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### Mt. Olive market rescheduled

Mount Olive Lutheran Church's summer craft and vendor market set for Saturday, July 15, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 2.

### CrossRoads holds VBS

CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will hold its Maker Fun Factory vacation Bible school from Monday, July 17, to Friday, July 21. The program is free and open to children 3 years old through fifth grade. Classes are from 6 to 8:30 p.m. To pre-register, visit <https://vbspro.events/p/aebc65>. For more information, call 281-484-9243.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, at least one inside lane on the northbound and southbound frontage roads of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to State Highway 96 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

At least one alternate lane on the northbound and southbound main lanes of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to State Highway 96 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31.

Alternate entrance and exit ramps on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to State Highway 96 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31.

At least one alternate lane on the northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage roads of the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Parkway to Fuqua will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, Aug. 5. At least two alternate lanes on the northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage roads of the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Parkway to Fuqua will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Aug. 4.

### PIP meeting set for July 18

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Officer Jason Curtis, who will discuss HPD's Differential Response Team. For more information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1777.

### Gulf Meadows VBS planned

Gulf Meadows Church Kids' Quest Child Development Center, 8012 Fuqua, will hold its Finding Jesus vacation Bible school Monday, July 24, to Friday, 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. The program is open to ages 2 through 12. Cost is \$45 and includes lunch. For more information, call 713-987-9503.

### Sageglen annual meeting set

The Sageglen Community Association will hold its annual election meeting July 17, in the Sageglen Building, 11610 Sageyork, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Testimony-concert July 14

On Friday, July 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a concert/testimony at Dobie High School with local talent in the form of music and guest speakers, sharing their love for God through music and testimony. The purpose is to get youth involved. All ages welcome. Free admission. Come experience God in a different way. The event is sponsored by Jonathan Spears.

### Larriette car wash July 22

The Larriette car wash will be held July 22 in the McDonald's parking lot, 11323 Fuqua. Tickets are \$5 presale and can be purchased from any current Larriette. Driveups are welcome. Donations accepted.

### Blackhawk Seahawks

The Blackhawk Seahawks football and cheer program for boys and girls ages 5-12 is holding a sign-up and information session at Dobie every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 18. For information, call Vice President Matthew Perez at 832-692-0535.

### Bible Way hosts health fair

Bible Way Fellowship Baptist Church, located at 10120 Hartsook, will host its annual community health fair on Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature free screenings for high blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol, dental and hearing. The fair will also have giveaways and door prizes. For more information, call 713-943-2215.

### Wranich BBQ benefit set

There will be a barbecue plate benefit held for the Wranich family Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer Road. Cathy Wranich, wife of longtime South Belt resident and youth sports supporter Denny Wranich Sr., died July 11 after a lengthy illness. Proceeds will go toward funeral expenses. The \$10 plates will include chicken, sausage, rice and beans. To donate to the cause or to pre-order plates (all pickup), call Jason Carter at 832-512-8481.

# Spring 2017 STAAR test results announced

While they have yet to be officially released, the *Leader* has obtained the spring 2017 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) preliminary test results for the Pasadena Independent School District.

Implemented in spring 2012, the STAAR tests include annual assessments for:

- reading and mathematics, grades 3-8
- writing at grades 4 and 7
- science at grades 5 and 8
- social studies at grade 8
- end-of-course (EOC) assessments for algebra I, biology, English I, English II and U.S. history.

### Elementary

At the elementary school level, Frazier fared the best of the local campuses.

Frazier third-graders scored 92 in reading and 95 in math. By comparison, the district average was 72 in reading and 77 in math.

Other local third-grade scores included (in alphabetical order):

- Atkinson - 79 in reading, 82 in math
- Burnett - 63 in reading, 74 in math
- Bush - 81 in reading, 83 in math
- Meador - 76 in reading, 82 in math
- Moore - 73 in reading, 83 in math
- South Belt - 88 in reading, 92 in math
- Stuchbery - 76 in reading, 74 in math

Frazier fourth-grade students scored 86 in reading, 92 in math and 72 in writing.

Other local fourth-grade scores included (in alphabetical order):

- Atkinson - 76 in reading, 82 in math, 78 in

writing

• Burnett - 66 in reading, 63 in math, 58 in writing

• Bush - 76 in reading, 81 in math, 76 in writing

• Meador - 80 in reading, 82 in math, 85 in writing

• Moore - 67 in reading, 79 in math, 74 in writing

• South Belt - 85 in reading, 89 in math, 74 in writing

• Stuchbery - 73 in reading, 71 in math, 66 in writing

The PISD district average was 68 in reading, 75 in math and 65 in writing.

### Middle

Of the South Belt area's two middle schools, Melillo scored better, beating out Morris.

Melillo fifth-graders scored 92 in reading, 96 in math and 81 in science.

By comparison, Morris fifth-graders scored

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## Security tower installed at local lot

Many South Belt residents have undoubtedly noticed the Harris County Sheriff's Office's new Skywatch tower installed at the shopping center at Beltway 8 and Sabo that houses the area Kroger store. Standing at 30 feet in the air, the tower - which is equipped with lights, speakers, sirens and infrared cameras - gives deputies a bird's-eye view of the parking lot that has been a hot spot for crime over the past year. The Skywatch observation platform has been used at events such as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Houston Grand Prix to successfully reduce crime. The recent erection of the tower is reportedly not related to an up-tick in crime in the parking lot but, instead, the result of weeks of negotiations with the sheriff's office, as the shopping center is technically located within the city limits rather than the county.

## Boykins brings Station 70 new tools



Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins (front) is shown above distributing new equipment to Houston Fire Department Station 70 on Beamer Road. Part of an \$18,000 project, all six fire stations in Boykins' district were given better tools to serve the community. Pictured above with Boykins are, left to right, Walter Landry, engineer operator; Orlando Padua, captain; Craig Lariviere, senior captain; Chad Darrow, firefighter; and Philbert Lopez, firefighter. Photo by Jay Do

## Local family hosts Mongolian child

A South Belt family recently hosted an 11-year-old girl from Mongolia who was in town to receive a lifesaving heart surgery at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital.

Hosts Ben and C.C. Wheeler were approached by a friend who was seeking someone who spoke Mongolian and had extra room for the child, Sarangoo, and her mother, Enkhuya, to stay for two and a half weeks.

Having learned how to speak Mongolian while doing mission work for his church for two years, Ben Wheeler was up to the task.

"I looked at my wife and said 'Let's do this,'" said Wheeler, who serves as a teacher at South Houston High School.

The surgery was arranged by the nonprofit or-

ganization HeartGift.

Founded in June 2000, HeartGift provides care to children born with congenital heart defects in parts of the world where specialized medical treatment is either scarce or nonexistent. Begun in Austin, HeartGift now has service locations in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Louisiana. HeartGift has now served more than 300 children and families from 34 countries.

HeartGift has forged partnerships with non-governmental organizations around the world to enable patient referrals. Participating organizations offer medical diagnosis and care, and sometimes travel coordination.

All participating physicians and medical part

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## Brantly named Officer of Year



South Belt resident and South Houston police detective Paul Brantly (left) was recently presented the Police Officer of the Year Award by the South Houston Masonic Lodge No. 1295. Brantly has had a distinguished career in law enforcement, earning the 100 Club Hero Award and the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Valor Award in 2012. Brantly attended Stuchbery Elementary, Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School. Pictured above with Brantly are, left to right, his wife, Yessica Brantly; his mother, Sharon Brantly; and Dr. John Morgan, pastor of Sagemont Church, where Brantly is a longtime member. See related story on Page 2A. Photo submitted

## PISD expands early college program

Beginning this fall, the Pasadena Independent School District will offer the Early College High School (ECHS) program at all five of its comprehensive high school campuses, including Dobie.

