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Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, April 7. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from the IH-610 South Loop to Alameda Genoa Road will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, April 27 (excluding weekends).

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, April 6.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from Alameda Genoa Road to Edgebrook/Clearwood will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, April 6.

LSA presents Annie

Lutheran South Academy's Drama Department presents the musical *Annie* April 5 through 8 at the San Jacinto South Fine Arts Center, 13735 Beamer. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for students and may be purchased online at <http://www.lutheransouth.org>.

Dolphins hold registration

The Southbelt Dolphins football, cheer and drill teams will hold registration at the Sagemont Community Center, located at 11507 Hughes Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. Total cost is \$300. Required deposit at registration is \$150. For more information, call Raoul Garza at 281-481-7880.

Ellington recycling closure

The Ellington Field/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center will be temporarily closed so city crews can install a solar LED light fixture and a CCTV security camera. The goal of this effort is to combat illegal dumping while providing security lighting. The project is expected to be complete by June.

For additional information on the improvements, contact City Council Member Dave Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or districtc@houstontx.gov.

Lariettes hold spring show

The Dobbie Lariettes will hold their annual Spring Show on Thursday, April 5, through Saturday, April 7, in the school auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

Girl Scout center reopens

The Shooting Stars Community Scout House, located at 112 E. Spreading Oaks Drive in Friendswood, will have a grand re-opening celebration Saturday, April 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. The facility, which is used by Girl Scout troops, parents and volunteers in the Friendswood, Pearland and South Belt communities, suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey.

There will be a performance from Girl Scout Troop 12994 Young Women in Harmony (formerly the Take Note Choir). The event will also feature an archery demonstration. Parking will be available at the Senior Center next door and across the street at Bryan & Bryan Inspections. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jennifer Rollins at 281-851-5276.

Beltway closures planned

Both the Beamer Road and Genoa Red Bluff exits on Beltway 8 will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, April 6, through 5 a.m. Saturday, April 7.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

AARP offers free tax help

Volunteers from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be available to answer questions and offer tax preparation at Parker Williams Public Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 16. This service is free and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those seeking help should bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, forms and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For additional information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Annual South Belt cook-off heats up

National recording artist Charlie Robison added to event schedule

Organizers of the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off recently made some major announcements about this year's event, set to take place Thursday, April 26, through Saturday, April 28, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. (Thursday will be primarily for cooks only, while Friday and Saturday will be open to the public.)

National recording artist Charlie Robison will be performing at the event the evening of Saturday, April 28. Opening the show will be Phineus Reb. This will mark the first time in the event's 22-year history that bands have been officially hired to perform. While bands have performed at previous cook-offs, they were hired by cooking teams for private parties, rather than the public.

Organizers have also announced that Friday night will feature a fresh crawfish boil. This will

also mark the first time in the event's history that this has taken place.

Operated by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the event is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park. In recent years, the cook-off has also provided funds for local scholarships and various youth organizations.

While evenings at the event are suited more for adults, Saturday is intended for families from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with children 12 and under being admitted at no cost.

Free children's activities include moonwalks, rock climbing, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train ride, a coin-in-a-haystack game, an obstacle course, a giant bungee trampoline, face painting, hair braiding, Disney princesses and superheroes, a police helicop-

ter and cruiser, a fire engine and ambulance display and photos with a live Watusi bull named Oliver.

A few cooking spots were still available at press time. While cooking teams that participated in last year's event had first dibs on available spots, not all groups paid their deposits by the deadline. Organizers said the shortage of early registrations for this year's event can be largely attributed to the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

Teams will be competing for prizes in a number of different categories, including best brisket, chicken, ribs, beans, chili, chef's choice, desserts

and margaritas.

This year's cook-off will feature a total of 165 cooking spots (some teams pay for more than one spot). A 40-foot-by-40-foot spot costs \$195. The fee includes eight wristbands and allows team members to purchase half-priced tickets.

Sponsorship opportunities are also still available at various levels.

To reserve a spot, contact event organizer Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325. For more information, visit <http://southbeltcookoff.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/SouthBeltCookoff>.

Work continues on Beltway 8



Work is continuing on the project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction. A second project will widen the tollway from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 225. Construction similar to that shown above will cause the closures of both the Beamer and Genoa Red Bluff exits on the beltway from 10 p.m. Friday, April 6, through 5 a.m. Saturday, April 7. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Residents challenge parking citations

The *Leader* has been working with City of Houston officials to resolve recent parking tickets that were issued in error in parts of the South Belt area that are outside the city limits.

At least eight citations have been given out in unincorporated parts of the county by city workers, said Lara Cottingham, deputy assistant director for the city's Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department. Of these, five have already been dismissed, and requests have been submitted to also dismiss the remaining three, according to Cottingham.

Cottingham further said that tickets that have already been paid will be issued a refund. Most of the citations in question were issued

to residents for blocking the sidewalk while parking in their own driveways, which is prohibited by both state law and city ordinance. Despite the offense being against state law, city workers are not allowed to write tickets in areas outside the city limits.

At least two tickets were issued for parking in the wrong direction on the street.

Affected residents wishing to challenge their citations may do so by visiting the email address on the back of the ticket, www.parkhoustontx.org. Cottingham said that customers who have questions about the status of their citations can call ParkHouston directly at 832-393-8690 or email parking@houstontx.gov.

City storm debris collection continues

It has been roughly seven months since Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc on the South Belt community, and several residents are just now returning to rebuild their homes.

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department is continuing to collect storm debris. (Storm debris removal in areas serviced by Harris County or local municipal utility districts has already concluded.)

Residents are urged to not hold on to debris in their homes, garages or backyards, as it can create a health hazard.

City of Houston residents are encouraged to continue to place debris out on the curb, regardless of the size of the pile.

- Items that can be placed on the curb:
- Material generated due to leaking roofs or damaged outdoor property improvements, such as furniture, carpet or perimeter fencing
 - Construction and demolition – building materials, carpet, drywall and furniture
 - Green waste generated by fallen/broken trees or vegetation

Residents are urged to make a positive impact and lend a helping hand to their neighbors. Keep in mind community members who may be elderly or disabled by offering to help them with their house cleanup and moving their debris to the curb.

Residents can also help by reporting uncollected storm debris to the City of Houston 3-1-1 service line. Neighborly actions greatly help the city with storm debris removal efforts. If one cannot directly assist their neighbors, they are encouraged to utilize the resources listed below for assistance:

- Call 3-1-1 or go to the 311 website (www.houstontx.gov/311/) to report storm debris.
- Go to Houston Recovers (<https://houstonrecovers.org/>) and sign up for assistance.
- Call 2-1-1 or go to (<https://www.unitedwayhouston.org/>) for help.
- Go to FEMA (<https://www.fema.gov/>) for assistance.

For more information, visit www.houston.solidwaste.org.

Kirkwood South provides updates

The first quarter of 2018 has brought many changes to the Kirkwood South subdivision.

IMS Landscape Services has been awarded the contract to maintain the signage, foliage, trees and all nonresidential grass areas.

Estella Davis, president of the Kirkwood South Homeowners Association, drove the manager throughout the community and confirmed all areas to be attended.

Property Services is scheduled to repair the entrance monument at Kirkfair by mid-April. Crest Management has assigned Becky Zalo-

cha as the new community manager, due to the resignation of Liz Trapolino.

Homeowners were given a first quarter grace period regarding deed restrictions, as many were still repairing their homes after Hurricane Harvey. This gives notice to homeowners who are still remodeling that all tear-out materials must be removed from the front yard and driveway on a weekly basis. The removal cost is the homeowner's responsibility.

There is a potential liability in issue leaving

HPD releases latest statistics

Capt. Dana Hitzman from the Houston Police Department Clear Lake Division recently addressed City Council Member Dave Martin's town hall meeting to share the latest crime statistics for the area.

Hitzman compared data from Feb. 18 to March 19, 2018, to the same time period from 2017.

There was a total of 416 reported crimes to take place during this time frame in 2018. By comparison, there were 474 crimes reported during this same time frame during 2017, resulting in a 12.7 percent decrease. Of the reported crimes, 46 were violent in nature, and 370 were nonviolent.

Violent crime
In all, there were 46 cases involving violent crime that took place in the Clear Lake Division during this time period in 2018. By comparison, there were 70 cases of violent crime reported during the same time frame in 2017, resulting in a 34.3 percent decrease.

Of these crimes, there was one murder. There were no murders during the same time period in 2017, resulting in a 100 percent increase.

The captain said there were zero cases of sexual assault reported during this time period in 2018. In 2017, there were two reported cases, resulting in a 100 percent decrease.

There were 12 robberies reported during this time frame in 2018. By comparison, there were 34 robberies reported during the same time frame in 2017, resulting in a 64.7 percent decrease.

During this time frame in 2018, there were 33 reported cases of aggravated assault. This was

one less than the 34 that were reported in 2017 during the same time frame, resulting in a 2.9 percent drop.

Nonviolent crime

There was a total 370 nonviolent crimes during this time period in 2018, while there were 404 reported the previous year during the same time frame. This accounted for an 8.4 percent decrease.

Of these nonviolent crimes, 41 were for burglary of a habitation. By comparison, there were 35 such crimes reported the previous year during the same time frame, resulting in a 17.1 percent increase.

There was a marked increase in the number of calls for burglary of a building. There were 23 cases reported in 2018, whereas there were only nine reported cases in 2017, resulting in a 155.5 percent increase. Hitzman said the increase was largely due to a spike in the number of ATM burglaries this year.

In 2018, there were 78 reported cases for burglary of a motor vehicle. There were 124 cases reported in 2017, resulting in a 37.1 percent decrease.

There were 166 reported cases of theft (except BMV and auto) in 2018. By comparison, there were 174 reported cases the previous year, resulting in a 4.6 percent decrease.

The number of reported auto theft cases remained unchanged from last year, with 62 taking place each year, resulting in a 0.0 percent change.

For additional crime statistics, visit crimereports.com or communitycrimemap.com.

Sagemeadow hires new trash service

The Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District recently hired a new contractor to provide trash collection service in the area subdivision.

Texas Pride Disposal has replaced Eco Waste and Recycling, which is believed to have gone bankrupt.

Trash collection dates will remain on Tuesdays and Fridays. Pickup from the new contractor began on Friday, March 30.

Sagemeadow MUD Board Member Ted Heinrich said residents will not likely notice a difference in service.

"Everything should be business as usual," Heinrich said.

Texas Pride Disposal already has a presence in the South Belt community, as they currently provide trash collection service for both the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District and the Kirkmont Municipal Utility District.

According to Heinrich, the Sagemeadow MUD has only signed a six-month contract for now. Should everything run smoothly, the MUD will sign a multi-year contract once the six-month trial concludes.

CCISD candidate forum scheduled

There will be a candidate forum for those seeking office in the Clear Creek Independent School District on Wednesday, April 11, at the Nassau Bay City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1800 Space Park Drive, Room 200, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Positions to be filled include the District 4 seat, currently held by Page Rander; the District 5 seat, currently held by Jay Cunningham; and the At-Large Position A seat, currently held

by Charles Pond. All three board members have filed for re-election.

Challenging Rander for the Position 4 seat is Jeff Larson; challenging Cunningham for the Position 5 seat are Michelle Moore and Yvonne Tibbait; and challenging Pond for the At-Large Position A seat are Jacob Berry and Jennifer Broddle.

Early voting for the May 5 election will begin Monday, April 23, and continue through Tuesday, May 1.

USCG's Maricle honored



South Belt resident Chuck Maricle (right) was recently presented the U.S. Coast Guard's Meritorious Service Medal for his support during Hurricane Harvey. Maricle serves as the district chief of staff for the USCG's 8th Coastal Region. Shown above presenting the award to Maricle is Capt. Kevin Oditt, Houston-Galveston sector commander.

Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Congress asked to aid Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association's 2018 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report reveals a steep increase in the strain of Alzheimer's disease on people living with the disease, their families, caregivers and society at large. For the second consecutive year, the total national cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias will exceed a quarter of a trillion dollars, amounting to \$277 billion in 2018. The number of people now dealing with Alzheimer's has risen to 5.7 million persons nationwide. Last year a person was diagnosed with Alzheimer's every 66 seconds, now it's every 65 seconds.

These statistics require our immediate attention and Congress is the one body that can take the lead in bringing us toward a world without Alzheimer's. Currently there is a new bill in Congress that desperately needs the support of Congressman Pete Olson (TX-22). The Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (H.R. 4256) will reframe Alzheimer's disease from an "old person's" disease to what it really is — a Public Health Crisis. This bill will create an Alzheimer's public health infrastructure across the country to implement effective Alzheimer's interventions.

