability to craft moments that resonate, redef-

ine, and ultimately shake the very foundation of hip-hop.

"We're excited to collaborate with Kendrick, Roc Nation, and Apple Music to deliver another unforgettable Halftime Show."

Lamar has won 17 Grammys thus far in his career and became the

first non-classical, non-jazz musician to win a Pulitzer Prize for his 2017 album DAMN.

In 2024, Lamar was featured on Future and Metro Boomin's "Like That," which spent three weeks atop the Billboard Hot 100 chart. Lamar's "Not Like Us" also spent two weeks

this summer at No. 1.

This will mark the second time Lamar has performed at halftime of a Super Bowl after he was featured along with Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem and Mary J. Blige for the halftime show at Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles' SoFi Stadium in 2022.

# Jasper woman inducted to Texas fishing Hall of Fame

Staff Report  
For The Record

ATHENS — The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame announces two inductees to its class of 2025 — Ann Thomasson-Wilson of Jasper, Texas and Rick Clunn of Ava, Missouri.

Thomasson-Wilson is a two-time bass fishing World Champion, fishing tackle innovator and owner of Ann's Tackle Shop which she opened in 1986. Clunn is a member of the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and International Game Fish Association Fishing Hall of Fame. He was B.A.S.S. angler of the year in 1988 and is remarkably a four-time Bassmaster Classic Champion.



Ann Thomasson-Wilson of Jasper. Ann's Tackle Shop in Jasper near Lake Sam Rayburn is a destination stop for anglers to pick up their gear before heading to the water.

"Ann and Rick are two of the greats when it comes to Texas freshwater fishing, but their achievements also resound on national and worldwide

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**For The Record**



**Chuck Uzzle**

As the mercury creeps up into a more comfortable range outside as well as on the water, don't let that fool you into feeling too secure at this time of the year. January and February on the Texas gulf coast can be down right brutal with all the rank weather we receive at this time of the year. Bone chilling winds coupled with humid overcast days can make even the toughest fisherman wish for a warm spot in the truck and hot cup of coffee. When late winter fronts pass through and temperatures outside sag down near freezing most anglers take precautions and wear the best foul weather gear they can get their hands on. Nobody forgets to grab that wind-proof jacket or the thermal underwear because those are no brainers. With spring time approaching we tend to forget just how cold it can get on the water as well as in the water.

The one piece of outerwear that nearly every fisherman does without is the most important, a life jacket. Yes I am just as guilty as the next guy when it comes to not wearing a PFD (Personal Floatation Device) but that actually changed for me a few years back and I will tell you why. Several years ago I met a guy who became one of my best friends; I actually took him on his first real salt-water trip into Sabine lake as well as many trips to Toledo Bend. This guy took to the sport of fishing like there was no tomorrow and he got pretty good at it along the way. Before too long he purchased a boat and was fishing every chance he got, mostly in Sabine lake because it was close to home. He figured out some of the subtleties of the sport and seemed to understand how to fish and where to go, he had found his hobby.

During one stretch of winter months my friend, who mostly fished by himself, made what appeared to be another normal trip out on the bay. The weather was a little rougher than he liked it so he decided to head for a protected shoreline on the east side of the lake. Now if you have ever been on Sabine lake you know there is little traffic in the wide open middle part of the lake, especially on choppy days. Now my friend is making his way across the lake as best he can considering the waves and direction of the wind. All was going according to plan until he had motor trouble, which was the first problem. As the boat stalled out and drifted helpless against the conditions it was just a matter of time before he started taking waves over the transom. It was just minutes until the boat began to stand nose up and sink. Can you imagine the feeling?

Within minutes the boat was completely cap-sized and floating miles from any shore with my friend clinging to the bow eye for dear life. Now mind you this is winter and the water temps are low 50's so you can just visualize the shock his system has just gone through. While telling me his story he said he really thought he might die before someone came to help, either from drowning or hypothermia. Some 30 minutes into the horrifying ordeal he spotted a crabber nearby running his traps, calling to him did no good as he was just too far away. That must have been tough to see help so close yet so far away. After another 20 minutes in the water his prayers were answered as 2 men in another boat happened to see him as they were headed back to the dock. They kind strangers gave him a slicker suit to put on and rushed him back to the dock to seek medical attention at the coast guard station. A warm shower, cup of coffee, and dry clothes were welcome reminders that he had reached dry land and indeed was safe. Every time we fish together I thank the big fisherman upstairs for those 2 men who saved my friends life.

