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BC works on budget, tax rate

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

The Bridge City City Council Tuesday evening voted on a general operating budget of \$10.06 million budget includes a 3 percent pay increase for employees. The budget is for the 2022-23 fiscal year, which will begin on October 1.

The budget goes with a proposed tax rate 48.2 cents per \$100 valuation. A public hearing on the tax rate will be held a council meeting Tuesday, September 6, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor David Rutledge told The Record the city staff and council keep "an eye toward providing the services our citizens want and need, while keeping our rate down."

He said inflation has



Rutledge

been hard on city expenses and keeping within the 2021-22 budget. Higher fuel costs and overall rising prices in goods have affected the city like it has families.

"This trend is expected to continue into the next fiscal year, and we're having to factor that into our budget," he said.

According to city information, the budget has revenues of \$11.43 million and expenditures of \$11.43 million. The total expenditures cover the \$10.06 million for the general operating fund, plus \$1.37 million for the "unlimited

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LSCO's McAnelly names TSUS Regents' Staff Excellence Award winner

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas State University System (TSUS) Foundation today announced winners of the 2022 Regents' Professor, Teacher, Staff Excellence, and Student Scholar Awards at the TSUS Board of Regents meeting in Austin. Rebecca "Becky" McAnelly, Assistant Dean of Student Services and Registrar at Lamar State College Orange, received the Regents' Staff Excellence Award.

The award recognizes staff who excel in six areas: commitment to the



McAnelly

college and its mission; job competency; collegiality; duration of service; community involvement; and exceptional achievement.

McAnelly has worked at LSCO for over 35 years. She began as a student assistant and has since served in roles such as Recruiter; Assistant Registrar; Director of Admis-

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Jayme Deutsch named BCCC 'Employee of the Month'



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Jayme Deutsch who is employed at Peak Nutrition has been named August Employee of the Month. Pictured: Jayme Deutsch, Rick Deutsch, Janelle Deutsch and Talon Knock.



In March 2009 in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, Steve Worster, upon being inducted to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame on its 50th anniversary in Waco (above), the Waco Tribune under the headline "Longhorn legend Steve Worster remains dedicated to hometown of Bridge City" he told reporters "We've been eating off our laps and off picnic tables. The Salvation Army fed us for the first month. But it's fascinating to watch what people have done for each other in Bridge City. There's a lot of good solid human beings who still care about their town and each other here."

Football legend, hometown hero Steve Worster remembered

MARGARET TOAL
FOR THE RECORD

Steve Worster was probably the biggest celebrity from Orange County. He died Saturday at the age of 73. Though his peak fame coming during his teens and early 20s, the news of his death has put his name in headlines once again.

He was a football running back and was one of those once-in-a-lifetime high school and college players. "We always say he put Bridge City on the map," said Darrell Segura, his longtime friend and high school teammate.

The headlines of his death are on websites, podcasts, and social media. No one had ever heard those words in the mid-1960s through the first years of the 1970s. That was the height of his fame.

The era had daily newspapers in thousands of cities and towns across the country with home readers perusing the pages every day. Newsstands and stores had aisles of magazines with slick covers inviting browsers to read and buy.

Only three TV networks brought entertainment, sports, and news to millions of viewers across the nation. Radio networks also sent news, sports, and programs to hundreds of in-



dividual radio stations.

Steve Worster made all the major media of his day. Newspapers carried stories about him. He appeared on uncountable magazine covers, including the biggest one, Sports Illustrated. His college choice made

network news. Sportscasters touted his abilities. He surpassed the simple description of "football star." He became an icon and a legend.

The fame came when he was a young teen playing football for little Bridge City High School. The town wasn't even called Bridge City until about 20 years before Worster began playing ball. It wasn't incorporated and the population was less than 5,000.

But in football-loving Texas, Worster's running skills gained everyone's attention. He was

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BC Education Foundation sets fundraisers

Margaret Toal
For The Record

The Bridge City ISD Education Foundation has two fundraisers scheduled to help in the effort to raise money for special school projects.

The non-profit community group is sponsoring a Bridge City High School Alumni volleyball game on Friday, August 19, at 6 p.m. at the high school.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. A concession stand with snacks for purchase will be open and proceeds will go to the foundation.

The Bridge City education foundation was started a couple of years ago by friends and alumni of the school district to assist in education. The foundation operates in cooperation with the school board of trustees and the adminis-

tration.

Individual, business, corporate, and industrial donors are helping the foundation supplement teachers and school staff by helping them buy items to help with special projects or learning programs. A number of other public school districts in the region and in Orange County have similar education foundations.

The second fundraiser,

which was announced this week, will be a benefit golf tournament set for Saturday, October 15, at Babe Zaharias Golf Course in Port Arthur. The tournament will be in the four-player team scramble format. Registration will be 7 a.m. October 15 at the golf course and Tee time will begin at 8 a.m.

The entry fee is \$400

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LSCO graduates 100, most are first generation grads

Staff Report
For The Record

ORANGE— Lamar State College Orange hosted its Summer 2022 Graduation this past Saturday, August 13, 2022. The graduation was held at the J. Michael and Bridget Shahan Events Center and 100 students graduated.

President Tom Johnson served as the commencement speaker. 75% of the graduates were first-generation college graduates.

HONOR GRADUATES

Summa Cum Laude (3.80 - 4.00 GPA)

Sarah Isabelle Banker
Bianca Denee Bourque
Christopher E. Brewer
Sandy Van Anh Bui
Jessica Diane Butchee
Kylie Renae Castaneda
Kelsey Brena Garrett
Jayla Lorenn Hare
Shaylyn Taylor Hubert
Lisa Dorrell Langele
Baylei Nicole McGowan
Clarissa Arianna Molina
Braleigh Michelle Molin
Lakindra Lynelle Norbert
Jacquelyn Marie Oberle
Natasha Marie Richmond
Taylor Brynn Schroeder
Sheila Fiveson Schwartz
Maria Del Carmen Servin

Tanya Necole Sims
Trevor Martel Wiese

Magna Cum Laude (3.65 - 3.79 GPA)

Amber Deanae Askew
Jaclyn Rene Bacchicocchi
Grace Makenzie Garcia
Yaquelin Mendoza
Emilee Christina Procella
Brittany Dawn Reece
Elijah Joseph Reynolds
Cassie Nicole Simon
Kiasia Chaunice Wilson
Cum Laude (3.5 - 3.64 GPA)

Amanda Chavez
Taylor Lyn Cofty
Carly Beth Garrett
Dayla Lynette Hulsey
Bethany Anne Martinez
Kayleigh Nicole Ritchey
Ashley Renee Robinson
Yuri Amairani Sanchez
Ebony F. Thomas
Luis Angel Zuniga

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY AREA GRADUATES BY CITY

• BRIDGE CITY
General Studies
Kiegan Renee Corkran, Certificate; Brittany Dawn Reece, Certificate
Instrumentation
Luis Angel Zuniga, Certificate and Associate of Applied Science
Pharmacy Technology, Basic
Braleigh Michelle Molin, Certificate

Teaching
Kiegan Renee Corkran, As-

sociate of Arts
Vocational Nursing
Richelle Christophen Cope, Certificate; Litzy Alexandra Figueroa, Certificate; Brianna Caitlyn Fredeck, Certificate; Alexandra Britt Smith, Certificate

• BUNA
Dental Assisting
Jessica Diane Butchee, Certificate; Brooke Autumn Mitchell, Certificate; Tanya Necole Sims, Certificate
General Studies
Kaytlyn Brianna Franz, Certificate
Liberal Arts
Kaytlyn Brianna Franz, Associate of Arts
Vocational Nursing
Amber Danae Askew, Certificate; Taylor Lyn Cofty, Certificate

• Deweyville
Criminal Justice
Courtney Nicole Barnes, Associate of Science
General Studies
Courtney Nicole Barnes, Certificate
Vocational Nursing
Atalia Nicolette Garcia, Certificate

• ORANGE
Business
Kristen Lanie Courmier, Associate of Science; Carly Beth Garrett, Associate of Science; Kayleigh Nicole Ritchey, Associate of Science; Ariel Chantal Slaughter, Associate of Science
Dental Assisting

Sandy Van Anh Bui, Certificate; Jamie Renae Carpenter, Certificate; Kelsey Brena Garrett, Certificate; Maria Del Carmen Servin, Certificate
General Studies
Lesleigh Michelle Amedee, Certificate; Bianca Denee Bourque, Certificate; Christopher Edwin Brewer, Certificate; Kristen Lanie Courmier, Certificate; Carly Beth Garrett, Certificate; Michael Tilden Jeanes, Certificate; Shelby Renee Perales, Certificate; Kayleigh Nicole Ritchey, Certificate; Sheila Fiveson Schwartz, Certificate; Cassie Nicole Simon, Certificate; Ariel Chantal Slaughter, Certificate

Instrumentation
Asa Auston Lewis, Certificate and Associate of Applied Science

Liberal Arts
Christopher Edwin Brewer, Associate of Arts; Michael Tilden Jeanes, Associate of Arts; Sheila Fiveson Schwartz, Associate of Arts; Cassie Nicole Simon, Associate of Arts
Pharmacy Technology
Alia Ronetria Roberts, Certificate

Process Operating Technology
Jeremiah Montre Armstrong, Associate of Applied Science

Rasheed Abdul Ali Davion Puryear, Associate of Applied Science

Process Technology
Rasheed Abdul Ali Davion Puryear, Certificate
Teaching

Lesleigh Michelle Amedee, Associate of Arts; Bianca Denee Bourque, Associate of Arts

