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LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS:

Voters reject tax rate in early balloting

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Early votes Orange County voters tabulated Tuesday night show that voters in the Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD are rejecting a proposition for a basic tax rate to be more than the "effective" tax rate for the year. The district had 4,104 early votes with 2,428 opposed to the higher tax rate, and 1,676 for the rate. The school board agreed to ask voters to approve a tax rate for the maintenance and operations income that would be more than the same rate of last year adjusted for the increase in increased property values. However, the total tax rate would still be going down because the district has paid off some of

the bonds, or loans, which were previously approved by voters in years past. The bond indebtedness is going down enough to make a decrease in the total rate. Voters in the county's four emergency services districts for the first time chose commissioners to make decisions for the district on taxes and other procedures. Previously, the commissioners were appointed by the Orange County Commissioners Court. The special districts provide fire protection and rescue services within their districts. For Emergency Services District 1, which covers the city of Vidor and its surrounding areas, the early balloting has John H.

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Quintella Smith with the Gift of Life program in Beaumont received a special proclamation from Commissioners Court during a court meeting on Tuesday. RECORD PHOTO: Margaret Toal

November is Prostate Awareness Month with free men's screenings

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Orange County Commissioners Court Tuesday declared November as Gift of Life Prostate Awareness Month and learned about a free men's health screening clinic to be held in Orange. Quintella Smith of the Gift of Life foundation based in Beaumont talked about prostate cancer being the number two cancer in men, with skin cancer being the most prevalent. She said early detection is the key to surviving. She said the Gift of Life helps men without insurance, or those who cannot afford their insurance deductibles. This year, the men's health screenings will be

Tuesday, November 15, from 9 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Orange Baptist Outpatient center, 608 Strickland Drive. Smith said the tests are non-invasive and will include a blood test for prostate screening, plus tests will be made for cholesterol panel, HIV, Hepatitis C, and blood glucose. In addition, blood pressure will be checked. A physician will be on site to give a consultation, if needed.

Reservations are recommended for the testing. People may call 409-833-3663, or go to the website giftoflifebmt.org to see if they qualify for the free testing and to make a reservation.

In other business Tuesday, November 15, 2022. County Page 3A

County's most famous veteran parties for 101st birthday

★★★ PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR CEDRIC STOUT ★★★

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

Saturday morning began with thunderstorms and pouring rain. But by noon, the sky had cleared to bright blue and a front had brought cool temperatures. God wasn't going to let it rain on Cedric Stout's party.

Stout is Orange County's most famous veteran and he celebrated his 101st birthday. Not only is Stout a World War II veteran, he is the last area survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He said he owes his longevity to having nine children to help him, with eight of them surviving to this day. They live nearby and have helped him through the years, including after devastating hurricanes in the 21st Century.

Stout is a native of Louisiana where he grew up in the Bayou Teche region. As a teenager in the Great Depression, he had joined the Civilian Conservation Corps working on public projects. When his term in the CCC ended, he joined the Navy.

He had turned 20 years old days before the Japanese made a surprise attack on the Pearl Harbor base on Sunday, December 7, 1941.

He was aboard the USS Utah and in a berth that Sunday morning. "I wasn't expecting it," Stout said about the attack. He stuck his head out a porthole to see what was going on, and bullets flew by his face. Then the first torpedo hit. Then another. The Utah began sinking.



Cedric Stout of Bridge City, the area's last living survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, enjoyed sunshine and Cajun music on Saturday to celebrate his 101st birthday. He has eight surviving children and posed with two of them.



Photo of Cedric Stout during his service on the USS Utah when the battleship was attacked and sank during the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor.

bor launched the United States into World War II with President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously calling the attack "a day that will live in infamy." Stout's job as a sailor in wartime had begun.

He traveled around the world during the war and earned his "shellback" designation when he crossed the equator.

After the war, he married and the family moved to Bridge City in 1958, where they stayed. Stout was married to his wife, Delmar, for more than 50 years before she passed away. When he was 80, he married a younger woman, Cherry, who was 60 at the time. She is now recovering from hip surgery and was able to attend his birthday party at Bullfish restaurant between Bridge City and Orangefield.

Stout had a good time in the good weather at his birthday celebration and hopes to have party at 102 next year.



The Honolulu Star-Bulletin reports the news that the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands on December 7, 1941 marked the official entrance of the United States into World War II.

In less than 12 minutes after being hit, the Utah toppled over. Dozens of men were trapped, but most, like Stout, managed to get out. He found a berthing rope to help guide him to swim to shore. The raid on Pearl Har-

Veterans Day goes back to Armistice Day in 1918

MARGARET TOAL For The Record

City halls, the county courthouse, state and national offices, and banks will be closed Friday for Veterans Day, a national holiday that dates back 104 years. But the holiday was an evolution.

November 11, 1918, was Armistice Day, the day the peace accord ending World War I was signed. The famous signing was scheduled for "the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month." The signing was in Paris, France, which translated to 5 a.m. in Orange.

At that precise time, the local shipyards and lumber



This historical photograph from the Heritage House Museum collection shows downtown Orange celebrating the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, Armistice Day.

mills blasted their steam whistles, according to the Orange Daily Leader after-noon edition of the day. Nobody cared about the early hour. The war was officially

over. The paper reported that within minutes, the streets of Orange were filled with cars of cheering people waving flags and patriotic bunting.

Orange was the only incorporated city in the county until the mid-1950s, so celebrations were centered in town. The city had grown from 5,500 people to an estimated 20,000 because of the wartime shipbuilding. The city streets were crowded, but no one cared.

The newspaper reported impromptu parades of cars and people formed and traveled around. Finally

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The Bridge City High School band got a big send-off for their trip to the state marching contest in San Antonio. The band members got a special unveiling of the new 'wrap' design for their equipment bus. The band boosters helped to get the wrap completed in time for the contest. This is the third straight year the band, under the direction of Tami Goss, is headed for the state UIL marching contest. The contest is held in San Antonio's Alamodome and the Cardinals are set to march on Wednesday. Earlier this year, the band was ranked fourth in the state based on recordings judged by the Texas Music Educators Association.

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that morning, Mayor O.R. Sholars called for a formal parade in the afternoon.

The next day, the Daily Leader had a banner headline reading "Peace Parade Largest in City History."

The next year, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson declared Armistice Day as a national holiday. The U.S. Veterans Administration reports that Congress officially approved a bill in

1926 making Armistice Day a permanent national holiday.

The widespread devastation and death from World War I brought it to be called "The War to End All Wars." However, humans did not learn their lessons. In September 1939, Europe broke out in war again. The United States joined the fighting a little more than two years later, after the Japanese attacked the naval base at Pearl Harbor.

The Veterans Administration history reports 16.5 million Americans were in the service during World War II, with 417,000 dying while in the service, and 292,000 of those being killed in battle.

Raymond Weeks of Birmingham, Alabama, thought that the men and women who served during World War II needed to be honored and he came up with the name "Veterans Day" for the November 11th Armistice Day. The name caught on, and in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, himself a veteran and retired general, signed a law making November 11th Veterans Day holiday.

Veterans Day was created to honor all people who have been in the armed services, whether in wartime or not. Memorial Day is a separate holiday that is to honor those who lost their lives while in military service.

Congress in 1968 changed most federal holidays to fall on a Monday so people could have a three-day holiday. Veterans Day was changed to the last Monday in October.

But people still held the tradition of Armistice Day as a historical date. In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a bill declaring November 11th as Veterans Day. Congress later passed a bill making November 11th the Veterans Day holiday.

One more presidential decree was made in honor of Veterans Day. President Ronald Reagan honored Raymond Weeks, who gave the name to the holiday, the Presidential Citizen's Medal.

Veterans Day celebrates peace, and the people who serve in the military hoping to keep that peace, but are ready to fight, if needed.



Bridge City Elementary School has announced the "Cardinals of Character for the First Grade. They are pictured above: Finley Marsh, Adalyn Host, Evan Augsburg, Addilyn Kelley, Jose Hernandez, Nash Davis, Seven Harrison, Calli Klucik, Easton Cabra, Ivey Colton, Harper Green, Luke Buysse, Kade Rogers, Ellie Tran

2nd Grade Cardinals of Character were: Athena Tims, Luke Woodard, Salvin "Jack" Aclese, Elizabeth Grimes, Carter Woolley, Logan Bradshaw, Cason Parish, Emma Moerbe, Elanie Rogers, Kyler Klucik, Logyn Crone and Jack Don-tigny.

THEN & NOW

Sen. Carl Parker For The Record



Former State Senator Carl Parker

When John McCain was seeking the presidency, a woman supporter opined that his opponent was a Muslim not a loyal American and was born in Africa. Senator McCain quickly stopped her short and proceeded to explain to her how outlandish the rumors were. Not only were they not true, but they were unworthy of being brought up in a presidential debate. That was then.

Now do we really believe that Democrats drink the blood of children in satanic rituals conducted in a New York pizza shop?!

Even after several leading Republicans initially admitted that Trump had lost the election, other than the two Republicans serving on the January 6th committee, no other Republican in Congress has

Carl Parker 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.

stepped up to publicly take issue with such freaky and whacky tales.

Failure to challenge such myths are undermining belief in our democratic electoral system; encouraging violence and endangering our system of self-government. I can't help but wonder why.

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day, the court conducted routine business including paying bills and approving property plats.