That story really hits home when it's someone you know and realize that just as easily could have been me or you. Now I agree that the old style PFD's were uncomfortable and bulky, that's why nobody wanted to wear them. I am guilty of only wearing one if I have other people in the boat with me instead of wearing one all the time. With all the new styles of PFD's out there you can surely find one that suits you, I have fallen in love with the suspender style models that can inflate on their own or can be inflated manually. They are comfortable and easy to fish in which means they are less of a hassle to wear. In addition to the PFD it's a great idea to add some sort of signaling device to the PFD, like a whistle. The sound of a whistle can be heard much farther than your voice, especially if you have been screaming for a while or get cold. I have waded with anglers who wear just such a set up and it has many helpful uses. I know one fisherman who used the whistle to signal for help when he got stuck by a ray and couldn't walk. Just something to think about next time you head on the water.

## Gulf Coast Fishing Reports- Winter Patterns

Compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



**Anglers looking to score big winter trout have plenty of options to help their pursuit. .**

**RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle**

• **Sabine Lake**

**GOOD.** 50 degrees. The ticket will be staying in the Neches River with forecasted weather. Sabine Lake has been too rough to fish due to high winds. Drum, redbfish, very few trout and some channel catfish are good in the Neches River turn-arounds, points and shell flats with live shrimp on a Carolina rig. There is a good bite at the marsh during outgoing tides in 6-14 feet of water. Once the tide goes out you are left with mud banks so move to deeper water to find fish. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

• **Bolivar**

**GOOD.** 50 degrees. It is going to be another week of hit-or-miss fishing due to the weather changing back and forth. Two tide days early in the week turning to four tide changes during the later week when the temperatures climb. Fishing is fair to excellent. Water temperature is staying in the lower 60s. Water levels change back-and-forth per usual for the winter. Anglers are catching numbers of redbfish everywhere. A few more nice speckled trout are still being caught along with sand trout, black drum, redbfish, occasional sheepshead, and crabs caught along the jetty. The flounder are still there but mixed sizes from small 6-8 inch to 25-26 inches. The surf is producing lots of redbfish and black

• **East Galveston Bay**

**SLOW.** 45 degrees. The water clarity is good for East Galveston Bay, with some of the clearest water in the back lakes we have seen in a good while. The common theme again this week, wind and a little more wind. On our morning trips we have fished falling tides, catching some solid fish and some oversize fish as well. Please watch the major and minor fish times, as again this past week, that has been when the bite really turned on for us. Remember the Fish still have to eat, although not as often, so be very methodical in your presentation, and fish

areas where you have confidence in. Report by Captain Jeff Brandon, Get the Net Guide Service, LLC.

• **Galveston Bay**

**SLOW.** 44 degrees. Galveston bay coastal areas were hit with a cold front bringing sleet and snow in the area. In the meantime our water temperatures have dropped substantially. Readings throughout the bay are between 39-44 degrees. Readings below 40 could cause us some problems for our speckled trout population. During the last front we saw some juvenile tarpon that were killed due to the cold water temperature. Only time will tell how the fishery will fair.

drums, occasional speckled trout and a few sharks along the whole peninsula with more activity towards Gilchrist and High Island mainly. Report by Captain Shane Rilat, North Jetty Bait Camp.

• **Trinity Bay**

**SLOW.** 44 degrees. Galveston bay coastal areas were hit with a cold front bringing sleet and snow in the area. In the meantime our water temperatures have dropped substantially. Report by Captain Zackary Scott, Zack Attack Fishing.

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# New year features great musical events

## Tommy Mann Jr. For The Record

The new year has brought no shortage of great, live entertainment. There are several events taking place this month in Orange and Southeast Texas, as well as Southwest Louisiana and the Houston-area.

Take a look below and see the full list and more online at [www.TheRecordLive.com](http://www.TheRecordLive.com).

