

# Voter registration explained



UP photos by Maddie Sims  
Roxanne Acosta-Hellberg shows how a voting machine works in the Jefferson County Courthouse

## Dorm students may vote in Jefferson County

Maddie Sims  
UP editor

The election season is approaching, and with that come preparations for voting. There are many different ways to vote, including voting in person on Election Day, voting by mail ballot, and early voting. According to votetexas.gov, any registered voter is allowed to vote early by personal appearance, starting Oct. 21 through Nov. 1.

“The most important thing with early voting is to make sure people are registered to vote in the county,” Jefferson County Clerk, Roxanne Acosta-Hellberg said. “Anyone can vote in the county where they’re registered. If

people are not registered here, they still have the ability to vote, but on a federal position, not local.”

Students at Lamar University are allowed to register on campus. Any voters wanting to do so can update their voter registration card with the school’s address. The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 5 election is Oct. 7. On Election Day, the Montagne Center will be open for casting ballots.

Texas early voting requires individuals to present one of the following: a state drivers’ license, an Election Identification Certificate, a Personal Identification Certificate, a Texas

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UP photo by E.J. McMillen  
Freddie Titus, Vice President for Student Affairs, left, calls out to customers during the grand opening of Brooks-Shivers Dining Hall, Sept. 4. School administrators took a shift behind the counters during the event.

# Admins ‘serve’ students

## Dining Hall celebrates grand opening in style

E.J. McMillen  
UP contributor

Lamar Dining hosted the grand opening of the newly renovated Brooks-Shivers Dining Hall, Sept. 4. The event brought students, faculty and staff together for a day of food and activities.

LU President Jaime Taylor officially marked the completion of the summer-long renovation with the snip of the ribbon beginning the festivities.

President Taylor and first lady Stacey Taylor, along with members of the LU administration took shifts behind the serving stations. The Taylors served students fresh street tacos with a variety of toppings, while Chief Financial Officer Mark Robinson handled the custom



UP photo by E.J. McMillen  
LU President Jaime Taylor cut the ribbon to officially re-open the Brooks-Shivers Dining Hall.

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# Student Health Center relocates to Rec Center

Kami Greene  
UP contributor

The Lamar University Student Health Center has moved to the Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center.

Shawn Gray, associate vice president for student affairs and strategic initiatives, said with the SHC now in the Rec, its location is more accessible to students. She said that many students were unaware of the previous location or the medical or counseling services or health education that is available.

“But we feel like because we’re within Rec Sports, and most students on campus know about recreational sports, when they walk in and they see student health, it’s like, ‘Oh, that’s right, we do have this available to us,’” she said.

The SHC offers a variety of services and treatments including treating fevers, sleep issues, immunization, STI testing, and mental care for those experiencing anxiety or depression.

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UP photo by Kami Greene  
The Student Health Center is located in the front lobby of the Rec Center.

# University launches ‘See For Yourself’ campaign

Luis Lemmen  
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Lamar University launches ‘See For Yourself’ campaign

Luis Lemmen, UP contributor

Visitors to Lamar University this fall will notice a new look and a new slogan around campus.

“After our big centennial last year here at Lamar University, we now transitioned into our new branding campaign for the next five years — ‘See For Yourself,’” René Latiolais, director of LU marketing communications, said.

New signage, light pole

banners and large wall posters displaying “See For Yourself” are visible around campus. As part of an extended advertising campaign, Lamar University is spreading its message through billboards, TV, radio, and print ads throughout Southeast Texas, Latiolais said.

“What we heard from many people at Lamar is that it isn’t until you’re here that you really understand what Lamar University is and what it can provide,” she said. “‘See For Yourself’ is an invitation for everybody to find out for themselves.”

The campaign is designed to spark curiosity while also serv-

ing as a call to action, Latiolais said.

“The primary goal of a brand campaign is to recruit potential students,” she said. “And it’s also enhancing the experience of our students that are already here.”

Latiolais said the developing the new brand campaign, from conceptualization to its launch, was an extensive process.

“Back in fall 2023, we met with focus groups and asked them, ‘What is Lamar University for you?’” Latiolais said.

The focus groups consisted of

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UP photo by Luis Lemmen  
Students sit in front of a banner featuring Lamar University’s new slogan, “See For Yourself,” in the Reaud Honors Building.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The oak fought the wind and was broken, the willow bent when it must and survived.”