The court unanimously approved the Orange County Sheriff's Office spending \$174,951 for three 2023 Ford Explorer SUVs to be used by the department. The money is coming from the sheriff's equipment budget. Chief Deputy Mark Dubois said he does not know when the new vehicles will be delivered. The county in recent months has had a difficult time finding new vehicles available for immediate delivery.

Three minor plat changes were approved. County Engineer Corey Oldbury said the plats have been approved by the Orange County Drainage District. One was for Shores Subdivision in Precinct 2 off North Bobcat Circle. The 20.363-acre tract is being divided into three tracks, one 2.363 acres, another 12 acres, and the third is 6 acres. Another was for Mello Acres in Precinct 2 off the Interstate 10 access road near FM 1136. The 20-acre track was divided into two, ten-acre tracts. Oldbury said those two plat changes had also been

approved by the City of Orange.

The third plat change is for Tranquility Road, also in Precinct 2. A 2.09-acre tract was divided into two, one is 1.113 acres, and the other is 0.978 acre.

The court also agreed to have the purchasing department advertise for bids for road materials. Precinct 4 Commissioner Robert Viator asked if the county could have a back-up supplier because some materials have been unavailable at times during the year, especially because of the fluctuations in price and availability of

petroleum products like asphalt. Assistant County Attorney Denise Gremillion said the road material purchase contracts are not exclusive and the county is allowed to look for different sources.

The court also approved some changes in the county's contract with the Gulf Coast Protection District and the Orange County Drainage District for the Sabine Pass to Galveston levee-seawall project. The original contract was signed in December last year. Gremillion said the changes were "legalese" wording and that Don Corona, director of the drainage district, also approved the changes.



Bridge City Elementary School has named its "Cardinals of Character" for this period. Chosen from kindergarten are: Chloe Weise, Cason Broussard, Connor Pridemore, Charlee Ritchey, Madailynn Washenfelder, Cayson Andrews, Jayce Valenzuela, Francis Vidal, Brayden Bertrand, Natalie Daniels, Addalyn Preston and Stacy Cota.

66th Annual Toy Coffee Dec. 1

The 66th Annual Toy Coffee will be held on Friday, December 1st from 10 am to 2 pm at the Brown Estate in Orange. The Service League hosts this event each year and this year's theme is a Grinchmas Celebration. Please bring a new unwrapped toy or cash to The Brown Center located at 4205 W. Park Avenue where you can then enjoy a tour and a sweet treat from the Service League of Orange.

Election results From Page 1

Houseman with 2,031 votes, Jerry E. Aldridge with 1,612, Gene Domec with 1,429, Wyatt Boyett with 1,086, Nelda Nash with 1,026, Larry C. Williams III with 977, and Kenneth Luce with 758. The top five candidates with the most votes will

win seats. A couple of the positions are too close to call with only early voting. A total of 8,919 people voted early in the ESD 1 election.

For Emergency Services District 2, which covers the city of Bridge City along with its outlying ar-

reas and Orangefield, had early votes for Glen Childers Jr. with 1,447, Scott Barnes with 1,375, Chris Landry with 1,308, Carroll LeBlanc with 1,228, Wes Arnold with 928, and Aaron McNeil with 827. The top five of the six candidates will win

the positions.

For Emergency Services District 3, with is the Little Cypress area, a total of 1,960 early votes were cast with six candidates running for five positions. The early voting put Wayne LaCombe with 452, Cammie Manshack Vincent with 450, Bobby Smith with 364, Wesley Journey with 251, Cathy Drake with 244, and Corina Alonso with 177.

Emergency Services District 4, which covers the Mauriceville and McLewis areas, has five candidates for the five positions. The district had a total of 4,712 votes cast. David Jones led early voting with 1,100, Dan Brack had 1,044, Anthony Shue had 941, David Covey had 863, and Robert H. Hymes had 764.



Orangefield High School students in Mrs. Ballard's BIM I classes took the Word Associate Certification Exam. The following students passed the test and earned their certification.

Charlee Sanches, Cale Kile, Fernando Sandoval-Rodriguez, Koen Sharp, Madison KC, Madison Sanborn, Santiago Baca, Embrie Manshack, Chayla Chester, Kennedy Watson, Kaleb Menard, Layne Reynolds, Logan Trahan, Sidney Holderman, David Morgan, Devan Eason, Emilee Nunez, Bailey LeBoeuf, Jessica Madrid, AJ Arsenault, Jairo Baustia Canales, DJ Gibson, Austin Rickenbrode, Cooper Delcambre, Hayden Ellis, Kinslei Carter, Caydence White, Karleigh Engle, Fallynn Randall, Peyton Revia, Back row: Josh Eckerle, Zachary Morrow, Adam Tsan, Ethan Vargas, Lili Sanford and Matthew Blackburn.

Pictured Above: is 6th Period Class; Back row: Cole Wilbur, Rebecca Durbin, Elijah Matthews, Ethan Cart, Landri Bertrand, Hayden Carroll, Daegan Vaughn; Front row: Hannah Block, Lanie Rush, Madison King and Annabelle Matthews.

Taste of the Holidays fundraiser Thursday

Staff Report
For The Record

The annual Taste of the Holidays fundraiser is Thursday, November 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Orange County Expo Center on FM 1442.

The tickets are \$30 per person or \$25 per person if a pair is purchased together. The benefit is for the Orange County Rebuild, a special county department created as a central agency to coordinate efforts to help individuals and families recover after disasters like multiple

hurricanes and the 2021 tornado.

Area restaurants and caterers bring special holiday foods to serve to the attendees, who can taste the dishes. The vendors may get new customers and people get to try new treats.

Vendors this year are Boardwalk Grill Catering, Bullfish, Cajun Ventures, Casa Ole, Chick-fil-A Orange, FreshPrep, I-Ten West, LBS Barbecue, Leslie's Place, Luigi's Italian Grill, Mean Beans Seasoning, and Walk-on Sports Bistreaux.

Tickets are available online or through the Orange County Disaster Rebuild office in the Expo Center. The number is 409-745-9719.

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From the Creaux's Nest

MID-TERM ELECTIONS WILL DETERMINE UNITED STATES FUTURE

Tuesday Nov. 8, was **Election Day** around the nation. **Mid-term elections** usually favor the party that is not in power. For the last few months the **GOP** has been predicting a **Big Red Wave**. Former President **Donald Trump** has personally endorsed and financially supported 286 **Republican** candidates. The outcome will probably decide if and how quickly **Trump** jumps into the 2024 presidential race. A bad showing of **Trump candidates** could also shift the regular **Republican Party** away from **Trump** and his **'deniers'** and start walking the Party back to normal government. On the other hand, if **Jim Jordan** and the **Trumpers** take the **House**, they have made it known that pay back and revenge is on their agenda. I would look for two years of pure chaos; setting up **Trump's** run for 2024. A race I'm convinced the twice impeached, soon to be a felon, can't win. My guess at high noon **Election Day** is that the **"Blood Bath"** outcome predicted for the **Democrats** won't be a wipeout but won't be good. However, it has been one of the strangest mid-term **Elections** I've ever witnessed. It's definite that democracy was on the ballot. The question is where we go from here as a nation. The real issue is between violence and non-violence, between **Democracy and Dictatorship**. Ultimately, this was not an election about inflation or even abortion it was an election about our future. **I really believe that**. It will sadden me if we become a nation that supports our right to bear hammers to hurt rather than to build.

A WORLD SERIES FOR THE AGES ASTROS WORLD CHAMPIONS

Baseball has been in my blood since I was a little guy, over 80 years ago. I would lay on my corn-shuck pallet and listen to baseball games on a little Chrystal radio set my uncle had given me. Through a lifetime I have followed the greats. Among my sports paraphernalia is a **Hank Aaron 715 bat**. This year's **World Series** had a little bit of everything. Two great games out of the six were **Game 3**, when the **Phillies** hit five homeruns. Also, one for the record books was **Game 4**, when **Astros Cristian Javier** pitched six and a half innings and the bull pen came in to hold the **Phillies** to a no hitter shutout. The heart stopper was a huge defensive play by **Yordan Alvarez** high on the fence, then coming back with a three-run homerun that put the **Astros** in reach of the title. Who will ever forget the rookie **Jeremy Pena** belting game changing homeruns and leaping for game changing outs. **Jeremy** now has a **Golden Glove** award and has been named **American League** and **World Series MVP**. He did it all in just seven months as a major leaguer. More than **1 million fans** celebrated the **Houston Astros' World Series** win with a downtown parade Monday. **Mayor Sylvester Turner** had encouraged fans coming to the victory parade to **"arrive early, wearing Astros colors, be loud and celebrate safely."** The parade, which started at noon and lasted for a couple of hours, packed sidewalks with people as **Astros** players, riding floats and buses, waved at cheering fans. A 33-year-old man who was accused by **Houston** police of throwing a beer can at **U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz**, who was riding in the back of a truck that was part of the parade. Police said the beer can hit the **Republican** senator from Texas in the chest and neck. Video of the parade showed people along the route booing **Cruz** as he went by, including just before he was hit by the beer can. The **Astros** won their first **World Series** in 2017. The **Astros** clinched their second **World Series** title in six seasons Saturday. **Yordan Alvarez** hit a towering three-run homer, helping the **Astros** beat the **Philadelphia Phillies** 4-1 in Game 6. Saturday's win gave the **Astros' 73-year-old** manager **Dusty Baker's** first title in 25 seasons as a manager, the last three in **Houston**. **Houston's** ace pitcher **Justin Verlander** is a heavy favorite to capture the **American League Cy Young Award** after winning the major league ERA title and making an amazing comeback from **Tommy John** surgery. Pitching after a two-year absence, **Verlander** finished the regular season with a **1.75 ERA**, the lowest by any **AL** starter since **Pedro Martinez's 1.74** mark in 2000. **Verlander** last won the **Cy Young** award in 2019. He also won it in 2011, the same season he earned **AL MVP** honors. **Verlander** has finished as **Cy Young** runner-up three times. The last time I had watched a **World Series** win by the **Astros** I was with my grandsons. They are all scattered now, however, **"Billy Jack"** and I did share one game of this series.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