• **Jan. 31**

Haliene, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston; Casey Donahew, House of Blues, Houston; The Bellamy Brothers, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont; Jason Boland and The Stragglers, The Venue at Belle Oaks, Beaumont

• **Feb. 1**

The Gatlin Brothers, The Grand 1894 Opera House, Galveston; Josh Ward, Honky Tonk Texas, Silsbee; Little River Band, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **Feb. 4**

Lyle Lovett and his Acoustic Group, The Grand 1894 Opera House, Galveston

• **Feb. 6**

Venom Inc., Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston

• **Feb. 7**

Caifanes, House of Blues, Houston; Sinach, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land

• **Feb. 8**

Los Tigres Del Norte, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land; Born of Osiris, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston; Aaron Lewis and the Stateliners, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **Feb. 9**

Real Estate, Water from

Your Eyes, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **Feb. 10**

Septicflesh, Vitimas, Ex Deo, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **Feb. 11**

Triple S, House of Blues, Houston; NoCap, Bayou Music Center, Houston

• **Feb. 13**

John Berry, Main Street Crossing, Tomball; Kerry King, Municipal Waste, Alien Weaponry, House of Blues, Houston

• **Feb. 14**

Shake Russell, Main Street Crossing, Tomball; Dream Theater, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• **Feb. 15**

Kem + Ledisi, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land; Los Lonely Boys, House of Blues, Houston

• **Feb. 16**

Marty Friedman, House of Blues, Houston

• **Feb. 17**

Catch Your Breath, Archers, If Not For Me, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston; Howard Jones, ABC, Richard Blade, House of Blues, Houston

• **Feb. 19**

The Wildwoods, Old Quarter Acoustic Café, Galveston

• **Feb. 20**

Jorja Smith, Bayou Music Center, Houston; Abby Holliday, White Oak Music Hall, Houston; Cowboy Mouth, Main Street Crossing, Tomball; TopHouse, The Wildwoods, Last Concert Café, Houston

• **Feb. 21**

Cowboy Mouth, Main Street Crossing, Tomball; Soccer Mommy, Hana Vu, White Oak Music Hall, Houston; Stephen Pearcy (of Ratt), House of Blues, Houston

• **Feb. 22**

Nile, Six Foot Under, Embryonic Autopsy, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston; Helmet, Scout Bar, Houston; Little Texas,



The Little River Band will be performing Feb. 1 at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles, La.

L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.

• **Feb. 23**

Jackpierce, House of Blues, Houston, Kash Doll, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston; Gipsy Kings feat. Nicolas Reyes, Smart Financial Centre, Sugar Land

• **Feb. 24**

Lauren Mayberry, White Oak Music Hall, Houston; Pony Bradshaw, Main Street Crossing, Tomball

• **Feb. 25**

Dave Fenley, Main Street Crossing, Tomball

• **Feb. 26**

Jerry Cantrell, House of Blues, Houston

• **Feb. 27**

Eric Bellinger, House of Blues, Houston

• **March 1**

Coin, Bayou Music Center, Houston; Gary Clark Jr., 713 Music Hall, Houston; Good Kid, White Oak Music Hall, Houston; The Toadies, The Roxy Event Center, Beaumont; Kansas, L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.; Gladys Knight, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake

Charles, La.

• **March 2**

The Plot In You, With Holding Absence, Boundaries, Acres, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **March 3**

Pouya, Freddie Dredd, Cursed, House of Blues, Houston; Anberlin, Copeland, The Dangerous Summer, Scout Bar, Houston

• **March 5**

Pom Pom Squad, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **March 6**

Alexandra Kay, Logan Crosby, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **March 7**

Toby Mac, Toyota Center, Houston; Saint Motel, Angel White, House of Blues, Houston; Attila, Butcher Babies, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston

• **March 8**

Apocalyptica, Nita Strauss, Bayou Music Center, Houston; Flogging Molly, The Aggrolites, Slaughterhouse, House of Blues, Houston; Boulevard

of Unbroken Dreams, Tannic, Smile Empty Soul, The Wildcatter Saloon, Katy; Atlanta Rhythm Section, Main Street Crossing, Tomball; Babyface, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **March 9**

Matt Rife, Toyota Center, Houston

• **March 10**

Ian Moore, Main Street Crossing, Tomball

• **March 11**

Aborted, Ingested, Peeling Flesh, Stabbing, Scout Bar, Houston; The Wellermen, Main Street Crossing, Tomball

• **March 12**

Coal Chamber, Fear Factory, Twiztid, Black Satellite, House of Blues, Houston; Andy Grammer, House of Blues, Houston; Reverend Horton Heat, White Oak Music Hall, Houston; Cody Canada and The Departed, Camp Margaritaville, Crystal Beach

• **March 14**

GloRilla, 713 Music Hall, Houston; Make

Them Suffer, Like Moths to Flames, Aviana, White Oak Music Hall, Houston; Leonardo Aguilar, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.