The Alzheimer's Association calls on Congressman Olson to cosponsor the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (H.R. 4256). We are confident that with Congressman Olson's support, one day, we will have a treatment or a cure and no more families in the 22nd Congressional District will have to face the burdens of this devastating disease.

John Harris
Staff Lead, Federal Public Policy
Alzheimer's Association

CCISD pre-K, kindergarten registration info released

Clear Creek Independent School District is gearing up to welcome new pre-Kindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year. The District's goal is to ensure all parents know when and how to register, what they can do to best prepare their children for school and to create an orderly, welcoming environment for students from day one. CCISD wants its learners to start their education journey on the best possible trajectory, which is best achieved by preparing early.

Important dates for pre-K and kindergarten registration
The following are the registration dates for parents and guardians planning to enroll their child in CCISD's early learning programs.

On April 16, online registration for pre-K and kindergarten begins at www.ccisd.net/enroll.

From April 30 through May 4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. there will be pre-K registration, kindergarten registration and document drop-off at zoned elementary campuses.

On Aug. 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. all campuses reopen to receive all required documentation.

Pre-K in CCISD
CCISD offers two free early learning programs, as well as a tuition-based pre-K program, for residents who live within CCISD boundaries:

- the child qualifies for free and reduced lunch;
- the child does not speak English;
- the child is homeless;
- the parent is active duty military;
- the child is or has been in foster care; and
- the child is of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical first responder.

For more information on these qualifications, visit <https://tea.texas.gov/ece/eligibility.aspx> or contact your campus.

Step 2: Complete the new student registration on-line at www.ccisd.net/enroll. Reference the Enrollment User Guides available in the navigation bar to the left of the enrollment page for additional help.

Step 3: Take documents to assigned campus from April 30 through May 4. To finalize registration and qualifications for the pre-K programs, parents or guardians will need to visit the campus the student will be attending to provide the required documentation, outlined below, and complete the registration process.

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locations throughout the District. The following is the list of the site locations:

- Armand Bayou Elementary, serving Armand Bayou and Brookwood.
- Bauerschlag Elementary, Bay Elementary, serving Bay, Robinson and White.
- Brookwood Elementary, bilingual pre-K only.
- Clear Lake City Elementary.
- Falcon Pass Elementary, serving Falcon Pass and Ward.
- Gilmore Elementary, serving Gilmore and Hall.
- Goforth Elementary.
- Greene Elementary, serving Greene and Landolt.
- Hyde Elementary, serving Hyde and Mossman.

How to register your child for pre-K in CCISD
Beginning on April 16, parents or guardians may visit www.ccisd.net/enroll to register their kindergarten student for the 2018-2019 school year.

Step 1: Determine/confirm qualifying status. To qualify for kindergarten in CCISD, student must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1 and live within the District's boundaries.

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a Social Security card will be assigned a state identification number, and a parent/guardian I.D. such as driver's license, passport or military I.D.

Additionally, if parents believe their child meets one of the six qualifications for free pre-K, documentation of qualification will also need to be provided at the campus visit.

Kindergarten in CCISD
Students must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2018 and live within the District's boundaries to be eligible for kindergarten in CCISD.

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Deaths

Kim (Whitaker) Berryhill



Longtime South Belt resident Kim (Whitaker) Berryhill, 56, died on March 27. Her passing was unexpected and a severe shock to her family and close friends. She had suffered for many years from migraines and fibromyalgia, which frequently left her with pain and the frustrations related to not being able to do many things she wanted to do. She is no longer subject to pain or frustration — only joy.

She was a skilled musician, often playing piano for those closest to her in the home church she loved so much.

In the evenings she would often sit at the piano, put on a prayer shawl and pray to the Lord, and then practice songs to use the following Sunday. In the blending of her faith and talents, she set Philippians 4:4 to music and often sang "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!" This has been an encouragement to many and is now, perhaps, the best way to remember her. She did not think of herself or her accomplishments much, but she left a very deep impression on so many. Learning to be a grandmother ("Nana") was a particular joy to her.

She was born Jan. 1, 1962, and, as a child moved, to Columbia, S.C. In high school she met Scott Berryhill, who proceeded to "chase her until she caught him." They married on July 2, 1983, beginning a wonderful life together lasting almost 35 years.

Kim is survived by her husband; daughter Lara Saldana and husband Eli; son Benjamin Berryhill and wife Bethany; son Andrew Berryhill and wife Jessica; and daughter Jennifer Barker and husband Jonathan; and grandchildren Jason, Josiah, Elise and Ivy Saldana, Jack Berryhill and Claire Berryhill. All of this wonderful family is nearby.

Kim is also survived by her father Ray Whitaker; brother Paul Whitaker and his wife Betty; and sister Karen Hartsfield and her husband Jim. She was also dearly loved by her parents-in-law Rudy and Betty Jones, who loved her as one of their own. In addition, Kim leaves behind a unique and much-loved group of very close friends, many dating back to high school days.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, April 4, at Niday Funeral Home — Beamer Chapel, with visitation prior to the service. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kim's name to Texas Right to Life, 9800 Centre Parkway, Ste. 200, Houston.

Desormeaux was born on March 8, 1939 in Lake Arthur, La.

She had resided in Houston since 1967 where she was a parishioner of St. Frances Cabrini Church for the last 45 years.

She was a homemaker which allowed her to be involved with her children at school as a room mother and volunteer. She worked for Walmart in her later years until becoming fully disabled. She enjoyed being a part of her community. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and also worked the local election pools for many years.

Those left to cherish memory are children Gal Guidry Evard and husband Terry; Tony Guidry and wife Beth; Pamela Desormeaux Mixson and Rhonda Desormeaux Hickman and husband Kevin; sister Lee Ella Dubois Guidry; grandchildren Crystallyn Tolbert and husband Joe; Brannon Evard, Schlawn Guidry Stockwell, Latasha Michaliszyn and husband Matt; Patricia Sultan and husband Zahid; Tony Guidry Jr., Angela Ferrand and husband Nathan Mansfield; and Erik Ferrand; great-grandchildren Savannah Tolbert, Skylar and Landon Stockwell, Madeleine and Edwin Michaliszyn, Tristan Bassett, Aariyan and Arsalan Sultan and Julia and Myles Mansfield.

Greta was preceded in death by her parents Eulise and Rosie Dubois; and her sister Joyce Duplechin.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

Monsignor Daniel Torres will officiate. Burial will follow in Prien Memorial Park Cemetery in Lake Charles, La., under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Friday, April 6, from 5 to 8 p.m., with a rosary being recited at 6 p.m. Visitation will resume on Saturday at 9 a.m. until leaving for the church. Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net.

She was a longtime member of Sagemont Church, loved the Lord, prayed daily for her family and friends and loved her Bible study class at Sagemont Church. The joys of her life were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on June 23 at Sagemont Church. She will be placed with her husband at Houston National Cemetery.

Greta Dubois Desormeaux

Greta Dubois Desormeaux, 79, of Houston, died at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, in a Webster hospital.

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John Garrison Scholarship Award names local winner

Shell Federal Credit Union extends the John Garrison Scholarship Award to graduating high school seniors each year.

Recipients are selected based upon academic performance, communal involvement, extracurricular activities and response to the application essay.

The topic for this year's essay asked applicants to explain the difference between a bank and a credit union, as well as why a young adult would use a credit union rather than a bank for financial needs.

More than 140 applications were submitted for the John Garrison Scholarship this year from 49 different high schools throughout Harris County.

Ten deserving high school seniors were selected as recipients for the 2018 John Garrison Scholarship award; each of the ten students will be awarded \$2,500 to the college, university or vocational-technical school of choice.

Marvin Villatoro of Double Hill has won the scholarship and will be attending University of Texas-Austin.

The hope of Shell Federal Credit Union is that applicants will embrace that same spirit and carry it forward into their careers and volunteerism.

Since 2001, Shell Federal Credit Union has awarded 108 students with the John Garrison Scholarship award totaling \$262,500.

The John Garrison Scholarship was established in memory of John Garrison, a dedicated volunteer board member of more than 50 years. His vision and volunteer spirit is still an inspiration for us all.

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Cadet Lancaster stays grounded in community, looks to the skies

While most high school seniors are focused on end-of-year exams and deciding in which college they will plant their roots, seventeen-year-old Hannah Lancaster, a cadet in the J. Frank Dobie Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps



J. Frank Dobie Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Hannah Lancaster has been selected for a scholarship and a membership of the inaugural Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps flight training program.

Photo by Jade Wise

program, has her eyes fixed on the skies. Lancaster's dreams will take flight this summer as she is one of 120 cadets to be selected for a scholarship and a membership of the inaugural Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps flight

program. Lancaster and her fellow cadets volunteer and serve the community in projects like Wreaths Across America. "This last semester, we went to the Veteran's Memorial, where my grandfather is actually buried, and we lay wreaths down and salute those who have served. It's very respectful," said Lancaster.

During Hurricane Harvey, Lancaster and fellow cadets looked for opportunities to help the community, even though she was personally affected by the storm.

"My house flooded, so I didn't have a lot of opportunities to go out and help as much as I would have liked," said Lancaster. "We went to Dobie's annex where all the donations were coming in and we helped organize and separate them. Then I'd go home and help my parents clean up our house."

She says that she views her AFJROTC team as family and that her instructors inspire her and push her to always go the extra mile. "The instructors really help us out and inspire us," said Lancaster. "Senior Master Sgt. Valdez always tells us, 'There's perfection out there, let's go catch some excellence.' It's very inspiring and reminds me to strive to be the best I can be."

She embodies the vision and mission of the AFJROTC program by serving both her local community and her country as she plans to serve her country long-term following high school. "My plan is to go to the Air Force Academy after high school, become a pilot for the Air Force for 10 years and then apply to the astronaut training program for NASA," said Lancaster.

Through the AFJROTC

Thompson's RoboLions qualify for world championship



The Thompson Intermediate robotics team, the RoboLions, are world championship qualifiers. The RoboLions won the Pasadena Invitational, South Texas State Championship and ranked in the top 25 among more than 2,500 middle school teams throughout the world, including being ranked 10th in autonomous operations. Shown are, left to right, Grace Nguyen, Matthew Collins, Janelle Barreiro, Jeremiah Palma, RJ Schreier, Dominic Alanis, Jacob Hernandez, Benson Cubos, Billy Junkin and Raul Diaz.

Photo by Naureen Shafi

Burnett Elementary announces awards

Burnett Elementary has announced its third nine-weeks awards.

Good Citizenship Award
Samantha Andalla, Lynette Aviles, Blue Banda, La'Dejah Bolding, Ayleen Brisenio, Megan Bui, Gabriella Carlos, Genaro Chaves, Jeff Cuyuch, Lila Davis, Alyanna DeLaGarza, Angelica Elizalde, Kamron Fernandez, Giorgio Flores, Brandon Galicia, Sara Galicia, Sophia Garza and Jackson Gomez.

Adan Hernandez, Everardo Hernandez, Santiago Hernandez, Yaira Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Son Hoang, Travis Keith, Patein Kindle, Javier Legaspi, Kenia Machuca, Adriana Martinez, Torey McKenzie, Barbara Melchor, Timothy Merriweather, Aubrey Navarre, Sebastian Negrete, John Nguyen and William Nnaji.

Amarissa Nunez, Michael Nwosu, Jeffrey Ordonez, Nicole Oviedo, Mia Palomo, Isaac Perez, Emily Pineda, Eliana Poskey, Preston Poskey, Alex Quilantan, Jayden Rios, Javier Robles, Angel Rocha-Tellez, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Jonathan Sanchez, Kallye Sique, Jackie Tobias, Lauren Tran, Izzy Williams and Jalen Young.

Honor Roll Third Grade
Paige Duong, Fabian Fraide, Caela Griffin, Thomas Jones, Toby Nguyen and Jasmine Russell.

Fourth Grade
Aaron Carballo, Kennedy Cavazos and Victory Nwosu.

Merit Roll Third Grade
Andy Pineda and Xamira Zambrano.

Fourth Grade
Ethan Ceasar and Isaura Correa.

All Star Readers Kindergarten
Abedal Abedbrabro, Lydia Aviles, Hanna Barboza, Jadier Benitez, Marco Botello, Broderick Bragg, Natalie DeLaCruz, Chloe Escobar, Malaika Farr, Sara Galicia, Sophia Garza, Emily Gonzales, Gibson Jordan and Cheyenne Kelley.