The first celebration using the term **Veterans Day** occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. **Raymond Weeks**, a **World War II** veteran, organized **"National Veterans Day,"** which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on **November 11**, then designated **"Armistice Day."** Later, **U.S. Rep. Edward Rees**, of Kansas,

proposed a bill that would change **Armistice Day** to **Veterans Day**. In 1954, **Congress** passed the bill that **President Eisenhower** signed proclaiming **November 11** as **Veterans Day**. **Raymond Weeks** received the **Presidential Citizens Medal** from **President Reagan** in **November, 1982**. **Weeks'** local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide. Over the many years, I have been honored to have known many great veterans. Most all of my **World War II** friends are gone now. I also had an uncle and a step-brother who were prisoners of war and survived the **Battan death march** in **WWII**.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 19 Years Ago-2003

The **Orangefield Bobcats** of **Coach Flannigan** head to playoffs. The **Bobcats** will host the game. **Liberty** beat **Orangefield** 14-10 in last years 3-A playoffs. ****Another heart breaking year for **coach Hooks** and his **Mustangs**. Over the past two years their record is 16-4. Losing two games each season, yet they didn't make the playoffs. **Ozen** kicked a field goal beating **PNG**. The kick put **WO-S** in the playoffs but the winning field goal was ruled to have been kicked **one second after time ran out**, knocking **WO-S** out of the playoffs. In the next year, **WO-S**, with **884 students**, will drop down to 3-A. (Editor's note: I recall when the toughest 3-A District in the state had **West Orange-Stark**, **Bridge City**, **Little Cypress-Mauriceville**, **Silsbee**, **Jasper** and **South Park** in it.)****Eight year old **Brandi Payne** will be competing in **Houston** for a motor cross championship. **Van Choate**, at his **Cajun Cookery**, is cooking in front of his place and will donate the proceeds to help with **Brandi's** expenses. Seen at **Van's** were **Gene** and **Flo Edgerly**, **Sharon Dunn** and a dozen family members, also **Reagan Dugas**, **Rev. Leo Anderson** and a house full of folks. (Editor's note: **Gene**, **Reagan** and **Rev. Leo** are now gone.)

49 Years Ago-1973

Bridge City football coach **H.W. "Chief" Wilson** banked on brother-like seniors this season. The majority of **senior Cardinals** have been playing together 10 years, starting with the **PeeWee League** in the junior football program. One senior said, "I don't remember before we started playing together." Another said, **"We are like brothers."** Seniors are **Kenny Brown**, **Mark Truncle**, **Bo Worrell**, **Terry Bridgers**, **John Clinton**, **Steve Trevino**, **Jimmy Lacombe**, **Steve Culp**, **Lanston Fall**, **Chuck Majors**, **Clint Belk**, **Jimmy Talbert**, **David Guidry**, **Mark Flanagan**, **Craig Turner**, **Mark Dunn**, **Darrell Melancon** and **David Smith**. (Editor's note: The 1973 team was **Coach Wilson's** last team to coach. He won a state championship in 1966 and played in a championship game in 1965. The '73 team was his best since those two teams.)****Seniors at **Little Cypress-Mauriceville** under **Coach Jim Crossland** are **Mike Watts**, **Robert Dunn**, **Robert Jacobs**, **David McKinley**, **George Harmon**, **Tommy Barrett**, **Gary Wilson**, **Ted Seago**, **Danny Halliburton**, **Tab Finchum**, **Larry Lunsford**, **Benny Woodcock**, **Jerry Person**, **Don McClain**, **Jimmy Reaves**, **Chris Tiger**, **Scott Morrison**, **Robert Mandy** and **Tommy Martin**. ******Corky Harmon**, sales manager and owner at **Harmon Chevrolet**, depends on top staff to move new cars. **Bob Jones**, **Joe Williamson**, **Homer Flanagan** and **Joe Powell** make up the all-star team.****At a fund-raising auction at **Bill Williams' Restaurant** in **Houston** last week, a bed used at the famed **"Chicken Ranch."** brought **\$3,000**. It was estimated that the bed had earned over a million dollars. All **Edgar Brown** sold was a jackass for **\$1,500**.****The twirlers at **Bridge City High** are **Tracy Stout**, **Jonell Chauvin**, **Debbie Newson**, **Sharon Primeaux**, **Sharon Clark**, **Melanie McClain**, **Mary Henderson** and **Debbie Voohries**.******Annie Hargrave** makes great candy. She made a big box full that she sent to **Tommy Segura**, **Miss Ann's** little boy, who is stationed overseas.

A FEW HAPPENING

Social life can be exhausting in **Orange County** because there's so much going on these days with weddings, anniversaries, galas, and charity benefits. Perhaps the most original party of the season was at the home of **Lucy** and **D.D. Terry** during the weekend. **D.D.** was out of town on his birth date last week, but wife, **Lucy**, who owns **Lucy's Cafe**, gave an elaborate **Dia de los Muertos** party to honor him, and the loved ones lost. The party was held at their sprawling **Lindenwood home**, which was decorated for the celebration with lots of dressed-up skeletons. Entertainment included colorful **Mexican folkloric dancers** with their precision steps and swirling skirts. Some people, including **Lucy**, learned that heavy face paint does not wash off easily. While people like **Paul** and **Raul Burch**, who previously owned the house, were in **Mexican suits** and had fully painted faces, others opted for only a few face drawings. **Caroline** and **Mike Hennigan** had only minimum face designs, as did **Terri Childs**. Her husband, **Brad**, decided not to get face paint near his trimmed goatee. With **Paul**, **Caroline**, and **Brad**, all members of the **Orange City Council** there, one more would have made a council quorum. Besides the **Day of the Dead** celebration, the party also included some **Astros** watching as the **"Stros won the World Series**. **Leah Stark** and **Mandy Hernandez** decided not to use costume make-up and didn't need to wash their pillow cases on Sunday. **Sherry** and **Bobby Hommel** mixed and mingled. Of course the food was fantastic.****Also on Saturday night, the **Orange County Expo Center** was decorated for the **Stetsons and Stiletto's Gala**, a fundraiser for **CASA of the Sabine Neches Region**. The gala honored **State Representative Dade Phelan**, a Beaumont resident who represents **Orange County** and is also **Texas Speaker of the House**. **CASA** stands for court-appointed special advocates and the group has trained adults accompanying children through the legal process when their parents are abusive or do not take care of them. The **regional CASA** serves six counties and is based in **Orange**. **Codie Vasquez** is the director and celebrated her birthday on Tuesday. The decorations included flower arrangements by the **Bridge City High School** floral design students. **Kimberly** and **Bob Manning** were among the crowd. Seems like **Kimberly** is everywhere these days, al-

