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Friday morning a company contracted by the City of Orange was digging near Burton St. when they struck and cut numerous phone lines. AT&T says several thousand customers, including KOGT, are without phone service and/or internet service and could be without service all weekend as repairs are being made.

Those repairs include breaking the concrete across Burton which means the road will be closed between 11th and 14th Streets.

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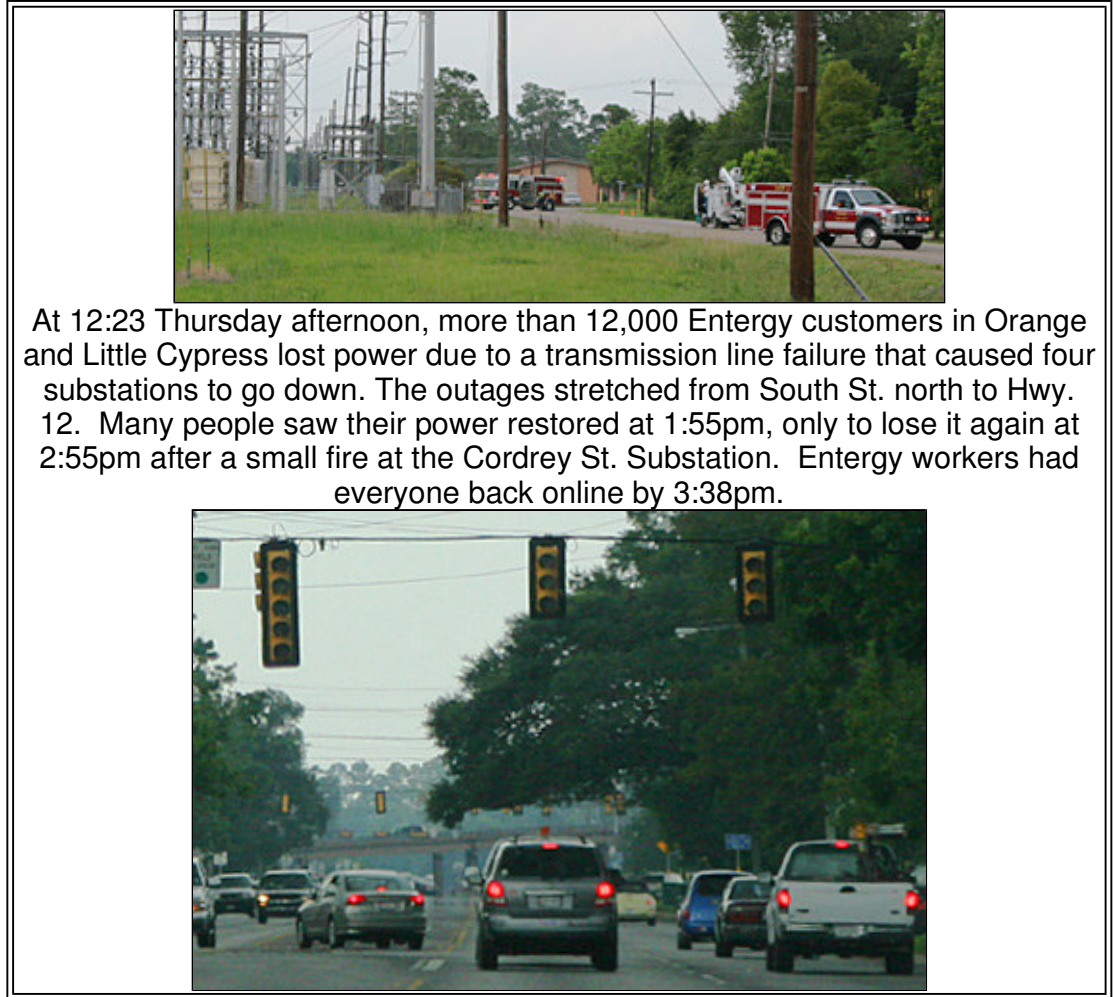
The City of Orange is advising travelers that **Green Ave.** near the railroad track is expected to be closed most of the day Sunday, June 22. Union Pacific Railroad says they will be working on the railroad crossing.

