

# County Record

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## Child killers here get life in prison

**MARGARET TOAL**  
For The Record

The godmother of a 5-year-old girl will spend the rest of her life in prison after a jury in Orange County last week found her guilty of capital murder.

The trial of Brenika Lott, 34, of Orange was the third, and final, pending trial of child killers in Orange County. The murders of children are rare here, but in a 16-month span from February 2019 to June 2020, the county had three young children, two of them toddlers,

killed by their caretakers.

The godmother, the father of the 2-year-old, and the mother of the 18-month-old, are now serving life sentences in Texas prisons.

Capital murder under the Texas Penal Code can be filed in connection with the death of any child age 10 years and younger. The Orange County District Attorney's Office opted to not seek a death penalty, which is allowed for capital murder.

All three people charged, two women and a man, were convicted by juries and will serve the

automatic life sentence without parole that comes after being found guilty of capital murder.

Lott was convicted of killing 5-year-old Daviana Landry of Thibodaux, Louisiana. Lott was the godmother of the girl and was keeping her at her house in the 700 block of Tenth Street in Orange.

Orange Police were called at noon on June 30, 2020, after an emergency call for a non-responsive child. First responders could not revive the girl and an autopsy showed she had died of blunt force trauma to the head. Child



Brenika Lott



Raychyl Philmon



Yohvanis Roque

Protective Services took custody of Lott, who was arrested and has not been out since.

A year ago, Raychyl Philmon, now 37, was con-

victed of capital murder for smothering to death her 18-month-old son, Raydyn Jones. The two lived together in a small RV off Highway 12 in

Mauriceville at the time. Philmon had other children removed by Child

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### The Record's Orange County Football Preview

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## Mauriceville is 'Moore Strong' for injured teens

**MARGARET TOAL**  
For The Record

When bad things happen in a small community, people gather to help and support. Mauriceville is an example of that after a morning drive to a school sport activity left three teens seriously injured in hospitals.

All together, five teenagers were injured the morning of Wednesday, July 27, when a pickup truck traveling on FM 1130 left the roadway and hit a tree. All boys in the car were traveling to a Little Cypress-Mauriceville school district football training camp. One was taken to a hospital by medical helicopter and the others by ambulance to hospitals.

Two of the boys were treated and released. Three brothers, though, were seriously injured and as of Tuesday, two of them were still in ICU. The three boys are the sons of Ray and Tiffany Moore, life-long members of the Mauriceville community.

Now the Mauriceville

Heritage Association and others people from around LC-M are organizing a fundraiser to help the family with medical expenses. The fundraiser is planned for Saturday, September 24, at the Mauriceville Community Center.

The brothers are 16-year-old Hayden "Tank" Moore, 14-year-old Clayton Moore, and 12-year-old Brayden "Peanut" Moore. Their parents on social media have thanked their friends and public for the support and prayers, saying they did not think the boys would survive.

However, lots of therapy will be needed and at least one more surgery.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported a 2018 Dodge Ram pickup truck was traveling on FM 1130 near Zavalla Road and a curve. The truck went off the roadway and traveled about 100 feet in a ditch before crashing into a tree head-on. Troopers reported the

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## OC schools head back to class

**MARGARET TOAL**  
For The Record

At Bridge City High School, a time-consuming job on concrete in the hot August sun is a special right of passage. The seniors with cars get reserved parking spots and paint them in colorful designs.

The senior painters were out painting Monday, a sure sign that a new school year is ready to begin.

The Bridge City, West Orange-Cove, Orange-Field, and Vidor public school districts start classes on Wednesday, August 10. Schools in the Little Cypress-Mauriceville district start on Thursday, August 11. Teachers in all the districts reported for work this past Monday.

The past school year was ending when the school shooting in Uvalde happened. The Texas Education Agency ordered all of the 1,200-plus school districts in the state to double check basic locking devices on every door to the outside. The order came after a report contributed a malfunctioning outside door



New teachers at the Bridge City Independent School District strike a pose as the 2022-23 school year starts next Wednesday.

lock with allowing the gunman to get inside the school.

This summer, the West Orange-Cove school board voted on a policy requiring all student backpacks to be clear or made of mesh. The rule will apply to grades three through twelve. Other school districts in Orange County do not have that backpack rule.

But for now, kids and parents are thinking of

sharp crayons, new notebooks, new clothes, and new shoes. West Orange-Cove schools are having a Back to School Tailgate Party on Friday, August 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the high school, 1400 Newton Street. The WO-C Meet the Teacher schedules are Thursday, August 4, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for North Early Learning Center. Also on Thursday, West Orange-Stark Middle meet-

ing will be from 5-7 p.m.

West Orange-Stark Elementary has two days. Grades kindergarten through second will be Monday, August 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. Grades third through fifth will meet on Tuesday, August 9, from 5-7 p.m. The M3 Band will play at 2 p.m.

WO-S High school students will pick up schedules on Monday, August

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## Parents of Sandy Hook shooting victim call for accountability in Alex Jones' trial

**CECILIA LENZEN**  
The Texas Tribune

Testifying Tuesday during the two-week defamation trial against Alex Jones, the parents of a Sandy Hook school shooting victim said the Texas-based conspiracy theorist needs to be held accountable for lies he has said about the tragedy.

Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, the parents of 6-year-old Jesse Lewis, who died in the 2012 shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, are suing Jones for \$150 million for



Alex Jones walks into the courtroom in front of Scarlett Lewis and Neil Heslin, the parents of 6-year-old Sandy Hook shooting victim Jesse Lewis, at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin on July 28. Lewis and Heslin are suing the Texas-based conspiracy theorist for falsely claiming that the 2012 mass school shooting was a hoax.

defamation.

Jones took the stand late Tuesday afternoon and will continue his testimony Wednesday morning.

During his testimony Tuesday, Heslin said he needs Jones to be held accountable in order to move on with his life and try to recover from the trauma of the tragedy.

"You can never recover from the loss of a child," Heslin said during the trial. "When you lose a child, you lose a part of yourself. You feel violated by the

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# Caution advised in school zones, Bridge City experiences growth

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

### Mayor Rutledge For The Record



Mayor Rutledge

Summer is starting to wind down, seems as if everyone is getting ready for school to start. A week from today it's going to officially open up for the fall semester.

This is always an exciting time for students, teachers, administrators, and parents. For everyone who drives our streets and highways, we need to be aware of school buses running their routes, of children waiting at bus stops, of the increase in traffic during the morning and afternoon "drive times". And please, everyone remember that when that

school bus is stopped and picking up or dropping off our children, for goodness sakes, STOP in both directions.

In case you have forgotten, anytime a school bus is stopped and has its lights flashing, the law says you must stop from both directions and wait. Many people don't know or never realized that this even ap-

plies to Texas Avenue (Texas-87) and West Roundbunch. They are not considered divided roadways, and therefore you MUST stop. And a big no-no is texting or using your phone in a school zone. The law is not flexible on that law, and it will be strictly enforced in Bridge City. Please keep our children in mind as you drive around town.

Speaking of West Roundbunch and traffic, with the increased traffic during the school drop off and pickup hours, it may be a little more difficult to get around that area during those hours. The project to widen that road is starting to pick up speed. As you're driving down FM 1442, please be mindful of the folks working on that job, slow down as you ap-

proach a work zone, pay attention to the flaggers, follow their instructions, take a few minutes extra time to give them the space they need to do their work.

A number of road construction workers have been killed and injured recently because of people speeding through work zones, people not paying attention to what's going on. For everyone's safety, don't text and drive, especially in construction zones. Leave a couple extra minutes early if you're going through this area. It will save you some tense moments, and it may save someone's life.

Like the county, the school districts and other cities in the area, it's municipal budget time in Bridge City. Your City Council and City Staff are

hard at work on next year's budget. We're working, as always, with an eye toward providing the services our citizens want and need while keeping our tax rate down. This past year we've experienced some serious threats to our current budget in the form of higher fuel and other prices. This trend is expected to continue into the next fiscal year, and we're having to factor that into our budget numbers.

With all the growth the City experienced last year and that we expect will continue this year, our tax base (and population) has grown. This is good news for taxpayers in that our city tax rate will be lower this year than last year. We're firming up the numbers now, but they're looking pretty favorable for

about a five percent decrease in the rate this year over last.

Of the two factors that go into how much ad valorem taxes that a property owner pays, namely property value and tax rate, the City only controls the tax rate.

The other component, property value, is set by the Orange County Appraisal District with guidelines from the State Comptroller's office. We can't do anything about that, but we are working hard to make sure the factor we CAN control is as low as we can make it and still maintain services that you, the citizens want.

That's about it for now. See you around town. Take good care of "Bridge City, the Gateway to Lake Sabine."

## GOOD OR BAD?

### Sen. Carl Parker For The Record



Former State Senator Carl Parker

There has long been discussion about whether or not elected officials should have limits on how many years they should serve. The concept can be both good and bad.

Arguments for term limits include the fact that they would require a periodic turnover and would imbue new ideas in government. Another argument in favor is that when politicians hold office too long, they begin to adopt the feeling that they, not the people, actually own the office. In my opinion, the best argument in support of term limits is that toward the end of a term an officeholder knowing that his/her term is about to be statutorily done away with, he/she would concentrate more on legislation or other duties of the office rather than spend efforts aimed at being re-elected.