The program allows students to earn both a high school diploma from Pasadena ISD and an associate degree from San Jacinto College.

ECHS puts students on the fast track to post-secondary and career opportunities, while boosting student achievement and providing hands-on experience in high demand industries.

Students start taking college-level courses in the ninth grade. By their senior year, they can complete their high school requirements and focus on a full college schedule. Through ECHS, students can graduate with up to 62 college hours, which allows them to save money on college tuition and get ahead of the competition.

Students who are chosen to participate in the program must complete a rigorous application process involving interviews, letters of recommendation and proof of good standing. Though not limited to any student demographic, the Early College High School program targets students who may be the first in their family to attend college.

The Early College High School is part of the district's "school-within-school model," where students can engage in extracurricular activi-

ties, campus events and athletics at their campus while enrolled in the program. As a bonus, students have access to San Jacinto College's campus libraries, tutoring facilities, writing centers and computer labs.

The district expanded the ECHS program following the success of the pilot program at Pasadena High School, which began in 2011. Pasadena High School and San Jacinto College graduated its third class of ECHS students last school year.

"The expansion of our ECHS program will allow Pasadena ISD to continue increasing access to higher education and career opportunities for students of all backgrounds," said Jennifer Boushley, district ECHS coordinator. "The more we connect students to the college-going culture, the better their chances are of being successful in high school, post-secondary opportunities and a career."

The Early College High School expansion project was made possible with funds from a \$175.5 million school bond issue passed in 2014, which provided roughly \$18 million for ECHS programs.

These Early College High School programs are expected to graduate a total of 500 students per year with a high school diploma and an associate degree.

## Wheeler's welcome surgery patient



South Belt residents Ben and C.C. Wheeler (not pictured) recently served as a host family for an 11-year-old Mongolian girl, Sarangoo (left), and her mother, Enkhuya (second from left), while the daughter was in town for a lifesaving heart surgery. Wheeler children shown above welcoming the pair at the airport are, left to right, Olivia, 9; Evelyn, 12; and Hyrum, 7. The sign on the left reads "Welcome. Did you travel well?" in Mongolian. Photo submitted

# In My Opinion

## Squyres educates on IHS Golf Classic

Innovative Humanitarian Solutions (innovativehs.net) will enjoy their 9th Annual IHS Golf Classic September 22nd at the Wildcat Golf Club. Details are available at [ihsgolfclassic.com](http://ihsgolfclassic.com).

Innovative Humanitarian Solutions is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. A sample of projects include:

- Southeast Houston area: Human Trafficking Solutions
- Ethiopia – working with UNHCR to provide care for 20,000 refugees
- Ethiopia – independent project for children's education, food, medical, etc.
- Nepal – Musahar People of western Nepal
- Nepal – Water projects in mountain villages
- Sudan – education/water projects completed...medical pending

Registration and/or donations can be made online at either website listed above or by check mailed to the address above.

This is a great opportunity to invest a little, impact a lot, and make positive changes in thousands of lives!

**Jerry Squyres**

## Waits on unexpected trash by Leader office

I remember the old saying "the dog ate my homework."

When I saw last week's front page, there was a picture of an "unexpected" pile of garbage in front of the Leader.

I am sure many readers knew the Mayor of the South Belt would be working on this "homework."

Of course there was plenty of finger-pointing going on as to who would get rid of the mess - even some detective work was required by Mayor Marie to locate the responsible party.

Our well-connected news lady called our City Council Member, who was more than helpful to get the trash removed.

Perhaps some of those unused game tickets in the giant pile could have been used to raise money - there could have been commercial waste vehicle tickets, City of Houston tickets, Precinct 2 tickets ---but my favorite ticket would have been the South Belt Mayor to get the mess cleaned up.

Don't you love this lady who gets things done!

**Gary Waits**

**Publisher's note:** Gary you are too kind. You know that I only work on things I enjoy doing. Additionally, it is because of people like you who are always there for support, that I can do the things I enjoy. You were such strong support during Brio, I will always be grateful!

## Del Barrio comments on funding in PISD

The Texas Legislature has sent shockwaves across the state as their attempt to overhaul the school finance system died when the House and Senate could not compromise on a version of House Bill 21. The original bill would have provided an additional \$1.64 billion dollars in funding to Texas schools and over \$10 million for Pasadena ISD.

While the Legislature continues to lower the state's portion of education funding, Pasadena ISD along with districts across the state are dealing with the ripple effects and have begun to streamline their budgets as they deal with increasing cost factors.

"In the last 10 years we have seen a major decrease in the amount of dollars the state allocates to schools, we were once on a 50-50 ratio with the state; that number is now closer to 38 percent from the state and 62 percent provided by the community and other federal sources," said Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell.

Since 2006, the Legislature has utilized the same formula for funding schools. While the Texas Legislature has demonstrated an increased awareness in cost factors and the strain they cause on school districts, their recent stalemate and failure to pass a bill for even slight relief will have detrimental effects on fund balances across the state.

Pasadena ISD has weathered years of state cuts and has managed to pass several bonds in the last ten years (without a tax increase) while maintaining a healthy fund balance.

"Our Board has gone above and beyond in their role as fiscal stewards. They have a shared vision to keep the district in superior fiscal standing while expanding programs and opportunities for students," said Powell.

Factors leading to the rise in cost of education are vast. According to a recent publication by TASA/TASB entitled "State Mandates on School Districts," the impact of inflation, especially on staff salaries is one of the largest cost factors in school districts. Further, unfunded and underfunded mandates dramatically impact the bottom line.

The report outlines over 100 unfunded or underfunded mandates in nine different categories. While it is safe to imply these mandates are necessary, the document was created to identify the strain these mandates place on a school district budget. Some examples of unfunded mandates are the purchase of automated external defibrillators for every campus along with the required training. Criminal background checks, Community and Student Engagement projects and Video Cameras in Special Education settings are other state mandates.

The publication states that other factors impacting the budget include: the growing student population, the growing

## New Directions to meet

The New Directions Singles (age 50+) meets the first and third Monday for potluck dinner at 6 p.m. at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. The next meeting is Monday, July 17.

The group has activities and/or guest speakers at the dinner. For information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

population of economically disadvantaged students, and the increased costs of utilities, fuel and insurance.

"When you stop and put a pencil to every one of these factors it's easy to see that there is going to be a major impact on our bottom line," added Powell.

While the Legislature has called a special session in late July, the current agenda fails to address school funding. "We would hope that people, not just from Pasadena ISD, but from around the state would let their representatives and senators know that education matters need to be addressed and not put on the back burner," concluded Powell.

**Art Del Barrio**

Pasadena ISD  
Director of Communication

## Crime stats show increase, mixed results

I recently obtained a report from HPD that shows the number of cases reported and the percentage of those cases that were solved from 2012-2016. The report shows about an 8% increase in violent crimes in 2016 compared to 2015, while non-violent crimes held fairly steady. HPD had mixed results in solving its cases.

**Homicides** - The number of homicides hit a low in 2011 at just under 200. Since then the numbers have been tracking back up, reaching 298 last year. This year was little changed at 290. However, the rate at which HPD solves murders has been falling significantly in recent years. In the early 2000's HPD regularly solved only about 60% of the murder cases.

