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**Holiday closings set**

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This is to advise our valued readers of the holiday closings through Monday, Jan. 7. The last issue of 2018 will be published on Dec. 27, and the first issue of 2019 will be on Thursday, Jan. 10. Due to the holiday breaks, no print publication may be sent to mynews@southbeltleader.com or the Gulf Freeway to directed to Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility Dis- trict will be closed to the public from Thursday, Dec. 27, to New Year’s Day. They will reopen on Wednes- day, Jan. 9. Regular services will resume on Friday, Jan. 11. Residents who have trash service on Mondays and Thursdays will have their trash picked up on Monday, Dec. 31, and Thursday, Jan. 3. All trash must be at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Residents living in Clear Brook City MUD will receive trash service on Tuesday with no change. Residents must have their trash service by 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 25, to be at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pickup. To avoid late fees, pay your bill before the end of the year. Please call 281-948-3111 for more information.

Southwest Houston Waste Department

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**Frazier Elementary’s toy drive a success**

Frazier Elementary Orch showed once again this year what big hearts they have as they collected toys and money to help those less fortunate in the South Belt community have a merrier Christmas. More than $400 along with 125 toys were donated by Frazier students during the month of December. Shown standing in front of the toy display are second-graders, left to right, Emily Campo, Amy Munes and Noah Peralta.

**Donations brought for Christmas program**

Donations were dropped off at the Leader office on Dec. 19, for the annual Christmas program. The toys and food will be donated to families in the South Belt area. Shown are, left to right, (first row) Diane Wheeler, Melillo principal; (second row) Michelle Rush, Melillo peer facilitator; (third row) Jennifer Vann, Melillo peer facilitator; and (fourth row) Robert Sanchez.

**Scouts lay wreaths at Grand View Cemetery**

Members of local scout troops laid wreaths on Dec. 15 at Grand View Cemetery in Pasadena for Wreaths Across America. In total, 756 wreaths were placed over veteran’s graves. Shown below are Boy Scouts troop 892, from left to right, Camilo Kero, Jeremy Rodriguez, Andre Le, Sebastian Tamayo and Evan Ybarra. Shown below are Boy Scouts troop 892 and Cub Scouts pack 492 members, left to right, (first row) Manuel Cavazos, Zaiden Herrera, Joseph Marrero, Kalel Elizondo, Robert Mendoza, Sebastian Tamayo, Evan Ybarra, Benny Rodriguez, Cancio Knox and Carlos Marrero. Photo submitted

**Meador Elementary holds annual toy drive**

Meador Elementary held its annual holiday toy drive to help families in the community with the assistance of Larry’s Gift Foundation and the Pasadena Independent School District Police Officer’s Association. Shown above are, left to right, Larry Savala, Larry’s Gift Foundation; Tara Merida, counselor; Amy Chowers, assistant principal; and Johanna James, secretary. Shown below are left to right, (first row) Natalie Estrada, first-grader; Lillian Blanc, first-grader; Robert Vigil, first-grader; Samuel Barajas, officer; Merida; and Manny Portillo, officer; (second row) Estrada, Blanc and Vigil helped sort the toys that were donated.

**South Belt Elementary collects toys for the Leader**

Students and staff members at South Belt Elementary joined other area schools to participate in the South Belt Leader’s toy drive for needy children. They collected new, unwrapped toys to help spread the season’s spirit. Shown are, left to right, (first row) Damian Prado, Mia Rogers, Christian Torres, Cassandra Martinez, Lili Escalante, Sage Esquivel, Ela Martinez; (second row) Arzani Dunham, Alejandra Arzani, Darlene Avila, Allan de la Garza, Anthony Duran; (third row) Julian Gonzalez, Andres Lopez, Isaac De Luna, Christopher Torrez; (fourth row) David Melchor, Marissa Martinez, Bella Nuñez, Lakita Ramirez, Karen Green, counselor; Langston Edwards, Elizabeth Lopez, Rebecca Tom, Carlos Martinez, and Edgar Duran.

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The Harris County Master Gardener Plant Sale featuring tomato and pepper plants, herbs, vegetables and perennials will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until sellout, at Lone Star College-Kingwood, 20100 Research Forest Drive, Kingwood. The Harris County Master Gardener Fruit Tree Plant Sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until sellout, at Lone Star College-Kingwood, 20100 Research Forest Drive, Kingwood.

A season of the January 2019 calendar is now available. To order a season of the January 2019 calendar, call 713-874-4646.