ways with camera in hand.****Sports fans got their fill on Saturday, what with the **World Series**, plus **Longhorn** and **LSU football games**. Locally, lots of people celebrated a **trifecta**, with the **Astros**, **Longhorns**, and **Tigers** getting big wins. **Cyndi** and **Keith Longlois** went to **Minute Maid Park** for the final **World Series** game and saw history being made.******Rosalie** and **Karl Eason** watched the game on TV, but traveled to **Houston** on Monday to celebrate the **Astros** in the giant parade. Former **Orange** residents and longtime friends **Chuck Frazier** and **Richard Bonnin** now live in the **Houston** area and went to the parade. **Chuck** once worked for the **Chicago Cubs**. **Donna Black's** little dog, **Maggie**, a **big Astro fan**, watched on TV and celebrated the outcome. Poor **Maggie** will be lost for a few months without her **Altuve**.****The **Bridge City Chamber of Commerce** snuck in a festive **Designer Purse Bingo** activity at the **Expo Center** on Thursday evening. **Stephanie Roberts** was there, of course. Seems she's everywhere. Joining her were **Rani Dillow**, **Lucy Fields**, **Dee Dee Viator**, **Beth Arnold**, **Crystal Fabre**, and **Mandy Lyda**. Also in the crowd were **Christi Wiegrefe**, **Mindy Currie**, **Mandi McDonald**, **Sydney Hightower**, **Jeannine Hanson**, and **Heather Graham**. **Chamber Director Mandy Lyda** pulled off another fun, successful event.****Early in the spring I had gotten **Pestco** to spray those small mosquitoes that really hurt when they bit. Never had any more problems. However, the **'Big Skeeters'** that take a pint of blood when they attack came in last week. Monday, **Pestco** sprayed them with their special formula. Not a **'Skeeter'** in sight today. We will be bug free until after the holidays. If you plan outdoor activities for Thanksgiving call **Pestco** now. It's a great investment to enjoy the outdoors. (See their ad in this paper.)****After sweating out the election returns Tuesday and Wednesday you can relax and watch the **Country Music Award** show on **ABC** Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Song of the Year, Female and Male Vocalist, Vocal Group, Vocal Duo will all be announced.****Have you ever thought what the **Houston Astros** would be without the benefit of immigrants, players such as Dominicans **Cristian Javier** and **Framber Valdez**; Venezuelans **Louis Garcia**; Mexican **Jose Urquidy**; Cuban **Yordan Alvarez**; and Dominican/American **Jeremy Pena** to name a few. **Houston** has an estimated 1.7 million foreign-born residents. A dream come true for immigrants, when many of us who are three and four generations removed from immigration, take this country for granted.****I've heard some good things about **J.W. Dalton** and our friends at **Top Deck Flooring**. They do quality work, with quality products and reasonable prices. **Tell them Breaux sent you**.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating their special day in the coming days. **Nov. 9: Madalyn Carpenter**, **Sue Barnes**, **Eric Meadows**, **Linda Faulk**, **Keith Royal**, **Susan Veillon**, and **Charlotte Wooten**.******Nov. 10: Happy Birthday** to **Della Buxton**, **Judy Hunt**, **Joann Alford**, **Trey Todora**, **George Roberts** and attorney **Steve Carlton**. (Wonder what happened to him.)******Nov. 11: The "Ice Man" Greg LeBlanc**, **Michael Fiset**, **Cynthia Dupuis**, **Paula Bouget** and one of **Pattie's** pretty daughters **Bree Hanks**. It is also **Brad** and **Carlis Roy's** wedding anniversary.******Nov. 12: Celebrating today** are the preacher's wife **Patsy McDonald**, **Lou Bracken**, **Liz Briggs**, **Jeanne Blacksher**, **Matthew Ethredge**, **Sharon Sims**, **Cyndi Longlois**, **Steve Fisher**, **Carol Ware**, **Charmaine Faircloth**, **Pat Stanton**, **Karla Holden** and a special Happy Birthday to **Roy's** grandson, **Sean Gros**, former military guy, now living in **College Station** working toward a degree in **Physical Therapy**.******Nov. 13: Celebrating today** are **Kimberly Ray**, **Sidney LeBlanc**, **Tim Johnson**, **Darla Murphy**, **Katie Hoffpaur** and **WWII** veteran **Robert Rutherford** turns 97. This is also **Debbie** and **David Fusilier's** anniversary. A great couple.******Nov. 14: A very special birthday** to a great lady **Ruby Wimberley**. Also celebrating are **Darla Murphy**, **Kristina Schisler**, **Traci Birmingham**, **Mary Dixon**, **Susie Riedel** and **Dana Perkins**.******Nov. 15: Happy Birthday** to **Julian Ocegueda**, **Cynthia Graham**, **Glenda Dixon**, **Kelli Peery**, **Lindsey Franklin**, **Nikki Courtney**, **Shane Preston**, **Travis Sheppard**, **Wade Barron** and **Carol Izer**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Da college in Lafayette was holding a **free group therapy session**. **Da psychiatrist** was conducting **da session** wit some young mothers and dere small chilun. **Da doctor** him, observed, after looking at **da paper** dat dey had filled out, **"You all have obseccesions,"** he said. **"First Agnes Boudreaux, you are obsessed wit eating, you even named you little daughter Candy."** To **da second mother Ella Comeaux** he said, **Ms. Comeaux, your obseccion is money. Again it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny."** At **dis point da turd mother, Ula Mae Thibodaux, got up, took her little boy by his little hand and whispered, "come on little Peter, let's go home."**

C'EST TOUT PELOSI SPEAKS OF ATTACK ON HUSBAND

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi held back tears speaking Monday for the first time about being awakened by pounding on the door as **Capitol Police** rushed to tell her about the assault on her husband at the family home in **San Francisco**. "I was very scared," **Pelosi** told **CNN** in an interview. "I'm thinking my children, my grandchildren. I never thought it would be **Paul**." The **Democratic** leader is opening up about the brutal attack. **Pelosi's** husband, **Paul**, was bludgeoned with a hammer 11 days before the election by an intruder who broke into the family's home and was looking for the speaker before striking the 82-year-old in the head. The intruder told police he wanted to talk to **Speaker Pelosi** and planned to "break her kneecaps" as a lesson to other **Democrats**. **Paul Pelosi** suffered a fractured skull and other injuries, in what authorities said was a intentional political attack. **David DePape**, 42, is being held without bail in **San Francisco** after entering a not guilty plea.****Till we meet again, happy trails to you. Thanks for your time. **Take care and God bless**.

Bridge City Chamber of Commerce names 'Students of the Month'



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the November Student of the Month for Bridge City is Annalise Briggs. Annalise is ranked 6 of 181 with a GPA of 4.66. Pictured are: Joshua Briggs, Sarah Briggs, Annalise Briggs, Alisa Huckaby, Stephanie Roberts and Tim Woolley.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the November Student of the Month for Orangefield is Breckin Potter. Breckin is ranked 8 of 120 GPA 4.6. Pictured are: Rea Wrinkle, Wade Potter, Rhonda Potter, Breckin Potter, Landon Luna and Crissa Bonnin.

Rotarians Award Local Students



The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club awarded their Bridge City November Student of the Month to Haley Ross. She plans to attend Lamar State College Orange to study Cosmetology and obtain a business degree in order to one day open her own hair salon.

Pictured with Haley are BCHS Principal Tim Woolley, BCISD Superintendent Dr. Mike Kelly, BCHS Counselor Chloe Tucker, Rotary President Dr. Mark Messer, Heather Sztaba, Haley's mother, and Shane Love, stepfather.



Orangefield Student Asia Tran was named November Student of the Month by the Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club. She is ranked 49 out of 120 students and plans to obtain a degree in Psychology. Pictured with Asia are her sister Ashla Taylor, and her mother Yvette Canales, OFISD Superintendent Shaun McAlpin, OFHS Principal Rea Wrinkle, Rotary President Dr. Mark Messer and OFHS Counselor Carrisa Bonnin.

American Legion Post 49 Fish Fry

The American Legion Post 49, 108 Green Ave will hold a fish fry on Thursday, November 10th. Each plate will consist of fish, cold slaw, potato salad, green beans bread and dessert for \$10.00 each. Delivery or pickup is available. To place an order you can call (409) 886-1241 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning.

American Legion Post 49 Flag Retirement

The American Legion Post 49, Ladies Auxiliary Unit 49 and S.A.L. Squadron 49 will hold a Flag Retirement at 6:00 p.m. on Veterans day, November 11th. Come out and learn the proper way to destroy unusable flags. If you have any unusable flags you can drop them off at the American Legion at 108 Green Ave.

Orange County Judge John Gothia

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is selling Gumbo meals on Tuesday, November 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is a fundraiser helping the music program at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The meals include gumbo, rice, potato salad, and crackers for \$10.00. We are also selling frozen quarts for \$12.00 and frozen pints for \$6.00. Dine In, Take Out, Delivery. Call the church office at 409-735-4573.

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

c/o:
Tracy Ruthstrom
13904 IH-10 West
Orange, TX 77632

Dated the 7th day of November, 2022.

Tommy Gunn
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **RITA MARIE ANDERSON**, Deceased, were issued on the **NOVEMBER 2, 2022, in Cause No. P19520**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **MARK ANTHONY ANDERSON and JEFFREY LYNN ANDERSON**.

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c/o:
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Brennon R Mitchell
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Dated the 2nd day of November, 2022.

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BC Lady Cardinals fall to Huffman

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

A spectacular season for the Bridge City Lady Cardinals came to an end Tuesday night in the third round of the state volleyball playoffs. Bridge City fell to the Huffman Lady Falcons 3-1 in sets at Baytown Lee College.

The Bridge City Lady Cardinals volleyball team continued its superb play through the first two rounds of the state playoffs. The Lady Cardinals were undefeated in 12 district matches and have not lost a set in advancing to the third round of the post season.

In the Bi-District round Bridge City swept the Liberty Lady Panthers in three tight sets at Winnie on Tuesday, November 1. The Lady Cardinals won the opening set 25-21 which proved to be their easiest set.

The second set went ex-



The Bridge City Lady Cardinals won their playoff with Madisonville in straight sets to become Area Champions and advance to the third round of the state playoffs in volleyball before losing to Huffman on Tuesday night.

tra points with Bridge City edging Liberty 26-24. The final set was also decided by two points 25-23 with the Lady Cardinals winning it to take the match.

Demi Carter was dominate at the net for Bridge City with 17 kills and 7 blocks. She added 9 digs. Taryn Doiron led the Lady Cardinals in assists with

20 in addition to her 6 kills, 5 digs, and 4 aces.

Saving several points was Lexi Nugier with 17

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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast

★ BELLVILLE (10-0) OVER WEST ORANGE-STARK (5-5)

—7:30 p.m. Friday at Splendor— In a normal year these won-loss records would be reversed. But this season has been anything but normal for the Mustangs. It looks like a One-And-Done for the 'Stangs unless they can come up with a "miracle upset".

★ LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURICEVILLE (6-4) OVER KILGORE (7-3)

—7 p.m. Friday at Abe Martin Stadium in Lufkin— The Battlin' Bears must really battle to upset this opponent. They must reach back into their bag of tricks from last year's great playoff run to make it to the next round. But I feel like they can!!!