After some adverse publicity about the Homicide Division, their performance greatly improved, solving 90% of their cases in 2008. But the numbers started going south again in 2012 and it has been pretty much downhill since. In 2016, HPD only solved 58%, the lowest number since I began tracking these stats in 2000.

**Rape** - Much like homicides, rapes had been on the decline through the early 2000's. In 2013, only 618 rapes were reported, the lowest number since 2000. But the last three years have seen a dramatic and troubling increase in the number of rapes, topping out in 2016 at 1,035, a whopping 67% increase in just three years. The increase appeared to catch HPD off guard as its clearance rate for rape cases plummeted in 2014 to just 24%. But it has since recovered, solving 41% of the cases in 2015 and 53% in 2016. Still having almost half of all rape cases go without justice is unacceptable.

**Robbery** - Robberies in 2016 held steady at about 10,000 cases, a level that has been very consistent for the last two decades. HPD has historically solved about 20% of the robbery cases and last year was no different.

**Burglary** - Burglaries fell about 8% this year. Burglaries topped out in 2009 at just under 30,000 and have been steadily declining ever since. But HPD's clearance rate on burglaries continues to be abysmal, coming in this year at 6.9%. Since 2000, HPD has never solved more than 8% of burglaries, clearly demonstrating this is not a priority for the department.

The most recent round of stats shows that HPD has been improving its clearance rate on violent crimes over the last three years, but the rate for nonviolent crimes has fallen below what were already anemic numbers HPD lags behind the national average in all categories, although to be fair, so do most other large departments. However, in the robbery and burglary categories it solves only about two-thirds and half as many of those cases, respectively, as the national average --- a pretty clear indication HPD could do better.

Some in law enforcement argue that the clearance rate is not a fair metric by which to judge the effectiveness of a law enforcement agency. Certainly, there are other factors that should be examined as well, but I have long argued that this is one of the key metrics we should be using. (See, "It's the Clearance Rate, Stupid", Houston Chronicle, May 18, 2008).

Overall, when you look at HPD's performance over the last 15 years, not much has changed, except the cost of the department. The City has gradually whittled away at the total personnel in the department (more on that later), but number of police officers has hovered right around 5,000. The number of cases solved has ranged from a low of 22,000 to a high of 34,000. The 2016 total of 25,000 is about average.

However, the cost of the department has skyrocketed. It has more than doubled since 2003, rising from \$422 million to over \$850 million. And that is not even fully accounting for the cost of the department's pensions. If that had been fully factored in last year, the cost would have topped \$1 billion. The average cost per crime solved has risen from about \$16,000 in 2003 to over \$34,000 last year, without fully accounting for the pension costs.

Public safety now gobbles up about two-thirds of the City's general fund budget. More money for public safety will, undoubtedly, be the battle cry for those seeking to repeal the property tax cap this fall.

But we have been throwing more money at this problem for the last two decades with little to show for it. It is time to start rethinking public safety.

What do we expect of it? How is it managed? What are the mission critical functions? We may ultimately conclude that more resources are needed. But until we have that kind of analysis, throwing more money at the problem again should not be an option.

**Bill King**

# Brantly named Officer of Year

South Belt resident Paul Brantly was recently presented the Police Officer of the Year Award by the South Houston Masonic Lodge No. 1295.

Brantly has been with the South Houston Police Department since 2003. He currently serves in the Detective Division.

In 2016, Brantly was assigned 119 cases and cleared 90 of those. He is already on his way to surpassing that in 2017. In one of the more high-profile cases this year, Brantly brought a dangerous assault suspect to justice.

On April 17, Brantly re-

sponded to a case of aggravated assault by knife. The victim was at the hospital with a knife wound to the chest and was en route to surgery when the detective arrived.

Brantly then returned to the crime scene and spent numerous man hours interviewing witnesses to the stabbing. Through his investigation, Brantly was able to identify the suspect.

Later the following morning as Brantly was again returning to the crime scene, he spotted a male matching the description of the suspect. Needing to act quickly, Brantly apprehended the suspect

with no backup. As the suspect was being patted down for officer safety, a knife with dried blood on the blade was discovered in his pocket. Charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon were subsequently filed.

In 2012, Brantly was also honored by receiving the 100 Club Hero Award and the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Valor Award.

Brantly attended Stuchbery Elementary, Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School. He is married to Jessica Brantly and is a longtime member of Sagemont Church. See related photo Page 1A.

## Bayway Auto Group a winner



Bayway Auto Group won Most Original commercial in the annual Fourth of July Parade. The float featured a fully functional Mercury Cougar race car with more than 1,000 horsepower. Shown is Bayway Auto Group owner Darryl Wischniewsky with the winning trophy.

## Leader checks out social media

**By Mary Doan**

Members of the *Southbelt This & That* Facebook page discuss certain types of businesses they wish to have in the South Belt area such as an In-N-Out Burger restaurant, a cafe lounge serving pastries and coffee and a drive-thru BBQ. For additional information or to join the discussion, visit the *Southbelt This & That* Facebook page.

Registration for the Inaugural Houston Family Fun Run Benefiting Homes for Our Troops is now open. The run will be on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Clear Brook City Park, 911 Blackhawk Blvd.

The 1K run is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., with an admission of \$15. The 5K run starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m., and the admission is \$25. The prices of both runs will increase on Friday, Sept. 1. For more information or to register for the run, visit the *Inaugural Fun Run Benefiting*

*Homes for Our Troops* Facebook page or [facebook.com/hfto2017fun](http://facebook.com/hfto2017fun) run.

The sponsors of the Dawn Whitley Armstrong Scholarship Fund seek Dobie graduates of the class of 2017 who played a sport and have not yet received an athletic scholarship. The scholarship will award one former male and one former female student athlete based on yearly participation in sports at Dobie. Other requirements for the scholarship include admittance into a college or university and the completion of an essay that explains how the student will use education to make the world a better place. The scholarship will go toward paying for books and tuition for this upcoming fall semester. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Tuesday, Aug. 1.

For information about the scholarship or requirements to apply, visit *The Dawn Whitley*

*Armstrong Scholarship Fund* Facebook page.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department will be offering free glucose readings and blood pressure screenings on Friday, Aug. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Walgreens, 10850 Scarsdale. For additional information, visit the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page or the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page.

A member of the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page has reported a dog named Nacho was missing since Monday, July 2, around 3:30 p.m. The pet was last seen on Fuqua going toward Telephone Road. Nacho is a male with long, white fur, no tail and brown and black patches. Contact Maria Diosdado at 713-624-2403 or 832-265-0572 if the dog is located.

For more information and photographs of Nacho, visit the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page.

# Death

## Catherine Jane Wranich



Catherine Jane Wranich, 59, died at her home Tuesday, July 11.

She was born on Feb. 20, 1958, in Wickliffe, Ohio, to William and Rosemarie Perry.

Wranich was a long-

time South Belt resident and she was active in local youth sports, including the Sagemont Cowboys and Little League baseball. She would often work at the Cowboys concession stand and was affectionately known as "the mother of Sagemont."

She attended the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church and was active in local PTA programs.

A family-oriented woman, Wranich enjoyed baking cakes.

Wranich is preceded in death by her father; her brother Richard "Rick" Perry; and grandson Gage McDonald.

She is survived by her mother; her husband

Denny Wranich Sr.; sister Rhonda Martin; son, Denny Wranich Jr.; daughters Angela and Nicole Wranich; daughter-in-law Bell Wranich; and grandchildren Logan and Sophie Wranich, Victoria, Mia and Julia St. John, and Kirsten, Aubrie and J.J. Deal.