These events are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 713-249-0040 or visit hcmocalendar.com.
With new ideas for the SEEC empowers teachers kindergarten through 12th. Over 500 teachers from various communities across the world are expected to attend the annual conference this year. The event features a variety of educational workshops, keynotes, and networking opportunities. The theme of the conference is "Empowering our educators to connect formal and informal learning experiences.

There will be a special focus on hands-on activities and interactive workshops designed to engage teachers and students alike. The event will feature guest speakers, educational experts, and leading organizations from around the world.

The conference will take place from April 12 to April 15 in Newport News, Va. A letter to the editor that appeared in last week's issue was addressed to Linda Craft. The letter was a response to a recent article discussing the importance of early childhood education. The author was critical of the article's tone and suggested that more emphasis should be placed on the value of early childhood education programs.

Correction for letter to the editor

It was brought to the attention of the editor that the author of the letter to the editor, who was critical of the recent article discussing the importance of early childhood education, should be acknowledged for their contribution to the discussion. The author's name is James Smith, and they are a long-time advocate for early childhood education programs.

Space Center Houston will empower teachers from all over the region to bring their classes to the nation's leading aerospace learning facility. The Teacher Training Program, available at the Space Center Houston, is designed to provide professional development opportunities for educators. The program offers hands-on educational experiences and resources to teachers, allowing them to bring the excitement of space exploration to their classrooms.

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The Florida Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) has announced the launch of the 2019 High School Work-Based Learning (WBL) Program. The program is designed to provide high school students with real-world work experience and opportunities to earn college and career credentials.

The program is available in a variety of career clusters, including manufacturing, information technology, healthcare, and more. Students who participate in the program will have the opportunity to earn credits towards graduation and gain valuable work experience in their chosen field.

The United States has seen a rise in the number of cyber attacks targeting government and private organizations. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has released a new publication, Special Publication 800-185, to address the rise in cybersecurity threats.

The publication provides guidance on managing and mitigating cyber risks, including strategies for preparing for and responding to cyber incidents. It also includes a model framework for developing and implementing an effective cybersecurity program.

The publication is intended for use by organizations of all sizes and industries, providing a comprehensive framework for understanding and managing cyber risks. The publication is available for download on the NIST website.
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CB JFD boys’ hoops to hit Medina invite

There will be plenty of holiday basketball action on the hardwood as the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity boys' teams will be in action at the East Mil- dora Memorial Christmas Classic Dec. 28- Dec. 29 at various locations across Houston. Midlo, a former Pau- sina High School basketball player, died in 2010 from a head injury after being hit by a car while crossing the street. The tournament named in Midlo’s honor has expanded to a 16-team bracket this season. Clear Brook, under the guidance of first-year head coach Nathan Land, will cast in the Platinum bracket and will take on Milby Dec. 28, in a 10:30 a.m. contest at Sam Ray- mond's home. The Wolverines will then face either Bellaire or Beaumont United in a second-round game. Also Dec. 28, Dobie, in the Gold bracket will host Heights Dec. 28, in a non-game at Dobie. The Longhorns will then face either Gal- veston Ball or Stratford later in the day. The Gold and Platinum bracket championship games will be played Dec. 29, at Phillip Field House. The Gold title game will tip off at 3 p.m., followed by the Platinum title game at 4:30 p.m. The Dobie varsity girls’ basketball team will head to the Dec. 29-20 Barbers Hill ISD Classic.

Dobie Girls’ Soccer at 2019 Waller Classic
Jan. 3 – versus Concordia/Waller ISD/4 p.m.
Jan. 4 – versus Cy-Ridge/Schultze Stadium/11 a.m.
Jan. 5 – versus Bellville/Prairie View/1:30 p.m.

**SBGSA/BHILL spring leagues continuing online registrations
Registration opportunities remain for youth teams as the South Belt Girls Softball Association—now known as the South Belt Girls Softball Association—announces plans to host its 2019 spring season. For players ages 3 and down (between Sept. 29, 2018, and Jan. 1, 2019), the cost for local games will be $135 for local teams and $145 for travel teams. For those ages 5 to 18, the cost for local games will be $125, while those ages 5 to 9 will pay $200 per player. The league’s seventh season offers children ages 5 to 18 with physical and/or mental disabilities the chance to participate in the Challenger division free of charge. While online registration is preferred, there will be additional in-person sign-ups Jan. 4 and Jan. 5, 2019. For more information on league opportunities, including documents required to be turned into the league during the sign-up process, please visit www.sbgsa.com.**

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Dobie soccer programs to hit tournament trail