★ ORANGEFIELD (8-2) OVER SHEPHERD (5-5)

—7 p.m. Thursday at Sheldon ISD Stadium—The Bobcats were a very creditable team in Class 4A, so it's not a huge surprise that they ran through District 10-3A as undefeated league champions after dropping down to 3A. But it's the playoffs and anything can happen. Head Coach Josh Smalley will make sure nothing happens but another Bobcat victory.

★ VIDOR (6-4) OVER LINDALE (6-4)

Although the Pirates aren't the district champs this year, it looks like they could advance further in the state playoffs in 2022.

★ DEWEYVILLE (7-3) OVER TENAHA (5-5)

—7 p.m. Friday at Eagle Stadium in Woodville— Normally this would be categorized as an upset in previous years and could very well be that again Friday night. But the Pirates have been playing good football and should go to the next round if that continues.

★ NEW MEXICO STATE OVER LAMAR U.

The Cards are reaching out to another Division I opponent and should give them a good run for the

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ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS PREVIEW

OC SPORTS BEAT
DAN PERRINE
For The Record

The playoffs have arrived as our Orange County football teams still in contention have



Dan Perrine

stepped into the larger sphere of the state football championship. Here's a preview of this weeks games for the West Orange-Stark Mus-

tangs, the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears and the Orangefield Bobcats.

Bobcats hope to sink Shepherd

The Orangefield Bobcats needed a win last week to win the district championship and earn a better seed in the state playoffs. The Bobcats are the number one seed in their district and start the post season this week.

The threat of severe

weather caused Orangefield's game with East Chambers to be moved to Thursday last week. The Bobcats rallied to take the lead against the Buccaneers and then held on 28-21 to win the game that kept them undefeated in district action and enabled them to claim their first outright district title since 1988.

Coach Josh Smalley praised the effort by his Bobcats. "It was a big win for us obviously. The game was what I thought it was going to be a 12-round title fight against a great

coached team and a really good athletic team. We had to compete, we had to fight, we had to overcome a lot of things, and so I'm proud of the kids," Smalley acknowledged.

Several Bobcats made key contributions in the big win. Fullback Case Singleton answered an opening touchdown drive by East Chambers with a 55-yard touchdown run for Orangefield to tie the score. Halfback Cameron Dischler rushed for 215 yards and

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HOUSTON ASTROS: Can team be called a dynasty yet?

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

I have to apologize to the Philadelphia Phillies team for picking the Houston Astros to win the 2022 World Series in four games.

I was unaware Houston could blow a 5-0 lead in Game One with their ace Justin Verlander on the mound. Yet, it happened and it apparently woke up everyone from the players and fans right up to the manager, general manager and even owner Jim Crane.

The Phillies also blanked the Astros in Game Three in Philadelphia 7-0 to move ahead in the series two games to one as the fanatic Phillies fans thought the series was there's. Actually, Houston was never in front in the series until after winning Game Five 3-2. But the 5-0 no-hitter thrown by Cristian Javier and three relievers in Game Four really turned the tide.

Despite the fact the Phillies wouldn't have even been in the World Series if Major League Baseball didn't add to wild card teams to the 2022 playoffs. Philadelphia was the No. 6 seed--or the final team to get a wild card.

But Philadelphia ripped right through the playoffs--just like the Astros did--and were legitimate opponents for Houston.

The idea of the apology to Philadelphia for under-estimating its team was not mine originally. I saw an article in this week's USA Today Sports Weekly with a headline "Apologies for Underestimating Cowboys" where the columnist wrote the Dallas Cowboys off after quarterback Dak Prescott went down with his thumb injury and



Joe Kazmar

missed five weeks. Today he believes the Cowboys could be the best team in the NFC.

Getting back to the Astros, they have made a run at the World Series in six straight seasons and can make a compelling case as the best team in franchise history, according to an article in Monday's Houston Chronicle.

"At this particular moment it is," Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell told the columnist, "I don't know, man, it might be the most complete team. Every single person contributed--from our bullpen to our starters to our bench guys, our minor league guys that came up. This team is just such a complete team. It's been amazing to watch."

But how complete is it when the fickle owner won't even extend the contracts of manager Dusty Baker, who won his first World Series after having the most playoff wins without having a World Series ring, and general manager James Click, who continued the success started by his predecessors--manager A.J. Hinch and GM Jeff Luhnow--who were both canned after the sign-stealing episode.

Both Click and Baker's 2022 contracts expired when the season officially ended with Saturday night's big victory. Click did agree to participate in the General Manager's Meeting that began Monday in Las Vegas.

One of the realities in this hush-hush soap opera is that owner Jim Crane is not too wild about some of



Jose Altuva hoist the World Series trophy surrounded by his championship teammates during a procession through the city of Houston.

Click's personnel decisions (most of which proved to be very successful) and Dusty also is not sold on some of Click's moves, either. At this writing both Click and Baker are unemployed as far as the Houston Astros are concerned.

The big question is who will be around for the 2023 MLB season. According to the article, six players have declared for free agency--catcher Jason Castro, outfielder Michael Brantley, utility man Aledmys Diaz, first baseman Yuli Gurriel, reliever Rafael Montero and catcher Christian Vazquez.

Three other players--pitcher Justin Verlander, utility man Trey Mancini and relief pitcher Will Smith--will join their six teammates on the open market as soon as their player's options for 2023 are decided.

I think Verlander will return, mainly because his wife Kate Ogden really likes everything about the city of Houston. Brantley and Gurriel have expressed a desire to keep playing for the Astros. They both batted over .300 in 2021 and would certainly help the team's paltry offense.

ton Astros are entirely ready to be called a dynasty yet.

KWICKIES...

After another bad loss Saturday, South Florida fired head coach Jeff Scott who was 4-25 in his two-plus seasons at the school. And his record was worse in the American Athletic Conference--1-19.

When Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady threw the game-winning touchdown pass with just a few seconds left in the game against the LA Rams and his team trailing 13-9, he passed Peyton Manning for the most game-winning touchdowns in a career (55).

World Series Most Valuable Player Jeremy Pena is the only rookie in Major League Baseball history to have a hit in every World Series game. Third baseman Alex Bregman got on base in all six games.

The Green Bay Packers have a five-game losing streak. The last time it happened was in quarterback Aaron Rodgers first year to start. The future Hall of Fame quarterback suffered three intercep-

tions in Sunday's 15-9 loss to the lowly Detroit Lions with two being in the red zone and marked the 13th straight time he failed to pass for 300 yards.

The New England Patriots tied a franchise record Sunday when they sacked former Texas Longhorn quarterback Sam Ehlinger nine times in a 26-3 whipping of the Indianapolis Colts Sunday in Foxborough.

JUST BETWEEN US...

I've always wondered if there is any correlation between the people responsible for the weekly Top 25 college football poll and the Las Vegas boys who set the betting lines on these teams. Take, for example, Saturday's big Southeastern Conference game between No. 2 Tennessee and No. 1 Georgia. The top-ranked Bulldogs were a solid 9½ -point favorite over the Volunteers and beat them 27-13. Did the bookmakers know that the Vols would have eight pre-snap penalties? I doubt it. Georgia is still where it belongs this week--the nation's No. 1 team while the Vols slid down to No. 5.

Recap: LCM Bears win over Huffman to clinch third place, playoff bid

Dan Perrine
For The Record

Little Cypress-Mauriceville needed a win Friday night to clinch a playoff spot. The Bears mauled the Huffman Falcons 48-16 at Battlin' Bear Stadium.

The win by LCM (6-4, 3-2) not only secured a berth in the post season it moved the Bears into the third seed for District 10-4A Division I. Huffman (3-7, 1-4) finished the season in fifth place and out of the playoffs.

Field position was heavily in favor of the Bears who started six of their drives in Falcon territory and two other times began at LCM's 46 and 44 yard lines. Little Cypress-Mau-



Da'Marion Morris of the Bears rushed for 228 yards and scored 6 touchdowns as LCM beat Huffman to clinch a berth in the playoffs.

riceville scored on six of those eight possessions.

The Bears' defense got things going for the offense when Jackson Smith intercepted a Falcon pass

on the third play of the game to give LCM the ball at the Huffman 15. Da'Marion Morris carried four times and got the touchdown from the one with less than three minutes played in the game to put the Bears up 7-0.

A second interception this one by Luke McDow and personal foul on the Falcons during the run back gave the Bears the ball at the Falcon 34. Morris wasted no time scoring on the next play, and it was 14-0 with 4:44 remaining in the first quarter.

Facing a fourth-and-three at their 41 the Falcons went for it but the Bears' defense again came

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two touchdowns. On defense Jackson Humplik punched the ball from the grasp of a Buccaneer runner. Humplik had the ball bounce back into his hands, and he ran about 25 yards for an important score for the Bobcats.

In the closing minutes East Chambers drove deep into Orangefield territory threatening to tie the game or take the lead. The Bobcat defense made a huge stop on fourth-and-one at the ten to secure the victory for Orangefield.

Celebrations for the big win have to be brief because the playoffs start this week. Smalley explained, "It was a history making victory for us, but now it's a new season and none of that really matters because we going into a season where everybody has the same record. You win you get to keep playing, you lose you're packing up your pads."