Former Congressman Jack Brooks once was quoted saying that as to congressmen, they should be

**Carl Parker has practiced law in Port Arthur since 1958. He is a 1958 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976.**

elected young and should be kept in place a long time by the voters. The chief argument against term limits is that we already have an effective way to limit the terms of elected officials; it's called the election process. While true that it is difficult to dislodge an officeholder who has held office for a long time, more than likely the problem is apathy of voters in failing

to use their right to vote and gerrymandering.

A person elected to a local office such as city council, commissioners court or school board should find it rather easy to understand the process and be acquainted with all the vital issues facing that body and has worked okay.

State legislators and congressmen are very different from local offices, however. To be a good legislator I can site from my own experience that it takes about two to four years to truly get into step with the process and be an effective congressman, state senator or member of the state House of Representatives. These offices require knowledgeable people and if we force too many inexperienced members on Congress or state legislatures it weakens the body and increases the power of non-elected bureaucrats. We must keep in mind that bureaucrats do not have to stand for election nor are they selected by the people.

The place where term limits is certainly a step in the right direction is at the

executive branch—presidents or governors. These should be term limited because they possess such power, such as power to appoint a vast number of department heads who can exercise discretionary powers over all of us. Totalitarian countries have shown us what can happen when an elected head of government is able to stay in office twenty or thirty years. Even George Washington declared as he left office that no president should elect to serve more than two terms.

Of course no action related to term limits for or against is the real underlying problem with what's wrong with democracy in America today. It will only improve when we take the time or realize the importance of exercising our right to vote. In recent elections fewer than one-half of the voters cared enough to cast a ballot. You will find that less than one-fourth of Texans and/or Americans usually choose your elected officials.



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## LSCO gets \$530,000 TRUE grant to support industry, workforce programs

Staff Report  
For The Record

Lamar State College Orange received official word this week that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has awarded the college a \$530,000 Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Grant. The funds will benefit LSCO's Electro Mechanical, Process Operating, Instrumentation, and Maritime Programs.

The grant will enable LSCO to purchase full-size pumps, valves, motors, and controls that simulate a local plant environment, along with retrofitting a Workforce

Building to accommodate these simulations.

"We are thrilled to be one of the recipients of this prestigious grant award. These funds will support the completion of our Workforce Education building that is currently under construction, enabling us to add state-of-the-art technology that will benefit many of our technical programs and allow our students to be ready-to-work as quickly as possible," said LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson.

The TRUE Grants, distributed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, are funded through the U.S. Department of Treasury's Cor-

ona Virus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

"TRUE Grants are an important tool to support our Texas institutions in achieving the goals of our state strategic plan for higher education, Building a Talent Strong Texas," said Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Harrison Keller. "These grants are specifically designed to help more Texans earn credentials aligned with current and emerging workforce needs and expand opportunities for long-term success."

LSCO was one of 29 colleges in the state to receive a portion of the \$15 million available in TRUE Grant award funding.



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## Texas sales tax holiday starts Friday

Staff Report  
For The Record

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"Most Texans won't hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it's never too early to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from book bags to ballpoint pens," Hegar said. "With inflation driving prices higher on just about everything, this sales tax holiday provides Texas families some small relief managing the costs associated with kids heading back to the class-

room. As the father of three school-aged children myself, I know how these expenses can add up."

The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save \$112 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://TexasTaxHoliday.org).

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or,
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

## 7th Michael Hoke Memorial Outdoor Awareness Aug. 4

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is having The 7th Annual Michael Hoke Memorial Outdoor Awareness for Kids on August 4th from 9 AM to 2 PM. This is a free event for ages 8-14. It is being held at Claiborne West Park at 4105 North St, Vidor, TX under the Halliburton Pavilion at the back of the park. The activities will include a

Duck Dog Demonstration, Cooking on a Campfire, Skulls & Furs, Benthic Testing, and a Nature Trail walk. Closed toe shoes only, No sandals. Check-in the day of will be at 8:30. Go to [Orange.AgriLife.org](http://Orange.AgriLife.org) and click on the Registrations Link to register your child. Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 if you have any questions.

### "First Saturday" free stuff at FBC-Bridge City

First Saturday at First Baptist will

be handing out free school supplies August 6th in the church parking lot at 200 W. Roundbunch Rd in Bridge City. Starting at 10 a.m. we will have glue sticks, spiral notebooks, crayolas, Kleenex and a pack of pencils will be free, along with Bibles and prayer for those who come to the blue canopy. The supplies will be handed out until 12:00 noon or until everything is gone. Look for the blue canopy.

Thank you for reading 'The Record' hometown news!

## Back to school From Page 1

8, from 10 to 11.

Orangefield High School students have already picked up schedules. Meet the Teacher gatherings will be held at all three schools, elementary, junior high, and high school, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, August 8.

Bridge City High students had orientation on Tuesday. A fun event will be the Monday Night Football Ladies Night on Monday, August 8, at the

football field with "kick off" at 6:30 p.m. Participants will meet the coaches, have light snacks, and learn a little "Football 101." Registration runs through Friday, August 5.

Also, the high school volleyball team will have an alumni game on August 19 at 6 p.m. Proceeds from the game will go to the Bridge City ISD Education Foundation. Sign-up deadline is August 12.

## Child Killers From Page 1

Protective Services.

Philmon drove the unresponsive toddler to the emergency room of the old Baptist Hospital Orange on March 18, 2019. She did not know the hospital and emergency room had been closed for two years. Nurses in medical officers at the complex, along with the Orange Fire Department and Acadian Ambulance tried to resuscitate the child.

Afterwards, law officers searching Philmon's RV found methamphetamine and syringes and then arrested her. The autopsy on the toddler showed he had been smothered.

Her trial was held before 163rd State District Judge Rex Peveto. Evidence included text messages from Philmon to potential sex partners calling the baby obscene names and complaining about him. She also communicated about needing the "day after pill" to prevent an unwanted pregnancy.

Longtime Orange police investigators said the February 2019 murder of 2-year-old Savannah Roque, who was bludgeoned to death with a claw hammer, was one of the most upsetting crimes they had ever seen.

Her father, Yohvanis Roque, now 29, was convicted last year of capital murder. Trial testimony showed he had mental problems and traumatic stress problems. His mother was trying to get legal papers to mentally commit him to a hospital when he killed the little girl in their Roselawn house in Orange.

The jury before 128th State District Judge Courtney Arkeen found him mentally capable to stand trial and convicted him of the capital murder offense, leading to the life sentence.

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## From the Creaux's Nest

### ANOTHER AUGUST ROLLS AROUND

Since I was a little guy **August** has never been one of my favorite months. Dragging that big sack in those cotton fields back home in the heat of **August** was **pure misery**. Then in my teenage years came **football two-a-days** in **August**. I always looked forward to them until a week after they got started, then football season and school starting couldn't come quick enough. Back then you weren't allowed to drink water at practice; **it would cause cramps** they said. We were fed handfuls of salt tablets that really made us thirsty. The times have changed. Trainers see that regular water breaks are held and **trainers are a lot more heat conscience**, with regular breaks. I still feel for the youngsters out there today doing two-a-days. I congratulate them. **Hang in there**, football season is right around the corner and **August will be history**.\*\*\*\*I'd best get to work in this air conditioned office. Did you know **air conditioning came to Orange** exactly **110 years ago** in the month of **August**. **Carrier** brought cool air to an **Orange church**, the first in the nation.\*\*\*\***Come along, it won't do you no harm.**

### PULLING FOR THE OLD POLICE CHIEF

Our buddy of over 50 years, **Bridge City's** first police chief, has been in an induced coma for almost a week now at St. E's in Beaumont. **Chief Wilson Roberts** underwent two different surgeries on his colon. The diagnosis hasn't been great and we're not sure when the doctors will wake him. At best, when he starts to recover possibly he will be in hospital for at least a month. During the first surgery he went into cardiac arrest and now is battling lung and kidney problems. After serving in the **United States Navy**, **Wilson** spent a lifetime in law enforcement, working for different agencies throughout the state, including investigator for Orange County D.A. **Sharon Bearden**. The **"Chief"** is tough and we ask for your prayers for a successful recovery.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Ago-2012

#### OLYMPICS FASTER, STRONGER, HIGHER

The best part of **August** every four years is the **summer Olympics**. If I was retired, I'd pack a lunch and spend all my time in front of the TV watching the games. **Swimmer Michael Phelps** set a record that will never be broken in my lifetime. He now has **22 medals, 18 gold**. He has made his final splash. **"I'm definitely done,"** he said. The 27 year old gave us many thrills and plenty to be proud of. I won't soon forget the name **Usain Bolt, from Jamaica**, who ran the **100-meterdash** in **9.63 seconds**. I'll always remember the blade runner, double amputee, quarter-miler, **Oscar Pistorius**, who made history by competing in the **Olympics**. Also **Kirani James, from Grenada**, who won the **400-meter**, the first ever for his country. How can anyone forget **17 year old swimmer Missy Franklin**, or **Sanya Richard Ross**, who won the **400-meter**. What about gymnast, little **Gabby Douglas**, who won the individual **All-Around** and is on a **Kellogg's** corn flakes box. Of course, **Kobe Bryant, James**, and our sure to win **gold basketball team**. There are way too many athletes to mention. I even like the uniforms on the lady beach volleyball players. The **Olympics** are a bright spot in August every four years.\*\*\*\*It's a sad week as we say goodbye to some friends who left us. **Todd Edgerly**, 48, fought the good fight. What a great guy he was. Todd passed away Aug. 5, 2012. Our deepest sympathies to Gene and Judge Flo and their family. \*\*\*\*Our sadness is also felt for the family of **Kurt Rodrigue**, 50, who died suddenly Saturday, Aug. 4. He was making plans to fish the OCARC Tournament when he was felled by a deadly heart attack.\*\*\*\* **Frank Hryhorchuk**, 80, was a man this writer had known over 50 years and also knew his siblings from Deweyville for many years. "Butch" died Aug. 1, at his home. Service was held Saturday, Aug. 4, at St. Henry Catholic Church. He and his wife of 56 years, Eva, had felt the hurt of losing three children, son Bryan, and daughters Mary Jane and Rose Marie.