• **March 15**

Ty Myers, Camp Margaritaville, Crystal Beach

• **March 16**

Deftones, The Mars Volta, Fleshwater, Toyota Center, Houston

• **March 17**

Inhaler, House of Blues, Houston

• **March 18**

Violent Femmes, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **March 19**

Tyler the Creator, Toyota Center, Houston

• **March 20**

Papa Roach, Rise Against, Underoath, Toyota Center, Houston

• **March 22**

Trombone Shorty, House of Blues, Houston; The Driver Era, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• **March 23**

Hulvey, House of Blues, Houston

• **March 26**

Josey Scott, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston; Blue Water Highway, Main Street Crossing, Tomball

• **March 27**

Weatherday, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

• **March 28**

Rascal Flatts, Lauren Alaina, Chris Lane, CajunDome, Lafayette, La.; Geoff Tate, House of Blues, Houston; Blackberry Smoke, 713 Music Hall, Houston

• **March 29**

Gentlemens Quartet, Lutch Theater, Orange

• **March 30**

Wednesday 13, Warehouse Live Midtown, Houston; RX Bandits, House of Blues, Houston

## Super Bowl From Page 1B

### • Who Will Perform at the Super Bowl Halftime Show?

This year's halftime show will be headlined by Grammy Award-winning artist, Kendrick Lamar.

The "Not Like Us" singer was confirmed as the main performer in September. "Rap music is still the most impactful genre to date," he said at the time. "And I'll be there to remind the world why.

They got the right one." A trailer for the coming show showed that the 27-year-old rapper would be joined by musician SZA.

Lamar previously headlined the 2022 Super Bowl with Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, 50 Cent and Mary J. Blige.

Pregame performances include Jon Batiste singing the national anthem and appearances by Trombone Shorty, Lauren Daigle and Ledisi performing patriot-

ic songs. All of the early performers are Louisiana natives.

### How to Watch the Super Bowl

Super Bowl LIX will be broadcast on Fox and available for streaming on Fubo and the Fox Sports app.

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# Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issues guidance for slowing bird flu

**Larry Johnson**  
For The Record

Communities in Texas are being urged to take action to slow the spread of bird flu in the avian population. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) offers suggestions on ways to be cautious and careful.

## How the Community Can Help

- Remove bird feeders and bird baths: Temporarily stop using feeders and baths in order to limit congregation points where the virus can easily spread.
- Avoid handling sick or dead birds: If you encounter

wildlife showing symptoms of illness or find dead birds, do not touch them. Report sightings to TPWD or your local wildlife biologist.

- Keep pets away: Prevent pets from consuming wild bird carcasses, which could expose them to the virus.
- Take extra care in practicing good hygiene: Wash hands thoroughly after any unavoidable contact with wild animals or outdoor environments frequented by birds.

This latest outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), confirmed in domestic ducks near Arboretum Boulevard and the 360 Capital of Texas Highway in Austin, has prompted warnings from health and wildlife officials.



Temporarily stop using feeders and baths in order to limit congregation points where the virus can easily spread.

The virus, which is highly contagious among wild and domestic birds, poses a serious threat to bird populations and could potentially impact human health.

The Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department (TPWD) emphasizes the critical role of the community in slowing the spread of the virus.

One immediate action that residents can take is to

remove bird feeders and bird baths. These items encourage birds to congregate, creating hot spots for virus transmission. Officials warn that unnecessary interaction with wild birds, including feeding waterfowl in parks, increases the risk of spreading HPAI.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) urges the public to take the bird flu outbreak seriously. While the risk of HPAI transmission to humans remains low, the virus has the potential to mutate. Close contact with infected birds or contaminated environments could pose risks to human health, underscoring the need for vigilance.