Royce Lara, Hector Lopez, Anna Malik, Jaylin Mendez, Timothy Merriweather, Jacob Miniel, Miracle Nwosu, Nicole Oviedo, William Pabon, Fernanda Pineda, Preston Poskey, Michael Rentas, Javier Robles, Bill Tran, Aldo Velasquez and Savannah Yeager.

First Grade
Allison Amaya, Jay Amaya, Jacelyn Arevalo, Vince Barron, Jayla Brasfield, Neveah Carlos, Anderson Castillo, Destiny Cathey, Jonathan Chavarria, Zoey Chavez, Kyrsten Deal and Alyanna DeLaGarza.

Joanna Espitia, Yulissa Flores, Christian Gomez, Phenix Gomez, Alexia Guerra, Aiden Gwosdz, Santiago Hernandez, Daveyn Jackson-Little, Armon Laurent, Saul Lozano and Aylinn Maldonado.

Brisa Martinez, Jacob Mendez, Exander Mendoza, Ruth Mosh, Jeremiah Myers, Ryleigh Navarre, Sebastian Negrete, John Nguyen, William Nnaji, Marya Odeh, Mia Palomo, Abigail Perez, Isaac Perez, Gabriella Salazar, Chelsie Salgado and Madeline Salgado.

Nawaf Sharif, Ian Silguero, Mireya Sosa Ojeda, Benjamin Tovar, Lauren Tran, Brenda Villarreal, Abisai Vi-

suet Tiana Williams and Elliana Wright.

Second Grade
Lorena Aguirre, Angelina Amaya, Lynette Aviles, Abrey Banda, Carlos Beltran, Terry Betties, Lucas Bravo, Ashby Caniff, Miriam Casas, Genaro Chaves, Alexis Cordova, Steven Corporan, Nathan Cubos, Ariez Curtis, Jeff Cuyuch, Edgar Douglas, Kayla Fitzpatrick, Lily Freeman, Adrian Garcia, Jessalyn Garcia, Kaedy Garcia and Abigail Gonzalez.

Keira Gonzalez, Ezequiel Henriquez, Adan Hernandez, Jonathan Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Alfonso Jimenez, Zechariah Johnson, Jasara Key, Javier Legaspi, Sydney Lumsey, Connor Maldonado, Barbara Melchor, Viviana Montez, Aubrey Navarre, Jade Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen and Thai Nguyen.

Michael Nwosu, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Jose Quiroz, Yulianna Ramirez, Christopher Romero, Jeanette Salinas, Dayana Santamaria, Juan Carlos Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Isabella Tovar, Chance Tucker, Isabella Villarreal, Minh Vo and Amilya Yates.

Math Wizards Kindergarten
Hanna Barboza, Broderick Bragg, Malaika Farr, Layne Freeman, Sophia Garza, Gibson Jordan, Royce Lara, Anna Malik, Jaylin Mendez, Miracle Nwosu, Preston Poskey, Javier Robles and Aldo Velasquez.

First Grade
Jay Amaya, Anderson Castillo, Jonathan Chavarria, Kyrsten Deal, Alyanna DeLaGarza, Phenix Gomez, Aiden Gwosdz, Santiago Hernandez, Saul Lozano, Brisa Martinez and Jacob Mendez.

Exander Mendoza, Ryleigh Navarre, Sebastian Negrete, John Nguyen, Mia Palomo, Isaac Perez, Lucre Rivero, Chelsie Salgado, Nawaf Sharif, Ian Silguero, Benjamin Tovar, Lauren Tran, Abisai Visuet and Elliana Wright.

Second Grade
Lynette Aviles, Lucas Bravo, Edgar Douglas, Kayla Fitzpatrick, Adan Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Barbara Melchor, Viviana Montez and Aubrey Navarre.

Jade Nguyen, Michael Nwosu, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Christopher Romero, Dayana Santamaria, Juan Carlos Tamayo and Cayla Tang.

"On a Roll" Roll Third Grade
Samantha Andalla, Alma Argueta, Angela Argueta, Anderson Aviles, Sebastian Esparza, Fabian Fraide and Stephanie Gaona.

Aliah Garner, Skye Guzman, Thomas Jones, Damon Miles, Amarissa Nunez, Axel Pion, Melany Rangel, Diego Reyes and Adrian Villatoro.

Fourth Grade
Erik Alvarado, Blue Banda, Megan Bui, Ashley Cantarero, Kimberly Castillo, Kennedy Cavazos, Italo Chavarria, Davia Constantino, Diego Contreras, Isaura Correa and Serenity Crabtree.

Lila Davis, Kyrsten Deal, Bryan DeLeon, Joshua DeLeon, Orlando DePaz, Cain Dominguez, Naomi Duong,

Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Chloe Escobar, Cruz Escobar, Sebastian Esparza, Jaelynn Espitia, Joanna Espitia, Malaika Farr, Sofia Figueroa, Amy Flores, Giorgio Flores, Lily Freeman, Brandon Galicia, Sara Galicia, Jayden Gamble, David Gaona, Irvin Gaona and Stephanie Gaona.

Alicia Garcia, Diego Garcia, Jennifer Garcia, Jermie Garcia, Samuel Garcia, Aliah Garner, Jackson Gomez, Phenix Gomez, Joseph Gonzales, Samuel Gonzales, Carlos Gonzalez, Keira Gonzalez, Mikkel Gonzalez, Sebastian Gonzalez, Vinnie Gonzalez, Amiya Gordon, Jeremiah Gutierrez, Kayla Guzman, Skye Guzman and Alexander Henriquez.

Ezequiel Henriquez, Adan Hernandez, Alan Hernandez, Briana Hernandez, Everardo Hernandez, Ezequiel Hernandez, Jonathan Hernandez, Santiago Hernandez, Yaira Hernandez, Jakob Hinojosa, Riddick Holiman, Jacob Hurtado, Jeremy Jackson, Daveyn Jackson-Little, Allen Jimenez, Gibson Jordan, Kameron Joseph, Travis Keith, Cheyenne Kelley, Royce Lara, Armon Laurent, Tam Le and Kimberly Ledesma.

Stephanie Ledesma, Javier Legaspi, Edgar Lopez, Hector Lopez, Ronaldo Lopez, Sydney Lumsey, Derek Machuca, Kenia Machuca, Marlon Machuca, Elijah Mackey, Ellie Maldonado, Humberto Maldonado, Anna Malik, Calissa Marquez, Brisa Martinez, Barbara Melchor, Easton Mendez and Elianne Mendoza.

Lucia Mendoza, Timothy Merriweather, Tylin Merriweather, Tyrin Merriweather, Damon Miles, Oswaldo Montecinos, Azhley Mora, Kennedy Mundy, John Muñoz, Jeremiah Myers, Aubrey Navarre, Ryleigh Navarre, Sebastian Negrete, Phillip Ngo, Angel Nguyen, Jade Nguyen, Ngoc Nguyen, Rosalynn Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Thai Nguyen, Toby Nguyen and William Nnaji.

Michael Nwosu, Miracle Nwosu, Victory Nwosu, Jeffrey Ordonez, Michelle Oviedo, Nicole Oviedo, Emilio Palomo, Jasmín Pantoja, Isaac Perez, Maria Perez, Andy Pineda, Emily Pineda, Melany Pineda, Victoria Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Axel Pion, Maxwell Pion, Eliana Poskey, Preston Poskey, Malik Powell and Joy Premanand.

Anthony Reyes, Diego Reyes, Craig Robertson, Araceli Rodriguez, Evan Rodriguez, Christopher Romero, Jasmine Russell, Melissa Sagastizado, Emanuel Sajche, Erik Sanchez, Iker Sanchez, Jonathan Sanchez, Sheryl Sanchez, Camila Serrano, Kallye Sique, Ian Silguero and Julian Silva.

Tomy Silva, Diego Solano, Edgar Solano, Mireya Sosa, Marley Strickney, Juan Carlos Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Colten Tang, Liam Torok, Parker Tran, Chance Tucker, K'onna Udokah, Sebastian Udokah, Angel Vallero, Aldo Velasquez, Isabella Villarreal and Amy Villegas.

Abisai Visuet, Elienai Visuet, Nyrell Visuet, Minh Vo, Long Vu, Surya Washington, Te'je Whitley, Izelliah Williams, Ke'sion Williams, Marquise Williams, Spencer Williams, Amilya Yates, Laisha Zarazua and Liany Zarazua.

Honor Roll Third Grade
Hunter Cozby, Alesi Estrada, Reina Estrada, Muzna Hasan, Miah Hernandez, Michael Johnson, Hung Le, Anthony Le, Grace Menahem and Christopher Rubio.

Fourth Grade
Piper Batterbee, Katelynn Binns, Anddy Bustos, Jaslyn Chavez, Grant Garcia, Angel Gonzales, Donovan Luu, Peyton Lynn, Jayden Nguyen, Thalia Oddo, Yvette Ramos, Melanie Sanchez, Kian

Ton and Aidan Veitia.

Merit Roll Third Grade
Carlos Albarra, Anthony Jacobo, Charleston Nash and Quynh Nguyen.

Fourth Grade
Dragon Alexander, Ja'Lynn Alix, Jaiden Alvarez, Londyn August, Josiah Burton, Kevin Chau, Lynn Dickerson, Cooper Estes, Jaiden Flores, Ethan Garay, Alejandro Hernandez, Landen Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Morgan Hill, Aniyah Lofton, Matthew Muniz, Gia-Vy Nguyen, Anthony Nguyen, Jathan Obregon, Luke Riley, Erik Santillanes and Zoey Vuong.

UHCL calendar of events scheduled

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has announced its upcoming calendar of events.

Friday morning continuing education

The Friday morning continuing education spring series kicks off April 6 and 9 with insightful lectures on Turkey's history and development at 9 a.m. and little-known fairy tales by Oscar Wilde at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m., take yoga lessons to improve health and well-being.

The cost for six yoga sessions is \$120. For all other courses, participants pay a one-time membership fee for \$26 and \$18 for each class.

The membership fee includes class materials, borrowing privileges at the UHCL library and discounts at the UHCL bookstore and Patio Café. Parking permits are available for \$5 in Bayou Building, room 1618. To register, visit <https://www.uhcl.edu/academics/extend/ed/friday-morning-ce>.

Family Weekend

Students' parents and family members can get a taste of what it means to be a UHCL Hawk at the second annual Family Weekend, hosted by Orientation and New Student programs on April 6 and 7 at various times and locations.

Families will learn about campus resources including the UHCL police department, career services and more.

They will also be able to tour the campus, attend a mock class led by faculty and enjoy original chili recipes and games at the chili cook-off. Admission to the events is free for those who register. Free parking will be available in student lot D.

To register and for more information, call 281-283-2420 or visit www.uhcl.edu/campus-life/orientation/new-student-programs/family-weekend.

Center for Executive Education "Maximizing Team Effectiveness: Teamwork and Team Building"

Today's managers must be able to effectively manage teams. As part of UH-Clear Lake's Management and Leadership Certificate

Program, participants in this program will build upon supervisory techniques to learn stages of team development, characteristics of successful teams, and team-building strategies.

The program will be held April 6 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for the class is \$850 for two sessions; participants must attend both sessions to receive credit. Group discounts are available.

For more information, contact the Center for Executive Education at 281-283-3120 or cee@uhcl.edu.

Mercury: Orchestra Redefined offers "Splendors of the Italian Baroque"

Mercury: The Orchestra Redefined returns to UHCL Bayou Theater to treat audiences to sounds of Italian composers from the Baroque period in a trio of two violins and a cello on April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Bayou Theater, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Featured composers include Antonio Vivaldi, Pietro Antonio Locatelli, Arcangelo Corelli and Giuseppe Sammartini. Presale tickets are \$20 for adults and \$13 for students and can be purchased online.

Tickets sold at the door are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

Free parking is available in student lot D or the visitor lot.

To purchase tickets or to get additional information, visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

Autism speaker series - "Once Upon a Potty: Strategies for Successful Toilet Training"

Hear useful tips and techniques on how to successfully potty train individuals with autism or developmental disabilities from third-year graduate student Morgan Breaux Campbell on April 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bayou Building, room 1510, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The talk is part of the Autism Speaker Series, coordinated by the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

Lectures are free and open to the public although registration is required in advance.