Vocational Nursing
Jacob Scott Bowden, Certificate; Amanda Chavez, Certificate; Ashley Christina Henry, Certificate; Dayla Lynette Hulsey, Certificate; Lisa Dorrell Langelle, Certificate; Bethany Anne Martinez, Certificate; Emilee Christina Falin Procella, Certificate; Malory Kennedy Reeves, Certificate; Ashley Renee Robinson, Certificate; Abigail Christine Sonnier, Certificate; Kaitlin Mercedes Thayer, Certificate; Ebony F. Thomas, Certificate

• VIDOR
Business
Grace Makenzie Garcia, Associate of Science
Dental Assisting
Hailee Mae Brown, Certificate; Taylor Brynn Schroeder, Certificate

General Studies
Faith Elisabeth Brack, Certificate; Kiley Delana Brown, Certificate; Lana Joann Crump, Certificate; Jada Marie Osborne, Certificate; Rachel Nicole Sanders, Certificate; Hayley Marie Schick, Certificate; Cameron Taylor Tristan, Certificate; Selena West, Certificate

Liberal Arts
Faith Elisabeth Brack, Associate of Arts; Kiley Delana Brown, Associate of Arts; Lana Joann Crump, Associate of Arts; Jada Marie Osborne, Associate of Arts; Cameron Taylor Tristan, Certificate; Selena West, Certificate

Liberal Arts
Faith Elisabeth Brack, Associate of Arts; Kiley Delana Brown, Associate of Arts; Lana Joann Crump, Associate of Arts; Jada Marie Osborne, Associate of Arts; Cameron Taylor Tristan, Certificate; Selena West, Certificate

Taylor Tristan, Associate of Arts

Vocational Nursing
Hanah Maxine Lawrence, Certificate; Baylei Nicole McGowan, Certificate; Hope Danielle Pridgen, Certificate

• WEST ORANGE
Business
Glenda Sue Harvey, Associate of Science
Information Technology
Support Specialist
Elijah Joseph Reynolds, Associate of Applied Science
Vocational Nursing
Jacquelyn Marie Oberle, Certificate; Kiasia Chaunice Wilson, Certificate

Orange County Master Gardener training classes

The Orange County Master Gardener training classes will begin Thursday August 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Expo Center on 1442. The requirements for the certification are 50 hours of education and 50 hours of volunteer time. The cost of the class is \$150 which includes a book, background check, supplies, speaker fees and a banquet on the last day of class December 8, 2022.

EDUCATION MONEY

Sen. Carl Parker
For The Record

Texas public education has not been adequately funded since the 1940s. Under the party now in power it has gotten worse, not better. Growth in charter schools is one reason why. While some charter schools supported by well-intended nonprofit groups have done a decent job educating our children, far too many are just money-making machines which fall short on providing quality education to many of our children.

Public schools and charter schools are not required to play by the same rules. Charter schools are not required to accept anyone who seeks admission, furnish transportation,



Former State Senator
Carl Parker

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.

provide for special needs children or to even have

courses offered for them vetted by accrediting agencies or experts in the field.

Because our legislature has encouraged more charters, the number of charter schools in Texas has doubled in the last decade. I can testify from personal experience that there are some right-wingers in the Texas Legislature who, in fact, would like to abolish public education all together and some would even go so far as to wanting to turn our entire education system over to religious organizations. Basically, the way the charter school system works is as follows: If I created a charter school in Bridge City, Texas, my pay would come from a portion of the amount allocated by the Legislature to the Bridge

City Independent School District. Local voters would have no say as to how much I chose to pay myself. A valid argument can be made that charter schools benefit the wealthy more than the average citizens of Texas. There is evidence to prove this allegation. For example, charter schools educate seven percent of Texas children but take fifteen percent of the total state budget from public education.

We should demand of our state senators and representatives that a public education system should be taken care of first. It seems to me the current system is reminiscent of a family with four children for whom they cannot adequately provide seeking to adopt more children.

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Gardeners, hopefully most of you received rain the past week as forecast by local meteorologist. It certainly is a welcome respite and truly needed. And with the rain comes another added benefit, reduced daily high temperatures (though slight). It was enjoyable walking out to the garden mid-morning, harvesting vegetables and deciding which raised beds to plant with fall vegetables. Making mental notes for planting (I jot down in a garden planner inside), is when I realized the temperature seemed slightly cooler, and the fact I wasn't sweating profusely! It got me thinking, autumn is only a few weeks away, now is the time to amend vegetable garden and flower beds, preparing for fall planting.

As a devoted, life-long plant enthusiast, working with hundreds of plants in my collection and Master Gardener plants, most plants share one common characteristic, they require soil to grow and flourish (with exceptions), regardless of if they are large or small, annual or perennial, flowering or not. And sadly, soil is one of the most overlooked items many new and a few seasoned gardeners simply don't take seriously. Some gardeners purchase the least expensive soil they can find. Most seasoned

gardeners have learned and appreciate the value of a robust soil medium. Good quality soil medium will make the difference in a successful gardening experience over a poor soil mix, which often leads to plant failure. Most of you are familiar with garden terms such as pH, microbes, and humus. But what do the terms mean and how do they effect soil?

Starting with pH-different plants require soil with different pH ranges, acidic (less than 7.0), alkaline (more than 7.0), or neutral (7.0). Perhaps you are wondering why plants need different soil pH? Nutrients move at different rates through the soil. The more acidic the soil, the faster the rate. As an example, if an acid-loving plant (such as a blueberry

or azalea) is planted in alkaline soil, it will not receive nutrients at a fast enough rate. Applying fertilizer will not help, since the soil pH is too high and minimize nutrient availability, restricting it from "flowing" thru the soil.

Determining soil pH is one of the main reasons to have soil tested initially before planting anything and then again, every 2 or 3 years. The soil analysis report will provide a plethora of information including amendments necessary for growing plants of choice. It is always best to gather soil samples and have soil analyzed through your local county extension office, which for us uses Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services.

Here is a quick and simple test for soil pH you can perform while waiting on

official soil test results.

Use at least one cup of garden soil, 5 - 7 inches below the soil surface. Remove rocks, roots, and other foreign objects for the most accurate result. Place half of the soil in a glass container and add ½ cup of distilled. Mix water and soil together until muddy. Next add ½ cup of vinegar, then wait. If the mixture fizzes or bubbles, the soil is more alkaline.

Similarly, test for soil acidity using baking soda. Thoroughly mix the other half of the soil with ½ cup baking soda in a glass container. Add ½ cup distilled water, mixing until a mushy consistency. Add more water if needed, then wait. If the mixture fizzes or bubbles, the soil is more acidic.

If nothing happens when doing either test, then most likely your soil's pH is close to neutral.

Gardeners, salt becomes soils mortal enemy over time! Some gardeners may not realize using commercial, synthetic fertilizers

contain salts. Salts cause soil nutrients to bind together and plants are unable to take them up. Additionally, this causes soil compaction, decreasing the activity of beneficial soil microbes, while increasing the activity of pathogens known to cause disease. Organic fertilizers contain zero salts and are much better for soil. Plants are unable to determine fertilizer is synthetic or organic, but your soil can.

Humus is finished compost, an organic matter that provides beneficial microbes nutrients. Humus also absorbs 4 to 5 times more moisture than clay soil, storing it thus making nutrients easily available for plants. Humus reduces nutrient leaching and reduces the need for additional fertilizer. Humus plays an important part in reducing soil erosion, which is one more reason to compost and mulch.

Microbes present in the soil are the key to produc-

ing humus, for without them, organic matter will remain intact, requiring a greater time interval to break down. The initial 2-4 inches of good quality garden soil contains almost a billion microbes! It takes many types of organisms (bacteria, algae, fungi) to break down organic material to humus. Remember, humus (compost) is a gardener's best friend and will help your garden soil thrive, allowing gardeners to reduce or eliminate synthetic fertilizers!

Let's go out and grow ourselves a greener, more sustainable world, one plant at a time!

If you have specific gardening questions or would like more information, contact the Orange County Master Gardeners Helpline: (409) 882-7010 or visit our website: <https://txmsg.org/orange>, Facebook: Orange County Texas Master Gardeners Association or Email: extension@co.orange.tx.us.

Bridge City budget From Page 1

use" budget.

The budget year is forecast to end with nothing left for put aside for savings.

The proposed tax rate is 48.2 cents per \$100 valuation, down from the current \$52.4 cents per \$100 valuation. But that does not mean property owners will see a lower tax payment. Tax payments will be based on the latest

property values set by the Orange County Appraisal District.

The appraisal district operates under state law and works with all the public taxing entities in the county. The appraisal district board is selected by votes from each taxing entity. The elected officials of each taxing entity approve their votes for the appraisal district board.

The housing market nationwide has experienced a booming increase in home values during the past couple of years, and Orange County has, too. The tax rates will be calculated with the property values. If someone's property value went up 10 percent and the tax rate went down 8 percent, the taxes could still be higher.

Orange County schools get 'B' from TEA

Margaret Toal
For The Record

All of Orange County's public school districts have earned a "B" grade from the Texas Education Agency this year.

TEA released the grades on Monday. The grades from "A" to "F" are based on a number of criteria, including the STAR scores and improvements from past years. This was the first year since 2019 the grades

were assessed because of the affect of the Covid 19 pandemic on classes.

The Bridge City, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, Orangefield, West Orange-Cove, and Vidor school districts all earned a "B" grade. The Deweyville district in Newton County also had a "B."

In 2019, the WO-C and Vidor districts had "C" ratings while Bridge City, LC-M, and Orangefield earned "B" grades.

TEA this year reports

1,195 districts were graded along with 8,451 campuses. The agency Monday had not released the break-down of grades for individual campuses.

Across the state, 33.1 percent, or 396 districts, had "A" grades. Those earning "B" totaled 54 percent or 645 districts. The "C" grades went to 112 districts, or 9.4 percent, while 26 had a "D" for 2.2 percent. Only 16 districts, or 1.3 percent had the "F" failing grade.

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per team and the deadline to register is October 7. The foundation is also selling hole sponsorships

for \$100 per hole.