— Robert Jordan

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Handgun License, a United States Military Identification Card, a United States Citizenship Certificate and a United States Passport.

According to [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov), any forms of identification except for a U.S. Citizenship Certificate for voters aged 18-69 must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before arriving at the polling location. Voters 70 or older are permitted to use any one of the seven, even if they’ve been expired for any length of time, as long as the form of identification is otherwise valid.

“Voting is always important, but there is a lot at stake in whatever position you take,” Hellberg said. “Right or left, Republican, Democrat, I just ask people to make educated choices. There’s a price to pay and so it’s important to be in-

formed, and based on where you’re at in life, choosing someone who’s going to support what you’re interested in.

“Local elections are also very important, because these are the people who locally implement the laws, and some of the laws have gray areas. So, you want to make sure that you know you’re confident in who you’re putting in those offices.”

To find early voting locations, visit [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov) and click on “Am I Registered?” which has a list of popular locations in the area, contact any local county election clerks, or check local newspapers for early voting and election day polling locations.

The last day to vote early is Nov. 1. To register to vote in any state, visit [usa.gov](http://usa.gov). To register to vote in any county in Texas, visit [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov).

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UP photo by E.J. McMillen

Patrick Stewart, LU Chief Information Officer, spars with Big Red during the dining hall grand opening.

ramen bar. Freddie Titus, Vice President for Student Affairs, served up home-style roast beef at the “Taste of Home” station, and Chief Information Officer Patrick Stewart manned the grill, preparing the new Cardinal Cheesesteaks — a menu item that will soon be featured at Lamar University sporting events.

As they served their dishes, a rivalry sparked between Titus and Stewart. The guest chefs competed for attendees’ attention, trying to steal customers away from one another.

The renovations were met with praise from students who appreciated the refreshed design and expanded menu offerings.

“The food is really good, and I like it a lot,” Dallas Le, Beaumont junior, said. “It’s very spacious and the cooks are always nice.”

The grand opening also featured inflatables, games, and appearances by school mascots Big Red and Lu. Students and staff participated in prize giveaways and activities, including Plinko. Students from the art department drew custom portraits and offered a chance to make custom buttons.

The art students’ involvement extended beyond the opening, as some of them contributed to the dining hall’s design.

“We even worked with student graphic artists to design some of the new pieces,” Jennifer Melnychuk, Chartwells marketing manager, said.

The renovations were a collaborative effort between Chartwells Dining Services and Lamar University, aimed at enhancing the dining experience by creating a space that encourages so-

cialization as well as nourishment, Bryce Sinclair, senior director of dining, said.

“We wanted students to have a space where they can form lasting connections while enjoying great food,” he said. “The ‘Social House’ concept reflects our desire to make this dining hall more than just a place to eat — it’s a place to connect.”

The impact of the “Social House” concept is already being felt by students.

“I think the new dining hall experience is wonderful,” Ciara Broussard, Nederland junior, said. “It’s very open, there are a lot more students, and I think it’s a great experience overall.”

Lamar Dining plans to continue refining the dining experience through menu innovation and future events.

For more information, visit [dineoncampus.com/bigred](http://dineoncampus.com/bigred).

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# ‘Dumb Show’ smart look at ethics, culture

Maddie Sims  
UP editor

Another comedy session wraps up for successful TV comedian Barry (Jay Sullivan). At the end of the show, he’s surprised to see two bankers John (Bailey Jenkins) and Jane (Juliana McManus) waiting to offer him a financial opportunity. However, there’s a secret the bankers are hiding, all to expose Barry for the person he is when the cameras are off.

Lamar University’s Department of Theatre & Dance will present “Dumb Show,” Sept. 19-22, in the Studio Theatre. The play centers around two investigative journalists chasing to get the latest scoop for their tabloid magazine. Written by Joe Penhall, “Dumb Show” explores the theme of ethics in journalism and people as a whole. “I think it’s very topical,” director Joel Grothe said. “The narrative is very strong. This predates cancel culture; It was originally written in 2004, but it kind of anticipates what has

happened. “In this play, you’re talking about ideas of slander and entrapment. When a famous person does things that maybe not everybody likes, does that mean their life is ruined? Should they not be able to have a career?” Grothe said there has been a lot of instances recently where people’s careers, famous people’s careers, have been ruined, even though they may ultimately have been vindicated. “But the lie or the rumor of what they did traveled so fast it doesn’t matter,” he said. “And we live in a world where people’s word doesn’t matter to them. The integrity that people carry, and how much they care about decency and giving people a fair shake is second to being profitable and being successful.” Bankers John and Jane are actually reporters Greg and Liz who are working together to get dirt on Barry. But their ethics in finding the “truth” are concerning. “John’s a morally flexible