A viewing will be held Monday, July 17, at Niday Funeral Home, located at 12440 Beamer, from 6 to 8 p.m.

A memorial service will take place Tuesday, July 18, at St. Luke's Church, located at 11011 Hall Road, beginning at 1 p.m.

An interment will follow at South Park Cemetery, located at 1310 N. Main in Pearland.

## Local library events set

**Parker Williams Library**

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m. Intro to Plays and Acting class is scheduled in the community room for ages 13 and older.

Friday, July 14, 3 p.m. Community craft features *Trash to Treasure Recycled Puppets* for ages 8 and older. Meet in the library community room to turn recyclables into puppets. Refreshments are provided by the Parker Williams Branch Friends of the Library.

Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m. *Living Healthy With a Chronic Condition* is presented by Memorial Hermann in classroom 3 for adults. Learn how to successfully make the best choices about health and manage chronic conditions. Registration is required.

Monday, July 17, 3 p.m. Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM): Logic Problems. Those who are age 8 and older are invited to join the class in the library community room to think through illogical problems to get logical answers.

Tuesday, July 18, 2 p.m. Meet in the community room for the adult book discussion of *Be Frank With Me* by Julia Claiborne Johnson.

Tuesday, July 18, 2 p.m. Movie and markers. *A Bug's Life* (rated G, 96 minutes) will be shown in the library community room. Ages 3 and older can enjoy a fun film, free air conditioning and coloring while the movie plays.

Wednesday, July 19, 2:30 p.m. The Hampstead Stage presents *Beauty and the Beast*. See live actors perform the classic fairy tale at the library. (Ages 5 and older)

Wednesday, July 19, 2:30 p.m. Computer class: Files & Folders - This class focuses on providing tips to organize a computer's hard drive. Learn to name, move, delete and rename files and folders in Windows 7. Tips learned in this class may be useful in Windows Vista or Windows 8. Register in advance as space is limited to 8.

The events occurring every week are: Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m., for children ages 3 to 5 years, featuring stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m., for toddlers from birth to 3 years, featuring stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturdays, Vietnamese learning time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on library events, phone the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Monday, 1-9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, closed.

**Bracewell Branch Library**

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, July 13, 3 p.m. Game of phones for teens and tweens

Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Tuesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. Nature Discovery Center

Wednesday, July 19, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; and 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

To register for the Adult Summer Reading program, visit <http://houstonslibrary.org/learn-exploration/library-events/summer-reading-grown-ups>. Call Bracewell Library for more information.

Camp STREAM is a free two-day summer program that allows students the opportunity to participate in activities relating to each aspect of STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math). To register for this program, visit <http://houstonslibrary.org/camp-stream>.

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

Bracewell hours are: Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Mongolian child finds area home

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in 2016. HeartGift staff and volunteers coordinate travel and temporary housing arrangements, meals, translator services, entertainment and other needs.

Typically, a HeartGift child and parent will stay in the United States four to five weeks.

In 2016, HeartGift children benefited from more than 32,000 hours of volunteer service hours during their stay.

The Wheelers, who have three children of their own, ages 7-12, said the visitors were made to feel right at home.

"They became part of our family," Ben Wheeler said.

The family said the chance to host the girl and her mother was a rewarding experience.

"It was a fantastic experience for our family," Ben Wheeler said.

"After a week or so, she became one of our kids."

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Proceeds will go to help the Wranich family offset funeral and other expenses with the sudden passing of Mrs. Cathy

# Burnett Elementary announces fourth nine weeks awards

Burnett Elementary lists its awards for the fourth nine weeks.

**Honor Roll**  
**Third Grade**  
 Megan Bui, Jenna Capps, Kennedy Cavazos, Ethan Ceasar, Isaura Correa, Dulce Mejia-Hernandez, Victory Nwosu and Alex Perez.

**Merit Roll**  
**Third Grade**  
 Davia Constantino and Miranda Hernandez.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Emily Henriquez, Hilda Robles and Sydney Rodriguez.

**All Star Readers**  
**Kindergarten**  
 Allyson Adams, Antonio Almindarez, Jay Amaya, Vince Barron, La'Dejah Bolding, Daemion Brown, Keon Burnett, Anderson Castillo, Francisco Chavez, Al-

yanna DeLaGarza, Landyn Dimmick, Joanna Espitia, Tristin Estrada, Yulissa Flores, Avani Galvan, Jacob Garces, Andiel Garza and Marcus Garza.  
 Christian Gomez, Phenix Gomez, Alexia Guerra, Aiden Gwosdz, Santiago Hernandez, Aylinn Maldonado, Brisa Martinez, Dream Mathews, Jacob Mendez, Alexander Mendoza, Ivan Miles, Ryleigh Navarre, Sebastian Negrete, Angel Nguyen, Isaac Perez, Ayden Pernilla, Tristen Pickett, Duncer Rivera and Estrella Rocha.

Logan Rodriguez, Gabriella Salazar, Madeline Salgado, Nawaf Sharif, Benjamin Tovar, Lauren Tran, Adriana Vazquez, Abisai Visuet, Elijah Webb and Elliana Wright.

**First Grade**  
 Lorena Aguirre, Angelina

Amaya, Alfred Arias, Lynette Aviles, Allyson Baltazar, Abrey Banda, Carlos Beltran, Terry Betties, Lucas Bravo, Ayleen Brisenio, Ashby Caniff, Erick Carrasco, Miriam Casas, Kylee Cearley, Genaro Chaves, Alexis Cordova, Serenity Crabtree, Nathan Cubos, Arizee Curtis, Angelica Elizalde, Roberto Estrada, Kayla Fitzpatrick and Luis Flores.

Lily Freeman, Jessica Garces, Adrian Garcia, Jessalyn Garcia, Kaedy Garcia, Valerie Garza, Abigail Gonzalez, Keira Gonzalez, Sebastian Gonzalez, Amiya Gordon, Adan Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Stephanie Ledesma, Javier Legaspi, Anjalie Liceaga, Roy'elle Lizzano, Eva Lowe, Sydney Lumsey, Connor Maldonado, Barbara Melchor, Londyn

**Second Grade**  
 Luis Alfaro, Samantha Andalla, Alma Argueta, Angela Argueta, Louis Aviles, Alexavier Barrera, Leigha

Miles, Viviana Montez and Aubrey Navarre.  
 Jade Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Thai Nguyen, Michael Nwosu, Danna Ocanas, Eliana Oliver, Aiden Ortiz, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Alyssa Porcher, Joy Premanand, Yuliana Ramirez, Aliyah Rhodes, Kimberly Rodriguez and Christopher Romero.

Jeannette Salinas, Dayana Santamaria, Madison Seal, Camila Serrano, Makaylah Shyne, Allurah Stine, Juan Carlos Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Isabella Tovar, Alyana Turner, Anthony Vasquez, Isabella Villalreal, Minh Vo and Liany Zarazua.

**Third Grade**  
 Luis Alfaro, Samantha Andalla, Alma Argueta, Angela Argueta, Louis Aviles, Alexavier Barrera, Leigha

Bolar, Breniyah Bragg, Mya Cantu, Andrea Chicas, Santiago Diaz, Leilene Diaz, Angel Dominguez, Anthony Dominguez, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Sebastian Esparza and Caden Exum.

Amiyah Fulton, Brandon Galicia, David Gaona, Stephanie Gaona, Samuel Garcia, Jalese Gibson, Joseph Gonzales, Jaylin Gonzalez, Caela Griffin, Arianna Guevara, Emily Guevara, Skye Guzman, Angela Huit, Jaxon Humphrey, Jacob Hurtado and Joshua Jackson.