More information on registering for the tournament or on the education

foundation is available through David Ess at 409-474-0340.

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From the Creaux's Nest

TIME ROLLS ON

As you get older time does seem to go faster. You look at your **30-year-old Rolodex** and over half of the people listed in it are now gone. That's one reason why elder people don't have many friends. It's amazing how many I've lost in just the last 10 years. We have a great "**people paper**" so read us over to cover. **Margaret and staff** are doing good work. I have to move on. Please come along, **I promise it won't do you no harm.**

RECALLING THE WORSTER YEARS

"Last One to Leave Turn Out The lights"
That's how it was on Friday night when the **Bridge City Cardinals** were playing out of town. If the game was a few hours away, workers took off at noon. By late 1965, everyone was a fan. As the season grew into the playoffs, most **Orange Countians** were **Cardinal fans**. By the time **Worster and Company** made it to the state championship game, played at **College Station**, the **Cardinals** had picked up fans throughout the **Golden Triangle**. Cars were decorated and fans traveled to games in caravans, led by local police and joined by **State Highway patrolmen** along the way. My family never missed a game. Traveling out of town made for a great family outing. **Steve Worster** became a hero to my young sons, as well as he did for all the pre-teenage boys in our town. **Steve** was the son of **R.B. and Louise Worster**. He had a brother **Gary**, a dozen years younger. His mom referred to him as **Stephen**. Even though **Steve** went on to football greatness, fourth runner up for the **Heisman Trophy** (behind **Jim Plunket**, **Joe Theisman** and **Archie Manning**) few knew of his baseball playing days. He was a catcher. I once visited with a scout for the **St. Louis Cardinals**, who was looking for big catchers and **Worster** fit the bill. **Steve**, however, would go on to college football greatness. **Steve** was the most heralded high school recruit of his generation. As a running back, leading **Bridge City** to the **1966, Class AAA state title**, he was the top recruit of college coaches around the nation, 75 of them. He ran for 5,422 yards for the **Cardinals**, including 2,210 yards as a senior, and 249 in the title game win over **McKinney**. **Steve** picked the **University of Texas**, a good move. He said, "**Coach Darrell Royal** was one of the finest me I've ever known." At **Texas**, **Worster** rushed for 2,353 yards and 36 touchdowns, averaging 5.1 yards a carry. It has been said that **Emory Bellard** developed the **wish-bone offense** to suit **Steve's** talent. He could take two steps and be at his maximum. That quick burst is what he had. He was tough, those he couldn't out run, he ran over. In 1969, the **Longhorns** finished with a perfect season and a **Cotton Bowl** win over **Notre Dame**. From 1968 to 1970, **Texas** won 30 straight games, (the same number **Steve** wore through high school to the pro's,) and won the **National Championship**. He is in the **Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame**. He was drafted by the **Los Angeles Rams** in the fourth round of the **1971 NFL** draft, unable to come to terms, his agent signed him to a one-year contract in the **Canadian Football League**. When the deal fell through **Steve** called it quits. We had a reporter who wrote a weekly column of **Steve's** exploits in **Canadian** football. We still have all those columns in our archives. The reporter also wrote about the bad deal **Steve** was dealt so the **Hamilton Tiger Cats** wouldn't have to pay him a million dollar bonus. **Steve Worster**, age 73, was always a big booster of his hometown. He told a reporter after hurricane **Ike**, "That there are lot of good, solid, humble beings who still care about their hometown and each other." **Steve** stayed in **Kirk Roccaforte's** front yard in a FEMA trailer after his home on Cow Bayou was destroyed. I lost my copy of **Sport's Illustrated** that featured **Steve** on it's cover. **Steve Worster** put **Bridge City, TX** on the map. He gave a lot and never asked for much. He was named "**Citizen of the Year**" for his devotion to his hometown. **Steve** died Saturday, August 13. He leaves behind a daughter **Erin**, son **Scott**, grandchildren and an entire community that is thankful he passed our way.

10 Years Ago-2012

We were sorry to learn of the sudden death of **Mark Guidry**, age 44, who died in his sleep of cardiac arrest on Aug. 16, 2012. A **Bridge City** native, **Mark** was living in **Vidor** at the time of his death. He was a very accommodating young man who was always ready to help a friend or anyone in need. He loved the sea and shrimping was his life. He was a likable little **Cajun** who left us way too young. ****We were saddened to learn of the unexpected death of **Richard Estes**, 55, who died Aug. 15. Services were held Aug. 19.**** State representative candidates, **Mike Hamilton** and **Paul Clayton**, say they would support a second **County Court-at-Law** if elected. **Hamilton** said he would do so only if **Commissioners Court** asked him to. (Editor's note: **Hamilton** was elected and did introduce the bill and the Court was created.****The

Mid-County 16 year olds, coached by former West Orange Chief **Clint Landry**, will play in the **Babe Ruth World Series** championship. That says a lot about our little part of **Texas** and also a lot about **Clint's** coaching. He is a cousin of **Bridge City Coach Sam Moore**. Also his son **Chad** is an all state baseball player from **Nederland**. (Editor's note: **Clint's** son is now head coach at **Bridge City** and **Clint** is still with **Met-Life**.)******H.D. Pate** served as a pallbearer for his old college football coach, "**Chena**" **Gilstrap**.******Corbin Deon Burnet** would have been 11 years old on Aug. 22 but God called him home on Aug. 13, 2002. A week before his passing away he was visited and pictured with **Astro's Jeff Bagwell** and **Craig Biggio**. (Editor's note: It's hard for me to believe that was 20 years ago. Today, on Aug. 22, **Corbin** would be 31 years old.****The **Bridge City Cards** football team has names like **Jamey Knight**, **Matt Peebles**, **Michael Gauthier** and **Lance Fitts**, just to mention a few for now.**** **Judge Don and Bobbie Burgess** were packing the boxes and loading the moving trucks Tuesday. They are moving southwest of **Austin**, towards **Dripping Springs**, where they bought a home. **Bobbie**, a **Dean** at **Lamar Orange**, is retiring. A going away party is planned at **Lamar** next week. **Bobbie** is a native of **Orange**, **Don** came to **Orange** as a young attorney in the mid-1960's. He worked in the **DA's** office, was in private practice with **H.D. Pate**, served as **District Judge** and as a member of the **Applet Court**. I'll never forget the sight of **Don** with a big, red beard and with a bigger, much bigger cowboy hat.**** Tuesday, Aug. 21, **Judge Carl and Michaela** celebrate 47 years of wedded bliss.******Kathy and Jim Edgerton** welcomed their grandson, **Fisher Seago**, on Aug. 8. The proud parents are **Ashley and Jerrod Seago**. **Kathy and Jerrod** are both employed by the **Orange County Sheriff's office**.****On Sunday in **Boston Harbor**, the **USS Constitution**, the **Navy's** oldest commissioned warship, held a commemorative of its victory over a **British warship** during the **War of 1812**. The old ship once came to **Orange** and many area citizens boarded her. One student who visited throughout the ship was grade school student **Pearl Myers Burgess**, who turns 92 in October.****Comedian **Phyllis Diller** dies at age 95. For 50 years she spread her brand of comedy, mostly making fun of herself. "I don't like to cook, I can make a TV dinner taste like radio," she said. "I put on a peek-a-boo blouse, and **Fang** (her husband) took a peek and booed." She died in her sleep at home on Monday, Aug. 20.

40 Years Ago-1977

Louis and Beth Dugas host monthly dinner club group. A special **Italian** concoction was served. The group then took in authentic **Mexican** food in **Port Arthur**, including **Mexican** beer with lime. ******Bill and Martha Hughes** have just returned from a two week vacation in **Kentucky Lake, Tenn**. They met up with the **Lee Nelsons** and **Walter Cobbs**, who came down from **Yankee** country.******Janet Fontenot** appointed to the **Planning and Zoning Commission**.******Bill Fort**, manager of **KOGT**, moves family, his wife and three boys, 15 year-old twins and a 16-year-old, from **Oklahoma**. According to the boys it's like arriving in **Paradise** with all the water skiing, boating, fishing and crabbing.******State Rep. Wayne Peveto** listed as one of the 10 most effective legislators by the **Standard Times**. He previously was named **Best by Texas Monthly**.****The dedication of three parks takes place Aug. 23 and 24. **Lake Livingston State Recreation**, **Martin Dies State Park** and **Sea Rim State Park**.******Mrs. J.W. 'Shorty' Taylor** has put the **Bottle House Liquor Store**, 1409 Second St., up for sale. The business was established by **Clay Dunn**. ****The mouth of **KLVI**, writer, teller of tales and admirer of beautiful women, **Bill Clark**, adds another notch on his birthday stick on Aug. 22.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