UP photos by Maddie Sims

Bailey Jenkins, left, Juliana McManus and Jay Sullivan rehearse for Lamar University Department of Theatre & Dance’s “Dumb Show,” which will be presented Sept. 19-22 in the Studio Theatre.

dude,” Jenkins said. “He obviously has responsibilities, but as to how he fulfills those duties is morally questionable. At the end of the day, he’s just trying to live and he’s probably not where he wants to be. This has been really fun; I usually don’t play characters like this.” McManus said her character, Jane, is different to how McManus acts in real life. “She knows what she wants, she knows how to get it, and she’s willing to go pretty far to get it,” McManus said. “It’s kind of uncomfortable, just because I’m kind of a people pleaser. But, she’s kind of a, ‘No, I want this, and I want it now, so give it to me.’ It’s a little bit trickier to have that nat-

ural instinct of, ‘OK, I’m going to go ahead and take this authority, because I just naturally don’t want to do that.’ So, it’s kind of working against my instincts.” Jay Sullivan, who plays Barry, is a guest artist from Houston’s MFA acting program. He previously was in the Alley Theatre’s company for a decade. Sullivan said Barry is on the back side of his career. “He’s not as popular as he used to be, a bit bombastic and full of himself, very needy of attention, and lonely and sadder than he wants to let on from the outside,” Sullivan said. “I’ve never played a character that was quite like him, but in my head he’s kind of an

amalgamation of some different British TV presenters. It’s a type that we’ve definitely seen on the BBC over the decades, perhaps a dying breed.” Sullivan said working with students is no different from working with a professional cast. “I feel like no matter where you’re rehearsing a play, the overall goal is always the same — you want to tell the story as completely, and as well as you can,” he said. Showtimes for “Dumb Show” are 7:30 p.m., Sept. 19-21, and 2 p.m., Sept. 22. General admission tickets are \$15, \$10 for seniors, and \$7 for students with LU ID. For tickets, visit [lamar.edu/lutdtix](http://lamar.edu/lutdtix).



Juliana McManus, left and Jay Sullivan rehearse for LUTD’s “Dumb Show,” which will be presented Sept. 19-22 in the Studio Theatre.



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# CAMPUS CALENDAR

**September 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Center for History and Culture Fall Launch 2024  
101 Wayne A. Reaud Administration Building  
The Center for History and Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast will host an informational meeting about their work and announce upcoming events. Refreshments will be served.

**September 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Cardinal Saturday  
Lamar University Welcome Center  
The Welcome Center will host a 90-minute walking campus tour discussing campus life. Stops include the residence halls, the Science and Technology building, the Rec Center, the Setzer Student Center, the Reaud Honor's College building and many others.

**September 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

LU Study Abroad Fair  
Ballroom A, Setzer Student Center  
The Office of Study Abroad will host a study abroad fair detailing all their upcoming programs.

**September 17**

Red Day,  
Location TBD  
Lamar University will present Red Day, a day of giving to support the campus' students and programs. The academic colleges will compete for three top prizes, with challenges all throughout for rewards.

**September 17, 12-1:30 p.m.**

Coffee & Connect  
Live Oak Ballroom, Setzer Student Center  
The Career & Professional Development Center will host a meeting place for students to connect with employers in a relaxed atmosphere to build their networking skills face-to-face. Appropriate attire in business casual or professional attire is required. Students should have copies of their resume ready.

**September 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Workshop: Crochet 101  
201 Archer Physics Building  
The Crochet and Knit Club will host a workshop for those who want to learn basic stitches in crochet.

*Compiled by Maddie Sims*

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Sharon Kimberlain, a licensd vocational nurse, processes tests in the Student Health Center's new location in the Sheila Umphrey Recreational Sports Center.