### 12 Years Ago- 2010

Our friend, county treasurer **Christy Khoury**, has the job of figuring the county employees longevity

each year. In her latest report, **Judge Pat Clark** is still the king, with **Karl Stanbrough**, road and bridge foreman, just a step behind **Clark**. Coming in a close third is our county clerk, **Karen Jo Vance**. Now there's a great group of folks.\*\*\*\***Brandy Robertson**, county clerk deputy, was thrilled when she returned from Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Her husband, coach **Roderick Robertson's** baseball team, the GT Demolition 13 U Major League team, captured the **Triple Crown Division I Championship**.

### 20 Years Ago-2002

Services were held Monday, Aug. 5, for **Pete Ragusa**, age 60, who died Aug. 2 at the V.A. Hospital in Houston. His wife **Carolyn**, family and friends will miss him.\*\*\*\*Service was held for **Jim Bolding**, 76, who died Sat. Aug. 3\*\*\*\*Kicker **Matt Bryant** is the third player from a Bridge City football team drawing **NFL money**. Three pro players from one small school district, **Shane Dronett, Jason Mathews and Matt Bryant**.\*\*\*\*New Bridge City High School athletic director and football coach, **Claude Tarver**, gathers his troops for two-a-days football practice which begins for all county schools except **WO-S**, who will start next week. **School begins Sept. 3** for Bridge City students.\*\*\*\*The **New York Giants** defeated the **Houston Texans** 34-17 in **"Hall of Fame"** game. Bridge City's **Matt Bryant** kicked for the **Giants**.\*\*\*\***David Myers** of **Bridge City** graduates from **U.T. Medical Center**, in Dallas. Besides a medical degree he also earned his **Ph.D. with cum laude**. He is now taking his residency in internal medicine at the **University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**. He is the son of **Larry and Lily Myers** of Bridge City. **David** and his wife **Heather** have a 7 month old son and live in Carrollton, near Dallas. **Heather** is now finishing her doctorate in Molecular Biology. (Editor's note: That was 20 years ago. I wonder about their lives since. It would be interesting to know how many Bridge City grads went on to be doctors. I bet it's more than normal for a small 3-A school.)

### 50 Years Ago-1972

**Louvenia Hryhorchuk**, after being appointed to fill the term of **Ida Faye Arnold**, who resigned as tax collector, appointed her staff. **Lucy Sciarillo** was named chief deputy; **Rosemary Slaton** was advanced to first deputy. A majority of the office personnel had supported her and will remain. Only **Jane Carmack** submitted her resignation earlier. **Hryhorchuk**, a 21-year employee was elected over four other candidates in the **Democratic** primary and had no **Republican** challenger. **Commissioners Court** then appointed her to fill the term.\*\*\*\***Liz Wickersham** comes in second in the **Miss Texas World** title in San Antonio. She was also named **Miss Photogenic**.\*\*\*\* **Judge Grover Halliburton** is in Hawaii touring the beautiful Pacific island.\*\*\*\*According to **Roy Wingate**, his brother **Cecil** volunteered to be county campaign manager for presidential hopeful **George McGovern** after he learned **McGovern** would give \$1,000 for each child when he becomes president. Cecil said "\$17,000 ain't hay; it's good pay."\*\*\*\***Dexter Bassenger**, head football coach at **Stark high**, announced coaching assignments for the years 1972-1973. Varsity assignments went to **Bill Real, Cliff Larson and Wade Phillips**. (Editor's note: In 1972, **Wade** was the highest paid defensive coordinator in the NFL). Other assistants were **Curly Hallman, Norman Miksch and Billy Brown**. Named ninth grade head coach was **J.B. Bearden**, assisted by **Mike Rhodriquez** and **Art Pettit**. **LeRoy Breedlove** was named head coach of eighth grade, assisted by **Tom Havens; Hattie Mae Wood** named coach of girl's varsity volleyball team. **Pittit** named coach of the baseball team; **Larson**, track team; **Phillips** golf team; **Mikch** tennis team; and athletic trainer is **Larry Didliker**.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

The big celebrity sighting this week was at the big 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party of **Joann Sowell**. **Sir Paul McCartney** made an appearance. Her family gave her a surprise party with a **Beatles** theme and there was a lifesize cutout of **The Cute Beatie**. Wonder what her 12-year-old self would have thought about the big **Paul**. \*\*\*\* Everyone's favorite retired educator, **Dr. Pauline Colburn Hargrove**, celebrated her **73rd birthday** with family. She's had some major life changes in the past year and we'll give a toast to her for having a smoother time in this orbit around the sun.\*\*\*\*For her birthday, **Edie Burch** got a surprise trip to her favorite spot, a cabin in the woods. Significant other **Richard Teague** took her to a real log cabin with a tin roof outside of **Kountze**. It's a bed and breakfast retreat\*\*\*\*Other birthdays included glamorous grandma **Becky Trahan**, wife of **County Commissioner Johnny Trahan**, and **Tad McKee** of the **Stark Foundation**. **Tad** has one grandchild and another is due soon. Those two had birthdays beginning with numeral 6. **Lee Harris** is much younger (lol). He just turned 50.\*\*\*\***Nancy Dallas** has the coolest grandmother name around. Little girl **Drue** calls her **"Fancy."** **Nancy** celebrated a birthday this week and also traveled with husband **Tony** to Canada to see son **Chad "Cheese"** pitch for Vancouver, in the **Toronto Blue Jays** system. They got to hug son **Jack** in an airport on the way. **Jack**, with a giant backpack, was traveling in a different direction to join up with a **Philadelphia Phillies** farm team.\*\*\*\*Happy anniversary to **Doug and Shelley Manning**. They marked their **30th** wedding anniversary this past week. **Doug** will always sing praises about his wife, but don't ask him about **Facebook**.\*\*\*\* **Rosalie** and **Karl Eason** had their **Golden Anniversary**. Their

family gave them a special dinner at the Pompano Club as part of the festivities.\*\*\*\*The **Chagois** family covers both sides of the Sabine and this year, the descendants of **Emmanuel** and **Matilda Chagois** met on the **Vinton** side of the river. Lots of **Texas** side cousins went. You know you're from **Orange County** when you can pronounce and spell **"Chargois."**\*\*\*\***Janois Grizzaffi** is a retired law enforcement officer, but investigating crimes didn't prepare her for one stage of life. She said good-bye to son **Cody Strause** left for basic training camp at Fort Benning, Georgia.\*\*\*\***Mickey Litton Gisclar** was happy to learn the Bridge City High graduate **Rylee Ocegüera** is now a teacher there. **Rylee** will be coaching volleyball and track, along with teaching geometry and math models. **Rylee** was a recipient of a **Moe Litton scholarship**, given by **Mickey** and her family each year to honor her late father, a longtime Bridge City Coach and athletic trainer. **Mickey's** latest concern seems to be a possible shark sighting on **Cow Bayou**. She has a bayou backyard. Wonder what would happen if someone got an old **Chevy Chase** landshark costume and wore it in her yard?

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Aug. 3:** Happy Birthday to **Kaylon Black, Marilyn Snider and Bob Gephart**.\*\*\*\* **Aug. 4:** Celebrating today are **Debbie Wilbur, Rene Beard, Judy Leonard, Jarrod Vogt and Kody Fisette**.\*\*\*\***Aug. 5:** Our friend **Dr. Mike Shahan** celebrates today. Also **Nan Briggs, Misti Peoples, Angie Lane and Danny Squires**.\*\*\*\***Aug. 6:** Longtime buddy **Sleepy Smith** marks another year, **Christi Reese** celebrates as does **Sonya Villanueva**.\*\*\*\***Aug. 7:** Happy Birthday to **Kimberly Sensat, Rita Vergas, Tessa Bailey and Rodney Hanks**.\*\*\*\***Aug. 8:** **Fred Brent, Jim Finklea and Brian Sanches** celebrate today.\*\*\*\***Aug. 9:** Happy Birthday to **Dwight Thacker**. This is the 48<sup>th</sup> year in a row I've wished him a happy birthday. He's a great guy. Also celebrating is **Judge Dennis Powell**, who is enjoying retirement in the hill country. Happy Birthday also to **Paige White, Edie Anthony, Jade Montagne and Ken Hartley**.\*\*\* (Email us at [news@therecordlive.com](mailto:news@therecordlive.com) or call 409-735-5305 for upcoming birthday or anniversary announcements.)