Ximena Jasso, Thomas Jones, Payton Lister, Adrian Lopez, Walter Lopez, Michael Lowe, Calissa Marquez, Nayeli Martinez, Rory Martinez, Aliza Mendoza, Elianne Mendoza, Kennedy Mundy, John Munoz, Mark Nguyen, Ngoc Nguyen, Toby Nguyen, Isiah Ochoa, Levi Palmer, Andy Phan, Andy Pineda and Axel Pion.

Eliana Poskey, Kaden Ramirez, Melany Rangel, Gabriel Reyes, Mya Reyes, Lyla Rhomfeld, Abilyn Rivera, Ricardo Rodriguez, Jasmine Russell, Gael Salinas, Giovanni Sanchez, Isai Saravia, Kallye Sigue, Julian Silva, Jenesis Soriano, Nathaniel Soto, Ashley Taylor and Damian Torres.

Jacob Torres-Tejada, Sebastian Udokah, Leyda Valadez, Jose Vela Puerto, Jonathan Villanueva, Adrian Villatoro, Izelliah Williams, Jazlynn Wimbush, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.

**Math Wizards Kindergarten**

Allyson Adams, Antonio Almindarez, Jay Amaya, Vince Barron, La'Dejah Bolding, Daemion Brown, Keon Burnett, Anderson Castillo, Alaysia DeLaGarza, Joanna Espitia, Tristin Estrada, Yulissa Flores, Avani Galvan, Jacob Garces and Andiel Garza.

Christina Garza, Phenix Gomez, Alexia Guerra, Aiden Gwosdz, Santiago Hernandez, Brisa Martinez, Dream Mathews, Jacob Mendez, Alexander Mendoza, Ryleigh Navarre, Sebastian Negrete, Isaac Perez, Ayden Pernilla, Tristen Pickett and Ezabella Rodriguez.

Logan Rodriguez, Melissa Sagastizado, Gabriella Salazar, Madeline Salgado, Nawaf Sharif, Ian Silguero, Benjamin Tovar, Lauren Tran, Brenda Villarreal, Abisai Visuet, Elijah Webb and Elliana Wright.

**First Grade**  
 Angelina Amaya, Lynette Aviles, Allyson Baltazar, Carlos Beltran, Lucas Bravo, Erick Carrasco, Jeff Cuyuch, Kayla Fitzpatrick, Adrian Garcia, Kaedy Garcia, Adan Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Alfonso Jimenez, Javier Legaspi and Londyn Miles.

Oswaldo Montecinos-Molina, Aubrey Navarre, Jade Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Michael Nwosu, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Christopher Romero, Dayana Santamaria and Juan Carlos Tamayo.

**Second Grade**  
 Alexavier Barrera, Leigha Bolar, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Brandon Galicia, Diego Garay, Julie Garces,

Jalese Gibson, Joseph Gonzales, Jaylin Gonzalez, Caela Griffin, Joshua Jackson, Thomas Jones and Adrian Lopez.  
 Samuel Moreno, John Munoz, Isiah Ochoa, Andy Pineda, Kaden Ramirez, Ricardo Rodriguez, Jasmine Russell, Gael Salinas, Kallye Sigue, Ashley Taylor, Damian Torres, Jacob Torres-Tejada, Adrian Villatoro, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.

**"On a Roll" Roll**  
**Third Grade**  
 Edith Barajas, Noe Bautista, Cheyanne Bravo, Omar Cantarero, Kimberly Castillo, Ethan Ceasar, Everardo Hernandez, Himabelli Herrera, Travis Keith, Juan Lares, Kimberly Ledesma, Melani Lopez, Kenia Machuca, Adriana Martinez, Jesus Martinez and Michael Matthews.

Torey McKenzie, Dulce Mejia-Hernandez, Jazliyah Moreno, Rosalynn Nguyen, Victory Nwosu, Jeffrey Ordonez, Alex Perez, Maria Perez, Emyley Pineda, Izelle Pineda, Malik Powell, Anthony Reyes, Araceli Rodriguez, Jose Romero, Joselyn Romero, Sheryl Sanchez, Edgar Solano, Parker Tran, Hector Vela, Kevin Velasquez, Nyrrell Visuet and Lasha Zarazua.

**Fourth Grade**  
 Ismael Alcantara, Sophia Alonso, Jacob Alvarado, Ariana Becerra, Josue Betancourt, Karla Blanco, Ricardo Bravo, Jada Castaneda, Ronny Cearley, Nathalia Elizalde, Lauren Galvez, Jazmin Garcia and Ava Guerrero.

Isabella Guevara, Brenda Gutierrez, Lena Hoang, Gisele Luna, Amir Miles, Ny Nguyen, Damaris Ortiz, Ciera Ramirez, Savion Rosemond, Carlos Salazar, Joana Salinas, Ashunti Smith, Ally Thompson and Jeremiah Walker.

**Principal's Award**  
**Third Grade**  
 Blue Banda, Edith Barajas, Noe Bautista, Akira Brual, Megan Bui, Ashley

Cantarero, Omar Cantarero, Aaron Carballo, Kimberly Castillo, Kennedy Cavazos, Ethan Ceasar, Italo Chavarria, Candy Condebarca, Davia Constantino, David Contreras, Isaura Correa, Hailey Cubos and Lila Davis.

Alexis DeLaRosa, Amy Flores, Isaac Garcia, Jennifer Garcia, Jackson Gomez, Everardo Hernandez, Miranda Hernandez, Himabelli Herrera, Travis Keith, Juan Lares, Kimberly Ledesma, Melani Lopez, Kenia Machuca, Adriana Martinez, Jesus Martinez and Michael Matthews.

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Jazmin Garcia, Isabella Guajardo, Ava Guerrero, Isabella Guevara, Lena Hoang, Bella Liceaga, Kaylee Lowe, Jonathan Marquez, Paris Martinez, Aeriona McCann,

Joslyn Miniel, Ny Nguyen, Dorothy Nwosu and Caiden Oliver.  
 Damaris Ortiz, Olivia Pittman, Cierra Ramirez, Angel Rhodes, Hilda Robles, America Rocha, Sydney Rodriguez, Vanessa Rosalez, Carlos Salazar, Luis Salazar, Joanna Salinas, Ally Thompson, Evelyn Torres and Karah Williams.

**Good Citizenship**  
 Allyson Adams, Alisson Alcantara, Samantha Andalla, Jacelyn Arevalo, Lynette Aviles, Edith Barajas, Vince Barron, Josue Betancourt, Breniyah Bragg, Keon Burnett, Miranda Cano, Aaron Carballo, Nevaeh Carlos, Destiny Cathey and Ronny Cearley.

Esteban Cerda, Johnathan Chavarria, Anthony Cubos, Jeff Cuyuch, Harold Davila Galera, Fabian Fraide, Lauren Galvez, Julie Garces, Jessalyn Garcia, Jackson Gomez, Amiya Gordon, Adan Hernandez, Briana Hernandez and Thomas Jones.

Melani Lopez, Nayeli Martinez, Amir Miles, Angel Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Maria Perez, Andy Phan, Vincent Pineda, Raylyn Rhodes, Chloe Robles, America Rocha, Stephen Rodriguez, Jose Romero, Joel Rubio and Melissa Sagastizado.