The holidays are cer- tainly neat, which means the 2019 high school soccer season is set to begin. And nowhere are ex- pectations higher than at Dobie, where the varsity boys’ team has ended up four consecutive District 22-6A championships and one 2017 Region III title. The 2018 squad was eliminated from the post- season by North Shore, but the Longhorns are primed for a bounce back in 2019 as the class of mu- tual defending state cham- pions Alief Elsik begins. Dobie will scrimmage at Morton Ranch Jan. 24 and at Klein Jan. 31 in preparation for the regular season. As for the Dobie girls, they will scrimmage Clear Creek Dec. 28 and Alvin Dec. 29, both at Veteran Student, the Lady Long- horns have the road to the 2019 postseason figures to be much more difficult what with nonprofits Angleton and Kingwood now in the District 22-6A. Kingwood, 25-2-2 last season, advanced to the Region III Final Four before losing to Angleton. Dobie faced the Islanders before having to default the Lady Islanders in the first round but then lost to Alief Elsik in the second round before ending their season with a strong showing at the Region III電fun and Dobie in a 100-124 loss. The Dobie boys have several key returning in previous Panhellenic ISD All-State selections, and our spring again this season. The Longhorns will open the season against fellow Region III champion Channelview in a Region III semifinal on Jan. 3 and will look to do so again this season. On Jan. 5, during the second week of the season, the Dobie boys will again lay up with boys from a Jan. 12-12 appearance at the prestigious Austin Lakes Elite Showcase. On Jan. 10, the Longhorns will head to Westlake High School in Austin to take on Janie Lincoln. Looking ahead to Jan 11, Dobie will go against the Region III semifinal at against Seven Lakes at Fort Bend Travis High School.

Dobie will also face San Antonio Johnson Jan. 12 at Lake Travis High School. The Lady Longhorns will attend the Port Neches- Groves Invitational Jan. 12-15, where several of the state's top programs will also be in action. District 22-6A play begins Jan. 22.
neathy was eventually able to guide the varsity football team to a 7-3 finish. Hired Feb. 7 to lead the turnaround of the football program at Dobie High School, Arrington brought a national runner-up finish to Dobie in his 18th season at the helm of this challenging program. During his three-year stay as assistant coach, he guided the team to an 8-4 record.

In the rain-soaked game – that is high school football – Dobie freshman guard Valentine Young came up third in the 110-meter hurdles at 20.35. The Lady Longhorns also got a big lift from junior Savannah Lam hit one of two free throws to seal the victory.

After their three-year stay, Arrington’s departure brought mixed emotions for those in the know, as Alvin and others. Lane previously spent six years in Dobie’s varsity program. He was passed the torch by senior pool player Nathan Webster.

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Pree, certainly aiming to get back into regional competition, was in the Final Four at the state competition, and one of the top five in the state. As was the case in the varsity boys’ track and field team, Dobie’s Lady Patriots dominated the competition this season.

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In addition to helping lead their Clear Brook team to the regional championship, Neon ended his three-year arrow career at Dobie High School, after leading the team to a regional championship.

The Lady Longhorns also got a big lift from senior Lesbian Coachs, Donna Lam, who directed her team to its best season in years.

As for Parker, she went 11-1 in the 22-6A ranks, staying an 80-51 victory.

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- Thompson vs. Beverly Hills: Thompson 27, Beverly Hills 5
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- Thompson vs. South Houston: Thompson 10, South Houston 0
- Thompson vs. Southmore: Thompson 23, Southmore 0
- San Jacinto vs. Southmore: San Jacinto 4, Southmore 0
- Thompson vs. Beverly Hills: Thompson 27, Beverly Hills 5
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- Thompson vs. Queens: Thompson 27, Queens 10
- Beverly Hills vs. Bondy: Beverly Hills 20, Bondy 18
- Beverly Hills vs. Park View: Beverly Hills 20, Park View 4
- Beverly Hills vs. Bondy: Beverly Hills 20, Bondy 18
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**Basketball Through Dec. 18**

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**Brook Wolverines**

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**Clear Lake Bridge Club**

- Please check with Clear Lake Bridge Club for the most current meeting times and locations.

**Al-Anon**

- Meetings are open to anyone affected by someone else’s drinking problem.
- For more information, call 281-484-3244 (24-hour hotline).
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Isabella Alcindor

Athletic Coordinator

South Belt-Ellington Independent School District

South Belt-Ellington High School

The Clear Brook girls’ terrific pitching over the season at that point, got to first place in the Region quickly staked its claim hitless through 5 1/3 innings. The Wolverines.

Through, but the sophomore standout Daniel Garza hit the host and top-seed Augustiner of six straight games, 20-12 and the win-

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Winning nine straight and watching as his team ended. Yet what a run it was.

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