The CDC recommends wearing gloves and masks

when handling birds or cleaning potentially contaminated surfaces.

HPAI has been detected across all U.S. states, with recent cases in El Paso, Galveston, Harris, Potter and Wharton counties in Texas.

The virus spreads directly between birds and indirectly through contaminated environments, making community-wide efforts essential to contain the outbreak. Wildlife experts warn that continued spread could severely impact bird populations and agricultural interests.

Contacting a healthcare provider to report an incident is critically important for anyone who has experienced illness after potential exposure to infected birds.

# Price of Eggs Continues to Climb

Reported By  
Houston Public Media

Outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza, HPAI, continue to drive egg prices to record highs across the U.S., said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station, said egg prices have skyrocketed to record highs due to ongoing supply disruptions caused by HPAI outbreaks in commercial laying flocks.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is reporting “sporadic outbreaks” within commercial meat and egg production flocks.

Since Feb. 8, 2022, more than 134.7 million birds

have been lost across 1,410 flock outbreaks, including 637 commercial and 773 backyard flocks, in every U.S. state, according to USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Wholesale prices for large Grade A eggs hit an all-time high of \$6.14 per dozen on average nationally Jan. 18, according to the latest USDA report. For perspective, the previous price peak for the same dozen eggs was \$5.38 in December 2022 and \$2.20 per dozen in January 2023.

Similarly, the price peak in 2023 was related to HPAI outbreaks in poultry flocks, Anderson said.

“There is seasonality to egg prices based on demand, but the cutting of supplies, in this case by disease, has driven prices higher,” he said. “I



A dozen large eggs reached an all-time high average price of \$6.14 on Jan. 18.

wouldn’t be surprised to see them go higher in the next report, but there is price volatility when you consider the supply and demand factors in play.”

The USDA reported 304 million table egg laying hens in the U.S. flock as of Jan. 1, a 2.3% drop compared to the 311 million laying hens at the same

time last year.

Greg Archer, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension poultry specialist and associate professor in the Texas A&M Department of Poultry Science, Bryan-College Station, said the time it takes to rebuild the laying hen flock will depend on factors still in flux.

Environmental conditions are prime for the HPAI-causing pathogen, he said. The disease prefers temperatures below 90 degrees.

The poultry industry, which has dealt with multiple avian influenza outbreaks since 2015, aggressively applies its biosecurity regimens, but intermittent outbreaks continue to occur.

Archer said migratory birds have historically been the main culprit. For instance, the pathogen might be introduced to a poultry house in the form of migratory bird feces on the bottom of a shoe or from farm to farm in the tread of a feed delivery truck.


“Farmers take biosecurity seriously because they’ve been dealing with the threat for years,” he said. “The big question this time is the strain mutations and how outbreaks in poultry facilities are oc-

curing.

The recent transmission patterns have not been so clear cut, and the spread of the disease to and from dairy cows, pigs and humans has further blurred the lines for potential transmission sources, Archer said.


When it comes to replacing lost birds, Archer said it can take 20 or more weeks for birds to develop from incubated eggs to pullets to production-ready laying hens. Laying farms are typically large and can include 1 million or more birds living in several stand-alone laying houses.

If an entire farm is wiped out by the disease, Archer said farmers bring those farms back online in phases to stagger their production by new and older birds. Eggs produced by younger and older birds are typically smaller while hens in their prime lay large to jumbo eggs.




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# Flu cases in Texas rise sharply, doctors stress vigilance

**Staff Report  
For The Record**

After a particularly bad stretch of the viral infection RSV in the fall of 2024, doctors say they are now treating an increasing number of influenza cases.

“Not necessarily on the amount of people, although we have a ton, but also the severity not only a lot of people are getting sick they’re getting very sick,” said Dr. Marcial Oquendo, MD who co-owns Guadalupe Medical Centers across DFW.

Dr. Amy Richardson, assistant director of Cook Children’s Urgent Care Centers, also shared insight.

“It’s our most prevalent virus and it’s on the uptick as we would anticipate after kids have come off of winter break and come back into school and Influenza A is definitely the most preva-

lent,” said Richardson.

**Concern remains over RSV cases.**

“We anticipate that we’ll continue to see RSV and its most of its prevalence through March,” she said.