Jonathan Sanchez, Edgar Solano, Alex Sosa, Nathaniel Soto, Juan Carlos Tamaya, Ashley Taylor, Ally Thompson, Carlos Salazar, Parker Tran, Alex Vargas, Joan Vasquez, Marcus Villanueva, Nyrrell Visuet, Delilah Webb and Liany Zarazua.

## Deleon inspires Nnabuife to try her best

Christiana Chikaodinaka Nnabuife (left), one of the Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Gilbert Deleon, an AP calculus instructor. Nnabuife has done volunteer work with numerous organizations including National Honor Society, Key Club and Health Occupations Students of America. She has also helped with school blood drives.

Nnabuife plans to pursue a career in pediatric anesthesia with an undergraduate major in either human development, biology or biochemistry. She is also contemplating double majoring or minoring in Spanish.

Nnabuife commented about Deleon, "Nothing under 100 words would fully describe Mr. Deleon's excellence. I have had Mr. Deleon as a teacher for 50 percent of my high school career.

"He constantly makes an effort to help his students understand the complexities of calculus and for that I am forever grateful. Mr. Deleon has greatly influenced my passion for math as he makes learning about it fun and entertaining. He inspires me to try my best and I hope to someday work with as much enthusiasm as he does."

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## Courses available at SJC Maritime Center

Registration is open for courses for commercial mariners at the San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center, 3700 Old State Highway 146, La Porte.

These U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-approved courses come with completion certificates that qualify mariners to take exams to meet current USCG regulations.

The Kongsberg Neptune Engine Room Simulation Suite has been installed and is now open for training. This simulation provides the ability to deliver Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (OICEW) - Instrumentation and Assessments and OICEW - Electrical Machinery and Basic Electronics and Assessments. This is in addition to the three Kongsberg Polaris full-mission bridge simulators.

The Maritime Technology and Training Center also features a Transas NTPRO simulation suite with 24 student stations, a Transas TechSim Lab and a Vortex full-motion crane simulator.

Courses for commercial mariners are offered throughout the year at the center.

The following list includes courses starting in July and August:

- Able Bodied Seaman, July 17 - 21 and Aug. 21 - 25.
- Advanced Fire Fighting, Aug. 14 - 17.
- Apprentice Mate, July 31 - Aug. 16.
- Apprentice Mate (Steering) Western Routes-Upgrade, July 13 - 14 and Aug. 17 - 18.
- Automatic Radar Plotter Aid (ARPA), July 31 - Aug. 3 and Aug. 28 - 31.
- Basic Fire Fighting, Aug. 7 - 9.
- Basic Safety Refresher, Aug. 7 - 9.
- Basic Safety Revalidation on Aug. 8.
- Bridge Resource Management (non-simulator), Aug. 7 - 9.
- DDE Unlimited HP, Aug. 14 - Sept. 8.
- Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS), July 24 to 28, Aug. 7 - 11 and Aug. 21 - 25.

Engine Room Resource Management, July 31 - Aug. 4 and Aug. 28 - Sept. 1.

- First Aid and CPR, Aug. 9.
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems (GMDSS), July 17 - 27 and Aug. 21 - 31.
- Leadership and Managerial Skills, July 31 - Aug. 4 and Aug. 21 - 25.
- Leadership and Teamwork, Aug. 10.
- Master 100 Tons/Mate 200 Tons, July 31 - Aug. 11.
- Management of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (MEECE), July 17 - 21 and Aug. 14 - 18.
- Medical Care Person in Charge, July 17 - 21.
- OICEW-Electrical Machinery and Basic Electronics with Assessments, July 17 - Aug. 11.
- Personal Survival Techniques, Aug. 10 - 11.
- Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities, Aug. 11.
- Proficiency in Survival Craft (lifeboat), July 24 - 27 and Aug. 28 - 31.
- Qualified Member of the Engineering Dept., Oiler

(QMED), Aug. 14 - Sept. 8.

- Radar Observer-Inland, July 17 - 20 and Aug. 14 - 17.
- Radar Observer-Unlimited, July 17 - 21 and Aug. 14 - 18.
- Radar Observer Renewal, on July 20 and Aug. 17.
- Ratings Forming Part of Navigational Watch (lookout only), July 27.
- Search and Rescue, July 19 - 20.
- Ship Management, Aug. 14 - 18.
- Tankerman PIC-Barge (DL), July 31 - Aug. 4.
- Tankerman PIC-Tankship, July 31 - Aug. 4.
- Terrestrial and Coastal Navigation, Aug. 14 - Sept. 1.
- Train the Trainer, July 24 - 28.
- Upgrade - Apprentice Mate, Aug. 16 - 17.
- Vessel Personnel with Specific Security Duties (VPSSD), July 19 and Aug. 30.
- Vessel Security Officer (VSO), July 17 to 18.

For information on registration, visit [sanjac.edu/maritime](http://sanjac.edu/maritime). Call 281-459-5483 to schedule classes and tours of the facility.

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All nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 1 to be considered for the 2017 award.

Nomination forms are available online on the Clear Creek Education Foundation's website and the district website. Nominations can be emailed to [Krichardson@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org](mailto:Krichardson@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org), or can be mailed to: Clear Creek Education Foundation, Citizen of the Year Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1631, League City, TX 77574.

## CCISD board seeks Citizen of the Year nominations

The success of a school district and its students does not lie solely in the hands of great teachers and administrators, but also in the steadfast support of its community.

In the Clear Creek Independent School District, dedicated community members volunteer their time and efforts by contributing to the quality of life for CCISD schools and the growing number of students within the district. Each year the district's board of trustees asks stakeholders to nominate community members who champion CCISD and are deserving of a very special award.

The board of trustees is now seeking nominations for the 2017 Citizen of the Year. The award is given each year to honor an outstanding community member for their support of CCISD programs and activities.

Former recipients include Joyce Abbey, Harv Hartman, Robert Davee, David Braun, Dr. James O'Malley, Gib Larson and Lucien Q. Junkin.

The board of trustees established an endowment fund to give the Citizen of the Year the opportunity to designate to a CCISD academic program or classroom activity in his or her name.

The recipient will be announced at the Clear Creek Education Foundation's Annual Awards Gala on Saturday, Nov. 4, at South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center in League City. Recipients eligible for this award must meet the following requirements:

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Clear Creek Independent School District will present its annual Clear To College event to help students and parents navigate and plan for the transition from high school to college.

The event this year will include break-out sessions for not only rising seniors, but also for freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Apply Texas applications opened July 1, and seniors are encouraged to consider the seminar to meet with college admissions representatives to gain the inside track on what colleges are looking for in prospective students.

All the sessions will be presented by experts on the following topics and more:

- Information and tips for

Apply Texas, essay writing and preparing for SAT and ACT.

- Mini college fair.
- Information and instructions for the common application.
- Résumé building.
- NCAA and core course GPA.
- Method test prep.
- College fit and college visits.

The event will take place on Thursday, July 27, 4-8:35 p.m., at Education Village, Clear Falls High School, Bayside Intermediate and Mossman Elementary. The event is for students who attend CCISD high schools, grades nine through 12.

For more information, visit [www.ccisd.net/cleartocollege](http://www.ccisd.net/cleartocollege).

# SJC announces event calendar

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar of events.

**Fall registration**  
Registration is open for the fall term, which begins Monday, Aug. 28.

Visit [www.sanjac.edu/aply-register/overview/registration](http://www.sanjac.edu/aply-register/overview/registration) for more information on steps to register.

**Last day to apply for August graduation**  
Friday, July 14, is the last day to apply for August graduation. There is no ceremony in August. For more information, visit [www.sanjac.edu/graduation](http://www.sanjac.edu/graduation).