The biggest charity gala of the summer was also the most colorful. Party-goers brought out their brightest glitter and biggest curls for the **Team Dallas Disco Down** for **ALS**. **Team Dallas** is named for **Tony Dallas**, who was diagnosed with the disease three years ago. He is a **West Orange-Stark** grad who married his childhood sweetheart and became a respected businessman, youth coach, and **Lions Club** volunteer. He's also the dad to a well-known daughter and a couple of ball-playing sons. The non-profit group **Team Dallas** has been holding community events to raise money to help research ways to fight **ALS**. Looks like the Saturday night event raised more than **\$50,000**. Daughter **Leigh Anne** is a professional events planner who works for the **City of Orange** planning city-wide activities and serving as the city's assistant economic developer director. She planned and coordinated the **Disco Down** gala. **Tony** greeted people in a satin suit of turquoise, lavender, and gold lame'. **Sir Elton of the Seventies** would be envious. Others in the crowd included **Cody Carr**, who was wearing the most gold lame' of the evening. Companion **Sydney Brittain** rocked out in miniskirt and high boots. Her mom and dad, **Angie and Kevin Williams** were there, of course. More than a couple of men were unidentifiable in big curled hair and "porn star" mustaches. Were they wearing wigs or did they go to the salon for a perm? The event sold out and it's impossible to name everyone. It's a safe bet to say **Adam Conrad** and **Jody Chesson** were there, as were **Denisha and Matthew LaFleur**. **County Judge John Gothia** with spouse **Glynis** was celebrating his boyhood again. **Maureen McAllister**, **Cara** and **Joe Love**, **Jami** and **Stephen Lee** were along to enjoy the fun.******Emily Mellon** was feted with a baby shower on Saturday. Of course her mother, **Thereze McKee**, and mother-in-law, **Chrisleigh Dal Sasso** attended. Some other mother and daughter pairs included **Katherine May** with mom **Leslie Williams**, and **Sarah Sanchez** with mom **Nancy Byers**. **Emily** is a proud **Texas-Ex** and other local big **Exes** were **Michelle Belcher** and **Susan Swan**.******Pat Caillavet** celebrated a birthday with a huge surprise from her family. She and husband **Phillip** were traveling to **Broken Arrow**, supposedly to check out **RV** parks. However, **Phillip** drove up to a fancy cabin. The occupants made the biggest surprise. Sons **Adam** and **Phillip** were there with their wives and children. **Mimi** got to have fun with everyone. **Liz McKee** went

another orbit around the sun without running into too many spiders. **Zach Krummel** is now in his last teen year as his mom wonders how the time has gone by. **Alan Mescher** was celebrating this past week. **Phyllis Hennigan** also was blowing out candles.**** **Cara and Ronnie Naizer** had a landmark anniversary with **Number 30**. And yes, **Cara** wore a wedding gown with the stylish puffed sleeves. **Felica and Thomas Conway** toasted their fourth year. They probably had fresh juices or smoothies in the champagne flutes. **Felica's** business, **Csix19**, is a wildly successful startup specializing in healthy foods and beverages.******Legendary** singer-piano player **Marcia Ball** has another honor coming her way. She is getting the **2023 Darrell K. Royal Texas Music Legend Award**. **Ball** was born in the old **City Hospital** in **Orange**, which is now the site of the **Shangri-La parking lot**. Though she grew up across the river in **Vinton**, **Orange County** claims her as a native. She has spent her adult life in **Austin** as a staple in the **Texas** music scene.******The Record Newspapers** got fooled by those **Williams** boys, **Earl and Kevin**, last week. **The Record** identified **Earl Williams** as helping present **Orange County** with a check from the **Sabine River Authority**. **Earl** was an **SRA** board member for many years. However, **Earl** retired from the board and **Governor Greg Abbott** appointed his son, **Kevin**, to the **SRA** board. It was **Kevin**, not **Earl**, in the photograph. **Kevin** is the spittin' image of his daddy at that age.******Congratulations to Bobby Caswell** is scheduled to win two of the top **Cajun** music awards this weekend at the **Cajun Music Festival** awards celebration. He played rhythm guitar and sang with **Joe Bonsall** for over 20 years along with several other local bands.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Friends we know having birthdays in the next few days. **Aug. 17:** Celebrating today are **Carrie Poole**, **Jon Oliphint**, **Brenda Gage**, **Jordan New**, **Nancy Finchum** and **Shandi Conner**.******Aug. 18:** **Kim Dillow**, **Carolyn Wand**, **Ian MacCammond** celebrate. **Aug. 19:** **Phyllis Neil**, **Maggie Joubert**, **Linda Tibbitts**, **Tammy Davis**, **Nancy Weidner**, **Braydon Denison**, **Brett Heil** and **Brett Johansson** are a year older.******Aug. 20:** **Kayla Fondren**, **Glee Lobb**, **Coleen James**, **Jamie Dugas**, **Kelsie Matlock**, **Melinda Ja'arah** and **Marilyn Guerrero**. **Aug. 21:** **Chasing Hebert**, **Kimberly Hubbard**, **Alexandra Wild**, and **Mike Johnson** celebrate. Today is also the 57th wedding anniversary of **Michaela** and **Carl Thibodeaux**. We wish you many more healthy, happy years together.******Aug. 22:** Happy Birthday wishes to our friends **Karen Fisher**, **Mari Elen Jacobs**, **Johnny Montagne**, **Kristina Ivins**, **Betty Diabo**, **Dr. Stephanie Cunningham**, **Brian Sheppard** and **Jason Delano**.******Aug. 23:** Celebrating today are **Michele George**, **Kebble Free**, **John David Wallis**, **Ryan Moreau**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Clovis Fontenot woke up one morning last week after he crashed a party not feeling so good, him. **Clovis** somehow managed to get up and get himself dressed.

Dats wen he discovered his wallet, with all his pay check money in it was missing. **Boy**, he was worry him, so he had to tell his wife, **Agnes**, dat he tinks he left his wallet behind at da party. **One ting** though, he can't remember where da party was held. He didn't know da people, and he was too drunk.

All **Clovis** remember is dat da house must have been one of dem rich people houses because dey had a gold plated toilet. **Agnes** offers to drive him around in hopes he might recognize da house. **Agnes** drove up and down all over.

Finally **Clovis** points to a very grand house wat is owned by **Lester Winford**, da rich trucking company owner. **Clovis** and his wife, **Agnes**, ring da door bell. A well-todo lady answers da door.

Clovis ax if a party was held at dat house last night. His wife, **Agnes**, explain da lost wallet situation and says the only ting her husband can remember is dat da house had a gold plated toilet. **Wen** da lady of da house hear dat, she turns around and shouts up da marble staircase, "Hey **Lester**, I tink I found da guy wat crapped in your trombone.

C'EST TOUT IT HURTS TO LOSE THE OLD CHIEF

The death of **Wilson Roberts**, age 84, who passed away August 11, is a hard one for me. Our friendship went back over 50 years. **Wilson** spent a lifetime in law enforcement. When **Bridge City** incorporated, a marshal was named until they could hire a chief of police. **Wilson** became the first chief. He became a great friend and one-time neighbor in a lively and friendly neighborhood. **Wilson** always had some good stories. At one time, he served as a state fire marshal stationed around the state. One place was **Wink, Texas**, **Roy Orbison's** hometown. An interesting story, which could be the subject of a book was **Wilson's** friendship with **Texas Ranger Winston Paggett**. Once **Paggett** killed a hostage taker at the **Huntsville penitentiary** with a gun borrowed from his friend **Wilson Roberts**. Another time **Ranger Paggett** and **Wilson** borrowed a houseboat from **Roy Dunn** to work a stakeout in a big drug deal. **Roy** said after a week, he figured he's fine empty beer cans everywhere but instead he found empty donut boxes. **Paggett** went on to become the governor's body guard. He and **Wilson** stayed close. He had made some great friends along the way. None better than his old boss **Sharon Bearden**, who was district attorney many years ago and **Wilson** was his chief investigator. **Wilson** was fortunate to have his wife **V.J.** look after him for the last 37 years. **Wilson's** death came as a shock to everyone. To his wife **Veronica**, family and friends, our sincere condolences. We will miss this great friend. May he rest in peace. Please see obituary. ****Well, I've got to go now. **Take care and God bless.**

Deaths & Memorials

Wilson Roberts, 84, Bridge City

Wilson Roberts, 84, of Orange, passed away on August 11, 2022, at St. Elizabeth hospital in Beaumont.

Wilson was born in Beaumont, Texas, on November 7, 1937, he was the son of William and Madeline Roberts.

He was a wise man dedicated to his family and community. Wilson started a long and fulfilling career as a Sheriff's Office Deputy in Jefferson County before he instilled the Bridge City Police Department and becoming the town's first police chief.

He grew the department over the years, always more concerned with the safety and care of his community than being feared. Wilson laid the foundation for the small home town feeling of Bridge City, by the end of his career he had worked as an investigator at the Orange County District Attorney's Office, an area arson investigator, at the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and police chief of Kountze. He often found time to go hunting and fishing, and enjoyed the outdoors as much as he could. Wilson had an understanding of life that's not too common and was very knowledgeable in a variety of dif-



Wilson Roberts

ferent things. He enjoyed watching the news every day and keeping up with all that was happening around the world. Wilson will be remembered for many things for years to come, if nothing else than riding around town in his fuchsia truck. He was an incredible man who did many phenomenal things in his life. Wilson was loved dearly by all and will truly be missed for

years to come.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Madeline Roberts; and daughter, Kathy Ann Viator.

He is survived by loving wife, Veronica Roberts; daughters, Keshia Renee LeBouef and husband, Blake of Liberty Hill, Stephanie Alice Clark, Samantha Anne Turner both of Kingwood; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Madeline Seeberger; and furbaby, Shiloh Willie Roberts.

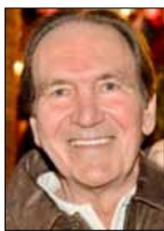
Steve Worster, 73, Bridge City

Steve Worster, 73, of Bridge City, passed away on August 13, 2022, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Darrell Segura.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Steve was born in Rawlins, Wyoming, on July 8, 1949, he was the son of R.B. "Foots" and Louise Worster. Steve had a way about him that was unlike anyone else. He attended and graduated from Bridge City High School where he excelled in sports. Steve continued to amaze everyone with his athletic abilities in his college career at the University of Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas and went on to build a successful career in industrial sales. His talents in football were only a small portion of his successes, Steve felt his greatest accomplishments in life were his two children. There wasn't anything that could come between Steve and his family, he truly loved them and the time they spent together. Every day he'd make time to go sit with his parents and drink a cup of coffee, and both Scott and Erin can agree that he was the best daddy in every way.



Steve Worster

Steve was a straight shooter as much as he was a hard worker, he was never one to wait around or find an excuse that just wasn't him. He was a direct target for any animal or baby in his vicinity, and of course he ate it up. Steve's favorite hobby was having a good time and he was known to throw on some music and dance. He often enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, his favorite vacation spot, but it could never beat his home on the bayou. Steve was also an incredible cook and photographer amongst his many talents and hobbies.