UP photo by  
Kami Greene

“We do see quite a bit of students with some emotional concerns,” Gray said. “Going from high school to college without parents in the support system and having to make new friends can just compound that anxiety.”

“My medical and counseling folks work very closely together, and medical was able to prescribe some medications to help with anxiety or depression or some of those things. We also refer and collaborate with the counselors so that they’re getting help from both disciplines.”

Kierra Bridgewater, SHC licensed professional counselor, said she uses her own theoretical framework to help guide students and cater to their needs.

“The way that I help the students is I use cognitive behavioral therapy,” she said. “I have them identify how they think, how they feel and how they behave, and how they’re linked.”

Bridgewater said identifying one area of concern can ultimately change the others.

“I also use solution focus or group solution focus,” she said. “I encourage students to do

what works for them and then challenge the things that don’t work for them.”

Although receiving treatment and being prescribed medication can be expensive, the SHC offers these services at an affordable cost to students compared to most medical facilities, Gray said. Co-pays start at \$10, which is charged to the student’s account when making an appointment.

“Some of the other charges that you may or may not incur would be for laboratory services, some medications, the immunizations, some of the testing, sutures if we need to sew somebody up, toenail removals, procedural type things,” Gray said. “We are not as expensive as primary care physicians or family physicians because we want to make sure that it’s not a hurdle for students to get care.”

Over-the-counter medication can also be picked up from the SHC’s Class D pharmacy which has medications by medical personnel and physicians. “But if we don’t have it here, all of my providers have prescriptive authority in Texas and can

prescribe medicines that are appropriate for what condition they diagnose you with,” Gray said.

The SHC aims to encourage students to maintain a good physical and mental state of mind and promote success within Lamar students, Gray said.

“We want to start highlighting the wellness piece of student life,” she said. “We want you to understand that health maintenance is as big a part of your life as treating illnesses. So, by all means you need to come and work out on the machines. You need to get involved with some of the intramural sports and sports clubs that we have, walk on the track, get involved.

“I want students to realize that they’re a very complex but whole individual. Where we are with Student Health and Rec Sports and ARC, we can provide some really holistic support for student success.”

For information, visit [lamar.edu/healthcenter](http://lamar.edu/healthcenter), you call 409-880-8466. The Health Center hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# Hitting the Jackpot

## Week of Welcome hosts Casino Night

**Carlos Vilorio**  
UP photo editor

New Student Leadership Programs hosted the annual Casino Night, Aug. 26, in the Student Setzer Center, as part of the campus’ Week of Welcome events.

With games such as Texas Hold’em poker, blackjack and roulette, students got to try their luck betting with poker chips worth different amounts.

At the end of the event,

students exchanged their poker chips for raffle tickets for a chance to win Air Pods, Apple Watches, JBL speakers and more.

Demaurie Wiltz, Port Arthur sophomore, said she enjoyed the event.

“It’s my first time going to this event, and I wasn’t expecting it to have such a big turnout,” she said. “It was very fun. Because of this, I’m going to go to more events, because I probably wouldn’t have come if my friends

didn’t come.”

The event had croupiers designated for each game to give out tokens and show students how to play.

Junior Colton Bryant said he would recommend the event to students.

“It’s a great way to meet people and just have fun whenever you’re bored and don’t have anything else to do,” he said.

For information on future events, visit [lamar.edu/events](http://lamar.edu/events).



UP photos by Carlos Vilorio

Students played blackjack and other games during Casino Night, hosted by New Student Leadership Programs, Aug. 26, in the Setzer Student Center. The event was part of LU’s Week of Welcome festivities.



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SEP 12

**Free STI Testing** • 10am-4pm  
Setzer Student Center 125/127

SEP 13

**Show Us Your Red** • 12pm-2pm  
Career Center, Galloway 102

SEP 14

**Service Saturday:** Sleep in Heavenly Peace • 8am-12pm  
2950 Milam St., Beaumont  
**Student Org Tailgating & LU Football** • 1 pm, Game at 6pm  
Plummer Lawn & Provost Umphrey Stadium