The Bi-District round of the state playoffs will feature a re-match for the Orangefield Bobcats against the Shepherd Pirates. The Bobcats defeated the Pirates in Week 3 of the season 48-28 at Orangefield.

Shepherd is the fourth seed in District 9-3A finishing the season at 5-5 and 3-3 in district. The Pirates won two pivotal games late in the district against Coldspring and Huntington to make the playoffs.

The Pirates operate out of the shotgun on offense but not out of the Spread in what they call the Gun Wing. Shepherd uses a tight end or H Back in their shotgun instead of four or five wide receivers and will run more than it passes the football.

Pirate quarterback HD Green is a senior and a legitimate speed threat at 10.6 in the hundred meter when he runs the ball. Last season Green rushed for 1,046 yards and accounted for 20 touchdowns. He has matched those numbers this season with 1,198 yards and 19 touchdowns. "Green's a guy that once he breaks into the open usually their band starts to play the fight song since he's hard to catch," Smalley appraised.

Sophomore Preston Stephens is a quality running back to supplement Green. Stephens like Green has over a thousand yards rushing this season and has scored 13 touchdowns himself.

When Shepherd does throw the football Green likes to look towards Hayden Pawlowski. He is a tall wide out who has only caught 3 passes but all of them resulted in touchdowns averaging 28 yards per catch. Luke Moore has 12 receptions to lead the Pirates.

The running game is the primary emphasis for Shepherd. Linemen Blake Frerichs and Triston Major will pull to lead buck sweeps.



Jackson Humplik of the Bobcats caused a fumble, scooped up the loose ball, and returned it for a touchdown in Orangefield's big win over East Chambers



Joshua Sterling of the Mustangs had a good game blocking in the offensive line during the win against Hardin-Jefferson

Smalley indicated the Pirate offense has gotten much better since Week 3 when the two teams last played. Smalley described, "They run a lot of power with the fullback kick out, guards pull. It is a power offense based out of the Shotgun, and they do a very good job at it and they're well coached. The last time we played them the Pirates rushed for 250 yards on us, so that's a legit threat and we've got to stop that. We can't have that again if we plan on having success."

Defensively Shepherd bases out of a four-man front. The Pirates have used a five-man front against other running teams like Coldspring, although they did stick with their four-man front in the earlier game at Orangefield. Coach Smalley said he and his coaches are expecting the unexpected from Shepherd and will prepare Orangefield for both fronts in this game since the Bobcats ran the ball very well in the first meeting and the Pirates may look to change things up this time.

Inside linebackers Sheldon Ferguson and Tanner Lacey stand out on the Pirate defense. Lacey was all-district last season. On the outside is Devon Wyatt at end or outside linebacker who is very good in the box for Shepherd.

Junior Jacob Guidry in the defensive line is another Pirate who the Bobcats need to block on every play. The secondary is led by the very athletic HD Green who can play cornerback and safety.

The Pirates are an attacking defense. They do not sit and wait according to Smalley. "The Pirates like to blitz linebackers through the A and B gaps. They like to put pressure on your offensive line to pick up stuff and cause havoc in the backfield. They're well coached and they're familiar with us because we have played them probably six times in non-district over the last eleven years, and now we're playing them twice this year," Smalley reminded.

The keys for the Bobcats never change whether it is early in the season, district games, or in the playoffs. Turnovers must be avoided by Orangefield while also

creating take aways with its defense. The Bobcats' penalties need to be kept to a minimum to allow for time consuming drives by the offense. Smalley emphasized, "You've got to play mistake free football, and it comes down to containing their running game especially Green who is a huge threat which means tackling well in space which we need to get better at that."

It was 2015 when Orangefield last won a playoff game in the Bi-District round. The Bobcats have never won a game in the second round of the playoffs, but Smalley is hopeful they can change their playoff fortunes this year. "It's been a while since we've had success of getting past the Bi-District round. I think that's something these Bobcats want to do and it's obviously important but we have to play better than we did last week if that's going to happen," Smalley concluded.

The game between the Orangefield Bobcats and the Shepherd Pirates will be played at the Sheldon ISD Stadium off of Beltway 8 northeast of Houston. The kickoff will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday.

Mustangs play Bellville again in the playoffs

A resounding win in the district finale has West Orange-Stark thinking positive with the playoffs starting this week. The Mustangs have a familiar opponent in the first round of the post season.

West Orange-Stark rolled 53-7 over the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks last week at Dan R. Hooks Stadium. The Mustangs evened their record at 5-5 for the season and finished the district with a 3-3 mark which makes them the fourth seed in District 9-4A Division II.

Coach Hiawatha Hickman said it was a good night for the Mustangs especially on offense. "The offensive line played very well in their execution. They're starting to peak at

the right time. We threw the ball well and we ran it well on offense. I thought we had a real productive night, we were real balanced, and that's kind of what we've been looking for is some balance. We think we're going to have to throw the ball in the playoffs to advance. We're going to have to do both," Hickman advised.

Sophomore quarterback Marcus Turner took a step forward for the Mustangs with a good game throwing the football. Members of his offensive line Joshua Miller, Joshua Sterling, and Andrew Wilson were all recognized for their good work by Coach Hickman.

Defensively the Mustangs gave up a few plays to the Hawks' passing game but played very well

against the run. Clayton Whatley played well at defensive end. At linebacker Deshawn Brunson played strong in the middle of the WOS defense. In the secondary Da'Marion Scott and Dakaron Judge were standouts.

Hickman reiterated it was a good night for West Orange-Stark football. "We sealed the deal on making the playoffs a reality. Around here we're not where we normally are, but hey we're in the dance and that's all you need," Hickman responded.

Entering the playoffs the Mustangs are as healthy as they have been since before the game with Little Cypress-Mauriceville in Week 2 of the season. Everybody should be available for West Orange-Stark in this week's

game of the playoffs.

The opponent for the Mustangs is a team they have faced three of the last four years in the post season the Bellville Brahmas. Undefeated on their season the Brahmas are the district champions from District 10-4A Division II.

On offense Bellville runs the Slot-T which is very similar to what the Mustangs' former district opponent the Orangefield Bobcats use. Hickman joked, "I call Bellville kind of Orangefield on steroids. They've got a few more skilled guys that can hurt you." The Brahmas run the buck sweep, the trap, and the bootleg pass like most Slot-T teams.

Having played against each other so frequently in

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the playoffs Hickman and his coaches are very familiar with the Brahmas offensive personnel. The reverse is true with Bellville's knowledge of the Mustangs.

The top runner for Bellville is Sam Hranicky a junior who has played on the varsity since he was a freshman. Hranicky has rushed for 1,207 yards and 11 touchdowns to lead the Brahma running game and will line up in different running back positions in the Slot-T.

Like most Slot-T teams the Brahmas spread the ball around between several good backs. DD Murray has 499 yards with 8 touchdowns, Corrian Hood has gained 480 yards for 10 touchdowns, and Tanner Knode leads the team with 12 rushing touchdowns.

Bellville quarterback Reid McCann does not run a lot but can be a dangerous passer. "McCann played against us last year and had some success. He hit us on a couple of deep balls," Hickman reminded.

The Brahmas like to run behind their tight end Bucky Koy and tackle Marcus Smith. Hickman added, "They travel together, and they block down the edge. They're good, those are their two best linemen. I remember them from last year when I was the defensive coordinator and D-line coach."

On defense Bellville will line up in an even front with a 4-3 look and a cover three in the secondary. The Brahmas almost never vary from that formation.

The best Brahma on defense is DJ Sanders at defensive end. Sanders was only a freshman last year but is an outstanding player who had 75 tackles, 10 sacks, was honorable mention all-state, and must be accounted for every snap by the Mustangs in their run game.

At linebacker is Connor Gaines who controls the middle for Bellville. Gaines was called a tackling machine by Coach Hickman. Safety Brandon Ward has moved to

Bellville from Brenham and is really good player.

Hickman compared the Bellville defense to two of the outstanding defenses in the Mustangs' district. "I think they're on the same level defensively probably like Silsbee or probably Hampshire-Fannett. They don't do the same things it's a different approach. Those four guys up front for Bellville are big run stoppers where as Silsbee and Hampshire-Fannett do it with the blitzes," Hickman analyzed.

Bellville will line up in their normal defensive formation daring opposing offenses to move them. Hickman responded, "They leave a lot of room for us to take some shots and get into space. Going by what we did the last few years we feel good about it."

The biggest difference for this the third meeting in four years between West Orange-Stark and Bellville is the timing. Normally, the two teams have not met until a later round of the playoffs, not the first round.

What has to be considered a disappointing season so far for the Mustangs could change to the positive for them with a win over the undefeated Brahmas. "If we get a win against a team like Bellville I won't say it salvages our whole season but it'll put us where we expect to be. We haven't had success in the big games on the road this season, but we expect to win this game. We win this game we don't feel like we're a four seed. We feel like our district is probably the toughest in the region. I feel like that we'll go into this game and play it like if we're the one seed. We're just trying to win it and advance that's what it's all about at this time surviving and advancing," Hickman concluded.

The rivalry between the West Orange-Stark Mustangs and the Bellville Brahmas is renewed on Friday. The game starts at 7:30 PM in Splendora.

LCM Bears to collide with Kilgore

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears achieved a much needed win last week to secure a berth in the post season. This week the Bears open the playoffs and hope to have an extended run like they did last season.