Anyone you ask will tell you the same, he's easy to love and just all around a great man. Steve loved his family with his whole heart and will forever be loved and cherished by his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, R.B. and Louise Worster; and brother, Gary Worster.

He is survived by his children, Scott Worster and wife, Jacque, Erin Worster-Stephens and husband, Keith both of Orange; four grandchildren, Evan and Morgan Worster, Noah and Lukas Stephens; extended family, Knox McCorquodale, Clark Farnsworth and wife, Myra and family, Rodney Skrnich and wife, Erin and family; as well as numerous friends, family and teammates.

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

Uvalde school officials to discuss firing Pete Arredondo

BRIAN LOPEZ
The Texas Tribune

Uvalde school officials could fire Pete Arredondo, the school district's police chief, on Aug. 24, three months after he was one of the first law enforcement officers to arrive at Robb Elementary, where a gunman killed two teachers and 19 children.

School officials on Tuesday set a date for a meeting to decide Arredondo's future with the district. On Monday, school board members agreed to hire outside attorneys to assist them ahead of the hearing.

Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District trustees have faced intense pressure to fire Arredondo, whom many state leaders have publicly blamed for the delayed response to the shooter. Hundreds of local, state and federal law enforcement officers waited more than an hour to confront the gunman after he entered the school and perpetrated the deadliest school shooting in Texas history.

A Texas House committee report released in July said the responding officers lacked clear leadership, basic communications and sufficient urgency to more quickly confront the gunman, who was shot and killed after a U.S. Border Patrol tactical team entered the classroom where most of the victims were shot.

Arredondo was listed in the district's active-shooter plan as the commanding officer, but the consensus of those interviewed by the House committee was that Arredondo did not assume that role and no one else took over for him, which resulted in a chaotic law enforcement response.

In an interview with The Texas Tribune, Arredondo — who was put on leave on June 22 — said he did not think he was the incident commander on the scene.

Arredondo testified to the House committee that he believed the shooter was a "barricaded subject" instead of an "active

shooter" after seeing an empty classroom next to the one where the shooter was hiding.

"With the benefit of hindsight, we now know this was a terrible, tragic mistake," the House report stated.

Training for active-shooter scenarios directs law enforcement responders to prioritize the lives of innocent victims over those of officers.



Uvalde schools police Chief Pete Arredondo, who has faced intense criticism of his response to the May 24 mass shooting at a Uvalde elementary school, will learn on Aug. 24 whether the district will fire him.

PHOTO: Evan L'Roy for The Texas Tribune

The report criticized Arredondo's focus on trying to find a key to open the door to the room the shooter was in, which "consumed his attention and wasted precious time, delaying the breach of the classrooms." The report said the classroom door didn't lock properly and likely wasn't locked as police waited to confront the shooter.

In addition to serving as the school district's police chief, Arredondo was elected to the Uvalde City Council a few weeks before the shooting but wasn't sworn in until after the massacre.

Holiday in the Park 2022 booth reservations

Booth registrations are now being accepted for the City of West Orange's 2022 "Holiday in the Park" festival. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 in the park next door to West Orange City Hall (2700 Western Avenue; West Orange, Texas). For further information, or to reserve a booth space, contact West Orange City Hall at 409-883-3468.

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six feet tall and weighed a little more than 200 pounds. "That was really big in those days," Segura said.

Not only was he big and muscular, he had good looks with dark hair. His hair was longer than the crew cuts or burr styles most football players wore in those days. The cut resembled an early Beatle style. The group was a sensation in early 1964. By the fall of that year, Worster was playing Cardinal football great enough to earn all-state honors his sophomore year.

In 1965, the Cardinals went all the way to the state championship only to lose in a heart-breaker. The next year, 1966, the Cardinals won it all. They became the second Orange County football team to win a state championship. The first was the old Wallace High Dragons in Orange, which were coached by Willie Ray Smith during the days of segregated schools.

Worster earned all-state honors his junior and senior years, too, making him a rare three-time Texas all-state running back. His statistics on yardage made him the dream of every major college coach in the country.

At that time, college recruiting was only for high school seniors and the NCAA had a limited time span for coaches to coax a player and his family to choose a school. News stories reported private planes flying coaches so they could visit the Wor-

sters.

Despite the fame Worster had at a young age, Segura said "Steve was the most humble member of the (Cardinal) team. I've never met anyone more humble."

Segura recalls a story from Worster about learning a lesson. Worster was sitting on a couch at home one evening reading the paper, "probably the Orange Leader," Segura said. Worster's father came home and asked what he was doing. "Reading about myself," Worster replied. His father reached over, grabbed the paper, wadded it up, and threw it in the trash. "Don't listen to that mess. It will give you the big head," his father told him.

The University of Texas coach, fabled Darrell Royal, won the recruiting battle for Worster in 1967. The Associated Press sent the photograph across the country. Network news reported Worster becoming a Longhorn.

When he went to the University of Texas in the fall of 1967, Worster played on the freshman football team because NCAA rules at the time did not allow freshmen to play with the varsity.

Royal had been planning for the 1968 team after years of using his country charm to recruit outstanding high school players. He created something new for his sophomore star fullback from Bridge City, a new backfield formation designed to highlight Worster's running

abilities.

Radio announcers were perplexed when the Longhorns came out in the new configuration. It took a couple of games and a quarterback change, but what became known as the "wishbone-T" became a classic football strategy.

Fans called him "The Big Woo" and would yell "Woo Woo" at games.

Worster and his Longhorn teammates rolled up the wins for the next couple of years. They had a 30-2-1 record, won three Southwest Conference titles, and two national championships. Worster was named All-American twice. By his senior year, he was the "cover boy" of countless sports magazines. He was fourth in voting for the Heisman Trophy in 1970. Three quarterbacks came before him with Jim Plunkett winning the trophy. Next came Joe Theisman and Archie Manning.

The Los Angeles Rams drafted Worster in the fourth round in 1971, but he never reached a contract agreement with them. Football fans today might find it hard to realize that most players in the 1960s and 1970s did not earn salaries to make them rich like today's players. Worster went to Canada and played a year.

Segura said his friend was then offered a tryout with the St. Louis Cardinals and went to a training camp for them. After two weeks, he decided to retire.

"Darrell, I'm just burned



In June 2011 Steve Worster was named as an honorary guest for the 2nd Annual Southeast Texas Coaches All-Star Game held at Lamar University in Beaumont. Worster is seen here on the sideline with two close friends and former Bridge City classmates Mary Alice Cole Hartsfield and Darrell Segura. RECORD PHOTO: Mark Dunn

out," Worster told him. "I've been playing since I was a kid."

Segura said Worster was a manager of a business in San Antonio and eventually moved back to Bridge City. For a number of years he successfully worked in industrial sales. "Can you imagine someone coming into your office and saying 'Steve Worster would like to see you?'" Segura said.

Worster had two children, and though he and his wife divorced, she and the kids have lived in Orange County. Segura said his friend stayed close to his children, Erinn and Scott, and later, his grandchildren.

People in Bridge City still talk about how a half century after Worster played ball, they get comments "Isn't that where Steve Worster is from?"

when they tell people there hometown. Segura said he has heard it many times.

He said he and Worster became closer in their later years, especially after Worster began having some health problems. Some of those problems could have been brought on by the heavy hitting in football. In high school, Worster played offense and defense. They were taught to tackle by running their helmeted heads into an opponents chest. Segura said those kind of blows can bounce the head. Worster took the blows on offense and delivered them on defense.

Bridge City incorporated as a city when Worster was in college. On the city's 50th anniversary, the Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen

of the Year for bringing attention to the town. He also has numerous other honors including being inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, the Texas High School Hall of Fame, University of Texas Hall of Honor, and the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

The football legend lived most of his life quietly, away from the clamor of his early fame, leaving behind the game.

"I heard stories about him going to parties where people were watching football," Segura said. "He would go out on the patio, away from the game."

Segura will give the eulogy at Worster's funeral, which will be held Saturday at Claybar Funeral Home on Fifth Street in Orange. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with services beginning at 2.

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Clock ticks down as kick-off for season nears

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DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Kick-off for the 2022 high school football season is just over a week away as our Orange County squads finish up scrimmages this week.

With more scrimmages planned for this week here's how our four local teams are faring leading up to their respective season openers.



Dan Perrine



Bridge City Cardinal Gavin Bodin

two key injuries, but Jerris is back and JS will be getting back shortly. Wide receiver Noah Broussard



Bridge City Cardinal Mason Pruitt

hurt his knee early in camp and we're waiting on word on his MRI results this week. He's one of our



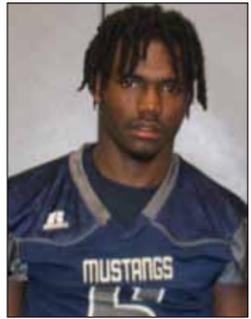
Orangefield Bobcat Mason Manning

senior leaders on the offensive side of the ball," McGuire summarized. Bridge City will travel to



LCM Battlin' Bear Jacob Pollock

Woodville for its second scrimmage. The goal as always is for the Cardinals to be the most physical,



West Orange-Stark Mustang Jaielen Brown

most well-conditioned team on the field every

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BC Cardinals have final scrimmage at Woodville

The Bridge City Cardinals have a final scrimmage in preparation for the start of the new football season. The Cardinals will scrimmage the Woodville Eagles this week.

Bridge City had its first scrimmage last week against the Vidor Pirates. This scrimmage was actually a mock four quarter simulated game.

Coach Cody McGuire was pleased overall with the job done by the Cardinals in the scrimmage. There were 75 plays on defense so it gave Bridge City a good work out against the very physical Pirates.