SEP 16

**Belly Dancing** • 12:45pm-1:30pm  
Rec Center Fitness Studio

SEP 17

**Coffee & Connect** • 12pm-1:30pm  
Setzer Student Center Ballroom

SEP 18

**Free Swim Lessons** • 6:30pm-7:30pm  
Indoor Pool, HHPC-A

SEP 19

**Run Club** • 7:45pm-8:30pm  
Rec Center Upstairs Track

SEP 21

**Cardinal Family Day** • 11am-4pm • Register at [lamar.edu/parents](http://lamar.edu/parents)  
Setzer Student Center  
**Student Org Tailgating & LU Football** • 1 pm, Game at 6 pm  
Plummer Lawn & Provost Umphrey Stadium

SEP 23

**Zumba** • 11:45am-12:30 pm  
Rec Center Fitness Studio

SEP 24

**Paint With Friends** • 4pm-6pm  
Setzer Student Center Food Court

## SEE MORE CONNECTIONS ON LUHUB!









Lamar women's cross country wins New Orleans race

The Lamar University women's cross-country team started the 2024 season with a win as they took first place at the Battle for New Orleans tournament.

Nia Clatworthy led the way for LU to finish third overall with 14:25.68. Cara Inch followed Clatworthy with a time of 14:42.13

The men's team took second place with six runners in the top 20 to help them get second place in the 5K with 50 points. Freddy Richardson led the way with a new personal best 15:09.06 to get him ninth place.



Lyric Jordan

Volleyball stretches win streak to three games

In an impromptu doubleheader, Lamar University volleyball fought their way to a pair of victories over Grambling and Nicholls, Sept. 6, in Thibodaux, Louisiana, in nonconference action to push their win streak to three.

The Cardinals finished Game 1 hitting 56-18-152 (.250) from the floor with eight aces and six blocks. Lyric Jordan led the team in kills with 18 while Keeley Nellis did so in digs with 23. Maja Malinowska also racked up her third consecutive double-double with 15 kills and ten digs.

Lamar hit 49-22-131 (.206) in Game 2 with 15 aces, the most by the Cardinals since 2013, and eight blocks. Jordan added 14 kills to her daily tally while Nellis and Alexa Gonzalez led the team in digs with 19 and 12, respectively. Nellis chipped in nine aces, the most by a Lamar player since Jaime Ewing in 1995, while Emily Moon also set a career high with ten kills of her own.

The Cardinals hit the road again next weekend for the Bluff City Showdown in Memphis, Tenn. They start with a Friday doubleheader against Arkansas - Pine Bluff (11 a.m.) and Memphis (7 p.m.) before finishing up against Indiana State at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The match against Memphis will be streamed on ESPN+.



Zak Skinner

Cardinal named to Australia WSBC U23 national team

Lamar catcher Zak Skinner was named to the Australian team for the U23 WBSC Baseball World Cup.

Last season Skinner earned second-team All-Southland and was ranked among the league leaders with a .339 batting average to go along with 16 doubles, 10 home runs and 53 runs driven in.

Skinner is one of six players on the national team roster who has played NCAA Division I baseball. The roster also includes seven players who have played minor league baseball in the U.S. to go along with 16 who have Australian Baseball League (ABL) experience.



Lamar quarterback Robert Coleman runs the ball against MSVU, Sept. 8, at Provost Umphrey Stadium.

UP photo by Brian Quijada

# Home Cookin'

## Griffin's 197 yards leads Cards to home opening win

Brian Quijada  
UP sports editor

The Lamar University football team picked up their first win of the season, defeating Mississippi Valley State University, 28-14, Sept. 7, at Provost Umphrey Stadium.

Running back Khalan Griffin stole the show with 23 carries for a career-high 197 yards. Cardinal quarterback Robert Coleman led the team in offense with 216 yards and two touchdowns.

LU started the game strong, scoring just five minutes in with a 10-yard touchdown catch by Sevonne Rhea, after the Cards had driven 77 yards in eight plays.

MVSU responded with a touchdown, but their celebration didn't last too long as Griffin ran in a touchdown from the one-yard line, capping a 10-play, 70-yard drive and giving Lamar a 14-7 lead after one quarter.

"Khalan's performance was exceptional," Lamar head coach Pete Rosso-mando said. "I think those things are reasons you win. You run the football, and you stop the run, and you make them a one-dimensional team."

The second quarter was slow for both teams, but Lamar managed to squeeze another touchdown just before the quarter ended. Tight end JaCorey Hyder scored after a 63-yard catch from Coleman's throw with a minute left in the half, ending the second quarter 21-7.