LCM took an early lead against the Huffman Falcons last Friday, and withstood a brief rally by the Falcons to claim a 48-16 victory. The win earned the Bears a third seed in their district for the playoffs.

Coach Eric Peevey saw the game as a triumph for the whole Bears team. "It was a great team win. We didn't have very many penalties, we held on to the ball very well, we had a lot of possession time with the football, ran the ball well, blocked well, when we needed to throw it a little bit we were able to, but we just kind of moved into the style of football we need to play to win right now at this stage of the year in the playoffs when we'll be playing really good teams," Peevey evaluated.

The Bears won the turnover battle suffering one interception and a fumble on an onside kick while Jackson Smith, Luke McDow, and Daunte Greer all made key interceptions for LCM. The defense also made a couple of big stops on fourth downs to turn the ball back over to the Bears' offense.

On the offensive side of the ball Da'Marion Morris ran for over 200 yards and scored a school record at Little Cypress-Mauriceville six touchdowns. Peevey praised, "He deserves every record he breaks."

Two Bears were called up to the varsity and played well against Huffman. Carson McIlwain replaced the injured Jordan Pollack at tight end, and Jovany Molina did a good job in the offensive line.

The third seeded Bears will open the playoffs against the second seeded Kilgore Bulldogs from District 9-4A Division I. The Bulldogs are 7-3 on the season and were undefeated in district until losing 32-20 to the district champion Chapel Hill Bulldogs last week.

Kilgore uses multiple offenses lining up in several different fronts. The Bulldogs may use a Spread formation or their quarterback will get under center. They can throw the ball and they can run it. Either way the emphasis for Kilgore is ball control.

The "bell cow" for the Bulldogs is senior running back Isaiah Ross. After rushing for 800 yards and 8 touchdowns as a junior Ross has topped both of those numbers with over 1500 yards and 15 touchdowns averaging about 10 yards a carry this year. Ross with his many long touchdown runs reminds Coach Peevey of his own star back Da'Marion Morris.

Ross is not the only weapon Kilgore can use. Senior quarterback Da'Marion Van Zandt stands tall in the pocket at 6-2 and about 220 pounds. Van Zandt can run with the ball or he can throw with a cannon of an arm like he did last year when he passed for 2200 yards and 22 touchdowns.

The Bulldogs use a variety of receivers in their passing game. Jayden Sanders, Matthew Tyeskie, Zaylon Stoker, and PJ Wiley will all be targets for aeriels from Van Zandt.

The offensive line is big for Kilgore. Braydon Nelson is a leader in the line for the Bulldogs.

The offense is in no hurry when the Bulldogs have the football. "They're going to huddle up, they're just going to run their ball control offense, and just nickel and dime you down the field taking the big plays when they're offered. Offensively you can tell that they're a defensive minded type team. They're not going to make a lot of mistakes on offense it's mostly just play with good field position, run the ball, and play well," Peevey summarized.

The Bulldogs hang their hat on their very talented defense. Kilgore's 3-4 alignment and its tenacity brings to mind the West Orange-Stark defense Peevey mentioned.

Kilgore will not gamble or take a lot of chances on offense because the Bulldogs know their defense can stop opposing offenses to get the ball back and set the Kilgore offense up in good field position. The Bulldogs were statistically the top defensive unit in their district yielding about 250 yards a game.

The defensive line is where everything starts for Kilgore. Senior noseguard Peyton Christian is the anchor in the Bulldog defense. Christian is 6-5 and 270 pounds and is a run stopping bulwark in the middle. Last season Christian made 94 tackles with eight of those being behind the line of scrimmage.

Joining Christian in the front three is Jacob Caruthers for the Bulldogs. A key pass rusher is Demontrell Candie on the outside at either an end or outside linebacker position to put pressure on opposing backfields. Peevey indicated, "They really don't blitz a lot, they usually only bring about four, but those four guys kind of get after it."

The defensive secondary has two solid returners. Stoker and Tyeskie both had two interceptions and made over fifty tackles apiece last season for Kilgore.

The Bears and the Bulldogs are fairly evenly matched going into Friday's Bi-District playoff game. LCM is 6-4 with three of its losses to playoff teams and the other one to a very good private school. Kilgore's three losses are to a trio of quality opponents in undefeated Carthage and Gilmer and finally to district champion Chapel Hill.

The key to victory for Little Cypress-Mauriceville is not making mistakes. Peevey shared, "Any turnovers, penalties, or things like that we've got to nip all that in the bud. We've got to get after it and play our style of football which is ball control and get Da'Marion involved, but we're also going to have to throw the ball to win this game so we're going to have to get some plays downfield."

Coach Peevey is hoping for a repeat of last year's run by the Bears in the post season. "We know the challenge that we have ahead of us. That other district is a very tough district. Last year we were the only team from our district to win a game that district had three teams advance out of Bi-District. It's a long playoff run, but this game in the first week of the playoffs is as good as a game in week five or six of the playoffs," Peevey concluded.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears face the Kilgore Bulldogs on Friday. The kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 PM at Abe Martin Stadium in Lufkin.



The Orangefield Lady Bobcats volleyball team pictured, Front Row- Hannah Block, Kaylea Gravett, Libby Thurman, Brianna Moore, Coach Ashlee Peevey, Back Row- Harleigh Rawls; Mackenzie Haley, Lela Francis, Greenlea Oldham, Kylie Mouton and Kaitlyn Jenkins.

Lady Bobcats eliminated by Danbury in Area Round

Dan Perrine
For The Record

A successful season for the Orangefield Lady Bobcats volleyball team came to an end Thursday, November 3, in Channelview. The Danbury Lady Panthers eliminated Orangefield in a five set Area Round match of the playoffs.

The Lady Bobcats advanced to the Area Round with a win in the Bi-District Round over the Huntington Lady Devils on Tuesday, November 1, at Warren. Orangefield took the match in four sets.

The first set was dominated by the Lady Bobcats. They took the set 25-11. The second set was much tighter with Orangefield needing extra points to win 26-24 to go up two sets to none. Huntington responded winning the third set 25-20 to extend the match. The Lady Bobcats closed it out with another solid performance winning 25-19 in the fourth set.

Senior Mackenzie Haley had 14 kills, 20 digs, and 3 aces to help the Lady Bobcats gain the victory. Brianna Moore tied for the team lead in aces with 3 and tied Harleigh Rawls for the most assists as both had 20 in the match. Rawls also had a team high 22 digs.

Other Lady Bobcats with good contributions included Lela Francis with 7 kills and Greenlea Oldham with 6 kills. Kylie Mouton blocked 3 balls, and Libby Thurman had 13 assists.

In the Area Round match Orangefield dropped the first two sets to Danbury 25-16 and 25-18. The Lady Bobcats rebounded winning a tight third set 25-22 before grabbing the fourth set 25-13 to force a deciding set. To their credit the Lady Panthers grabbed an early lead and captured the set 15-6 to advance to the third round of the state playoffs.

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Waterfowl season now in full swing

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

Saturday morning will officially usher in the 2022-2023 waterfowl season for all our local hunters and expectations run the gamut from cautiously optimistic to gung ho. Texas duck and goose hunters cranked up last weekend and the initial reports were very good. Many local marshes that are historically proven early season producers had mixed reviews after the storms rolled through but they made up for it on Sunday. High water during the late summer stunted vegetation growth in many areas so the food sources have somewhat changed and the birds have obviously followed so there were some really good shoots around quality vegetation and food sources. Several great reports also came from public lands where gadwall, pintails, and plenty of teal made up the majority of the



Chuck Uzzle

straps. A decent amount of widgeon were also taken by several hunters I spoke with as well.

Local hunters who cross the Sabine River and chase ducks and geese in Louisiana will get their first opportunity as the season opens in the Coastal Zone on Saturday morning. Many hunters running the marshes reported a good influx of birds last weekend during the Youth Only hunts. Saturday's youth results were much solid and even better on Sunday's according to the reports I received as it seemed overnight the numbers of birds in area took a big jump. These small fronts we have been getting are certainly helping bolster the number of ducks that are already here. Everything right now points to a big push of birds as a

very nice cold front heads into our area this weekend. The current forecast looks to be bringing helpful cold weather so prospects for a great weekend are high.

Farther down the Texas coast the opening weekend brought better reports overall as quick limits were the norm in areas around Matagorda, El Campo, and Garwood. Solid populations of speckled bellied geese were bonus birds for duck hunters fortunate enough to have combo shoots near agricultural fields. The concentrations of birds were a bit more predictable down there for those who had plenty of water. Pumping water onto prime locations is big business and in years past the opportunity to have "duck water" was at a premium. This year the higher than normal summer rainfall helped out the farmers and hunters alike when it came time to pump and many outfitters reaped huge benefits. Some of the prime ar-

eas in that part of the state have not looked this good at this time of the year in quite some time. The opening weekend was basically just an extension of the great teal season for hunters in that part of the state. In fact the blue wings and green wings made up a good bit of the numbers of ducks taken for many hunters. Perhaps the biggest bonus during the opener was the amount of pintails that have already shown up. Several hunters reported taking their pintails early and then getting the opportunity to just watch a few flocks work their decoys.