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

#### A Letter From Sostan

Dear Simple,  
Just a few words to let you know wats going on in Sout' Lousana. Tee-Boy, him, is now wearing an earring. Jim Comeaux, who know Tee-Boy is normally a conservative fellow, ax him why his sudden change in fashion him?  
"Don't make such a big deal out of it Joe, it's only an earring," Tee-Boy say. Joe insist, "No really Tee-Boy, how long you been wearing dat in you ear?" Tee-Boy say, "If you got to know Joe, since my wife Clotele found it in our bed."  
We got a letter from our daughter, da teacher. She said he got a note from a parent wat said, "Please excuse Calvin from Spanish class. His troat is so sore he can hardly speak English him."  
You remember Coo-Coo Doucet? Well, when he showed up at da bar he had been on a drunk and bot his ears had blisters on dem. I ax, "Wat happen to you ears Coo-Coo?"  
He say he was busy ironing him a shirt to go to da dance wen da phone rang and he mistakenly put da iron to his ear instead of da receiver." Wat bout you utta ear,?" I axe.  
Coo-Coo say, "You know dat fool called me again."

Come see me you,  
Your cuzz,  
Sostan

### C'EST TOUT "MAGA"

"MAGA has new Texas meaning. A satirical ad aimed at Gov. **Greg Abbott** titled **"Whose Choice?"** published Monday by the advocacy group **Mothers Against Greg Abbott** has gone viral. "It's really important for us to tell people that when it comes to women's reproductive rights and women's health care, there is no one-size-fits-all solution which is what the far right is proposing," said **Nancy Thompson**, the founder of the group. "In order to have change for **Texas women**, and for us not to be second-class citizens, we all need to vote for change." The other **"MAGA,"** as some know it, has snowballed into a major **Texas** activism hub boasting more than 50,000 members on **Facebook**. Their recent online hits, including the **"Whose Choice?"** ad and another targeting **Abbott's** views on education, guns and transgender youth, have garnered national headlines and thousands of dollars in donations. **Thompson**, who lives in Austin, founded **Mothers Against Greg Abbott** in August 2021, dismayed over the governor's work to ban mask mandates in public schools. When **Mother's Against Greg Abbott** was born she didn't even realize the phrase spelled **"MAGA."** In the months since, the name has become a rallying cry for mothers and other activists across the state. Last month, 59 percent of **Texas** voters said the state is on the wrong track, the highest number in more than a decade, according to **University of Texas at Austin** polling. Just 31 percent said the state is heading the right way. Meanwhile, 90 percent of tea party voters, a faction within the **Republican Party**, are happy with the state's progress. **Thompson** said, "We're the middle. **Our group is just the middle.** Our focus is the middle. Our focus is just to bring decency and reasonable solutions for **Texans.**" It's an organization run by women who believe they can incite change, **Thompson** said, because "We're tired of waiting for other people to do it."\*\*\*\* Thanks for your time. I'm getting too old for all of this. **Take care and God bless.**

## Alex Jones defamation trial From Page 1

loss of your child. It's something you can't recover from."

Lewis directed her testimony toward Jones: "Jesse was real. I am a real mom."

The trial is the first of three to determine monetary penalties for defamation and emotional distress that Jones caused with lies about the Sandy Hook shooting, in which 20 students and six educators were killed. Jones repeatedly claimed on Infowars, his Austin-based website and broadcast, that the mass shooting was a staged government conspiracy meant to take away Americans' guns.

In October, an Austin judge ordered a default judgment against Jones for defamation after he called the school shooting a hoax, leading Jones' listeners to harass the victims' families. In the past year, Jones has lost all the defamation lawsuits filed by 10 families of Sandy Hook victims.

When Jones took the stand and his attorney F. Andino Reynal asked how he was. Jones replied, "I actually feel good." He said he was glad to have a chance to clear up what corporate media has gotten wrong in covering his comments about the Sandy Hook shooting.

Reynal's line of questioning Tuesday primarily focused on Jones background, how he got started in media, his company Infowars and how much time he dedicates to his job.

Heslin said he wants the outcome of

this lawsuit to restore his own credibility and reputation, which was tarnished by Jones, as well as the legacy of his son.

The family has previously described their son as a hero. During the Sandy Hook shooting, he ran into the school hallway when he first heard shots, the family said in a legacy.com obituary. Jesse confronted the shooter, yelled for other children to run, and nine children were able to escape the classroom they were hiding in.

Jones was not present in the courtroom during Heslin's testimony and was only present for a portion of Lewis'. Heslin called Jones' absence "disrespectful" and "cowardly." During or shortly after Heslin's testimony, Jones appeared on Infowars and spoke about the plaintiff, using what one of Heslin's lawyers described as "inflammatory" language. During a video clip of the show shown during the trial Tuesday, Jones said Heslin is "a nice man" who has been "manipulated by some very bad people." He said he doesn't think Heslin is "stupid" but does believe he is "slow."

Lewis said she felt grateful that she could deliver part of her testimony to Jones' face. She said he had been negatively impacted almost every day of her life since her son's death, and it was a relief to finally be able to testify.

During her testimony, Lewis repeatedly said she believes Jones knows Sandy

Hook was a real, unstaged tragedy. However, he is determined to continue spreading lies on his show in the interest of monetary gain, she said.

"I know there are hoaxes out there, but this is an incredibly real event. I lived it," Lewis said.

She said she doesn't believe that Jones will stop perpetuating misinformation until he is held accountable with a punishment that will teach him a lesson.

During her testimony, Lewis compared losing her son to the "phantom pains" people experience when they lose a limb. Although he is gone, she feels the pain of his death every day.

The lies from Jones and his team about

the tragedy have compounded that pain, Lewis said. Both Lewis and Heslin have experienced multiple accusatory emails and death threats as a result of Jones' lies. Lewis said she feels unsafe in her own home, which she has lived in since Jesse's death.

Heslin and Lewis were placed in isolation under the protection of a beefed-up security force, their lawyer, Mark Bankston, told the Austin American-Statesman on Monday.

"Unfortunately, after some encounters — which did not occur in the courthouse, there were some encounters here in the city of Austin — my clients are now in isolation, and they are being protected by a large security staff," Bankston said.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Robert Edward Barnes, 90, BC

On Tuesday, July 26, 2022, on this his 90th Birthday, our precious father, Robert Edward Barnes, entered into his Heavenly Home and reunited with his beloved wife, our mother, Jeanette Barnes. Fully restored to walk with family and friends who went before him...and most of all Our Heavenly Father.



Robert Barnes

Funeral services were held at St. Paul United Methodist Church located at 1155 W. Roundbunch Rd, Bridge City, Texas on Saturday, July 30, 2022. Visitation was held prior to service. Officiating will be Mark Bunch. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange, TX.

Born in Marlin, Texas, on July 26, 1932, he was the son of Robert Ernest and Lucille Yates Barnes. Robert's father worked in construction, which meant the family had to endure quite a few moves. He remembered that one time, he had attended school 1 day and was taken out to move again...9 times moved within 1 year. He finally settled in Bridge City and graduated in 1952 from Stark High School, located in Orange, Texas. After graduating, he proudly served the Air Force from 1952-1956, and was stationed at Maxwell AFB, in Montgomery, Alabama. He became a pitcher for the Maxwell AFB Bombers and was quite good! He actually tried out for the Yankees...instead of trying out for the great pitcher he was, he threw his hat in for short stop...that didn't work to his advantage! Good try DAD! Among his accomplishments in the service, Robert became a Certified Marksman Instructor. Most of all, he found his passion for the game of Golf and played for many years until his health kept him from it. At least he could enjoy the game on TV.

On June 23, 1955, Robert married his sweetheart, Jeanette Ayo, at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City, Texas. After completing his service with the Air Force, they moved back to Bridge City, Texas where Robert started working for Fina (now Total). Retirement came after 39 years. From there, trips to Hot Springs, Arkansas and Branson, Missouri was a favorite vacation spot for all. He became a father to 4 children (1 died at birth), grandfather to 10, great grandfather to 13.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Jeanette Barnes; infant daughter, Marlys; grandson, Kenneth Beckcom; parents, Robert Ernest and Lucille Yates Barnes; and brother, Gary Barnes. He is survived by his children, Robyn Smith (John), Meredith Beckcom, Scott Barnes (Cynthia); grandchildren, Morgan Dupuis (Leslie), Taylor Yeaman (Jeremy), Tristan Barnes (Summer), Katelyn Edwards (Nate), Hunter Beckcom (Amanda), Garney Doucette, Jesse Doucette, Paige Austin (Matt), and Angie Smith (Andrea); great-grandchildren, Davien, Ally, Peyton, Christian, Austin, Kaiden, Kinzley, Natilyn, Raylan, Ava, Anthony, Mia, and Harper Rose; sister, Linda Outlaw; brother and sister-in-law, Gerald Ayo, Rose Ayo; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tristan Barnes, Hunter Beckcom, Jeremy Yeaman, Leslie Dupuis, Jesse Doucette and Davien Edwards.

Honorary pallbearers are his great-grandchildren.

Special thank you to Medical Center of Southeast Texas, Dr. Dia Abochamh, and the Nursing and CNA staff at Bonne Vie for your exceptional, loving care shown to our Father.