19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The University Center is located on the Central campus in the Interactive Learning Center, Building 1, room 129 (C1.129).

**Communities in Schools job fair**  
Communities in Schools will be hosting a summer job fair on Wednesday, July 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North campus in the Interactive Learning Center, Building 2, room 124 (N2.124).

For more information, contact Kam Marvel at 281-968-7133 or email [kmavel@cis.txjv.org](mailto:kmavel@cis.txjv.org).

**Community Education Center events**  
The San Jacinto College Community Education Center, located on the Central campus in room C-1.108, will host the following July workshops that are free and open to the public.

Stretching and Relaxation, on July 14, from 11 a.m. to noon.

ESL Information Session, on July 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Glimpse of China, on July 18, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

CPD Career Coaching, on July 19, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Healthy Life with Reiki, on July 20, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. To register, email [communityeducation@sjcd.edu](mailto:communityeducation@sjcd.edu).

**Summer camps**  
Summer camp registration is open. San Jacinto College is offering a variety of camp activities for children of all ages.

For a complete list of summer camps and links to register, visit [www.sanjac.edu/summer-camps](http://www.sanjac.edu/summer-camps). Below are camps starting on Monday, July 17.

Basketball Camp - Career in the Energy Industry (North campus).

Woodwind and Brass Camp.

**UHCL Representatives at the University Center**  
Representatives from the University of Houston - Clear Lake will be on-site to provide transfer advising at the University Center on Wednesday, July

# CCISD offers Spanish website, social media

The Clear Creek Independent School District is pleased to announce the launch of its new Spanish language website. CCISD recognizes that parents and guardians want to be informed about ways the district can best support their children's education.

"Our goal is to offer the CCISD Latino community a user-friendly website that not only provides resources for parents but does it in their language of choice," said Elaina Polsen, executive director of communications.

The CCISDEspanol Facebook page provides another avenue for the district to connect with parents and other community members whose primary language is Spanish. The district will engage Spanish-speaking stakeholders through posts that share accurate and timely information on news, events, and emergency situations.

Visit the new website at: [https://www.ccisd.net/departments/early\\_childhood\\_education/espanol/](https://www.ccisd.net/departments/early_childhood_education/espanol/). Community members can access the Spanish Facebook page by searching for CCISDEspanol or directly by clicking on <https://www.facebook.com/CCISDEspanol/> and clicking "like".

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# Master Gardener sets July events

The following Master Gardener events have been scheduled for July.

**Tomato Culture** will be presented by retired Liberty and Harris County Master Gardener Lawrence Gibson on Thursday, July 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden Education Building, located at 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd. This is a new location and address. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

The lecture **Raised Beds, Low Volume Drip Irrigation and Rain Barrels** will be on Thursday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m., at Freeman Branch Library, located at 16616 Diana Lane. This is a free Harris County Master Gardener event. For more information, call 713-274-0950 or visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/docs/2017-green-thumb.pdf>.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE COLES**  
Anniversary wishes are sent to **Bill and Kim Cole** who celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 15, from friends and the **Leader** staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 13 through July 19.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday July 13 is **Regina Barnes**. The day for a birthday party for **Claudia Trevino** is July 15.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Teresa Abel** on July 15. Blow out the birthday candles for **Sandra Trojan** July 19.

**Meador Elementary**  
Enjoying a birthday July 13 is **Michelle Cason**. Celebrate with a double-layer cake on July 14 for **Corin Culpepper** and **Johanna James**.

**Moore Elementary**  
Light the candles July 14 for **Ana Chapa**.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting July 19 to **Norma Castro**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song July 13 to **Joy Degidio**. **Kayla Ogden** enjoys a birthday July 14.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Marking a birthday July 18 is **Jennifer Vann**.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Light the birthday candles July 13 for **Aaron Donias**. Sing a double chorus of a happy birthday song July 19 to **Mekali Ball** and **Sandra Palma**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Marking a birthday July 18 is **Krystal Smith**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Sing a chorus of a birthday song July 13 for **Susie Haas**.

**Dobie High**  
The day for a party for **Cynthia Wilems** is July 13. **Melania Duarte** celebrates a birthday July 14. Send a birthday greeting July 15 to **Nathan Wernig**. Enjoy a triple-layer birthday cake July 17 with **Ernestina Martinez**, **Youlanda Ravenell** and **Lawrence Wald**. **Michelle Malveaux** enjoys a birthday July 18.

**Stephanie Moreno Gutierrez, Kitsie Gaines Forrest, Riva Saenz, Verónica Mier, Lori Plopper Chambers and Jeffrey Robert McGee**; Saturday, July 15: **Steve Cummings, Sorita Sann, Soyla Tovar, Kelli Arnesen Gonzalez, Irma Villanueva, Rachel Garza, Rebecca Brandes Wright, Marlon Taylor, Teresa Reynolds Abel and Harley Rankins**; Sunday, July 16: **Jessika Paquinto, Mark Campbell, Kelly McBeth, Angie Roach, Clarissa Garza Andrus, Stephanie Alldredge Vickers and Brad Janacek**; Monday, July 17: **Christina Trevino, Crystal Ybarra, Corey Cephus, Frances Licari Powledge, Myra Rowe, Marsa Outland Brister, Vicki Sorensen, Jenelle Lee, Kimberly Sommerfelt and Mary Jason Rowe**; Tuesday, July 18: **Maddie Patterson, Keith Milam, Luis Revilla, Diann Fernandez, Cathy Todd, Steve Garza, Debbie Marshall Ray, Misha Lesley-Burkins, Kathy Haigler and Michelle Malveaux**; and Wednesday, July 19: **Fred Alvarez, Terrell Session, Gary Hilliard, Armando Trevino, James Argo and Anne Tyson**.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
Email birthday, anniversary, congratulations, etc., to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTFB in the subject line.

Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

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

Thursday, July 13: **Stephanie Pyle, Robin Read, Sandy Ward, Angela Wilkerson, Robin Stone Collins and Tyler Pearson**; Friday, July 14: **Elaine Ann Monagas, Monay Noyobiz, Courtney Amelia Alba,**

# Intentional Connections graduate exceeds expectations

When Thu Nguyen came to the United States in 2013, she had just quit high school and did not have a clear direction for what her future would hold. Fast forward four years later, and she is now a San Jacinto College graduate on her way to nursing school at the University of St. Thomas.

Nguyen came to the U.S. from Vietnam with her family when she was 18 in search of better opportunities in education and work. She was forced to quit high school in

Vietnam during her senior year and received her GED in the U.S. in the fall of 2013.

"I wasn't really sure what I could do with a GED or where that would take me," Nguyen said. "My English skills were still not great either, and I was very intimidated by the thought of American college."

In 2014, despite her fears, she enrolled at the San Jacinto College South campus through Intentional Connections, a program that provides

guidance and mentoring for students who enter college at lower developmental educational levels than the average, but want a degree. After an assessment process, mentors help students connect with key administrators and faculty members. Students then test drive different programs prior to enrolling in a full semester course to find out if that area of study is a good fit.

"I really appreciate the Intentional Connections program and Dr. Lynnda Shields," Nguyen said. "I learned how to manage my time and study on a college level, while practicing my English. It helped prepare me for college life."

Shields, a San Jacinto College professor and college preparatory advisor, remembers Nguyen as a focused student.

"Thu began her coursework in our Intentional Connections program at South campus," Dr. Shields said. "She was always a great student, very determined and hardworking."