The Cardinals and the Pirates played hard in the scrimmage between the two Orange county schools. "The kids played well, we matched their physicality, our kids got after it, and I think the score was four to one. It was good for our kids to get out there and compete. After you have your intrasquad scrimmage then you want to hit somebody else and everybody was looking forward to hitting somebody else," McGuire recapped.

A leader on defense for Bridge City is Mason Pruitt at linebacker, and he had a great scrimmage. In the defensive line CJ Caine played well.

Vidor did not throw the ball often, but the Cardinal secondary had the Pirate's receivers covered during the pass plays that were called. Rayburn Herbert at defensive back made some strong tackles, and Jerry Winfrey also stood out in the secondary.

The Cardinals got a touchdown from Gavin Bodin. The offensive line for Bridge City also performed well.

Sophomore quarterback Hutch Bearden played consistently in the scrimmage for the Cardinals. McGuire reported, "Hutch Bearden our young quarterback is getting better and better every day so we're excited about the future."

There was concern during the scrimmage when wide receiver Jerris Brown for the Cardinals hurt his wrist. X-rays showed the wrist was not broken, and Jerris should be fine for the next scrimmage.

Another expected leader on defense is JS Bearden who has been out since May with an aggravated hamstring he suffered playing baseball. JS is trying to let that hamstring heal so he can get back to starting for the Bridge City defense.

Altogether there have been three Cardinals with injuries in the first two weeks of workouts and scrimmages. "Those are

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Orange County football teams near openers From Page 1B

team on the field every Thursday or Friday night when they have a game.

McGuire is hopeful the Cardinals will play hard again this week. McGuire stated, "Our kids need to take care of their business and get after people, and if we do that we'll have a lot of success."

The Cardinals will have to deal with a different offensive philosophy this week than last when Vidor predominantly ran the football from Slot-T. "The Eagles are a Spread team, they're a lot of 20 personnel with two backs and then try to run the ball or then spread it out and throw it. It's crazy you go from Slot-T where they throw maybe four times the whole game to the Spread where they're going to be fifty percent run and fifty percent pass. It's going to be just like that when we play Orangefield in Week 1 because they run the Slot-T and in Week 2 we're playing Buna who runs the Spread, so it's good for us. It'll be a good change of pace for us," McGuire evaluated.

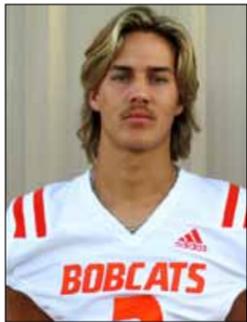
This is the final week before Bridge City will be gearing preparations for the season opener specifically against Orangefield. McGuire wants the Cardinals to continue to be mentally and physically tough.

The coach believes mental toughness is an area the players need to work on this week. McGuire elaborated, "I think we need to work on our mental toughness as far as the players knowing their assignments and being locked in the whole game. In the scrimmage against Vidor I thought we played really great the first half and then we kind of let down the second half. The kids still played great, but it's an area I think we can focus on and get better at. It's a forty-eight minute game, not twen-

ty-four," McGuire concluded.

The Bridge City Cardinals travel to Woodville for its final scrimmage on Thursday night. The regular season opens with the Bayou Bowl on Friday, August 26, between the Cardinals and the Bobcats at F. L. McClain Stadium in Orangefield.

Orangefield Bobcats prepare for start of season



Orangefield Bobcat Case Singleton

The regular season for high school football begins in another week. The Orangefield Bobcats have their final tune up with their second scrimmage to be played on Thursday.

In their first scrimmage last week Orangefield played the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears a team which is two classifications higher than the Bobcats. Coach Josh Smalley of Orangefield said it was a good controlled scrimmage for his Bobcats.

Overall, Smalley thought the Bobcats performed well with some areas that he and the coaches will need to address. "It was good for us to go against the Bears' speed and size. I was proud of our kids' effort, we played hard, we played competitive, we played tough, just some mistakes from guys up front that have not had a lot of reps, honestly, so it was good for them to get in there and get some varsity quality reps," Smalley

analyzed.

Practices with just the Bobcats do not help them simulate the speed of teams like LCM. Smalley added, "Our guys learned that game speed is a little different than practice speed. We did not turn the ball over at all, and we did collect a takeaway. We did have some pre-snap penalties that we've got to fix. It was good for those young Bobcats to get some work and to face a quality team like the Bears, and that will only help us."

All-district running back Cameron Dischler for the Bobcats only carried the ball about three or four times but still rushed for between 90 to 100 yards. Dischler broke a long run of about 60 yards for a touchdown.

The fullback Case Singleton ran the ball well as did tailback Gavin Perry-Koci. End Morgan Sampson caught three passes from quarterback Brayden Parker. "Our skill guys really had a pretty good scrimmage," Smalley summarized.

On defense Dischler played at strong safety and came downhill to make some good tackles. Linebackers Kyle Michael, Lane Gipson, and Beau Elkins all played well. Michael had a fumble recovery for the only turnover in the scrimmage.

Defensive ends Sampson and Koen Maddox were tough to block. Smalley praised, "When they're fresh Sampson and Maddox are something to be reckoned with out there."

A freshman Mason Manning stood out in the scrimmage at cornerback. "I was impressed with the way he played defensively, and he ran the ball hard a couple of times so that was a positive," Smalley pointed out.

One of the positive aspects of the scrimmage is there were no serious in-

juries for the Bobcats. Through the first two weeks of practice Orangefield has avoided any serious injuries. Coach Smalley expressed, "We're fortunate and we're blessed that we're not dealing with any injuries just a lot of soreness coming off that scrimmage. It's the first time we've really gotten after it in full effort with us hitting them hard and them hitting us hard. We've been lucky so far to avoid injuries."

The second scrimmage for Orangefield will be against another very tough opponent in the Silsbee Tigers. Silsbee is a classification higher than the Bobcats. The Tigers are picked in the top ten in the state and second in their district which includes West Orange-Stark and Jasper.

One of the leaders for Silsbee is the highly recruited Dre'lon Miller who plays wide receiver and defensive back. Miller had over a thousand receiving yards with 16 touchdowns last year.

Miller is joined by seven other returning starters for the Tigers on both sides of the football. "I really feel like scheduling these scrimmages we're trying to set ourselves up for our district. We'll see good quality opponents and good speed that's going to get us ready for East Chambers, get us ready for Anahuac, and get us ready for Buna," Smalley admitted.

Winning is not necessarily the primary goal in this preseason scrimmage. Smalley explained, "If we can go in against the Tigers and hold our own just be competitive and play tough and physical, and cut down the mistakes then I'll feel good coming out of the scrimmage."

Allowing the younger Bobcats to have playing time and experience repetitions in game-like con-

ditions is the emphasis in the scrimmage for Coach Smalley. There are still some holes to fill before the season officially starts the last weekend of August.

An important hole to plug is at noseguard. Three or four Bobcats are battling for that position, and Smalley is hopeful to solidify the choice of who will take on the role of the noseguard on defense.

Without a doubt the biggest question mark are the starting five in the offensive line for Orangefield. Smalley repeated, "Tackle to tackle we have to improve and get better. It wasn't that they didn't give effort in the LCM scrimmage it's just they have not had the reps. It's a trial by fire thing, so getting those guys more reps will be good for us."

Fundamentals of eliminating penalties and not committing turnovers will be stressed in the scrimmage as well. "We need to focus on hanging on to the ball, cutting down pre-snap penalties is good, just getting after it, and tackling better and getting off blocks better on the corners in order to come downhill to make plays," Smalley concluded.

The scrimmage between Orangefield and Silsbee is scheduled for Thursday night at F. L. McClain Stadium in Orangefield. The kickoff should be at 6:30 PM.

WOS Mustangs scrimmage Vidor as final preparation

Another season for the winningest high school football team in Texas is a little more than a week away. Final preparations by the West Orange-Stark Mustangs for the new season will continue this week to be ready for the season opener on August 26.

Coach Hiawatha Hickman was pleased with the

hustle and the running to the ball by the Mustangs in their scrimmage last week against the Woodville Eagles. The game plan was very simple for West Orange-Stark, very vanilla in the words of Hickman.

The Mustangs played base defense which was sufficient as they held Woodville without a touchdown during the scrimmage. "It was a good first scrimmage. It's our evaluation period and it gave us an opportunity to see some guys in action. Some of them we were happy with, and some of them we weren't so happy with. The scrimmage gave us some film to look at to make corrections and show the kids what they're doing wrong in order to improve," Hickman explained.

As was expected running back Jamaal Shaw carried the football and picked up good yardage. That included a touchdown run of around 70 yards for Shaw.

Both quarterbacks working to get the starting assignment in leading the Mustangs offense played well. Hickman evaluated, "I thought Marcus Turner and Keyshawn Robinson both did some really good things."

On the defensive side of the ball returning starter Jalen Gilmore had a great game at linebacker. DJ Warren at the other linebacker had a good day as well.

Jailen Brown played at safety for the first time in a game condition and did some very good things at his new position. "Our offensive coaches are not real happy because Jailen will probably play a lot more at safety than on offense after the way he played the other day," Hickman advised.

No serious injuries were suffered during the scrimmage. Running back Raymond Mallett sat out the scrimmage after sprain-



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KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

This is the time of the year that I dislike the most. First of all, the middle of August has always been referred to as "The Dog Days of Summer."



Joe Kazmar

But more importantly, this is the time that the National Football League stages its exhibition football season. Fans fill the stadiums eager to see a football game, even if it's not what you paid a premium price to see. Many exhibition game tickets are included in the season ticket packet.

I used to use these preseason games to formulate my annual selection of the division winners, but they are far from a reliable source now that the impact players are receiving such obscene salaries.

Those high-dollar stars are not much more than fans watching their team's front office decide which marginal players are NFL material and which were just good college players not ready for the next level of the game.