### Ryan "Ryan-o" Mark English, 38

Ryan Mark English, 38, of Orange, passed away on July 31, 2022, in Houston, Texas, surrounded by loved ones.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 4, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.



Ryan English

Ryan was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, on February 20, 1984, he was the son of Bruce English and Rebecca Russell. He was an incredibly hard worker and took great pride in providing for his family. There are just not enough words to describe how incredibly joyous he was. He taught others that being good didn't mean being perfect by spreading that joy through love and forgiveness. Ryan was hysterically funny and always enjoyed an adventure. He loved outdoors and took great joy in camping, kayaking, and going

to the Renaissance Festival. Ryan also enjoyed music, swimming, and woodworking. More than anything he loved his family. Ryan was deeply loved and will be missed for years to come by all his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Rebecca Russell.

He is survived by his loving wife, Crystal English; children, Cassidy English, Nadaly English, Kadee English, Ethan English; grandchild, Kai Laughlin; son-in-law, Alex Laughlin; father and stepmother, Bruce and Roxanne English; brother and sister, David English and wife, Jessica and their six children, and Sara Bryant and husband, Andrew and their two children; father and mother-in-law, Freddy and Tina Viator; and brother-in-law, Christopher Griffin; as well as many extended family members, including five fur babies.

Cremation will be held under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

## 'Moore Strong' in Mauriceville From Page 1

driver was 16 years old and the passengers were ages 15, 14, and 12. DPS does not release the identities of juveniles younger than 17.

Troopers issued two citations to the 16-year-old driver. One for failure to stay in a single lane and another for being a 16-year-old driver with more than one passenger younger than the age of 21.

The LCM community is pitching in to help the Moore family and has adopted a circle insignia for LCM Strong with the center reading "3 Moore Reasons."

The Mauriceville Heritage Association has set up an account at First Financial Bank to collect donations for the Moore family. Two of the sons are at Christus

St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont and the other is in Galveston at UTMB. Simply keeping family members close to the boys is difficult and costs money.

The Association will have a planning meeting for the September Moore Family Benefit fundraiser on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Mauriceville Community Center on Cohenour Road off Highway 62.

Anyone wanting more information about how to help the Moore family or contribute to the fundraiser may contact Chris Sowell at 409-670-5136, Nelda Burton at 409-882-4436, Adam Strandberg at 409-779-6620, or Lindsey Gilbreath at 409-670-2484.

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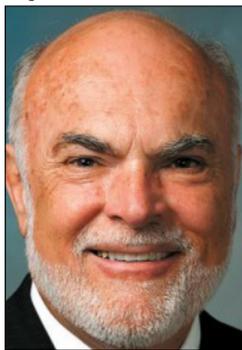
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# My 5-Cents

## State Senator Robert Nichols

Sixty-four years ago this month, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which established NASA and emphasized our commitment to space exploration and manned space flight. NASA later elected to build a new flight-control center outside of Houston, making Texas an essential piece of the space race.



Sen. Robert Nichols

Here are five things happening around your state:

### 1. ALERRT and House Committee release reports on shooting in Uvalde

This month, both the Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center and the House Investigative Committee on the Robb Elementary Shooting released reports on their assessment of the tragic shooting in Uvalde. Each report highlighted different parts of the overall response.

The ALERRT center covered the timeline, a physical assessment, and a tactical assessment. The tactical assessment spoke to their expertise on strategies used during the shooting and different strate-

gies that could have been used in this situation. Their expertise lies in responder training and their report reflected deficiencies in training and execution of that training. To read the report, visit <https://alerrt.org/>.

The House Investigative Committee on the Robb Elementary Shooting released their report a few weeks after the ALERRT Center's report. The House report detailed an extensive timeline of the events leading up to the shooting, during the shooting, and after the shooting.

They delved into the attacker's family life and background, the school's security and facilities, the law enforcement response, and drew several factual conclusions. I commend my colleagues for their important work on this issue and look forward to working with other House and Senate members to develop recommendations moving forward. To read the full report, go to [https://house.texas.gov/\\_media/pdf/committees/reports/87interim/Robb-Elementary-Investigative-Committee-Report.pdf](https://house.texas.gov/_media/pdf/committees/reports/87interim/Robb-Elementary-Investigative-Committee-Report.pdf).

### 2. Suicide hotline number changes to 988

This month, the Federal Communications Commission implemented a change to the national suicide hotline number. In-

stead of the old 11-digit number, the new number is just three digits and easier to remember. Now, calling 988 will give you resources for immediate mental health emergencies, such as people at risk of suicide and other crises. The hope is that calling 988 for a mental health crisis will become just as instinctive as calling 911 in an emergency. Those who call the hotline will connect directly with a crisis center staffed by trained professionals that offer free and immediate help at any time. The line offers communication options in several languages and is now available. People in distress can also chat with a trained counselor by visiting [www.988lifeline.org](http://www.988lifeline.org).

### 3. Universal Service Fund rates will increase on some phone lines

Beginning August 1, telephone customers will see an increase in monthly bills due to a court ruling that state regulators must fully fund the Universal Service Fund (USF). The USF was created to ensure that Texans in rural areas have access to phone services, which is legally a public necessity. Each telephone customer's bill has a line item for the USF which has charged a 3.3 percent fee of the cost for intrastate voice service. That percentage is now going up to 24 percent. For many single-line customers, that charge was as low as 30 cents a month. That cost could rise to about \$2 per month or more. This change comes after the Public Utility

Commission, which oversees the USF, rejected a more modest increase in 2020, which would've brought the assessment to 6.4 percent. In 2021, Governor Abbott vetoed a measure aimed at addressing the is-

sue, as well.

### 4. Tax free weekend for back-to-school approaching

This year's sales tax holiday weekend for back-to-school is Friday, August 5 through Sunday, August 7. Texans can save money on tax-free purchases of most clothing, footwear, school supplies, and backpacks during the annual Tax-Free weekend. Qualifying items can be purchased in-store or online. The exemption applies to each eligible item sold for less than \$100 and there is no limit to the number of qualifying items Texans can buy.

### 5. Texas Parks and Wildlife accepting drawn hunt permit applications

Texas Parks and Wildlife opened applications for drawn hunt permits for the 2022-2023 hunting season in July. There are almost 10,000 permits in 62 hunt categories. The permits allow drawn hunts on public and private land, including hunts for white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn, turkey, alligator, dove, and some exotic species. An online interactive map shows all drawn hunt opportunities by category or area. All applications, fees, and permit issuances are handled online.

Permits are open to resident and non-resident hunters. The first application deadlines are in August. For more information, visit [https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/public/public\\_hunt\\_drawing/](https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/public/public_hunt_drawing/).

## 7th Annual Michael Hoke Memorial Outdoor Awareness Aug. 4

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is having The 7th Annual Michael Hoke Memorial Outdoor Awareness for Kids on August 4th from 9 AM to 2 PM. This is a free event for ages 8-14. It is being held at Claiborne West Park at 4105 North St, Vidor, TX under the Halliburton Pavilion at the back of the park. The activities will include a Duck Dog Demonstration, Cooking on a Campfire,

Skulls & Furs, Benthic Testing, and a Nature Trail walk. Closed toe shoes only, No sandals. Check-in the day of will be at 8:30. Go to [Orange.AgriLife.org](http://Orange.AgriLife.org) and click on the Registrations Link to register your child. Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 if you have any questions.

## BC Edward Jones branch office school donations

Karen Collier, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Bridge City, is supporting Bridge City schools by using her office as a drop-off location for a school

supplies drive.

Local residents may help support this effort by bringing in items to the Edward Jones branch office during regular business hours from July 6, 2022 to August 3, 2022.

The branch address is: 1815 Texas Ave, Bridge City, TX 77611

"We're asking Bridge City residents to donate school supplies or volunteer their time," Collier said. "These donations can add value as one more student will be provided with the appropriate tools to begin or continue his or her learning and development."

Edward Jones and its associates cannot

accept monetary donations of any kind.

## "First Saturday" free stuff

First Saturday at First Baptist will be handing out free school supplies August 6th in the church parking lot at 200 W. Roundbunch Rd in Bridge City. Starting at 10 a.m. we will have glue sticks, spiral notebooks, crayolas, Kleenex and a pack of pencils will be free, along with Bibles and prayer for those who come to the blue canopy. The supplies will be handed out until 12:00 noon or until everything is gone. Look for the blue canopy.

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# Orange County football teams eager to take field

**OC SPORTS BEAT**  
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For The Record

This week we look ahead to the upcoming football season and what the outlook is like for our Orange County football squads. Interviews with each of our four teams' head coaches gives us the latest updates and what to expect as the 2022 season kicks-off.

## Bridge City Cardinals



**Bridge City Cardinal**  
**Head Coach Cody McGuire**

This season will be the second year under Cody McGuire as the head football coach at Bridge City. The Cardinals will be looking to improve on last year's results.

The Cardinals played hard in McGuire's first year at Bridge City and finished last season 4-6 overall. Two wins were achieved in the very tough district schedule by Bridge City.

The season could have been even more special for the Cardinals by making the post season. "We were a few plays away from making the playoffs. We played Silsbee really well, and we had big wins over H-J and Liberty. Our kids fought the whole year. I'm going to miss our seniors that graduated. They bought into our program, and I appreciate those guys for what they contributed," McGuire recalled.