To learn more or to register, visit www.uhcl.edu/campus-life/arts/film-speaker-series.

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Film - "The Mask You Live In"

Dive into the multifaceted topic of masculinity as this documentary follows young men as they navigate today's society where gender, race, class and circumstance intersect.

The film will be shown on April 14 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bayou Building, room 1510, and it will be followed by a panel discussion from Bay Area Turning Point, a local nonprofit organization that provides resources and services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The film screening is part of the Film and Speaker Series.

Admission and parking for the event is free. www.uhcl.edu/campus-life/arts/film-speaker-series.

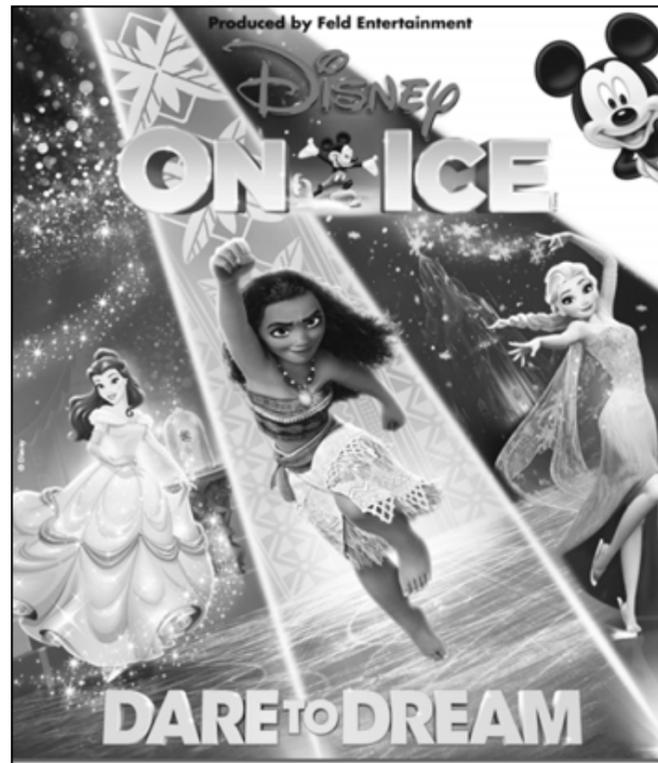
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Principals awarded



Shown above is Jane Kelling, principal of Ralph Parr Elementary, who was named the Clear Creek Independent School District Elementary Principal of the Year. Shown below is Jamey Majewski, who was named the Secondary Principal of the Year.



CCISD principals of the year named

The Clear Creek Independent School District is proud to announce the 2018 principals of the year. Jane Kelling, principal of Ralph Parr Elementary, was named the Elementary Principal of the Year and Clear Creek High School's Jamey Majewski was named the Secondary Principal of the Year. They were nominated by their peers as campus and district leaders.

Kelling has been leading the Parr Patriots for the past nine years and has been a part of Clear Creek ISD in various roles for more than 20 years. Her early teaching career began in Kansas and Louisiana before she made her way to CCISD as a fourth-grade teacher at Landolt Elementary.

"I am honored to represent such an incredible group of educators in CCISD," said Kelling. "This award is a celebration for Ralph Parr Elementary and its community. It represents the collaboration and partnership we have for

the education of our children." Majewski's passion for education stems from many influential educators who positively impacted his life while attending school in Deer Park ISD. After starting his teaching career there, he then began his journey through CCISD where he eventually became principal of Clear Creek High School for the past five years. "This award is especially meaningful since my peers, all of whom I admire and respect, voted on it," said Majewski. "It also speaks to the work of the entire Clear Creek High School staff and the support we receive at the district level. Clear is a family and it is such a unique and special place to be a part of."

Kelling and Majewski will both be honored at a luncheon hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Space Center, Seabrook and League City on May 21. The CCISD 2018 elementary and secondary teachers of the year will also be announced at the luncheon.

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ELLIANA ENJOYS HER FIRST
Belated wishes for a great first birthday are sent April 4 to **Elliana Abarca** from parents **Natalie and Jose Abarca**; brothers **Kelvin and Noah** and sister **Isabella Abarca**; grandparents **David and Ellie Flickinger**; and great-grandparents **Marie and David Flickinger**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 5 through April 11.

Burnett Elementary
Erica Cantu marks a birthday for celebration on April 8. Send a happy birthday greeting April 11 to **Jessica Rocha**.

Bush Elementary
Celebrate with a double-layer cake for **Jennifer Martinez** and **Consuelo Patiño** on April 9.

Frazier Elementary
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Felicia Olivares** April 5. The day for a party for **Javier Guerra** is April 6. A special birthday greeting is sent to **Yolanda Barrios** April 9.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the candles for **Maria (Lupita) Jimenez** on April 8.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday party for **Jennifer Meier** is April 11.

South Belt Elementary
Christine Palmer enjoys a birthday April 10.

Meillio Middle School
The day for a double-layer cake for **Charlene Gronewold** and **Charlotte Anthony** is April 6. **Therese Gage** enjoys a birthday April 9.

Roberts Middle School
Share in the birthday celebration for **Alysia Mauricio** April 10.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Enjoy a double-layer cake April 8 with **Laura Dossman** and **Kathleen Pyle**. Send birthday greetings April 10 to **Irene Malloy**. Blow out the birthday candles April 11 for **Rene Nixon**.

Thompson Intermediate
Jennifer Spray and **Ashley Vercher** share a birthday April 10. Enjoy a double-layer cake April 11 with **Araceli Cavazos** and **Lenora Dawson**.

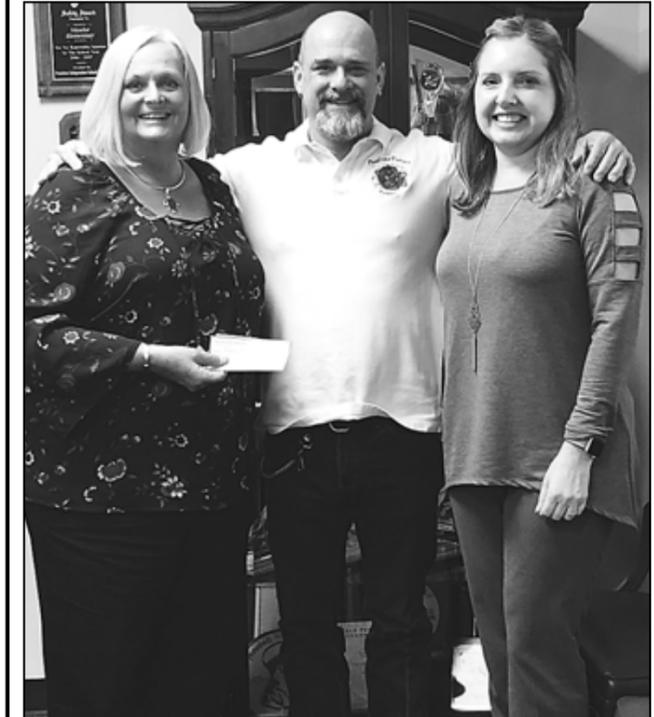
Dobie High
Birthday greetings are sent to **Tracie Richeson** and **Pam Salyer** April 6. Cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Andrew Barrett** and **Amrian Millard** on April 8. On April 9, **Bryan Landry** and **Emily Morris** celebrate a birthday.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, April 5: **Chris Gehringer, Davis Borsché, Jennifer Smith, Teri Polluck, Debbie Trelue, Cindy Russell and Don Adam**; Friday, April 6: **Carol Barber, Jason Weston, Lena West, Jerry Devila and Natasha Nazareen**; Saturday, April 7: **Denise Goodwin, Selena Conley, Deborah Belmarez, Larry Higgs, Jeff White and Melanie Clinckscales**; Sunday, April 8: **Adriel Rodriguez, Tricia Black, April Pool-Baker, Alexander Restrepo and Ruth Scotton**; Monday, April 9: **Tan Tai Curtis, Elizabeth Grimaldo, Greg Black, Jennifer Pareya, Victoria Grissom, Yvonne Longoria and Keith Harrison**; Tuesday, April 10: **Mackie Caves, Cynthia Balderas-Reyes, Jennifer Spray, Coby Bellamy, April Simmons, Penelope Lester, Melanie Roberts, April Miller, Tami Sales, Kristina Koncaba, Traci Rothermund and Skip Fell**; and Wednesday, April 11: **Quinn Fox, Amanda Mancia, Dian Audas, Matt Black, Ra'Shondra Rae, Josh Bowser, Luke Ditta, Linda Rosas, Celina Monroe and Brandy Kennedy**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Lunch Angel makes donation



Lunch Angel Kenny Thompson (center), Feed the Future Forward visited Meador Elementary and made a donation paying all unpaid student lunch balances to make sure all kids are fed. The Meador staff and students are thankful for the generosity and compassion of Thompson and Feed The Future Forward. Shown with him are Beverly Bolton (left), principal; and Tara Merida, counselor. Photo by Myriam Garcia

Melillo announces annual spring carnival

The 10th annual spring carnival will be held at Dixie Melillo Middle School on April 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. The carnival will include a dunking booth, an obstacle course, a rock wall, a cake walk, a silent gift basket auction, and DJ C Rey will be set up. Food at the festival will include turkey legs, sausage on a stick, snow cones, nachos, popcorn and chopped barbecue sandwiches.

Frazier Pre-K Round Up announced

Frazier Elementary will host the Pre-K Round Up on Wednesday, May 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This meeting will provide information on Frazier's pre-K program and criteria for qualifying, and each family will be scheduled for an individual preregistration appointment to take place sometime in May. To qualify for pre-K, a child must turn four years old by Sept. 1.

AARP offers free tax help

Volunteers from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be available to answer questions and offer tax preparation at Parker Williams Public Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 16. This service is free and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To take advantage of the tax assistance, bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, forms and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Kirkwood South shares information

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The 2018 KWS annual HOA fees, \$162, are now past due. Send payments to Crest Management, 17171 Park Row, Suite 310, Houston, TX 77084; Attn: KWS Mt. Fees.

The HOA annual meeting will be held April 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sagemeadow MUD building on Hall Road at Blackhawk. All homeowners are urged to attend. Harris County Road and Bridges has been notified of grass that needs mowing and pot holes on Kirkfair.

"The KWS Committee board members wish to acknowledge all homeowners for being great property owners and helping the subdivision to keep property values at a premium, said Davis. "The community remains strong despite setbacks."

HFD offers simple cooking safety tips

Cooking is one of the most common causes of home fires and is usually preventable by following some simple safety tips. The Houston Fire Department offers these simple cooking safety tips.

Use a moderate cooking temperature, don't overfill the container, and if leaving the kitchen, turn off the burner. Turn pot handles away from the front of the stove. Curious children may reach up and grab the handle, pulling the hot contents down on themselves.

Don't position handles over another burner, it may catch on fire or burn someone who touches it. Wear short sleeves or tight fitting long sleeves when cooking to reduce a clothing fire hazard. Shield oneself from scalding steam when lifting lids from hot pans.

Make sure potholders are not too close to the stove. They could catch fire. Keep ovens, broilers, stove tops and exhaust ducts free from grease. If there is a fire in the oven,

Meador reaches goal



Meador Elementary participated in Read Across America to promote reading and to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. Students and staff enjoyed a week of themed dress-up days and activities. The students surpassed the schoolwide reading goal of 750 Accelerator Reader points and earned 1159 points during that week. Shown above wearing a crazy hat is third-grader Jillian Mikulski. Shown below are third-grader Jaedon Sinclair (left) and his mother Lanalisa Sinclair, a paraprofessional, who is dressed in Dr. Seuss accessories.



CCART sets meeting for April

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its April meeting on Tuesday, April 17. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The featured speaker is Johanna Wycoff, author of *Dancing in the Bomb Shelters - My Diary of Holland in World War II*. Her book chronicles the German occupation of Holland in 1940 and her wartime experiences hiding Jewish friends and encountering Schutzstaffel brutality. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50.

Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
Construction work began on the 4.3 acre site that would become the Sagemont Village shopping center.

In a two-hour period, Houston police were called to a disturbance on Beamer Road, to investigate speeding on Kirklingen, to check on a suspicious male suspected of trying to break into the Shakey's Pizza Parlor, to investigate a robbery on Sagetree and to a disturbance on Tiltree.

35 years ago (1983)
State District Judge Ted Poe ordered John Ballenger to pay \$150 a month to Teri and Summer Martin for child support for four years. Ballenger was charged with the murder of Tommy Martin, the husband of Teri Martin and father of Summer Martin.