Children’s Health system shared data from the week of January 12 indicating a mix of respiratory illnesses:

- 207 RSV cases, down 30 percent from the week prior
- 425 Influenza A cases, up 28 percent
- 34 COVID-19 cases, the same number as the week prior

Beyond the numbers are families feeling not only sick but frustrated.

A patient at Guadalupe Medical Center in Dallas named Micah agreed to share her story with NBC 5 but requested we not pub-

lish her last name.

“I think that the flu season is bad honestly because of the access to healthcare and families not being able to afford to go to the doctor,” she said.

She shared her experience of being burdened by medical debt and denied insurance coverage for her family. She had to drive her family to Dallas from McKinney to seek medical attention for what could be pneumonia.

“I’ve been coughing. Me and my husband have had a 101 fever for three days, my son started having a 101 fever last night,” said Micah. “Thankfully they have these places so we can have these places so we can get taken care of.”

Healthcare professionals urge vigilance and action when feeling ill.

“Practice good hygiene, so wash your hands, sneeze



**there are two main strains of the influenza virus that cause our annual flu season: influenza A and influenza B.**

and cough into your elbow,” said Richardson. “For the pediatric populations: kids need to stay home if they’re sick. Most of these viral illnesses, you can actually have and be contagious to others even before you know symptoms.”

Both Richardson and Oquendo ask families to refrain from unnecessary trips to the hospital.

“The problem is when the

ERs and hospitals get flooded,” said Oquendo. “Sitting in the ER waiting room, surrounded by people who are sick, coughing around everyone. You walk in with one minor virus, and you walk out with five serious ones.”

Flu season in the United States typically starts in October and tapers off in late April. And there are two main strains of the in-

fluenza virus that cause our annual flu season: influenza A and influenza B.

If flu acted like a two-person relay race, you’d typically see influenza A at the starting block in autumn, and hitting its full stride by February. Come March, influenza B picks up the viral baton.

That said, the flu season can vary from year to year. For example, data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show the 2024-2025 flu season got a late start. The number of reported cases didn’t start climbing until late November.

Both virus strains have some characteristics in common, but there are also some key differences. Infectious disease doctor Sherif Mossad, MD, explains what sets them apart and why those differences matter.

## Fishing Hall of Fame From Page 1B

scales,” said Kelly Jordon, Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame selection committee chairman. “Ann is a two-time world champion, but the impacts she has made on the lives of children and those who come into her tackle shop are innumerable. Rick’s professional career spans an incredible 50 years with multiple championships and victories. His work with high school bass programs and the inspiration he has given to many anglers and non-anglers alike are immeasurable. Ann and Rick were resoundingly selected to be the 2025 inductees and the Hall of Fame is proud to have them.”

Thomasson-Wilson began her career as a professional angler in 1970 and competed in both Lady Bass and Bass’N Gal’s events until 1996. She secured world

championships in back-to-back years, claiming victory at the 1988 Lady Bass Classic Showcase on the Ouachita River in Louisiana followed by a title at the 1989 Bass’N Gal’s Hummingbird Classic Star XIII on the Hudson River in New York.

Ann’s Tackle Shop in Jasper near Lake Sam Rayburn is a destination stop for anglers to pick up their gear before heading to the water. Thomasson-Wilson was hands on running the daily operations of her tackle shop. She shared her knowledge with her customers and always served as a mentor to those who came through the doors. At the end of 2024, following 39 years in business, she turned the daily running of the shop to her daughter, Debra Pryor, and long-time staff member Laren Bush.

They continue to visit and share their knowledge of what’s happening on the lake with customers.

Some of the gear and baits in Thomasson-Wilson’s shop were in fact also designed by her. She created a brand-new hook design called the G-Lock worm hook #2044, manufactured by Gamakatsu. It comes in seven different sizes: 2 ,1, 1/0, 2/0, 3/0, 4/0 and 5/0. She invented the “Plum Apple” color which is available in multiple styles of plastic baits. The color was first manufactured by Gene Larrew and is now available in several brands. In addition, the “Chrome Red” version of the Rat-L-Trap was also created by Thomasson-Wilson and is still available today.

“I was proud and shocked when I learned that I was being inducted into the

Hall of Fame,” said Thomasson-Wilson. “I’m so excited and never dreamed about being in the Hall of Fame, but it is such an honor to represent my community, my state and all of those who I’ve had a contact with. Especially all the young folks that are grown now, because I learned from them just like they learned from me.”