Going forward for waterfowlers the biggest concern will be weather and that always seems to be the case. It's been a tough stretch for the last several seasons and that trend appears to be improving, in fact the Farmer's Almanac is actually calling for a cold wet winter and that's exactly what we want. Regardless of the forecast most waterfowlers



Alexander Burkart and his grandfather Skeeter Graves had a fantastic hunt during the youth only weekend in Louisiana.

will continue to battle through the conditions in one way or another. Many hunters will go as hard as they can locally and then get on the road if necessary to seek out other opportu-

nities. Hopefully we can get some cooperation from both the weather and the birds because local hunters are certainly due for a break.

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digs. Anna Kelly played a big role with 5 kills, 4 aces, and 4 digs. Makenna Knight had 6 blocks for the Lady Cardinals against Liberty.

On Friday, November 4, Bridge City played the Madisonville Lady Mustangs in the Area round. The Lady Cardinals again took the match sweeping the three sets by scores of 25-13, 25-18, and 25-15.

The Lady Cardinals were led by Demi

Carter with 18 kills, 5 blocks, 6 aces, and 7 digs. Taryn Doiron had the most assists for Bridge City with 21 while adding 9 kills and 6 digs.

Anna Kelly contributed 5 kills, 4 aces, and 5 digs to help the Lady Cardinals win the match over Madisonville. Lexi Nugier once again led Bridge City in digs with 13 while also serving 3 aces. Cambree LaComb assisted on 11 points.

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The Lady Bobcat seniors all played well in their final match. Harleigh Rawls led in digs with 31 and assists with 23 while adding 8 kills. Mackenzie Haley had the most kills with 10 while adding 22 digs. Kylie Mouton had 9 kills and 2 blocks. Libby Thurman served the only ace for Orangefield and had 22 digs. Other standouts for

the Lady Bobcats were Greenlea Oldham with 8 kills and 2 blocks, and Brianna Moore with 20 assists.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats under Coach Ashlee Peevey finished their season as Bi-District Champions. Their overall record was 28-13 for the year.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church offers gumbo meals

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is selling Gumbo meals on Tuesday, November 15 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is a fundraiser helping the music program at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The meals include gumbo, rice, potato salad, and crackers for \$10.00. We are also selling frozen quarts for \$12.00 and frozen pints for \$6.00. Dine In, Take Out, Delivery. Call the church office at 409-735-4573.

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up big stopping a lateral pass to Dylan McMullen for a yard loss giving LCM the ball only forty yards from pay dirt. Once again Morris got the call carrying the ball on five of the six plays and scoring his third touchdown of the quarter from the one with 1:08 left on the first quarter clock.

Morris then returned a Falcon punt 48 yards to the Huffman 28. The Bears failed to score when the Falcon's Jake Moorhaj intercepted a Dean Reynolds' pass in the end zone and returned it to the 27 of Huffman.

The Bears defense held forcing a punt which allowed LCM to start at its own 46. This drive showed a little variety as Kyler Garlaska ran for a first

down, Morris got a first down running out of the Wildcat, Reynolds picked up a first down on a run, and then he threw for a first to Elijah Allison at the Huffman 13.

The scoring drive ended as had the previous three with Morris scoring this time from 13 yards out. Lucas Wright kicked his fourth extra point of the half to make the score 28-0 with 5:12 left in the second quarter.

Huffman mounted its only sustained drive of the first half with quarterback Tyson Woodland throwing the ball primarily to slot receiver Tyler Wilkins. Three straight completions by Woodland moved the Falcons 64 yards the last 52 on a very nice catch and run by Wilkins for the

touchdown. The same combination connected on the two-point conversion to narrow the score to 28-8 with 33 seconds before halftime.

The Falcons kicked off to start the second half and kicker Jonathan Klepetko bounced his kick to the left which was fumbled by the Bears and Klepetko recovered for Huffman.

Rain started to fall making conditions very slippery even on the new synthetic turf at Battlin' Bear Stadium. The defense for LCM held forcing a Falcon punt which the Bears allowed to roll dead at their seven. The first snap eluded Reynolds and went into the end zone where when Reynolds and Morris could not scoop up the wet ball elected to knock it out of the end zone to give Huffman a safety at 10:55

of the third quarter. Huffman now had the momentum and appeared ready to climb closer after a good return by Kurtis Felder on the free kick to the Bears' 26. A penalty moved the Falcons back to the 31 and they could get no closer than the 30 turning the ball over on downs to LCM.

The next Falcon possession started at their 41. After Dylan McMullen ran for a first down Woodland and Wilkins teamed up again for an 8-yard completion before a 41-yard bomb and a touchdown to make the score 28-16 with 4:13 left in the third quarter.

Enough was enough as DeMarco Bandiero recovered an onside kick for the Bears at their 44 yard line. It was back to the formula that worked so well in the first quarter; give the ball

to Morris until he finds the end zone. Six totes by Morris, the last for 27 yards, resulted in six more points for the Bears. A poor snap kept the score 34-16 with 1:58 remaining in the third period.

Getting a bit desperate Huffman went for it on fourth-and-seven at its 36 but linebacker McDow smashed Wilkins as the ball arrived on a pass from Woodland causing an incompletion and giving the Bears possession at the Falcon 36-yard line. Morris scored his sixth touchdown of the game on a 17-yard run to increase the lead to 41-16 with 10:24 to be played in the game.

Following an interception by the Bears' Daunte Greer the LCM second team offense went to work. Quarterback William Payne and halfback Jonah Fuller alternated carries to

move the ball 80 yards. Payne scored on a 22-yard run to make the final 48-16 in favor of the Bears.

It was another marvelous evening for Morris who totaled 228 yards on 28 carries to go with his half dozen touchdowns. Payne played just one series on offense for the Bears gaining 57 yards on 4 carries with his touchdown. Reynolds was 7 of 13 passing for 57 yards.

The bulk of the Huffman offense came from passing.

With their third place finish the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears will face the Kilgore Bulldogs (7-3, 5-1) who finished second in District 9-4A Division I. Details of when and where the Bi-District playoff game will be held should be forth coming on Monday or Tuesday.

Kaz's Fearless Forecast

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big money they should get, but it looks like another loss for Lamar. However, an upset is not out of the question.

McNEESE STATE over HOUSTON CHRISTN.

The Cowboys have been playing better football the second half of the season than at the beginning and could very well be formulating a mini-winning streak.

Other Playoff Games of Interest to Southeast Texas—Lumberton (9-1) over Palestine (4-5), Diboll (7-3) over Buna (4-6), Newton (9-1) over Hughes

Springs (3-7), Brookshire Royal (9-1) over Hampshire-Fannett (7-3), Woodville (9-2) over East Chambers (7-3), Hemphill (9-1) over Waskom (5-4), Price-Carlisle (9-1) over Evadale (3-7), Anahuac (8-2) over Palestine Westwood (5-5), Port Arthur Memorial (8-2) over McKinney North (5-5), Jasper (7-3) over Sealy (6-4), Port Neches-Groves (8-2) over Montgomery (3-7), Barbers Hill (7-3) over Forney (7-3), Silsbee (10-0) over West Columbia (5-5), Tyler Chapel Hill (8-2) over Livingston (4-6).

COLLEGE—

Western Michigan over Northern Illinois, Buffalo over Central Michigan and Kent State over Bowling Green (all today); Memphis over Tulsa and Louisiana-Lafayette over Georgia Southern (both Thursday); Cincinnati over East Carolina, USC over Colorado and Fresno State over UNLV (all Friday); Tennessee over Missouri, Ohio State over Indiana, Georgia over Mississippi State, Clemson over Louisville, Michigan over Nebraska, Alabama over Ole Miss, Texas over TCU, Oregon over Washington, LSU over Arkansas, UCLA over Arizona, Kansas State over Baylor, Utah over Stanford, Penn

State over Maryland, Illinois over Purdue, Wake Forest over North Carolina, Oklahoma State over Iowa State, Tulane over Central Florida, Syracuse over Florida State, Oregon State over California, Kentucky over Vanderbilt, Duke over Virginia Tech, Notre Dame over Navy, Liberty over UConn, SMU over South Florida, Oklahoma over West Virginia, Pittsburgh over Virginia, Georgia State over Louisiana-Monroe, James Madison over Old Dominion, Western Kentucky over Rice, Houston over Temple, Arkansas State over Massachusetts, UTSA over Louisiana Tech, Army over Troy (Upset Special), UAB over North

Texas, Washington State over Arizona State, Miami over Georgia Tech, Wisconsin over Iowa, Middle Tennessee State over Charlotte, Marshall over Appalachian State, Minnesota over Northwestern, North Carolina State over Boston College, Air Force over New Mexico, Florida over South Carolina, South Alabama over Texas State, Wyoming over Colorado State, Florida Atlantic over Florida International, Kansas over Texas Tech, Coastal Carolina over Southern Mississippi, Texas A&M over Auburn, Boise State over Nevada, San Diego State over San Jose State, Utah State over Hawaii, Texas A&M-Commerce over Nicholls State,

Northwestern over Southeastern Louisiana (all Saturday).

PRO PICKS—

Carolina over Atlanta (Thursday Night); Seattle over Tampa Bay, Miami over Cleveland, Tennessee over Denver, Chicago over Detroit, NY Giants over Houston, Kansas City over Jacksonville, Buffalo over Minnesota, New Orleans over Pittsburgh, Las Vegas over Indianapolis, LA Rams over Arizona, Dallas over Green Bay, San Francisco over LA Chargers (all Sunday); Philadelphia over Washington (Monday Night). Bye week for Baltimore, Cincinnati, NY Jets and New England.

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