County Judge Jon Lindsay told members of the South Belt Community Improvement Association that providing a toll road could be the only way the South Belt would get built.

30 years ago (1988)
The Environmental Protection Agency was to give the Brio Total Cleanup Task Force, a recently-formed local citizens committee, 30 days

to present any documentation that could alter the agency's plans for cleanup of Brio. Many candidates were trying a second time to gain their party's blessing for the upcoming runoff election.

25 years ago (1993)
With only two weeks remaining before the May 1 election, neither the Clear Creek nor Pasadena school boards had taken a formal stand on the three proposed constitutional amendments dealing with school finance. Officials in the PISD supported passage of the amendments, while their counterparts in CCISD had trouble swallowing the first of the three propositions.

Weeks after the long-delayed opening of Beltway 8 from Interstate 45 to Beamer, it was announced that the next portion of the beltway, from Beamer to Telephone, would open within two weeks.

20 years ago (1998)
George A. Thompson's academic team defeated Atlanta 62-34 to advance to the final four of the National Academic League tournament.

Sagemont resident, Carmen Fonseca, was sentenced to life in prison for the capital

murder of her husband. Fonseca was charged and convicted of plotting the shooting of her husband.

15 years ago (2003)
City of Houston police sought unknown individuals who shot into a 2003 silver Honda Accord on the Gulf Freeway between Fuqua and Beltway 8.

Dr. Eddie Weller, San Jacinto College South Honors Program director, won the 2002 Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award. He received a certificate and a check for \$2,500.

10 years ago (2008)
A recent study that ranked high schools in the Greater Houston area prompted concern from area residents and officials at the Pasadena Independent School District, due to low showings from schools in the district. The study was conducted by the nonprofit group Children at Risk.

It was the eighth anniversary of the death of Dobie student Jonathan Barrica, who was shot in the face as he answered the door to his home on Sagepark.

This week marked the anniversary of the disappearance of three South Belt residents who were lost at sea during a fishing trip out of Freeport. Austin Childs, Scott Keller and John Zimmerman left one evening to go on an offshore fishing trip on Zimmerman's 28-foot boat. The trip was similar to many the trio had made before.

The Ellington Field Salutes Our Veterans fundraising event was held at Ellington Field. The full day event would benefit the Helping A Hero foundation, a local nonprofit organization that supports severely injured military personnel and their families.

San Jacinto College Foundation scheduled its annual Monopoly Masquerade to be held at South Shore Harbour Resort. In its seventh year, the event would raise funds to help students at the school through scholarships.

5 years ago (2013)
The Sagemeadow and Kirkmont municipal utility districts each announced they would hold bond elections on the same day. The extra funds were needed to make repairs to the districts' aging water and sewer lines that were

damaged by recent droughts. Voters in the Sagemeadow MUD would decide on a \$15 million proposal, while Kirkmont residents would vote on a \$10 million bond.

1 year ago (2017)
The South Belt community was struck by fierce storms for the second time in less than a week. While the first storm, which primarily took place early March 25, caused extensive wind damage, the second storm, which whipped through the area the afternoon of March 29, resulted in rampant flooding throughout the community. High water was reported throughout the South Belt area, including on major thoroughfares, such as Hughes Road, Hall Road and Fuqua. Several drivers were forced to seek higher ground, as many streets were impassable, especially in smaller vehicles. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the rain gauge at the Beamer Ditch at Hughes Road recorded 2.84 inches of rainfall during the peak of the storm. Despite the large amount of rain, the *Leader* heard no reports of houses flooding.

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Students represent Meador at science fair



Meador Elementary was represented by the following students at the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair on March 20. All five students were awarded silver medals. Shown are, left to right, Jaedon Sinclair third-grader; Caleb Bray, third-grader; Isabella Diaz, third-grader; Xavier Martinez, fourth-grader; and Matthew Espinoza, third-grader.

Photo by Tara Merida

UHCL offers new school counselors boot camp

For University of Houston-Clear Lake students about to graduate with degrees in school counseling and for school counselors in the field, the Center for Educational Programs is offering a two-session New Counselor Boot Camp on Saturday, April 14, and Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon in room 1310.05 of the Arbor Building.

The Boot Camp, led by UH-Clear Lake alumna and Clear Creek Independent School District certified school counselor and licensed professional counselor-intern Dawn Coryat-Hon, provides soon-to-be graduates with valuable information about giving a job interview, and strategies to plan a productive and well-organized first year on the job.

"The first session, called 'How to Wow the Interview,' focuses not as much about what prospective school counselors say in a job interview, but on how they sometimes say it," Coryat-Hon said. "Part of the interview is nonverbal communication, and it's so important that counselor candidates communicate warmth and caring during an interview for a position that demands warmth and caring."

She added that projecting confidence is also a must during the job interview. "Sometimes it's just a matter of wordsmithing their responses a little better, to be successful in the interview," said Coryat-Hon.

Coryat-Hon will practice interview skills with counselor candidates relying on her own years of experience as a school counselor, as well as using what the American School Counselor Association suggests for interview questions.

"They provide a variety of questions that are likely to be asked in an interview, and we work on those. They're questions about personal philosophy, and about real problems they'll face working with students in schools," Coryat-Hon said.

The second Boot Camp session, titled "I've Landed the Job - Now What" helps counselor candidates strategize ways to begin planning an entire school year.

"It's a bit like eating an elephant," Coryat-Hon said. "You have to take one bite at a time. However, we don't want them to wait till the last minute to think about planning. Confidence comes from knowing what to expect, so if they are aware of what's typically done in most schools, and start brainstorming ideas, they can start their school year with ease."

will give the new counselor a sense of calm in the midst of a very chaotic job."

Director of UH-Clear Lake's Center for Educational Programs Tonya Jeffery said that participants in the New School Counselors Boot Camp will receive three hours of CPE credit for each session.

"Through our professional development programs, it's great to bring people to our campus and provide this outreach to our community," Jeffery said. "This program offers a great service to students and recent graduates, and it's open to the community."

For more information and to register, call 281-283-3529 or email cep@uhcl.edu or visit <http://cep.uhcl.edu>.

Rothko hosts In a Moss Garden: the Sounds of Japan

The Rothko Chapel is hosting a concert that will bring both traditional musical aesthetics and contemporary composition from Japan to the stage.

The event "In a Moss Garden: the Sounds of Japan" is slated for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10. A reception will follow. The "pay what you can" concert has a suggested value of \$20. The chapel is located at 3900 Yupon St.

The concert will feature performances by John Lane, Marty Regan and Yoko Reikano Kimura.

"The works on the program reflect several elements of Japanese culture including Zen Buddhism, haiku and tanka poetry and even the annual celebration of cherry blossoms," director of programs and community engagement Ashley Clemmer said.

She explained that "hanami" is the word for a long-practiced Japanese tradition of welcoming the cherry blossoms of in springtime. Communities often gather under blooming cherry blossom trees and ponder their evanescent beauty.

John Lane's "Uji" for solo snare drum and spoken text reflects on the teachings of Eihei Dogen, founder of the Soto school of Zen. John Cage's "Ryoanji," a piece that musically represents the raked sand and stones of the Ryoanji temple garden in Kyoto, will also be performed.

The program concludes with the premiere of a new

work by Marty Regan for koto, 13-string Japanese zither; shakuhachi, end-blown Japanese bamboo flute; and percussion titled, "In a Moss Garden."

Koto/Shamisen performer and singer based in New York and Japan, Yoko Reikano Kimura has performed as a frequent soloist and collaborator worldwide, including in New York City, Chicago, Tokyo and Kyoto with a wide-ranging repertoire from classical Japanese music to improvisational pieces. Kimura has received a number of awards, including the first prize at the 10th Kenjun Memorial National Koto Competition as the first Yamada style koto performer.

Since moving to the U.S. in 2010, her mission has been to promote Japanese music to audiences in the U.S. As part of this mission, she performs and holds workshops at various venues, including the United Nations and universities. Her collaboration with Yuiko Tomita, violinist, began in 2000 and their duo "Y's Sound" won the Debut Concert Audition at Toppan Hall, Tokyo. Since 2008 she has concertized with her husband, Hiko Tamaki, cellist, together known under the moniker, "Duo YUMENO."

This duo offers a unique fusion of sound that explores both traditional Japanese music and Western classical music, commissioning new works and creating their own arrangements. In 2013 they completed a successful four-

year performance project in Japan and the U.S. that included an annually commissioned work by American composer Marty Regan. They were awarded the Chamber Music America Classical Commissioning Program grant. For more information, visit yokoreikano.com.

John Lane's creative work and collaborations extend through percussion to poetry and spoken word, as well as theater. As a performer, he has appeared on stages throughout the Americas, Australia and Japan. Recent credits include performances at the Hokuto International Music Festival in Japan, Percusión en Escena International Percussion Festival in Bogotá, Colombia, as concerto soloist with the National Symphony of Panama and as a featured international guest artist at the Antarctica Music Festival at the Australian National University.

Commissioning new works and interdisciplinary collaborations are integral to Lane's work. He has been connected with a number of composers including Peter Garland, Mark Applebaum, Yo Goto, Emiliano Pardo, Mara Helmut, Christopher Deane, John Luther Adams, Kyle Gann, Michael Byron, Wen Hui Xie, Kazuaki Shiota and David Farrell. Lane has several on-going collaborations with writer Ann McCutchan, poet Nick Lantz, percussionist Allen Otte and visual artist John Roach. He has created original music for choreographer/dancer Hila-

ry Bryan and granite sculptor Jesús Morales.

Currently, Lane serves as the director of percussion studies and associate professor of percussion at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. He taught previously at the University of Wyoming and held fellowships at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and the University of North Texas. For more information, visit john-lane.com.

Regan has composed more than 70 works for traditional Japanese instruments and since 2002 has been affiliated with AURA-J, one of Japan's premiere performance ensembles of contemporary-traditional Japanese music. Widely regarded as the authoritative source on the subject and the only resource of its kind available in English, his translation of Minoru Miki's orchestration-instrumentation manual Composing for Japanese Instruments was published by the University of Rochester Press in 2008. His "Selected Works for Japanese Instru-

ments" compact disc series is released by Navona Records and his music is published by Mother Earth Co., Ltd. Regan completed his doctoral degree in music with an emphasis in composition at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa in 2006. One of his newest works, a chamber opera titled "The Memory Stone," was commissioned by the Houston Grand Opera as part of the company's "Songs of Houston: East + West" initiative and was premiered in April 2013 at the Asia Society Texas Center.

In 2015, Regan received a Helen Wurlitzer Foundation Artist Residency Grant as well as a Clare Hall Visiting Research Fellowship from Cambridge University, UK. He is an associate professor of music at Texas A&M University. For more information, visit martyregan.com.

To register for the event and to learn more about the Rothko Chapel and its full calendar of upcoming programs, workshops and events, visit rothko.chapel.org or call 713-524-9839.

SEEN ABWA sets meeting

Join the South East Express Network of American Business Women's Association for a monthly luncheon on Thursday, April 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbecue, private meeting room, in Pearland. The South East Express Network of the American Business Women's Association is here to empower, inspire, mentor, teach and help one grow their business. If one wants to grow both personally and professionally, join the group as they discuss the recent conference ideas that will help one to bloom. The cost of the meal and meeting fee will be \$20. RSVP by April 10 at www.seen-abwa.org.

Memorial Hermann Southeast physicians encourage screening for colorectal cancer

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in men and women in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. March was Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and a time for people to educate themselves about prevention, risk factors and the importance of screening for colorectal cancer. Physicians affiliated with Memorial Her-

mann Southeast Hospital are encouraging everyone with associated risks to schedule colonoscopies to be screened for colorectal cancer.

"Those at the highest risk of developing colorectal cancer are individuals who are 50 years or older, overweight or obese, are not physically active, and have diets high in red or processed meats," said Sudhanshu Gogia, gastroen-

terologist affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast.

"In addition, if someone has a family history of colorectal cancer or a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, they are also at high risk."

Gogia recommends starting colonoscopies at age 50 for those who are not at an increased risk of colorectal cancer. A colonoscopy exam-

ines the entire colon and rectum to find polyps or signs of cancer.

To schedule an appointment for a colonoscopy at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital call 713-222-CARE (2273) and to schedule one at another Memorial Hermann facility, visit <http://www.memorialhermann.org/digestive/schedule-a-colonoscopy-online/>.