Her biggest commitment throughout her life and career is to mentor and introduce people to fishing. She was a volunteer for Get Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs fishing tournaments for several years and believes that giving children things to do, like fishing, can make a life changing impact.

“I went fishing ever since I was a young girl and it’s so important to introduce young people to fishing,”

said Thomasson-Wilson. “It was a blessing to get to work with the Get Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Fishing campaign that we had on Toledo Bend back in the 80’s and early 90’s. We introduced so many young folks to fishing and gave them an alternative to the things that could lead them astray.”

“I have some of them that come to my tackle shop, and they are grown and have their own kids now,” added Thomasson-Wilson. “They say ‘Miss Ann, you taught me how to fish and to put bait on a hook and I want to thank you for teaching me.’ That has been the biggest blessing to me. Being in the business I was in, that was my livelihood, but it was also being able to teach young people there was a better way, another way to have fun.”

Clunn is one of the greatest professional bass anglers of all time and cur-

rently resides in Ava, Mo, but called Texas home for 50 years. Clunn graduated from La Porte High School and attended the University of Texas. He was a computer programmer at Exxon in Houston but ultimately settled in Montgomery on Lake Conroe where he raised his family and built a guide business. The guide business helped launch his career as a professional angler.

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The petition of LESLEY LEE SCHARTZ, Petitioner, was filed in the 128th District Court of Orange County, Texas on 19th day of December, 2024, against Estate of Jerry Gilbreath, Deceased, Respondent, numbered 24508-C. The suit requests:

**Petitioner requests the Court to award him possession and ownership of the described herein. Petitioner prays for all other relief to which he may be entitled. The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement which will be binding on you.**

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

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this January 14th, 2025.

*Anne Reed*  
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Orange County, Texas  
By: /s/ JUSTIN RHODES, Deputy

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**DANNY JOE PEDDY, Deceased**  
Cause No. P19297  
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 15th day of JANUARY 2025, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **DANNY JOE PEDDY, 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 15th day of January, 2025.

*BRANDY ROBERTSON,*  
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas

By: *Danielle Kendrick,* Deputy  
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### ACROSS

- Past participle of spit
- King Kong, e.g.
- Greek portico
- Not to be mentioned
- Congal
- \_\_\_\_ cell carcinoma
- Top of Kilimanjaro, e.g.
- Periods of time
- D-Day beach
- \*Holiday the day before Valentine's Day
- Shade of beige

### DOWN

- Quantities of doctors' prescriptions
- Not amateur
- \*Letters to Juliet destination
- Come to final conclusion
- \*Ultimate Valentine's vow?
- Purchaser
- Zelensky's capital
- Move a plant
- High-\_\_\_\_, as in an image
- Tubular pasta
- Not Visa or MC
- \*Moving Valentine's Day date option
- "Annie get your \_\_\_\_"
- a.k.a. ladybird
- Maximum
- "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel
- Suburb of Dallas
- Skunk's defense
- \*Sweet Valentine's gesture
- Long stories
- Rhythmic way of talking
- Yours and mine
- Send, as payment
- The E of B.P.O.E.
- A bit of water
- Biblical paradise
- Elfin
- Sign of boredom
- Doe's mate
- One of Three Bears
- Cain's brother
- Prom night garb
- Bird of prey's nest
- \*Make them in

- advance of Valentine's Day
- "Or \_\_\_\_?"
- \*"Cupid" singer (2 words)
- Russia's Terrible one, e.g.
- Pearl Harbor island
- Between Fla. and Miss.
- Ship's floating wreckage
- Afrikaners' ancestors
- Group of nine singers
- For each
- All over the internet
- Possible allergic reaction
- Lassoed
- \*Baby's breath's partner
- Texting vocabulary, e.g.
- \*Cupid's mom
- Black tie \_\_\_\_
- Snob
- Gymnast's goal
- \*a.k.a. "love hormone"
- Deck alternative
- Chicago baseballer
- Defrauds
- Explosion
- Pleasing notes succession
- At the same time
- Too much egg middle
- Newspaper piece
- Five and \_\_\_\_
- Staff leader
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