There are returning Cardinals that will be important leaders on the Bridge City offense. A returning all-district performer for the Cardinals at the H-Back is Noah Broussard. Jerris Brown is a junior at wide receiver that should catch a lot of footballs this season.

Starting in the offensive line will be senior Matt Livingston for the Cardinals again. McGuire said, "Those are some of the guys that we've got coming back on offense that I feel like are going to do a great job for us."

An all-state performer at defensive end last year was JS Bearden who returns for Bridge City. Bearden will be shifted to an outside linebacker in the Cardinals' new 3-4 Defense for this season.

One of the leading tacklers last season for the Cardinals was Mason Pruitt, and he is back as an inside linebacker. Rayburn Hebert was a starter as a cornerback last year and will move to be a starting safety. In the defensive line Nick Lejeune will start at the noseguard position in the 3-4 alignment Bridge City is going to this season.

There will be some new faces on the Bridge City varsity who Coach McGuire believes will contribute to the success of the Cardinals. Stephen Stone is a junior who will play safety. Stone was on the junior varsity last year, and the coach thinks Stephen will do a great job in the defensive secondary.



**Dan Perrine**

Also moving up from the junior varsity is Jagger Carlin who will be a starter at cornerback.

The Cardinal quarterback last year was Ethan Ocegüera, but he graduated in the spring. Sophomore Hutch Bearden is expected to step in and be the starting quarterback

for Bridge City. Bearden will be throwing passes to another sophomore Case McGuire at wide receiver.

Bearden has done a great job according to Coach McGuire this summer to prepare himself to be the leader of the Cardinals' offense. "He looks really good, so we're excited to see what he can do. We've got to find a backup, but I think Hutch is going to be the guy," McGuire expressed.

Two move-ins for the

Cardinals should see plenty of playing time. Gavin Bodin moved to Bridge City from Port Neches.

Bodin should do a great job as a receiver. Kayden Kibodeaux moved over from Orangefield and will play in the defensive line for McGuire.

The emphasis during the four weeks before the first game is to make Bridge City the best team on the field every Friday night. To do that McGuire wants the Cardinals to be

the most physical and the best well-conditioned team on the field every game.

The second priority is developing depth at key positions to make sure there are Cardinals that can step in when needed. McGuire reminded, "Last year we lost four starters to ACLs, and so you've got to have guys behind the starters, it's that next man up mentality, so when somebody goes down somebody's got to step up

and make plays when they get the opportunity."

Coach McGuire had to replace his offensive coordinator during the summer. Jason Aubry comes to Bridge City from Illinois where he was the head coach at Concordia University two years ago. "Great offensive mind, does a great job teaching, hasn't been here very long, so that's one thing we're going to be focused on is

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trying to get the offense taught to our guys so they're all on the same page," McGuire informed.

Bridge City will run the Spread in different formations. It will be a lot of 10-Personnel and some 20-Personnel. McGuire stated, "We're going to be throwing the ball around and running it, so it's going to be a balanced Spread Offense, and we'll see what happens."

The goal for the second season at Bridge City under Coach McGuire is to exceed last year. McGuire answered, "The expectation is you want to be the best team every Friday night and where ever that takes you it takes you. That's always going to be the goal every time we go to play we want to be the best team. Every Friday night we want to have the most points at the end of the game, and then we want to just keep rolling that way."

That said McGuire admits it does take a lot of work to achieve those loft goals. "Winning will always be our goal. We're going to work to achieve that goal. Our kids worked hard all summer, all off season, and so we're just going to roll with it that way and see where it takes us," McGuire concluded.

Fans of the Bridge City Cardinals will have an additional way to follow them this fall. The Bridge City Independent School District has signed up with VYPE Media for the coming school year.

Based in the Houston area, VYPE Media has produced sports magazines for high school sports for several years. VYPE is no longer covering the Houston area exclusively.

VYPE will produce two magazine editions this year for the Bridge City ISD with one to cover the fall sports and school activities while the other edition will emphasize the

spring sports. VYPE just completed the photo shoot for the fall edition and a hype video to promote the publication.

Coach McGuire is excited about the VYPE publication coming out soon that will cover the football team, the volleyball team, the cheerleaders, the dance team, the power lifting team, and the cross-country team. "All that will be in this first fall edition, and so it just highlights Bridge City kids, includes some stories about Bridge City kids, and highlights our school district and the great things that are going on like the new facilities we have with the recent passing of the bond which helps get us a new junior high school and a new CTE building. A lot of great things are happening in Bridge City," McGuire expounded.

## WOS Mustangs to continue winning tradition under Hickman



WOS Mustangs Head Coach Hickman

A new era in West Orange-Stark football begins this season. The Mustangs have a new head coach in Hiawatha Hickman who moves up to the top position after serving as the Mustangs' defensive line coach and then defensive coordinator the last six years.

In Cornel Thompson's final season as the head football coach the Mustangs had another successful year going 11-2, winning their district championship while going undefeated in the district, and advancing to the fourth round of the state playoffs. West Orange-Stark lost to the eventual state champion China Spring Cougars.

Last year was a typical great year for West Orange-Stark football according to Coach Hickman. "We started out a little slow with the loss at Nederland, but then we started to roll as the year went on typically doing what we normally do, won another district championship, won three playoff games in a row on our way to the quarterfinals. We felt like we had our chances, we had a few injuries that kind of affected us in that game, but all and all it was another great year. That's like eleven of the last twelve years that we've been to the fourth round," Hickman reminded.

The Mustangs will be competing for another district title this season and they have their quarterback who got them to the fourth round of the post season Keyshawn Robinson returning. Robinson was a sophomore last year and took over when West Orange-Stark lost the other quarterbacks, and he led the team to the fourth round of the post season.

Robinson is the front runner this season to be the starting quarterback with his experience from last year but he will face some competition from Marcus Turner a younger guy who has all the tools for the first team position. Hickman added, "It'll be a competition right up until the Nederland game. The one that doesn't win the position will probably play in the defensive secondary for us."

At running back is Jamaal Shaw who rushed for about 400 yards last season for the Mustangs. Shaw has never been the featured back prior to this season because of the quality backs ahead of him like Elijah Gales. "Shaw will get to carry the football first this year," Hickman announced.

Joining Shaw in toting the football for West Orange-Stark is Dakarion Judge. His contributions to the Mustangs' scoring are varied. Judge runs the jet sweep, he can take snaps in the Wild Cat, and he returned three kicks for touchdowns last year.

Opening holes for Shaw and Judge will be offensive lineman Davin Heard who plays hard, and at 6-3, 285, has a mean streak for blocking opposing would be tacklers. Hickman praised, "He's going to be an asset for us at right tackle. Great kid, great kid."

Another very good running back for the Mustangs who played some last year is Jailen Brown. "He's explosive, he's a one touch, one cut guy that could go at any time. All these guys had great off seasons, so we look forward to those guys producing," Hickman replied.

A key to the success of West Orange-Stark in football has been defense over the years. Naturally, with Coach Hickman moving from defensive coordinator to the head coaching position he has a strong feeling for the Mustang defense.

When you talk Mustang defense you start at linebacker, and this year that means Jalen Gilmore will get a lot of attention. Gilmore played fourteen games last season for West Orange-Stark as only a sophomore which means he is a player. Gilmore had 120 tackles during the year. Hickman elaborated, "He's in great shape. He's a guy who's going to lead us on defense."

The free safety for WOS will be Darren Anderson.

He is a smart player and gets the Mustangs aligned in their positions prior to each play. Anderson had four interceptions last year and ran one of them back for a touchdown against Nederland in the season opener. "He's a great kid, a great leader. He's going to be a big asset for us this year," Hickman stated.

In the defensive line Andrew Wilson returns at the noseguard position. Wilson has been a three-year starter and should make a lot of plays in the middle of the Mustang defense. Wilson will be used some in the offensive line as well.

Jamaal Shaw is the ultimate two-way player combining his skills at running back on offense with his outstanding ability at cornerback when playing defense. Coach Hickman rates Shaw as one of the top five cornerbacks in the state of Texas having received offers from numerous colleges to play for them when he graduates. Shaw is 6-2, 190, with exceptional speed.

Dakarion Judge was second team all-state at cornerback for the Mustangs. Judge maybe small in stature at about 5-6 which led other teams to throw in his zone resulting in six interceptions for him last year, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Hickman added, "The guy's a player, he's an explosive guy, plays on offense for us, he's our jet sweep guy, he's an inside receiver, kick returner, he's a typical West Orange-Stark skill kid that can play anywhere." Judge may even be the Mustangs' third string quarterback if needed.

One of the new Mustangs joining the varsity for the first time is Marcus Turner who is involved in the competition for the starting quarterback position. Turner can make all of the throws, he just lacks experience at this time. "I think experience will bring him along, he needs

to play, but he has all the tools you look for in a quarterback. He's a great leader, throws the ball well, the kids follow him," Hickman summarized.

Running back Raymond Mallett is young a Mustang that should get some carries this season on the varsity. Mallett has been a scoring phenom in junior high and on the junior varsity the last couple of years. He is an explosive running back that can also play slot receiver. Mallett will be Shaw's backup this season.