Precinct 2 CPA classes get under way



Classes for the sixth Precinct 2 Citizens Police Academy are underway. Pictured, above, speaking to CPA students in the March 29 session, are Danny Lacayo (left) from the Harris County public defender's office and Judge Marc Carter of the 228th Judicial District Court. With a venue at Sagemont Church, the mid-day Thursday sessions feature a variety of guest speakers including retired U.S. Army Special Forces Lt. Col. Joe Stepp with Pasadena Regional Intelligence who has an extensive background in counter-terrorism operations and intelligence and Shore Acres Chief of Police Troy Harrison who demonstrates a simulator with class participation in "Shoot, Don't Shoot!" Designed to foster a better relationship between law enforcement and the community, the class continues through May 24 with an official graduation and recognition by Pct. 2 Constable Chris Diaz.

Hancock names third nine-weeks awards

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First Grade

Rick Chidubem Azinge, Dylan Jacob Daugherty, Alison Elisabeth Garcia, Caleb Jacob Garcia, Nathan Xavier Garcia, Savannah Lynn Gomez, Kameron Chanel Johnson, Axel Juarez, Adam Isaiiah Lopez, Eliel Alexis Machado and Noah Jaime Maldonado.

Melanie Marin, Luis Mario Melesio Jr, Roberto Arturo Najera, Garrick Obah, Nahla Dior Penalver, John Anthony Post, Stephanie Eleene Romero, Margarito Yovani Segovia, Giselle Vallesteros, Adalia Sofia Vilorio and Gabrielle Zoe Rose Wilkins.

Second Grade

Dianelys Banda, Mykaela Lynn Cantu, Jazlyn Annette Carmouche, Christopher Caranza, Brianna Alisson Castillo, Natalie Aurora Cazares, Maxwell Ryan Charles, Khloe Nicole Hughes, Chaz Tyler Jones Jr., Kaylee Celeste Lopez and Noel Joel Lozano.

Monica Luna, Nathan Isaiiah Maldonado, Lo'real Marie Mast, Josue Antonio Murillo Euceda, Giselle Lorena Najera, Sisamay Abigail Olivos, Nathan Pickney III, Hailey Brianna Ramsey, Isaiiah Jordan Romero, Niomi Gwen Sanchez, Christian David Teruel, Alex Tien Tran, Hayson Tinh Vo and Lilynhu Vu.

Third Grade

Mayte Almanza, Nathalia Almanza, Roy Chijindu Azinge, Joshua Romalce Brown Jr, Lenneth Pacis Cruz, Mya Denise Durant, Ailey Isabella Espinoza, Khaiden Semaj Gholar, Gabriel Alejandro Gonzalez, Joshua Gutierrez and Da'shy Lynn Johnson.

Christian Alexander Jones, Adalyn Juarez, Camila Alexa Juarez, Michelle Marie Lopez, Louisa Safor Obah, Gloria Stephanie Ochoa, Jazlynn Alicia Post, Leah Audrey Sarmiento, Semaj James Smith and Juan Javier Torres.

Fourth Grade

Izik Lanard Alexander, Adrian Caballero Jr, Yarelin Alicia Carreon, Alanah Paige Carter, Malakei Isaiiah Contreras, Kayla De La Cruz, Gregory Luis Deleon Jr, Chloe Anese Gillespie, Ethan Xavier Gomez, Nicholas Xavier Hernandez, San Le Jr. and Lauren Gianna Lewis.

Katherine Lopez, Cristian Keisi Lopez Guerrero, Victoria Araceli Lozano, Maximus Caine Martinez, Gia An Tran Nguyen, Kelvin Nguyen, Rendy Aseugong Obah, Onanna Naomi Obi, Benjamin Deandre Ortiz, Ju'vonie Lamont Rasberry, Camron Latrell Robertson, John Peter Sibirian, Jayden Alexander Victoria and Tarianna Aaliyah Wheaton.

Windmill Lakes announces art winners



The International Leadership of Texas Charter School at Windmill Lakes announced its art winners at the conclusion of the Fourth Annual Fine Arts competition. The respective winners included, left to right, Christine Browning, middle school art teacher; Jonathan Piche; Jazlyn de los Santos; Reanna Dixon; Dr. Jack Exum, assistant principal; Adareli Rios; Naomi Villarreal; Emeli Salazar; Valerie Menjivar; and Denise Cotton, elementary art teacher.

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Atkinson will get new marquee thanks to Ripple, DonorsChoose

By Laura Benavides Scallan
Atkinson Elementary will get a new marquee thanks to a company named Ripple and a website named DonorsChoose.org.

puts people that need money in education with people that have money that want to donate to those people," said Richard Whittaker, Atkinson math peer facilitator. "We needed a new marquee, we haven't had a sign in 30 years. We've been trying to get one for a long time but haven't been able to get the funding. We didn't have any donations until this company came in and funded everything, nationwide." Through DonorsChoose.org, a donor can search for a classroom project or school

projects to support from teachers or schools in need of supplies, electronics for classrooms, or in the case of Atkinson, a new marquee. The donor can donate any amount and the donation is tax-deductible. Once a project is fully funded, DonorsChoose purchases the requested items and ships them directly to the school. After the teacher receives the items needed, every donor receives a thank-you letter, photos and a report of how the donation was spent.

The cost of the new marquee was \$36,106, and the project was posted on Feb. 3. More than a month later, Atkinson had not received a single donation. That all changed on Tuesday, March 27 when Ripple made its big announcement. The announcement was posted via video on YouTube and can be found by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWtUoDjMXZk>. The announcement has achieved nationwide attention and was also featured on "The Late Show" program hosted by Stephen Colbert. The new marquee should be up and running in the near future. Two Atkinson kindergarten classrooms were able to fund iPads for the entire class with the same donation that Ripple made. "We really just want the area to understand that they don't have to necessarily go on DonorsChoose to donate," said Whittaker. "They can donate to us, and we're going to put it in DonorsChoose." Whittaker also mentioned that sometimes there are special circumstances where there is a "two or three to one match," meaning for every dollar that is donated, a foundation will match it. For example, if a person donated \$1 to an Atkinson project, a company would donate \$2 if it's a "two-to-one match" or \$3 if it's a "three-to-one match." There are projects currently posted that need funding, and not just from Atkinson. There are several schools that have projects that need funding from the Pasadena Independent School District, including local schools such as Laura Bush Elementary, Genoa Elementary and Thomas Hancock Elementary. To search for projects to fund, visit <https://www.donorschoose.org>. To donate directly to Atkinson, contact the school at 713-740-0520.



Shown, left to right, are some of the Atkinson teachers who post projects that need funding on DonorsChoose, Kim Grzesiek, ABLE teacher; Angie Fox, kindergarten teacher; and Richard Whittaker, math peer facilitator. Photo by Laura Benavides Scallan

Maxwell, Gebhard invited to Costa Rica

Shown in Costa Rica for a national leadership education project are Dr. John C. Maxwell (left) and Bob Gebhard. Gebhard is a Pearlland based coach and also a member of Maxwell's team in the project.



Local coach helps transform Costa Rica

Pearland based coach, Bob Gebhard joined leadership expert John C. Maxwell and 250 of his team of certified international coaches, volunteers and leaders in San José, Costa Rica at the invitation of President Luis Guillermo Solís, from March 11 to 15. This special delegation conducted a national leadership education project known as "Transformación Costa Rica" that reached 400,000 of the Costa Rican population by equipping them with values-based principles they can learn, live and lead in their social and professional environments. This massive endeavor was a social transformation initiative led by Maxwell and the John Maxwell Leadership Foundation, a non-profit organization, which aims to make training in values and leadership principles accessible to participants at no cost. Over the course of the five rigorous days, the specially trained delegation met with seven pillars of influence: government, education, me-

dia, business, arts, faith and family. Their goal was to transfer proven tools to the people of Costa Rica in an intentional effort to bring transformational energy to the country using the Maxwell Roundtable Method to foster two-way communication in a structured environment. "Transformación Costa Rica" carries the slogan "Transformation Is In Me," because the ability to change and to improve is believed to reside in each person. With the conviction that if one changes, the world changes, this movement inspired the people of Costa Rica to become change agents right within their own communities. "This is Operation Leadership Lift-off for Costa Rica," Maxwell said. "Literally, hundreds of our coaches and volunteers from all over the world are paying their own way to serve, add value and make a difference in Costa Rica. This is how transformation happens - one person

cares enough to take action - then hundreds care enough to take action." Gebhard shared some of the stories of transformation once he returned from Costa Rica. For example, he mentioned he went to Monsenor Odo Intermediate School where he was able to train 25 teachers on the Law of Forgiveness. During the lesson, one of the teachers he was training spoke about how her mother had died when she was 13, and her sister took her in. The teacher went on to explain that her sister later put her out of the house at the age of 16. She stated she needed to make her own way in life. After learning from Gebhard about the Law of Forgiveness, the teacher said that she needed to forgive her sister. "That is true transformation," said Gebhard. "This trip not only transformed the attendees, but all of the John C. Maxwell team members and our translators. It was truly an awesome trip."

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

22-6A tennis tourney gets started April 5

It's time for the cream to rise to the top as the District 22-6A spring tennis championships play out Thursday and Friday, April 5-6 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena.

Boys' and girls' singles, boys' and girls' doubles and mixed doubles teams from Dobie as well as Deer Park, La Porte, West Brook and the rest of the Pasadena ISD ranks will vie for Region III berths.

Early-round action will commence April 5, with the plan that semifinal rounds finish. On the final day, the finals, semifinals as well as playback duels will come on April 6.

Where Dobie is concerned, the locals are facing difficult matchups in the hopes of reaching the regional tournament.

The Longhorns' best overall chance may come in the mixed doubles, where Leilani Vargas and "Big" Continued on Page 2B

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JFD boys' soccer to quarterfinals

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Something about this story is sounding awfully familiar.

Thanks to a pair of late second-half goals, the defending Region III champion Dobie varsity boys' soccer team is still in the hunt to repeat.

RIII Quarters
Dobie vs. North Shore
Fri., April 6
Galena Park ISD, 6:30

At right, Dobie teammates Luis Arellano (13) and Bryan Nava (11) rejoice after Arellano's goal with five minutes remaining effectively sealed the Longhorns' 2-0 area round playoff victory over Friendswood April 3, at The Rig in Pearland. The two players notched second-half goals as the defending Region III champions advanced.

Photo by Jade Wise

And like last season, making a trip to the Region III Final Four means the Longhorns will have to go through North Shore in the regional quarterfinals, the third straight meeting in the same round between the two teams.



In 2016, North Shore ended the Longhorns' season with a win. But then a season ago, the Longhorns turned the tables on the Mustangs, using a big quarterfinal win as a springboard to the program's first-ever Region III championship.

Thus far in the playoffs, the Longhorns have used late-game scores to advance.

In the opening bidistrict round March 29 at Goose Creek Memorial, Dobie's Raul Hernandez scored the eventual game-winner midway through the second half as the locals advanced with a 2-1 win.

Moving ahead to the area-round tilt against Friendswood, Dobie's Bryan Nava scored the game's first goal in the 52nd minute, and teammate Luis Arellano put the game on ice with a score with five minutes remaining as the Longhorns punched their ticket for a rematch with North Shore.

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Lady Longhorns win third in row; tied for second

Just five games remain in the regular season for the Dobie varsity softball team. While the locals are not exactly where they want to be just yet, they are close. Best yet, they

have every opportunity to control their fate down the stretch.

A 17-4 pounding of South Houston April 3 at the Pasadena ISD complex gave the Lady Longhorns their third straight win, their seventh in nine Dis-

trict 22-6A contests.

Dobie will now face Rayburn April 6 and Pasadena April 10 before the real fun begins.

In their final three games - all at home - the Lady Longhorns will face first-place Deer Park as

well as playoff contending teams La Porte and Memorial.

The locals will need help from another team to force a potential tie with Deer Park, but second place and, therefore, a No. 2

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LSA's Ngo, Cheung to state tennis
Lutheran South Academy's Alan Ngo (left) and Tiger Cheung are preparing to compete at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championships April 16-18 at the Waco Regional Tennis Center after winning the district championship without losing a game.

Longhorn baseball closes down Mavs

It's become clear that whenever sophomore right-hander Daniel Garza takes the mound, the Longhorns are capable of beating anybody on the baseball diamond.