Let's look at our state's two NFL franchises, the Houston Texans and the Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys are picked by most Preseason Prognosticators to be the best team in the NFC East Division while Houston will be in another battle with Jacksonville for last place in the AFC South Division.

If you look at the standings after the first week of the exhibition season you would find the Texans in first place after their "exciting" 17-13 come-from-behind victory over the New Orleans Saints and the Cowboys tied for last place with their lackluster 17-7 loss to the Denver Broncos.

But in reality, Houston's starting quarterback Davis Mills played only in the Texans' first two series, completing all three of his passes for a meager 14 yards.

The Cowboys' quarterback Dak Prescott didn't even touch the gridiron Saturday as the coaches watched the other quarterbacks vying for the back-up spot. About the only consistency Dallas showed was the 17 penalties for 129 yards after leading the NFL in that category last season.

What most NFL fans—especially those in Houston—wanted to know was how did their former star quarterback—who refused to play another down there—Deshaun Watson did in his debut with the Cleveland Browns last Friday night.

The Browns won 24-13 over Jacksonville, but Watson had absolutely nothing to do with the victory as he played only three series and completed one of five passes for seven yards. The Cleveland newspapers described Watson's performance as "underwhelming".

Watson can practice with the team and even play in preseason games, but he will not be able to play in at least the first six games for Cleveland because of his suspension for conduct detrimental to the NFL rules.

Last week a person familiar with Watson's defense told the Associated Press that the quarterback would accept an eight-game suspension and a \$5 million fine, but the NFL said "negatory" and said they want him suspended for the entire season and

pay a much larger fine and also require him to undergo evaluation and treatment as required by medical experts before he could be reinstated.

Watson's case now rests with Peter C. Harvey, a former New Jersey Attorney General appointed last week by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to handle the league's appeal. Harvey's decision "will be binding," per the collective bargaining agreement, the AP added.

Yesterday at 3 p.m. was the first cutdown for all teams, getting their roster down to 80 players. Of course, many of those that got cut will be picked up by another team later this week after they cut another player to make room for the new face.

KWICKIES...I was saddened to hear about the passing of local high school and Texas Longhorn football legend Steve Worster last weekend. He was a "real man" playing against boys in high school and even college. I remember back in 1966 when I had been a local sportswriter for about three months and I told Head Coach Chief Wilson about his power sweep that if Worster stopped and threw a pass downfield it should be wide open. He told me, "You stick to writing sports and I'll decide what plays to run." The bottom line was that in the first round of the playoffs where Bridge City was the underdog, Worster stopped his run on the power sweep and heaved the football downfield that was caught for a touchdown and led to a

huge first-round win for the Cardinals en route to the State Championship. The next time I saw Chief Wilson he just winked at me.

The Houston Astros lost a star player when outfielder Michael Brantley underwent surgery on his ailing shoulder and is out for the year, but gained a star pitcher in Lance McCullers, Jr. who has been on the injured list all season and pitched six scoreless innings Saturday as the Astros blanked Oakland 6-0 and went on to sweep the A's with a 6-3 victory Sunday for their fourth-straight win. The team headed to the Windy City Monday for a four-game series against the Chicago White Sox. They move on to Atlanta for a three-game weekend series beginning Friday.

A couple of starting NFL quarterbacks are already on the injured list as New York Jets Zach Wilson had arthroscopic surgery on his knee yesterday and will miss at least four weeks and Cincinnati's Joe Burrow has been recovering from an appendectomy but should be ready for the first game Sept. 11.

Ageless Albert Pujols slammed two home runs and drove in four Sunday as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-3. It was his 63rd career multiple-homer game, tying him for fifth place in major league history.

Drew Rasmussen took a perfect game into the ninth inning before giving up a double on the first pitch and then losing his shutout on a wild pitch as the Tam-

pa Bay Rays defeated Baltimore 4-1 Sunday to expand their lead over the Orioles to 1½ games for the final wild card spot in the American League.

The Pittsburgh Steelers are depending on their 2022 No. 1 draft pick Kenny Pickett to successfully replace Ben Roethlisberger as their starting quarterback this season. Pickett played his college football at Pittsburgh.

JUST BETWEEN US... Pearland becomes the 15th Houston area team to make it to the Little League World Series and will open the extravaganza tomorrow at 6 p.m. against Hollidaysburg, Pa. It will be televised on ESPN2. Only two—the 1950 Houston LL and the 1966 Westbury LL—have ever won the world championship. I played shortstop for the Schenectady (N.Y.) LL team which won the 1954 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. Galveston had a team there that year but was eliminated by Illinois 6-5 in the first round, according to Sunday's Houston Chronicle. This World Series featured two of my teammates—outfielder Jimmy Barbieri and pitcher/third baseman Billy Connors—Lakeland Florida's Boog Powell (who we beat 14-0) and Colton California's Kenny Hubbs and Carl Taylor (who we beat in the finals 7-5) who were all future major leaguers. Barbieri was the first (and maybe the only) player in history to win both the Little League world championship and the World Series in 1965 with the LA Dodgers.



Winning at West Orange-Stark has become a football tradition for the Mustangs as seen at the entrance of their new locker room. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

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ing his ankle in an earlier practice. Tahj Amerson a backup linebacker was kept out of the scrimmage also with a banged up ankle. Hickman indicated, "As far as the scrimmage we came out pretty healthy, we didn't have any major injuries."

On Thursday West Orange-Stark will play its second and final scrimmage of the preseason against cross-county rival the Vidor Pirates. The Mustangs will face a completely different offense from the Spread used by Woodville in the first scrimmage to the Slot-T of Vidor.

Hickman learned from his predecessor Coach Cornel Thompson how to defend the Slot-T which the Pirates have run for years. "We've got a plan. I've been here for the last six to seven years so I kind of got a little bit of the recipe. It's going to look a lot like it did last year when we played them. We've got some stuff we like to throw at the Slot-T. Also, with our new even front we're going to try some stuff out. One of the things that we're fortunate for this year is nobody else on our schedule runs the Slot-T. That's for the first time for as far back as I can remember," Hickman replied.

Another aspect of a game with the Pirates is they are going to hit you. Hickman commented, "Vidor is going to hit you in the mouth, they're going to come right at you. They'll be a good test for our kids. I know Coach T used to like this week because it was a physical week. We're going to see who will take a punch and who will punch back because Vidor plays hard in a scrimmage. I don't know if it's just because they're playing the Mustangs, but we're going to try to match their intensity and be physical with them and try to get out injury free to get ready for the next one."

The scrimmage on Thursday between West Orange-Stark and Vidor will determine which Mustangs will trade their white head gear for silver helmets a tra-

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Dove season set to crank up and officially start the hunting season

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

The easy north wind has already begun to work magic on local hunters as they eagerly await the September 1 opener of dove season here in Texas. North Zone hunters will enjoy a few weeks of hunting before those of us south of IH-10 get into the mix of things. In years past the days leading up to the opener have been filled with some goofy weather that always seems to make an appearance before the season starts. For the past several seasons there have been some heavy rains wash out the dove opener and leave anxious hunters cursing the weatherman. The late August and early September time frame always lends itself to crazy weather thanks to tropical storms and an unstable Gulf of Mexico. Nothing ruins a hunt like weather coming through an area and pushing fields full of birds to other parts of the county or even state for that matter. As of this writing the Gulf of Mexico appears to be quiet and the weather pattern seems pretty solid so maybe we will get a break, but only time will tell.

If you plan to hit a dove field for opening day there are several things you need to be aware of and prepare for, some of these can be the difference between an enjoyable day afield or just plain misery. Probably the number one concern this time of year is heat, both for a hunter and their dog. A well stocked hunting bag or dove bucket will certainly include an ample supply of water. This is often the first journey outdoors for some hunters and they may not be in "hunting shape" so overheating is always a possibility. The same goes if you bring a dog, if they have not been working or training in the heat during the summer months they also may not be in the best shape so owners need to take precautions and be prepared.

Another big concern this time of the year is snakes; I personally am not a big fan so they usually meet a generous dose of



Chuck Uzzle

#8's if they invade my space. Paying attention to your surroundings is always smart and it just may

keep you from a close encounter with a venomous critter. Many hunters bring a first aid kit complete with snake bite supplies when they head into the field and that's a great precaution. Dove hunters who venture farther south in Texas have to deal with snakes more than we do, many a good dog and hunter have suffered from strikes while chasing white wings in that tough country. Local hunters have to keep an eye out for the water moccasins, especially those of us who frequent rice fields and other low lying areas that stay wet this time of year. Take an

extra second or two when you reach down to pick up a bird and check out the area before you put your hand in harms way.

There is one more variable hunters will have to deal with and it's probably the most annoying and that's insects. Everyone who has ever gone outside in east Texas knows that mosquitoes are just a part of life and hunters especially know how bad these pests can be. Mosquito proof clothing is now available from several manufacturers and it works well in some cases. Many hunters continue to sing the praises of the Thermacell, a small device powered by a butane cartridge that emits a small amount of repellent into the air around the user. I know several bow hunters who would rather go to the deer stand without arrows than leave their Thermacell behind. The device is small and well worth the money, I have used them during early teal season and they are life savers to say the least.

Hopefully the weather and birds will cooperate for the opener and we will have a good season. Just a few more days until it all starts, it can't get here fast enough.

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Brand new for this year, Texas residents can purchase a digital Super Combo license (Items 111, 117 and 990) that will authorize digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey and oversized red drum. The digital license option is available through online purchase only when licenses go on sale Aug. 15. A digital license holder will not receive a printed license or tags but must keep their digital license available while in the field. The license can be viewed through the TPWD Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt Harvest (MTHH) mobile apps.

TPWD encourages repeat license buyers to use the expedited checkout process, which speeds up re-purchasing the same license bought in recent years.