One position Coach Hickman is looking for is a kicker. The Mustangs lost the primary prospect to be the kicker, but the process is underway to find a kicker and a punter. Hickman explained, "I think we have a punter. We have enough athletes I think we can find a punter, but having a consistent threat as a kicker is what we're trying to find."

Hickman inherits the winningest program in Texas high school football and does not plan to let that honor fade under his leadership. "Expectations are always high here. We come out in preseason in the top five every year. Some people are predicting us to play for the state championship or even be close to a state champion, our kids expect it. We expect to be playing in December. My expectations for them is to continue to work, and it's all about the work, the work we put in, the time we put on that field, the way we develop talent, that all goes in to keeping this tradition alive," Hickman concluded.

West Orange-Stark will be working with HUDL to have Mustang games streamed live this season. HUDL cameras have been installed at Dan R. Hooks Stadium that will actually allow the games to be broadcast on the You2 channel.

All that is currently

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# August means 'real' football season not far away

**KAZ'S KORNER**  
**Joe Kazmar**  
**For The Record**



Joe Kazmar

The month of August has sneaked in amid a nationwide heat wave which will test all football players from the high school level, colleges and the National Football League to work hard but most important keep hydrated during this month of training for opening day.

The NFL greeted all of their candidates for those precious 53-man rosters of the league's 32 franchises who all claim to be undefeated and hopeful of making the playoffs and then Super Bowl LVI.

I will take a look at the Lone Star State's two NFL franchises—the Houston Texans and the Dallas Cowboys—who both need to improve immensely to be better than they both were last season.

The Texans will not have the Deshaun Watson albatross on their shoulders anymore and can get on with a normal summer training camp like the others always have. No more hoping that Watson will change his mind and decide to play in Houston.

No more paying him a million bucks or more to be in his street clothes while the team tries to focus on the opponent and the game plan the coaching staff has drawn up.

The Watson Sideshow no longer exists so General Manager Nick Caserio and Head Coach Lovie Smith can focus strictly on having the best 53 players ready for the 2022 season which begins the second weekend in September.

The team has decided to put all their eggs in second-year quarterback Davis Mills' basket and hopefully come up with a running game to offset the passing game, which was the only offense the Texans had last season.

Caserio hopefully beefed up the offensive line with free agents, trades and the draft with focus on the tight end position. The defense has at least four question marks—defensive end, linebacker, cornerback and safety—and will be the focal points for the

coaching staff. There will be three very important dates weighing on the minds of both the coaching staff and the players—Aug. 16 when the roster is cut to 85 players, Aug. 23 when the roster is cut to 80 players and finally Aug. 30 when the roster is cut to 53 players.

The Cowboys will go as quarterback Dak Prescott goes. At the end of last season Prescott was almost even with Arizona's Kyler Murray in quarterback rankings by evaluators at NFL.com, ESPN, Pro Football Focus and The Athletic at 8 and 9 best in the league, according to an article in Sunday's Houston Chronicle.

Both quarterbacks will be carrying their respective teams on their shoulders, but that's pretty much where the similarities end. Prescott devotes most of his time to breaking down and studying films while Murray is being forced by the Cardinals to spend four hours per week of independent film study in his new contract.

The Cowboys' running game was not up to par last season, mainly because Ezekiel Elliott was hobbled for much of the season with various injuries that didn't necessarily keep him out of the game, but stymied him from playing his normal running back position.

The Kansas City Chiefs always seem to be in the hunt when playoff time rolls around and this year should be no exception. Although they traded superstar receiver Tyreek Hill, they picked up JuJu Smith-Schuster and Marquez Valdes-Scantling in free agency which should fill the void adequately.

With Tom Brady back at quarterback, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers should also be a team to be reckoned with. Although they lost tight ends Rob Gronkowski to retirement and O.J. Howard to free agency and have a new head coach in Todd Bowles, this team



The Cowboys will go as quarterback Dak Prescott goes.

has enough talent to send Brady into retirement with another Super Bowl appearance.

And you can't ever sell Aaron Rodgers short despite losing his favorite target Davante Adams to free agency. The Green Bay Packers did pick up wide receiver Sammy Watkins and also should be around at playoff time.

A team that may not be around in January is the Cleveland Browns, who found out Monday morning that high-dollar quarterback Deshaun Watson has been suspended for the first six games by retired Federal Judge Sue L. Robinson, who was asked by the NFL to be its discipline officer.

She contends there was not enough evidence to justify an indefinite suspension or a fine. The NFL has until tonight to appeal the ruling in writing, although it was accepted by the NFLPA union. However, there was a stipulation that Watson is forbidden from getting a massage from anyone not part of the NFL.

Veteran quarterback Jacoby Brissett will lead the team in their first six games—at Carolina, vs. NY Jets, vs. Pittsburgh, at Atlanta, vs. LA Chargers and vs. New England.

**KWICKIES...**

Former PGA member Davis Love said Monday that the LIV plans to sue the PGA next week to allow their players to partic-

ipate in this year's FedEx Playoffs. He wonders why the LIV hasn't sued already. In last weekend's tournament on Donald Trump's course in Bechminster, N.J., LIV tour founder Phil Mickelson was heckled on the first tee with someone shouting that Mickelson now works for the Saudi Royal Family. Phil finished the three rounds 17 shots behind winner Henrik Stenson.

While on the subject of golf, Utah native Tony Finau won his second consecutive PGA Tour event, running away with the Rocket Mortgage Classic Sunday by five strokes. He became the first player in three years to win consecutive PGA Tour events in the regular season.

If someone asks who has the most valuable franchise in sports, the answer is the Dallas Cowboys, who have a \$620 million advantage over the second place New York Yankees.

And speaking of the Yankees, their slugger Aaron Judge became the second-fastest player in major league history to reach 200 career home runs and was the first this season to reach 40 homers. He has 42 in games through Sunday and is on pace to hit 67 by October. Judge is tied with Sammy Sosa and is two behind Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire for the most homers in MLB history before Aug. 1.

The San Francisco 49ers have agreed to an exten-

sion to wide receiver Deebo Samuel for three years, worth up to \$73.5 million with \$58 million guaranteed.

Although not many major league baseball trades were announced last weekend before yesterday's trading deadline, there were a couple of non-significant deals announced with the LA Dodgers bolstering their bullpen by obtaining right-hander Chris Martin from the Chicago Cubs for infielder/outfielder Zach McKinstry. The Tampa Bay Rays got left-handed hitting outfielder David Peralta from Arizona for 19-year-old minor league catcher Christian Cerda. The St. Louis Cardinals traded shortstop Edmundo Sosa to Philadelphia for left-hander JoJo Romero.

of a three-game series with the slumping Boston Red Sox 1:10 p.m. today at Minute Maid Park. Yordan Alvarez leads the majors with an OPS of 1.087 and is second in the AL with 30 home runs and is third with 70 RBIs, after delivering a walk-off game-winning single in the bottom of the 10th inning Sunday as the Astros beat Seattle 3-2 to win three-of-four from the Mariners last weekend. During the month of July, second baseman Jose Altuve reached base in 23 of his 26 games, hitting .294 for the month.

## Friends of the Orange Depot to meet

The next meeting of the Friends of the Orange Depot will be held at the Depot on Thursday, August 11th at 5:30 PM. All volunteers are invited as well as members of the board. Join us for refreshments at 5:00 PM to meet and greet. For information, call Rose at 409-330-1576.

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The Houston Astros had a very quiet weekend as far as trading before yesterday's deadline was concerned, but they enter the month of August 12 games in front of second-place Seattle in the AL West Division and are completing the final game

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Porterfield, a retired flight attendant, will give a historical account of three local churches.

The meeting is open to the public. Ed Henry, vice president of the OCHS, said "Sherill is known for her captivating personality so you don't want to miss this program." Light refreshments will be served. The educational building is located south of Elm Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets.

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needed for a regular broadcast of the West Orange-Stark games being carried is sound being added. Work is being done to complete the main press box at the football field since the temporary press box used last season is not adequate for the more expanded streaming sound system that is necessary for the broadcast. When that is done the West Orange-Cove School District will be looking for an announcer to do the games online.

## Orangefield Bobcats, the big school in their new district



Orangefield Bobcats Head Coach Josh Smalley

The Orangefield Bobcats are preparing for a new football season in a new district and in a new classification. Based on enrollment numbers Orangefield dropped from Class 4A to Class 3A for the next two years.

This is the second time in the last five years the Bobcats will play in the lower classification. Orangefield is hopeful of success as the big school in the district, but that is not guaranteed.

Last season the Bobcats went 7-4 and tied for second place in their Class 4A district standings. The point spread did not favor Orangefield in the tiebreaker, and the Bobcats went into the playoffs as the fourth seed and were beaten in the first round by Bellville.

It was good year for Orangefield. "It was a successful season as far as reaching our goal of making the playoffs. That was the eighth time in ten years that we've been able to do that here as a staff and as a program. It was not as successful as we did not win a district championship and didn't get past the first round," Smalley recapped.

Orangefield lost eighteen seniors to graduation who will be missed. Smalley and the returning Bobcat players will work to achieve the goals of a district championship and advancing past the first round of the playoffs this year.