With his team needing a win to close out the first half of district play on a high note, Garza delivered the goods, shutting down Memorial on his way to an 8-1 complete-game win.

La Porte is out in front in 22-6A and looks unstoppable, but the Longhorns join Deer Park and West Brook in a three-way tie for second place at 5-2.

Memorial is two games back of a playoff seed with seven games to play in league action.

At Memorial April 3,

Garza scattered six hits and fanned 10, running his record to 6-1 overall.

Senior and team captain Jeffry Mercado led the offense, going 3 for 4 with three stolen bases and three runs scored.

Justin Blogg had three hits and an RBI, and both Zach Frias and Jonathan Acosta had a pair of hits.

The Longhorns will look to break a tie with West Brook when they head to Beaumont to face the Bruins April 6, in a 7 p.m. game.

In the 22-6A opener for both teams in March, West Brook defeated the Longhorns 2-1, staving off a seventh-inning rally in doing so.

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Despite loss to Atascocita, Dobie girls' soccer encouraged

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

A tale of two games is really what it all boiled down to in the end for the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team.

Just six days earlier, the group likely delivered its best effort of the season in a must-win against Memorial to close out the regular season.

Needing an outright win to even make the post-season, the Lady Longhorns did just that, taking down Memorial 2-1 to

vault over the Lady Mavericks for third place.

That third place award meant Dobie would have a bidistrict playoff rematch against an Atascocita team that ended the locals' 2017 season with a 2-0 first-round win.

Atascocita used that first round win to advance all the way to the Region III Final Four. It remains to be seen just how far the Lady Eagles can go this season, but they are once again advancing after defeating Dobie 5-0 March

29, at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

"(Beating Memorial) was probably one of the biggest moments that we have experienced in the program in a while," Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald said.

"The effort and energy that we showed was probably the best we have shown all season. We played Deer Park (undefeated District 22-6A champion) to a scoreless tie and then lost in a shootout, and that was our best game leading

up to the Memorial game. When you consider that we had to beat Memorial just to make the playoffs, it was a special win for us."

Against Atascocita, the Lady Longhorns simply could not bring that type of intensity back to the field. Granted, Atascocita is a regional power, but Dobie would have loved to keep the game closer.

"They (Atascocita) can play, and they came out early and made things tough for us. They are

very good and were clicking on all cylinders. We would have liked to have played better, but we can't take anything away from Atascocita."

Looking back on the entire 2018 campaign, McDonald said that while the Lady Longhorns did finish third, the season might have been even better had the ball bounced their way more often.

"I counted five games where we just needed one more goal to win or force a tie, and we didn't get

those goals," McDonald said. "Not only that, but in all five of those games, we probably had four to five solid scoring chances that we just didn't convert. That's soccer. Last year and in previous years, maybe those goals get scored. It was just harder to find goals."

That said, Dobie feels very good about its future.

Of course the team will lose several key seniors such as Alejandra Magana, Kimberli Izaguirre, goalkeeper Analise Garza, Hillary Bazaldua and others, but there is more talent coming to fill those voids.

Dobie's junior varsity team went 12-2 in District 22-6A action, losing twice to Deer Park. There are a

couple of current freshmen McDonald may consider for varsity time as well.

And while the Lady Longhorns will begin the 2019 season without the services of talented Tania Collier (injury), she is expected back perhaps for the start of district play.

Kingwood and Atascoc-

ita will lead the group of newcomers to District 22-6A in 2019. The battle for the playoffs may be as tough as ever, but McDonald is not deterred.

"We lose Deer Park but are gaining two Deer Parks," he joked. "It's a matter of going out there and battling against some of this top talent and finding ways to win."



Atascocita, a Region III finalist a season ago, defeated Dobie for the second time in the bidistrict playoffs, this time by a 5-0 count. On this play, the Lady Longhorn defense defends the Lady Eagles near the goal. Those in on the action for Dobie included

Bryanna Rodriguez (18), Kimberli Izaguirre (19), Taiya Mitchell (11), Emily Solis (6) and Marissa Maxwell (16). At far left is Dobie's Laly Medrano (10), while Victoria Chu (3) is at far right.



Two future District 22-6A foes went at it in the bidistrict playoffs March 30, at Galena Park ISD Stadium, with Atascocita defeating Dobie 5-0 to end the Lady Longhorns' season. Here, Atascocita's Kylie

Weed (16) and Dobie's Kimberli Izaguirre battle for possession. For Izaguirre, it was her final match at Dobie after a standout three-year varsity career. Photos by Jade Wise/Pasadena ISD

JFD bowling club turns in program's finest season yet

By Jade Wise
Pasadena ISD

The Dobie boys' and girls' bowling teams late last month won second and eleventh place, respectively, at the state competition in San Antonio and will advance to take on the top teams in the country at nationals in June.

The state competition began with 24 competing teams bowling three complete games in the singles event.

The scores were totaled cumulatively and the top 12 teams advanced to the second round, where they seeded and placed in the bracket play.

Bracket play featured games with five players bowling together for one complete game, and the winning team advanced to the next round.

Dobie head coach Steven Mullins said that the margin of error that kept the boys' team from secur-

ing a first place finish and a state title was razor thin.

"For the tournament, our boys averaged a 221, while the champions only averaged a 206," said Mullins.

"They beat us when we just happened to have our lowest scoring games of the competition."

With the state event attracting some of the top high school talent in the state, Dobie senior Nicolas Guerra said the pres-

sure of the tournament was nerve-wracking.

"I felt the adrenaline in my veins on every shot," he said.

"The crowd was quiet during the shot, but as soon as the ball hit the pins, all you heard was yelling, even if you didn't hit a strike."

For the girls' team, the eleventh place finish was one of the highest placements in school history and an improvement from

their 22nd ranking the previous year.

Monica Zabala, a senior who has been on the team for the past four years, attributed their success this year to the team focusing and working better together.

"We put everything not bowling out of our minds and left everything out on the lanes," said Zabala. "Our team really came together and accomplished a lot."

At right, the Lady Longhorns' club bowling squad won district and regional championships before taking 11th place at the state competition. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Victoria Lazo, Elyssa Manriquez, (back row) Chelsea Keener, Monica Zabala and Sydney Mejia. Submitted photos



Below at left, the Dobie High School club bowling squad is relishing its awards after putting together the best season in program history, finishing second at the state tournament in San Antonio. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Brandon Harder, Rudolf Luna III, Francisco Camargo, Joseph Castillo, (back row) coach Russell Harder, coach Rudy Luna, Nicolas Guerra, head coach Steven Mullins, Nicolas Luna, coach Adam Mejia and Raphael Escalona. Dobie previously won the district title and took second at regionals to reach the state tournament.

Dobie at state club bowling championships

First 3 Games High Series – Boys

First 3 Games High Series – Girls

- Brandon Harder - 722 series
- Rudy Luna III - 563 series
- Joseph Castillo - 553 series
- Nicolas Guerra - 570 series
- Nicolas Luna – teammate
- Francisco Camargo – teammate

- Victoria Lazo - 607 series
- Chelsey Keener - 599 series
- Monica Zabala - 501 series
- Sidney Mejia – teammate
- Elyssa Manriquez – teammate



Longhorn netters to face 22-6A tourney field

Continued from Page 1B Tommy Nguyen will join forces as the No. 1 seeded team entering play. While the two have not had many opportunities to compete or practice together, they have a great shot to advance to regionals if they can play well.

Dobie head coach Miguel Moreno admitted that both "Big" Tommy Nguyen and Vargas very well could have been the No. 1 boys' and No. 1 girls' singles seeds, respectively, but playing together was another option.

In boys' singles, "Little" Tommy Nguyen and Adrian Tamez are seeded No. 2 and could very well play their way into contention for a regional spot.

Alex Cuaping will represent the Longhorns as

the No. 3 seed in boys' singles, and Tina Ha of Dobie is the No. 3 seed in girls' singles.

The Longhorns' Sebastian Delgado will also play boys' singles, and Moreno wants to see how the even-steady Delgado performs.

"Sebastian is like a human backboard," Moreno said. "He finds a way to return every shot, and make his opponent hit that extra shot time after time. He has a way of frustrating his opponents, so it'll be fun to see how he fares."

In the mixed doubles, Dobie's Luis Neira and Emily Nguyen are also in the mix. While they won't be favored to advance, Neira made his way to regionals last season with another teammate, and

Emily Nguyen has enjoyed as solid a season as any of her teammates so far this spring.

Deer Park is clearly the team with the most top seeds and potential chances to reach regionals later this month. La Porte also possesses some solid players.

And then there is West Brook. Due to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, the Bruins canceled their planned trip to Dobie during the fall team tennis season.

Moreno, however, knows of the talent of several of the Bruins' players. That will also be a factor at the 22-6As. "Really with West Brook, it's all a matter of who shows up."

All of that aside, Moreno cares only about what

his players are able to put together. For some seniors, this could be the final tournament of their careers.

"We have some good chances, but it's a matter of who steps up to the plate and gets it done," Moreno said.

"We have had some players who have been up and down this spring, and you can't have that at the district tournament. If you lose at this point, the season is over."

"The kids who can put together the best two days of tennis are going to be the ones who advance, regardless of the team."

"The bottom line is going out there and winning points and matches. These kids all control their own destiny over the next two days."

Lady Wolverines place fourth at state bowling; Gammon nets Elite 8

Sports Calendar



The Clear Brook girls' club bowling squad reached the Final Four at the state championships in San Antonio, completing a terrific season for the Lady Wolverines. Brook was seeded No. 1 after individual play and went on to lose to eventual state champion Antonio Apaches. In the individual competition, Brook's Adrianna Gammon made her way to the Elite 8 before

being downed by eventual state champion Katie Beard. Members of the Clear Brook team include, left to right, (front row) Alexis Hernandez, Gammon, Lynn Cao, coach Roxy Casas, Kassandra Razo, Nadia Mata, (back row) coach Jason Lee, Kayla Chavez, coach Dario Vacarro, Allison Lee, Rabecah Bhatti and coach Cecil Rutherford.

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- Tuesday, April 10**
 Thompson 7th boys at Queens, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7th boys host Park View, 5:00
 Thompson 8th boys at Queens, 6:00
 Beverly Hills 8th boys host Park View, 6:00
- TENNIS**
Thursday, April 5
 Dobie varsity at 22-6A tourn., Harry Taylor, TBA
- Friday, April 6**
 Dobie varsity at 22-6A tourn., Harry Taylor, TBA
- TRACK AND FIELD**
Monday, April 9
 Brook boys/girls at 24-6A champs, Challenger, TBA
- Wednesday, April 11**
 Brook boys/girls at 24-6A champs, Challenger, TBA
- BASEBALL**
Friday, April 6
 Dobie varsity at Beaumont West Brook, 7:00
 Dobie JV hosts West Brook, Dobie, 4:00
 Brook varsity at Clear Lake, 7:00
- Saturday, April 7**
 Dobie sophomores host West Brook, Dobie, 1:00
- Tuesday, April 10**
 Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 7:00
 Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, Dobie, 4:00
 Dobie JV at South Houston, 3:00
 Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 6:30
 Dobie sophomores at South Houston, 5:00
 Brook sophomores host Clear Springs, 4:30
- Friday, April 13**
 Brook varsity hosts Clear Springs, 7:00
 Brook JV at Clear Springs, 6:30
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 Dobie varsity vs. Rayburn, Maguire, 4:00
- SOFTBALL**
Friday, April 6
 San Jacinto College hosts Coastal Bend (2), 4:00
 Dobie varsity vs. Rayburn, PISD, 7:00
 Brook varsity hosts Friendswood, 6:30
 Dobie JV vs. Rayburn, PISD, 5:30
 Brook JV hosts Friendswood, 5:00
 Dobie JV (B) vs. Rayburn, 4:00
- Saturday, April 7**
 San Jacinto College hosts Laredo (2), 4:00
- Tuesday, April 10**
 Dobie varsity vs. Pasadena, PISD, 7:00
 Brook varsity at Clear Lake, 6:30
 Dobie JV vs. Pasadena, PISD, 5:30
 Brook JV at Clear Lake, 5:00
 Dobie JV (B) vs. Pasadena, PISD, 4:00
- Wednesday, April 11**
 San Jacinto College at LSU-Eunice (2), 1:00
- Friday, April 13**
 Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 6:30
 Brook JV at Clear Springs, 5:00

Dobie baseball moves to 5-2

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Bihm silences JFD
 In a battle for first place, La Porte took full advantage of its opportunity, staying unbeaten with a 6-1 victory over Dobie March 30, at Maguire Field in Pasadena.