KOGT broadcast live from Granger Chevrolet Friday morning during their grand opening celebration. We also collected money for West Orange Officer Dennis Hankins' medical expenses after his assault last week. Orange County Sheriff's Deputy David Cagle was one of many who came by to donate and we raised \$1993. Al and Dean Granger then matched that pledge.





Ray Bearden of the Mauriceville Volunteer Fire Dept. takes his mask off Friday morning after he and other members of the department fought a house fire on at 7490 Circle 4 which is off Hwy. 12 in Mauriceville. No injuries were reported.



At 12:23 Thursday afternoon, more than 12,000 Entergy customers in Orange and Little Cypress lost power due to a transmission line failure that caused four substations to go down. The outages stretched from South St. north to Hwy. 12. Many people saw their power restored at 1:55pm, only to lose it again at 2:55pm after a small fire at the Cordrey St. Substation. Entergy workers had everyone back online by 3:38pm.

Eight more criminal mischief calls were handled by Orange PD on Wednesday. All of the reports concerned vehicles with glass breakage due to a pellet gun or slingshot. They were reported on Robin, Golden Oak, Meeks, International, 8th St, 9th St, Treemont, and Greenbriar.

INVISTA and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) signed an agreement today at a ceremony held at INVISTA's Victoria, Texas, manufacturing site to collaborate, share knowledge, and further strengthen the safety and health management systems at seven INVISTA sites in the United States, including INVISTA's Orange operations. [more](#)

LOCAL WEATHER RADAR

On Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at approximately 10:51 p.m., the Orange Police Department was notified of a pedestrian being struck by a motor vehicle in the 2500 block of Mac Arthur Drive. The pedestrian was walking on the shoulder of the eastbound traffic lanes. A vehicle also traveling eastbound struck the subject while he was walking on the shoulder. Orange Fire Department and

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Acadian Ambulance arrived on the scene and the pedestrian was transported by ambulance to a Beaumont hospital. He was identified as Robert Franken, 45, of West Orange, and is in serious condition with head injuries. The driver of the vehicle, Christie Craven, 32, of Orange, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to the Orange County Jail.

Look Left and "Cast Your Vote"

Orange Savings Bank reminds the public that they are aware that someone is scamming people (customers and non-customers) with phone calls, emails, and text messages saying something is wrong with their account. They apologize for any inconvenience and do have the authorities working to solve the problem. Some other banking institutions have also had the same problem. You are asked not to return their phone calls, etc. because they are not coming from OSB.



Lindsey Lewis (right) presented Jacki Burluson of American Cancer Society with a check in the amount of \$3,461.98. All proceeds received as of date were in memory of Victoria Enmon for Leukemia Research. Victoria's parents, JoEllen and Victor Enmon said, "We're appreciative of the money that was donated to the American Cancer Society in Victoria's name and we appreciate those who contributed to the Cooking for a Cure Cookbook."

The City of Orange Fire Department responded to a report of a house fire Wednesday night at 2:11am in the 1400 block of Louisiana. The arriving crews found a single family residence heavily involved in fire. Three fire engines and a supervisor responded to the fire. The City of Pinehurst assisted by filling in for any additional alarms within the city. Fire crews brought the fire under control within 40 minutes. One firefighter was injured on the hand and will not be able to return to work for several days. The injured firefighter was working inside the home to extinguish the fire when a heavy glass shelf fell on his hand. The firefighter was transported to MHBO Hospital for treatment. No injuries were reported by the home owner. Fire crews remained on the scene until 5:40 extinguishing hidden fire and providing assistance to the home owner. The smoke detectors in the residence were not operational. The fire department reminds citizens to check the operation of their smoke detectors often and change the batteries each time they adjust their clocks for daylight savings time. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



Orange Police report there have been a rash of broken windows in the area due to a person(s) using a BB gun or slingshot to break the windows. They believe the suspects are juvenile delinquents but the crime is serious and so is the amount to have these windows repaired. There is also a report of a woman being struck on the arm. If you have any info about those involved please call the Orange Police Dept.