LU's Ramond Stevens and Khalan Griffin celebrate the long-yardage play against MVSU, Sept. 7, at Provost Umphrey Stadium.

UP photo by Brian Quijada

Despite the slow start for MVSU, they managed to hold LU from scoring in the third quarter, scoring a touchdown themselves, making the game 21-14. Both teams struggled offensively in the fourth

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# Niemeyer's brace secures win

Brian Quijada  
UP sports editor

The Lamar women's soccer team secured their second win of the young season, Sept. 7, thanks to two first half goals by Cardinal midfielder Kaitlyn Niemeyer. LU defeated Texas Southern

University 4-1 at the LU Soccer Complex.

Coming off the bench in the 25th minute, Niemeyer immediately made an impact by scoring her first goal just seven minutes in, assisted by midfielder Riley Wilson.

"I was happy because it's my second

collegiate goal," Nieyemer said. "It came off smoothly. It went to the back post, came off my left foot, and I'm just excited to get on the board coming in as a game changer right away."

Nieyemer's scoring didn't stop there as she added another goal three minutes later, shooting from the left mid-field to make the game 2-0. The goal was assisted by midfielder Cena Carlson.

"That one, I was just shocked that I scored a second one," Nieyemer said. "I've been dealing with a lot of tough things. So, it was like back-to-back goals just made me feel extremely excited about this and the season to come."

Scoring slowed down for LU, but after a couple of substitutions, the Lady Cards got back on the scoreboard with forward Anneliese Switzer scoring in the 51st minute to make it 3-1. Two minutes later, TSU scored their only goal of the game.

For most of the second half Lamar retained possession, dominating with their defense and controlling the ball. Midfielder Mariana Cardenas was the



UP photo by Carlo Voloria

LU midfielder Kaitlyn Neimeyer(6) celebrates her first goal with teammates against TSU, Sept. 8, at the LU Soccer Complex.

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UP photo by Carlos Viloría

Lady Cardinal forward Mariana Cardenas scores the last goal of the game against TSU, Sept. 8, at the LU Soccer Complex.

last Cardinal to put the ball in the back of the net, scoring in the 85th minute assisted by Carlson.

Lamar attempted 21 shots in the game compared to TSU’s nine, outshooting them by eight in the first half.

Carlson assisted twice in the game and Wilson put up one.

After a tough start to the season, Lamar has gained much needed momentum as they prepare for Southland conference play with just one non-conference game left.

“Three of our four losses have come to teams that won their conference last year,” Lamar head coach Nathan Kogut said. “That was what we wanted to do. We wanted to play teams who played a style that we wouldn’t see and that’s what we’ve told our girls. We’re playing a tough schedule, so that by the time we get to conference play, those 11 games aren’t going to present the same problems because we’ve already seen it done at a higher level.”

Despite the win, Coach Kogut says he still wants to see more from the team.

“I think that we left some meat on the bone,” Kogut said. “There were some moments that were really good and there are some moments where I wish we would have been a little bit more clinical, a little bit more decisive. But it was nice to see a lot of kids playing at a high level.”

Lamar returns home for their last non-conference game against The University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Sept. 12, at the LU Soccer Complex.

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quarter until Griffin sealed the victory with another one-yard touchdown run to finish a nine-play, 84-yard drive to finish the scoring.

LU defensive backs Ramond Stevens and Dejuan Lewis both finished the game with seven tackles and an interception. Lamar linebacker Brayden Faulkner led the team with nine tackles.

Cardinal tight end JaCorey Hyder led the team in receiving, ending the game with 117 yards, four receptions and one touchdown.

Despite the win, Rossomando said the Cardinals’ performance still left room for improvement.

“I didn’t think our special

teams were outrageous,” he said. “I thought (MVSU) probably outplayed us a little bit on special teams, which was disappointing because I really thought we played well on special teams last week. So, we got to get better in that end, and I think we will.”

The Cardinals are off to a good start this season compared to last year which saw them lose the first three games of the season. The Cardinals are now 1-1.

The Cardinals next play Weber State University, Sept. 14, at Provost Umphrey Stadium, the second of three consecutive home games.

The game will be streamed on ESPN+ and aired on 560 KLVI.



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JaCorey Hyder runs the ball after a catch against MVSU, Sept. 8, at Provost Umphrey Stadium.



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