In fact, La Porte put the game away rather early, scoring six runs in the top of the first inning.

Junior Damien Lopez, the Longhorns' starting pitcher, lasted just 1/3 of an inning before Alan Lopez entered the game and pitched scoreless baseball the rest of the

way. La Porte got 6 2/3 solid innings from senior right-

hander Brett Bihm, who scattered three hits and struck out four.

22-6A Varsity Baseball (As of March 28)

Teams	W	L
La Porte	5	0
Dobie	4	1
West Brook	4	1
Memorial	3	2
Deer Park	3	2
Pasadena	1	4
Rayburn	0	5
S. Houston	0	5

Dobie, Brook tracksters at Rockholds

The Lady Longhorns certainly entered the 22-6A championships with confidence after their performance at the Rockhold Relays in Baytown.

Each of Dobie's three relay teams scored points, and freshman Amari Singleton was also on point in a couple of individual events, as well Kiome Dixon.

Singleton landed Dobie's lone gold medal, winning the 400-meter run in a time of 58.32 seconds.

At the 800-meter distance, Singleton's time of 2 minutes, 28.94 seconds placed her fifth.

Dobie's best relay finish came in the 4x200 as Erin Fleming, Deira Jackson, Ambreon Jones and Ajaylah Reed teamed for a time of 1:45.87 for second place, a full two seconds behind champion Baytown Sterling.

Fleming, Jackson, Jones and Rachel Smith com-

bined in the 4x100-meter relay as Dobie posted a time of 50.35 for fourth place.

In the 4x400-meter event, it was Briasia Garza, Jones, Atziri Galarza and Singleton teaming for a clocking of 4:12.24 and fifth place.

A leap of 17 feet, 3 1/2 inches gave Dixon fourth place in the long jump, and she was sixth in the high jump after she cleared the 4-10 mark.

In the triple jump, Fleming's best effort of 35-2 1/4 placed her sixth, and Victoria Onozie's throw of 109-4 1/2 was sixth-best in the discus.

Douglas lifts JFD boys
 Mason Douglas placed fifth in both hurdling events to pace the Dobie varsity team.

In the 110s, Douglas finished at 14.58, while his time of 41.22 in the 300s was also sixth.

Brook attends, too

An abbreviated Clear Brook squad also attended the Rockholds, with others choosing to wait for the 24-6A championships April 9 and April 11.

John'te Horace garnered a pair of silver medals for the Wolverines in Baytown.

Horace went 22-5 1/2 for second place in the long jump and 44-11 3/4 in the triple jump.

Caleb Chapman, headed to Texas A&M University to play receiver for the Aggies, continued his strong season, taking second in the 400-meter run at 50.00.

The Lady Wolverines' Keaira Connor was fourth in the 100-meter dash in a time of 12.31, and her time of 25.96 was fifth in the 200-meter dash.

Kennedy Crutchfield, meanwhile, placed fifth in the long jump (17-1/2) and sixth in the 100-meter dash (12.66).

Lajaunie tennis to benefit local youths

The 2018 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena April 27-29.

The DLTSF will continue to award college scholarships to the seniors on the Dobie High School tennis team, in addition to qualifying members of the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are in the planning and sponsorship gathering stages for its seventh annual memorial tennis tournament.

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984.

Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011. This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center.

Lajaunie was also dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt, a luggage tag and enjoy a complimentary opening morning breakfast snack.

A free lunch will also be available for players

and spectators, donated by the Lajaunie family. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors and silent auction items.

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 27.

There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets will soon be available for purchase.

Opening night special activities this year include HTTC hosting a complimentary cardio tennis clinic for adults, and a children's clinic full of fun tennis games for ages 12 and under.

There will also be plenty of give-away prizes over the course of the three-day event.

Tickets may now be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website. In May, the 2018 Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is \$35 for singles and \$22.50 per player for doubles.

Players may also register at www.settee.com. Registration deadline is April 13.

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 28, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLTennis.com includes pictures from the 2017 tournament and informa-

tion on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarship details and more.

Those who would like to donate may also do so on the website.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or one may mail a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX, 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie at cjlajau nie@gmail.com with any questions.

Local sports news

Rising Stars registering

The Rising Stars Track Club, the South Belt area's longstanding youth program, is currently accepting registration and is conducting preseason workouts at the Dobie High School track. Team coaches are hosting workouts each Wednesday and Friday, from 4:45 p.m. to dark, Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. Both returning and first-year team members may register at any of the workout sessions.

Pearland Rotary charity golf

Pearland Rotary Club officials have announced plans for the group's 47th annual Golf for Charity tournament, coming to Golfcrest Country Club Friday, May 4.

Participants will enjoy golf, a lunch, a celebratory dinner, silent auction and more during the course of the fun-filled day. There will also be a closest-to-the-pin contest in addition to the ever-popular Fireball Challenge.

Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., and golf begins at noon. To register for the event, visit www.PearlandRotaryGolf.com.

Blackhawk Seahawks FB signing up

The Blackhawk Seahawks' youth football program, complete with drill team and cheerleading squads, is currently registering boys and girls ages 5 to 12 years old, for the 2018 fall season. The cost is \$200 each for football players and \$350 each for drill team and cheerleader members.

The Blackhawk Seahawks are members of the Texas Intercity Football Inc. (TIFI) and play their home games at Dobie High School.

To register youths, visit the team web site at www.leaguelineup.com/blackhawkseahawks. For additional information, call team president Lisa Sanchez at 832-969-8542.

CALENDAR

- THURSDAY, APRIL 5**
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, located at 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
- 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
- Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.
- 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
- 7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
- 7:30 p.m.
The Bay Area Writers' League - Meets the first and third Thursdays monthly to improve writing skills. Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

- FRIDAY, APRIL 6**
 7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
- 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
- Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
- 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
- 8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 7**
 7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, located at 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. For more information, call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
- 10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
- 11 a.m.
Scleroderma Support Group - Do you know someone

- Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
- 1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
- 7 - 10 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - "Springtime in Texas Ballroom Dance" showcases Texas A&M Sea Aggie Two-Steppe with music by Neva Schroeder at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. in League City. The cost is \$8. Reserved seating is available for dancers without partners, an option provided for those who chose to share partners. Couples, singles, students, and all ages and level of dance ability are encouraged to attend. Smoking, alcohol and floor wax are not permitted per city policy. For more information, call 417-838-2204.
- 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 8**
 1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
- 2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
- 2 p.m.
Scleroderma Support Group - Do you know someone

- with scleroderma? Join a support group on the second Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., in Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Humble. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.
- 5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
- 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
- Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
- 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
- MONDAY, APRIL 9**
 10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
- Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
- 11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details. 6-8 p.m.
CrossRoads UMC - Mercy Hearts meets on the second and fourth Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m., at CrossRoads UMC located at 10030 Scarsdale. The focus of the new Mercy Hearts is support for families of inmates and ex-offenders. The program will provide a complimentary meal, group Bible study and discussion. Child care is provided. This is a confidential ministry and information will be treated accordingly. For details, contact C. Talbot at 281-245-7072 or Chucktal@msn.com. 6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.
TUESDAY, APRIL 10
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$35. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. 10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Susan Hooper at 832-723-7671. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen Bauerlein on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 following the senior luncheon at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents. 1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Giandorf at drgiandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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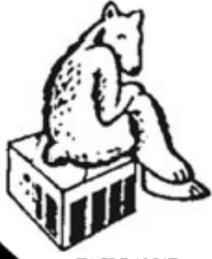
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Dobie boys' soccer faces North Shore a third straight time



At left, the Dobie/Goose Creek Memorial bidistrict boys' soccer game was hotly contested throughout, with the defending Region III champion Longhorns hanging on for a 2-1 win on the road March 30. Here, the Longhorns' Bryan Nava looks to work his way around a GCM defender in the first half.

played in front of their fans and we had the sun in our eyes for the first five minutes," Manrique said. "But our guys are resilient. We did what we had to do to get the (2-1) win. Then we came up with the two second half goals to get past Friendswood. "Maybe on the outside, the expectations aren't as high for us this season, but inside our group they don't know any different. It's about going out and getting a win, regardless of who the opponent is." To reach the Region III Final Four, the Longhorns simply have to battle. "Plan A almost never works, so we may have to go to plans B, C, D or E," Manrique said. "North Shore is who they are. We can't get caught up in who looks better passing the ball or any of the fancy stuff. We just have to play Dobie High School soccer."



Dobie defender Adrian Garcia (5) battles a Goose Creek Memorial player during the first half of the Longhorns' 2-1 bidistrict playoff win March 30, at Goose Creek Memorial High School. The Longhorns tallied the eventual game-winner on a free kick midway through the second half. Dobie now faces North Shore in the regional quarterfinals for the third straight season, coming Friday, April 6, at Galena Park ISD Stadium. Match time is 6:30 p.m. Photos by Jade Wise/Pasadena ISD

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Dobie head coach Justo Manrique had little luck during the coin flip this time around, so the Longhorns will have to defeat North Shore on their own turf.

Earlier this season, the Mustangs handed Dobie a 1-0 loss at Galena Park ISD Stadium. North Shore, the District 21-6A champion, is 23-1-3. Dobie, meanwhile stands at 21-3-2.

Manrique said playing Goose Creek Memorial in the bidistrict round at Goose Creek Memorial High School just may help the Longhorns, who have had very little home field advantage in any playoff run over the past three seasons.

In the end, Raul Hernandez provided the go-ahead goal midway through the second half as Dobie escaped with a 2-1 win. The Longhorns also began the 2017 playoffs with a 2-0 victory over GCM.

"At Goose Creek Memorial, it was a tough field to play on, obviously they

Lady Longhorn softball squad forces second-place tie in 22-6A

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seed come playoff time is certainly reachable at this point.

Dobie beats SoHo
As expected, the Lady Longhorns had plenty of offense to cruise past South Houston 17-4 April 3, at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex.

Dobie scored eight runs in the first inning and seven more in the second en route to a huge lead. The game was stopped after five frames by run-rule.

Kristen Barba came up with three hits and scored three runs.

Alana Ortega had two hits, including a double, and drove in three runs.

Maritza Elizalde had a huge game offensively, doubling and tripling while driving in three runs, and Mikayla Gutierrez also sent three runners across home plate.

Dobie had 15 hits and drove in 14 as the offense continued to produce runs in bunches.

Miquela Guajardo pitched the first four innings for the Lady Longhorns, blanking South Houston on three hits.

Taylor crushes BWB
Beaumont West Brook will exit the District 22-6A ranks after this school year, and there's at least one Bruins' team that won't lose any sleep over the exit.

West Brook's varsity girls' softball team is likely reduced to battling Memorial for the fourth and final playoff seeding after the Lady Bruins lost a 10-5 contest to Dobie March 30 at the Pasadena ISD complex.

The victory gives Dobie a series sweep over West Brook and a tiebreaker advantage should the two teams finish with like records this season.

In Dobie's win, Taylor Pleasants victimized West Brook for four hits and six runs driven in.

In two games against West Brook, Pleasants is now 7 for 7, with an inside-the-park home run, a three-run double and an RBI double all coming in the latest win. She also doubled in the first game between the two teams

back in February. Whaley, who set the table to Pleasants, was 4 for 5 and scored three runs. Camryn Wincher, Dani Colunga and Ortega all had three hits in the game as the locals began the second half of league play with a win. In all, Dobie clubbed 18 hits to dispatch West Brook rather easily.

Ortega also pitched four innings in relief for the win, allowing just one hit and striking out four.

Combined with their April 3 win over Rayburn, Dobie is now 7-2 in District 22-6A action and tied with La Porte for second place.

Deer Park remains in front of the locals, but Dobie will host both Deer Park and La Porte at home later this season.

With five games to go

in league play, the respective playoff seeds are all but set. For Dobie, that's not good enough. It wants the top spot.

22-6A Varsity Softball		
(As of April 4)		
Teams	W	L
Deer Park	9	0
La Porte	7	2
Dobie	7	2
Memorial	6	3
West Brook	3	6
Rayburn	2	7
S. Houston	1	8
Pasadena	0	9



The Lady Longhorns' varsity softball is inching closer and closer to a playoff berth and, most importantly, is now tied with La Porte for second place after a pair of wins. Against Beaumont West Brook, Dani Colunga (7) had three of Dobie's 18 hits as the locals pounded out a 10-5 win. Photo by John Bechtle

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