The list of lettermen back at Orangefield starts with multipurpose back Cameron Dischler who is in his senior year. Dischler led the Bobcats in rushing with over four hundred yards last year and scored 19 touchdowns. Smalley praised, "He's kind of a do it all kid. He's had a tremendous summer, he's put on weight, he's about 195 pounds now, runs a 4.6 or 4.5 forty, he's going to be a legit threat for us anytime he touches the football."

Getting the ball to Dischler will be returning Bobcat quarterback Brayden Parker. Last season Parker did not do a whole lot of running with Dischler and fullback Hunter Ashworth carrying the load for the most part. "Brayden's going to be asked to do a little more with his feet this year, and he throws the ball really well," Smalley comment-

ed. Another running back returning is Gavin Perry-Koci who will be the tailback for Orangefield. Senior Case Singleton will get a look at fullback.

The two bookends on the outside at the ends are Morgan Sampson and Koen Maddox. Smalley described, "Those guys are back, big kids, both 6-2, 6-3, 200 something pound guys on the edge."

Kicking has been an attribute for the Bobcats the last decade or more. Sophomore Ty Butler made several big kicks for Orangefield as a freshman including a late field goal to beat the Silsbee Tigers. Smalley pointed out, "He's a year more mature. He's no longer a freshman, he's bigger, stronger, faster. We've got a lot offensively coming back."

The Bobcat defense returns outside linebacker senior Beau Elkins who played a lot of downs last year. Jackson Humplik played safety but is moving to cornerback this season.

Mason Houghton is a junior and Leyton Loft is a senior that got some looks at outside linebacker and will see more time this year. Both inside linebackers graduated. Juniors Kyle Michael and Lane Gibson will step into those two spots. "They were actually on varsity last year as sophomores, so they saw a little bit of time, but now they're going to be asked to take on some lead roles," Coach Smalley stated.

Two other juniors that will see playing time for

the Orangefield defense are Caleb Fregia and Kane Smith who will play some in the Bobcat secondary. Smalley analyzed, "We've got some guys back, and the ones we're using as replacements have actually seen some time. Now they're just going to be asked to take that bigger role and be starters and have more of an impact for us."

Some of the starters on offense will see time on defense. Dischler will fit in most likely in the secondary. Sampson and Maddox will find duty in the defensive front line.

There are underclassmen at Orangefield as Smalley mentioned who may have been on the varsity last year that will take on more significant roles this season. Kane Smith has worked hard and improved resulting in addition to his playing in the secondary on defense, Smith will also be the backup quarterback behind Brayden Parker.

Caleb Fregia spent most of last year on the junior varsity, but has had a good off-season and will see some time on defense for the Bobcats this year. Senior Reese Johnson is moving up from the junior varsity and will play some split end this season.

Smalley will spend the four weeks prior to the opening kickoff looking at offensive linemen. All five offensive linemen for the Bobcats graduated last spring. Newcomers Brayden McGee, Ethan Blackburn, Gavin Pollack, Ethan Cart, Rusten Traxler, and Diego Garcia will

all be working to capture one of the five starting positions in the offensive line for Orangefield.

The two major glaring holes that Smalley and the other coaches will need to fill are the offensive line as just mentioned and the defensive line. There are plenty of candidates that will be battling to fill the big shoes of the seniors who graduated last year at Orangefield. Smalley admitted finding replacements for those quality players that are gone will be a big issue.

There is some experience at the defensive ends with Morgan Sampson and Koen Maddox who saw limited action on de-

fense. Finding a noseguard to anchor the defensive line is a top priority.

The coach has scheduled two good scrimmages prior to the start of the regular season. The Bobcats will scrimmage the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears who were co-district champions last year in their Class 4A, Division I, district on Friday, August 12. The second scrimmage is against the Bobcats' former district opponent the Silsbee Tigers on Thursday, August 18. Both scrimmages will be at Orangefield's F. L. McClain Stadium.

The expectations for Orangefield are always high according to Coach

Smalley. The lowering in the classification means the Bobcats will be the big kids on the block, but the other kids in this Class 3A district are very good.

An advantage for Orangefield compared to the last two seasons when the Bobcats were the smallest school in their district is the numbers game. "Instead of playing teams with 30 to 40 more kids than we've got. We'll be playing on a little more level playing field," Smalley explained.

That does not mean the skill level of the Bobcats' opponents like East Chambers, Anahuac, Kir-

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byville, Buna, and the other teams in their district will be any less. "There are no guarantees. You still have to work hard, and you can't take anything for granted. You can't become complacent. You've got to go in there and compete every day to get better, and we feel like if we do that we'll have a chance to compete for a district championship hopefully, so that's our expectation," Smalley concluded.

## LCM Bears hope to repeat the success from Peevey's first season



LCM Battlin' Bears Head Coach Eric Peevey

Little Cypress-Mauriceville got a new head football coach last year. The Bears got a winning attitude last season they hope to continue when the new season starts later this month.

Eric Peevey came to Little Cypress-Mauriceville from Beaumont West Brook where he took the Bruins to a Class 6A state championship game in 2018. The Bears were co-district champions, made the Class 4A playoffs, and advanced to the fourth round of the post season in Peevey's first year.

The coach credits the Bear players and coaches for helping get the team to the fourth round of the state playoffs last season. "It was a great year, had a lot of senior buy in, had a great coaching staff, we were able to surprise a lot of teams, and this year we're looking to keep it rolling," Peevey replied.

Offensively the Bears return without question their most explosive player from last year in

Da'Marion Morris. He was the district most valuable player running, catching, and just doing anything the coaches can design for him to do with the football while eluding opposing tacklers during the regular season and the playoffs.

Also back is Dean Reynolds who will be starting in a different position moving from tight end to quarterback for the Bears. Peevey pointed out, "Dean's had a great off-season and a great summer at quarterback, and I have full confidence he's kind of ready to keep us rolling in that direction."

To open holes for Morris to run through and to protect Reynolds in the passing pocket LCM has some players back in the offensive line. Leading that group is senior Brady Wright who is moving into either the starting center or guard position.

The combination of dynamic skill players and bruising blockers has Peevey thinking positive about the Bears offense this season. "I'm really excited about what we have coming back as a nucleus on the offensive side of the ball," Peevey analyzed.

LCM had an explosive offense last season mixed with a bend but do not break defense which excelled as the season progressed. The Bears return several members of that quality defensive unit.

Topping the list of returners on defense for the Bears is Amier Washington. At defensive end Washington can wreck havoc on opposing runners and quarterbacks.

Jarvis Riley is the other defensive end and Gianni Huffman who rotated in for either Washington or Riley last year will give solid depth for LCM at the defensive end position. Also back in the defensive line is senior Jose Molina.

Seeing time on defense as well as being an offensive standout is Da'Marion Morris at cornerback. Another returner in the LCM defensive secondary will be DJ Roberts who played a lot of minutes at the other cornerback slot.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville will be younger in the linebacker and safety positions. Peevey indicat-

ed, "We're going to be looking for a lot of young guys like Luke McDow to step up. I'm kind of excited to see how those young guys do when we go through two-a-days this week."

Some younger Bears are being looked at to make contributions on the LCM varsity this season. Daunte Greer should be helping out at the cornerback position on defense and will carry the ball from the running back position.

William Payne was the junior varsity quarterback last year and is moving up to the varsity this season. Payne is expected by Coach Peevey to be a strong force on defense starting at linebacker.

Filling a position in the offensive line is sophomore Carson Phelps, and Peevey believes Phelps will be an outstanding blocker. The Pollock brothers, Jordan and Jacob, will be playing on the defensive line, in the secondary, and at tight end. "Those guys can kind of play everything, they're just football players. You pretty much put them at any position and they can kind of get it done," Peevey exclaimed.

The coach is pumped the way the young Bears are melding with returners and buying into the winning formula he brought to Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

Peevey evaluated, "We're just excited to see how these returning guys step up and which of the younger guys coming up also step up to take spots on the varsity."

There are some concerns Coach Peevey and the other coaches will address in the roughly four weeks before the football season commences. A couple of spots in the defensive secondary need filling as do most of the linebacker positions.

On offense replacing the wide receivers that graduated will be a top priority in the coming weeks. "Those are three spots that we had a lot of seniors at, and now we're going to be returning a lot of younger guys, but the positive side is those guys are going to learn and they'll be coming back for the next couple of years. We definitely have some work

to do at those positions, and we'll have to earn our paychecks as coaches," Peevey admitted.

The outlook for LCM is the same every year according to Peevey. The goal for the Bears is to try to make it to a state championship and do whatever is necessary to get there.

The first step to becoming state champions is the first game and winning that contest followed by competing in an extraordinarily tough district. "I think our district has done a great job the last couple of years of just showing the state that we can play some football. We know every week is going to be a battle and that we're going to have to come out there full ready to go. We're just excited, we know what the expectations are which is to win a district championship, go to the playoffs, and win state. Now we just have to work hard to get there," Peevey concluded.

Another expectation for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears is playing on their new synthetic Matrix Turf field at Battlin' Bear Stadium. The work was ongoing to install the new surface on the field as of the first week of August.

Work on the improvements to the stadium caused LCM to postpone approving VYPE Media to produce publications on the Bears football program and other activities

in the school district. "We planned to get on board with them this year, but with our field not being done right now and not being able to get our media day right we'll move with them next year. It's a

way to get our kids noticed and get them some exposure. It used to be free, but of course like everything that was free now it cost money," Peevey advised.

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