An account has been set up at the Sabine Federal Credit Union to assist West Orange Police Officer Dennis Hankins for expenses that are expected to be incurred during his time of recovery. Anyone wishing to make a donation to assist the Hankins family can do so by going to the Sabine Federal Credit Union on Strickland Drive in Pinehurst and referring to "The account in the name of Dennis Hankins." Any assistance that is received in this endeavor is greatly appreciated by the family and department.

A head on accident Tuesday night claimed the life of an 18 year old Orange man. Around 10pm authorities were called to FM 1130 near Stephenson Curve after David Carthel, 38, of Orange, was driving north in a 1993 white Jeep Cherokee, crossed lanes and struck a 1994 green Ford Taurus driven by 18 year old Jonathan Minchew. Both subjects had to be extricated by the Orange Fire Department. Minchew was pronounced dead at the scene by JP Joe Parkhurst. Carthel was air lifted to a Beaumont hospital with unknown injuries.



The City of Pinehurst has named the two finalist for the position of municipal court judge. They are Joy Dubose-Simonton and Joe Parkhurst. Currently Derry Dunn is filling the position on an interim basis.

Orange Police Briefs-

- A burglary of a habitation was reported at 3757 Hemlock. Someone entered through window and rummaged through the home taking several items.
- A burglary of a habitation at 208 10th St Apt. #24. Someone entered through a window and stole a 42" JVC TV valued at \$1500.
- A Chevy Suburban belonging to Tom Lessard was stolen from his residence at 1204 Dawnwood. Lessard said the black Suburban was parked in his driveway when it was stolen.
- A report of a burglary of a building at the Park Ave. Service Station. The amount of damage caused to get in the building was 10 times more than the amount taken. The suspect broke into the burglar bars in the bathroom and broke through a brick wall to enter the business. The coke machine was vandalized to steal \$30 while another \$30 in cash was taken along with a torque wrench for a total of approximately \$100.



Orange Savings Bank sponsored the traveling Ducks Unlimited Trophy for their annual Fun Shoot at the Orange Gun Club. The Sabine Title team of Hunter Gothia, Hunter Aucoin, Blake Hanson, Justin Royale, and Dirk McDonald

defeated 13 other teams to win the event held last weekend. The event raised \$7200. Pictured are chairman John Gothia and from OSB Darby Byrd and Stephen Lee.



Sunday morning around 6:15am, West Orange Police Officer Dennis Hankins was assaulted at a residence on Crabtree after responding to a disturbance.

The suspect, Kenneth Comeaux, 29, left the scene with the officers gun but was caught later by Orange and Pinehurst Police. The officer was taken to a Beaumont hospital with serious head wounds but is said to be conscious and alert. Comeaux is charged with two counts of assault and the theft of an officers gun.

The Operating Board of the Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations recently approved a change to the Toledo Bend Project security plan to allow more access for fishing and recreation activities at the Toledo Bend Dam. Operations of the dam are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The amended Toledo Bend Project security plan, which was recently approved by FERC, will: Allow boaters to operate within fifty feet of the waters edge (upstream face of Toledo Bend Dam) as opposed to the current restriction of 500 feet; Enforce a no-anchor zone from the upstream face of the dam to 1,800 feet upstream to protect critical dam safety features; Continue to restrict access to the spillway and powerhouse intake facilities with the orange cable buoys. The Toledo Bend Dam and Reservoir is a project constructed by the Sabine River Authority of Texas, and the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana, primarily for the purposes of water supply, hydroelectric power generation, and recreation. The Sabine River Authorities of Texas and Louisiana encourage recreational activities like boating, fishing, swimming, skiing, and hunting in all non-restricted areas around the reservoir and down the river. "We are pleased to improve the access of boaters around the dam," stated SRA-Texas Operations Manager Donnie Henson. "It is still critical to restrict access to our infrastructure which ultimately protects the general public."

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