Customers can access their past and current licenses in several ways: (1) an electronic photo of your license, (2) an emailed receipt of your purchase; (3) your account in the online license sales system; (4) via License Lookup in the Outdoor Annual app or in the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the 2022-23 season are available online at outdoorannual.com, on the Outdoor Annual mobile app. The mobile app is free, and once downloaded, it works without internet connectivity which makes it easy for hunters and anglers to view regulations in even the most remote locations. Other features include license lookup, location-based functionality such as "Hunting Seasons and Regulations by Location," "Where to Fish," and more. Thanks

to partners at Chevrolet, a limited supply of printed booklets will be available at select TPWD offices. Hunters and anglers are encouraged to call their local offices to check availability.

The My Texas Hunt Harvest app enables electronic submission of mandatory harvest reports, including alligator harvest reporting, and new this year, supports digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey, and oversized red drum for certain license holders. The app also allows hunters to complete their on-site registration for many TPWD public hunting lands. Hunters can hunt on more than one million acres of public land with the purchase of an Annual Public Hunting Permit.

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Orange County football teams From Page 3B

ditional symbol for the players of making the variety. "Saturday and Sunday us as a coaching staff will do our final evaluations and then we'll have what we call a helmet party on Sunday when we hand out the silver helmets to the guys that have earned those silver helmets. There are still a lot of guys in white helmets that don't know which way it's going to go," Hickman concluded.

The Week 1 game for the West Orange-Stark Mustangs will be at Dan R. Hooks Stadium on Friday, August 26, against the Nederland Bulldogs. Supply shortages have meant the improvements to the stadium's press box will not be completed this season, however, a major improvement has been done to the Mustangs' locker room.

It was the vision of Coach Hickman for the locker room at West Orange-Stark to symbolize the winningest team in Texas high school football. The lockers have all been redone after the recommendation by West Orange-Cove School Superintendent Dr. Rickie Harris.

Hickman did some research to look at the lockers for the players. Each Mustang player has a 30-inch locker they can comfortably sit in, space to store all their equipment, and with a security box to store personal items.

Another goal for Hickman was to show respect for the history of Mustang football. Hickman described, "You can see that around here with the pictures of Coach Hooks and Coach Thompson. You can see the winning wall, all our kids that went off to play in college, and those that made it to the pros. I wanted it to be modern with televisions and all the technology, but yet pay homage to the past and I think that's what we did."

LCM Battlin' Bears eager for season to get underway

The high school football season is just two weeks away, and Little Cypress-Mauriceville is predicted to have a good year. The Bears are picked fifteenth in the state in Class 4-A, Division I and near the top of their district standings.

The Bears had a great scrimmage last week to prepare them for the upcoming regular season. LCM played the Orange-field Bobcats in a controlled scrimmage that was very physical.

Bears' Coach Eric Peevey thought his team played well in the scrimmage with Orangefield. "I thought our receivers caught the ball well even though we had a couple of drops that we need to work on. Running the ball we've got to get a little bit better at. The O-line did well, but they could've done better in my opinion," Peevey evaluated.

This was somewhat of a repeat of last year's scrimmage for the Bears with Orangefield. Peevey elaborated, "Last year we didn't run very well against Orangefield, and this year we ran better but we're still not where we need to get."

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville defense did very well according to Peevey. "I felt the defense did great for as young as we are on that side of the ball. Of course the defensive line stood out because that's most of our returners on

defense. I feel our secondary did really good checks and alignments with their Slot-T. There were some busts, but we ran to the ball pretty well, we tackled pretty well, and gave up one big play. Besides that the Bears hung in there and played against a really physical group at Orangefield so that was something positive for me to see," Peevey summarized. Several Bears had outstanding performances in the scrimmage including quarterback Dean Reynolds. He made some great reads and threw the ball very well in addition to breaking a long run for a touchdown. Peevey commented, "That's what we're looking for, him showing people that he can run which he can."

Tight end Jacob Pollock caught the ball on several of Reynolds' passes. Pollock blocked well joining the other members of the offensive line including center Brady Wright who played his first game at center moving there from right tackle. Wright had no bad snaps in the Spread formation which Peevey pointed out is a key to the Bears' offense.

Da'Marion Morris had limited carries in the scrimmage against Orangefield. "We kind of know what we're getting from him so we really worked with our younger guys," Peevey advised. Morris should see the ball more in the second scrimmage and obviously when the season begins in another week.

Defensive ends Amier Washington and Jarves Riley were menacing to the Orangefield running game. Luke McDow at middle linebacker played very well. Peevey indicated McDow had a couple missed tackles but he was around or near every tackle when he was in the contest. Peevey indicated, "That's what we're looking for in a Mike-linebacker." Willie-linebacker William Payne had some busted assignments but was always running to the ball which is the emphasis for Peevey and the coaches when evaluating the outside linebackers for Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

"Overall, I thought it was a pretty good effort," Peevey stated.

Some bad news of the scrimmage with Orangefield was an injury to a starter who plays on the offense and the defense. DJ Roberts the senior wide receiver and corner back hurt his knee.

The severity of the injury to Roberts was not known early this week, but DJ will miss the upcoming scrimmage and his status for the remainder of the season is somewhat up in the air until the full extent of the injury is known. Peevey replied, "That was kind of a knock for us losing a two-way starter, and he was one of the few receivers we had with experience coming back and the same thing at corner. We'll find out the status of his knee in the next couple of days."

A final test for Little Cypress-Mauriceville before the start of the regular season is a scrimmage at Port Neches-Groves this week. The Indians have a new coach who altered some of the traditional offensive and defensive sets that have been used in previous years at PNG.

This scrimmage will be the reverse of the first one with Orangefield where the Bears had the numbers in their favor. The Indians will have no two-way players on the field while the Bears will have some play-

ing both offense and defense in the scrimmage. Port Neches-Groves did not play a previous scrimmage so Coach Peevey has no film on the Indians and their new system. The coach knows from past history the Indians will be a big physical team.

It should be a good test for Little Cypress-Mauriceville to play a 5-A school like the Indians who are picked second in their district. "I'm excited about this scrimmage. I think Coach Joseph is going to have his kids ready to play. This is their only scrimmage so they're going to come out fired up and ready to go. We get to go play at the Indians' stadium which always has a big crowd. I'm excited about our kids opportunity this week to play a bigger school, a more physical type team, and we've got to get to that level. Everybody talks if you want to hang on the porch with the big dogs than you better be a dog yourself, and that's what I need this week, I need some dogs to show up and be ready to play a big physical team," Peevey concluded.

The scrimmage between Little Cypress-Mauriceville and Port Neches-Groves will be in Port Neches. It is scheduled to begin on Thursday night at seven.

Meanwhile, work is being done to get Battlin' Bear Stadium ready for football. The new digital scoreboard could be erected as early as this week or next. New fencing is also going up around the stands.

Peevey reported that all the rock is in for the base of the new artificial turf that is being installed. Asphalt should be laid shortly for the track that will surround the football field.

The updated Bears' football schedule shows that their home games for Week 1 between LCM and Hardin-Jefferson has been

moved to Memorial Stadium in Beaumont, and the Week 2 game with West Orange-Stark will be played at Bridge City. Two road games then follow that could set the stage for the first home game to be played on the new field.

Week 5 the Bears could play their first game on the new field. "What we're looking at schedule wise is our off week, September 23, or possibly our junior varsity could play on it the week of the Kinkaid game, September 16, and then

the next week we will play Legacy Sports Academy here for homecoming that will be September 30. Hopefully, we'll have a week to practice on it and then get to play on it the next week," Peevey predicted.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.562000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of ORANGE COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	0.562000
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	0.505152
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	0.598348

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for ORANGE COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that ORANGE COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that ORANGE COUNTY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2022 AT 1:00 PM AT 123 S 6th ST. Orange, TX 77630.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, ORANGE COUNTY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Orange County governing body at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax Rate) X (taxable value of your property) / 100

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by ORANGE COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by ORANGE COUNTY this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.542000	0.562000	Increase of 0.020000 or 3.69 %
Average homestead Taxable value	\$108,069	\$118,471	Increase of \$10,402 or 9.62%
Tax on average homestead	\$585.73	\$665.81	Increase of \$80.08 or 13.67%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$31,673,692	\$41,075,836	Increase of \$9,402,144 or 29.69%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor collector for ORANGE COUNTY at 409-882-7971 or, visit www.co.orange.tx.us for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRIDGE CITY ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 22, 2022 in the Bridge City ISD Administration Building, 1031 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.8656 /\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.192/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	7.20% increase
Debt Service	108.09% increase
Total expenditures	11.57% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,512,381,296	\$1,693,365,891
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$32,921,781	\$22,324,011
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,294,373,824	\$1,418,314,891
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$28,312,734	\$18,752,169

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$84,160,000

*Outstanding principal including bonds approved by voters May 2022.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.9219	\$0.092	\$1.0139	\$4248	\$5,049
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.86587	\$0.28444	\$1.15302	\$5,475	\$4,735
Proposed Rate	\$0.8656	\$0.192	\$1.0576	\$5,010	\$4,944

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
 The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$183,697.00	\$202,098.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$161,397.00	\$162,098.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.0139	\$1.0576
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,636.40	\$1,714.34
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$77.94

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.219266
 This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.219266

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$650,000

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of **GEORGIA ANN FLEMING**, Deceased, were issued on July 18, 2022, in Cause No. P19418, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Georgia Lucille Citrano**. 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: **Paul M. Fukuda**
Attorney At Law
312 Border Street
Orange, TX 77630

DATED the 9th day of August, 2022.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARTHA SHARON NEWCOMER**, Deceased, were issued on AUGUST 8, 2022, in Cause No. P19449, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Michael H. Lewis**.

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: **James R. Dunaway**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 100
Orange, TX 77631-0100

Dated the 8th day of August, 2022.

James R. Dunaway
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