Nguyen completed the Intentional Connections program and set her sights on two goals, successfully earning her degree and joining the orientation leadership team at the South campus.

"I saw the orientation leaders when I took my tour, and I admired them so much. I thought, 'I want to be like them,'" Nguyen said. "I went for my first interview, and I failed it. I was ready to give up but Dr. Shields encouraged me to keep trying."

When Nguyen interviewed again a year later, she received the job. "I finally achieved my goal," she said. "I love helping new students. I know how hard it was for me as an international student when I first came to San Jac, and I use that to empathize with others."

Nguyen graduated with her associate of arts degree from San Jacinto College in May 2016, checking another goal off her list. Her desire to give back to others revealed itself again in her career path. Starting this fall, Nguyen will be one of the newest nursing students at the University of St. Thomas.

"When I looked at careers, I became overwhelmed with the choices that were in front of me," Nguyen said. "I love to help others, and I decided that the best way I could do that was by going into the medical field to become a nurse."

Nguyen's success is a tribute to her hard work and resolve to achieve her goals.

"I will miss the friendships and relationships I've made at San Jacinto College," Nguyen said. "Thanks to the Intentional Connections program and Dr. Shields, I'm prepared and ready to start university in the fall."

# Nguyen inspires others at SJC



Thu Nguyen, center on shoulders, is shown with the San Jacinto College South campus orientation leadership team. Nguyen became an orientation leader in 2015 to help other international students, as herself, acclimate into college life in America. Left to right, are San Jacinto College South orientation leaders Melissa Tapia, An Vu, Daphne Escalante, Maryssa Smith, Nguyen, Karina Tovar, Arli Tamayo, Danielle Mena and Samantha Martinez.

Photo by Denelle Warner

# Remember When

**40 years ago (1977)**  
The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department started the first eight days of July with more than 14 responses, more than they had the entire month of June.

**30 years ago (1987)**  
Danny McBee was presented the Life Saving Award. He was credited for saving the life of a 17 year-old South Belt resident at Alameda Genoa Bank.

**25 years ago (1992)**  
The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Softball sophomore All-Star team advanced into the Amateur Softball Association National Tournament in Kansas City while the Dobie Post 490 American Legion baseball team advanced into the regional playoffs.

Trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District approved the awarding of student athletic insurance to the Heritage Insurance Managers at a cost of \$3.60 per student.

**30 years ago (1987)**  
The San Jacinto College District Board of Regents voted to sell \$6 million in bonds for the construction of new buildings on the district's South and North campuses.

City Council Member Frank Mancuso will be the guest speaker at the Beverly Hills Civic Club meeting.

**25 years ago (1992)**  
Cheyna Haskins, a student at Beverly Hills Intermediate, qualified for the national Jesse Owens meet by winning the softball throw at the district and regional meets.

All phases of the Harris County constructed hike and bike trail along Blackhawk were being connected. The estimated cost of connecting the hike and bike trail from the Sagemeadow portion to the Sageglen portion was \$35,000.

**20 years ago (1997)**  
Todd Ferraro and Josh Nance signed baseball scholarships with San Jacinto College.

Judge Harvey Brown of the 152nd District Court ruled that Clear Creek Independent school district did not have to provide education for juvenile offenders at the Harris County Youth Village.

**15 years ago (2002)**  
A meeting was held at the city council annex to discuss the possibility of providing the football teams of the area with athletic fields for practices and games.

Weber Elementary, which was under construction, was struck by lightning. The resulting fire caused damage to the school's roof and the roof's insulation.

**10 years ago (2007)**  
Angela Stallings was named the new principal at Thompson Intermediate. Stallings, who was an assistant principal at Dobie, replaced the outgoing Greg Jones. He was named the new director of grant writing and technical support for the Pasadena Independent School District.

Anthony Wayne Moore, 43, was stabbed to death near Kingspoint and I-45. No immediate arrests were made.

Former South Belt resident Christina Perez and her 6-year-old daughter, Mercedes Fernandez, were critically injured in an auto accident in Florida when a discarded brake drum was propelled through their vehicle's windshield. A fund was set up to help the family with medical expenses.

Maureen Murphy began as the new president of San Jacinto College South. She replaced Linda Watkins who retired but agreed to work on some districtwide projects.

Rep. Nick Lampson hosted Congress at Your Corner, a meeting at Alameda Mall, where he fielded questions from constituents.

**5 years ago (2012)**  
Dexter Lee Plump, 26, was arrested on a felony charge of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. Plump, of the 11400 block of Sagewhite, was suspected of approaching the victim in the 11400 block of Sageglen and asking for directions. The suspect then produced a pistol and stole the victim's phone and wallet. Multiple witnesses said Plump matched the description of the suspect, but he denied any involvement in the crime. The victim, however, was able to identify Plump from a photo lineup. Additionally, Plump's fingerprints matched those taken from the scene of the crime. He was tracked down on the north side of town and apprehended.

**1 year ago (2016)**  
A recent Dobie graduate was fatally shot Saturday, July 9, while riding as a vehicle passenger in the 12300 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua. Giovanni "Geo" Rios, 18, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, Rios was a backseat passenger

# UHCL announces events calendar

The University of Houston-Clear Lake lists the upcoming events.

**Friday morning continuing education**  
Learn all about France on Bastille Day with courses on living in Paris and the power of propaganda in the French Revolution as part of this summer's Friday Morning Continuing Education courses at UH-Clear Lake.

The course will be July 14, 9 - 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Bayou Building, Patio Café. The cost to attend includes a \$12 membership fee and an \$18 course fee for each individual class. Included in the fees are course materials, borrowing privileges from UHCL's Alfred R. Neumann Library, discounts from the UHCL bookstore and more.

To learn more or to register for the class, call 281-283-3033 or visit [www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-ce/](http://www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-ce/).

**Hawk Adventure**  
Prospective students and their families are invited to tour UH-Clear Lake's 524-acre campus in a one-hour walking tour led by current UHCL students on Friday, July 14, 10 a.m. - noon.

Attendees will also receive information about applying to the university. Featured stops on the tour include Alfred R. Neumann Library, the UHCL Art Gallery, natural features such as Potter Pond and Horsepen Bayou. To learn more about Hawk Adventure or to register, visit [www.uhcl.edu/admissions/events/hawk-adventure/](http://www.uhcl.edu/admissions/events/hawk-adventure/).

**Executive education: leader communication skills**  
Effective communication skills are crucial to leading productive teams. In this course as part of UH-Clear Lake's Management and Leadership Certificate program, participants will learn different modes of communication, and how to recognize and resolve miscommunications. Through real-world scenarios, participants will apply these concepts to develop useable strategies for the work-

place.

The sessions will be held on July 14 and 28, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Participants must attend both sessions to complete the course. Course fees are \$850, which includes both sessions. Group discounts are available. To learn more about this course, or to register, contact the Center for Executive Education online at [www.uhcl.edu/center-executive-education/](http://www.uhcl.edu/center-executive-education/).

**Habitat work days**  
Help maintain the beauty of the UH-Clear Lake campus by volunteering at Habitat Work Days each Tuesday morning in July with the Environmental Institute of Houston. Volunteers are asked to aid in upkeep, including clearing paths, cleaning the pond and other conservation tasks. The next work days will be July 18 and 25, at 9 a.m. at the North Office Annex.

For more information, call UHCL Environmental Institute of Houston at 281-283-3950 or email [cih@uhcl.edu](mailto:cih@uhcl.edu). For more information about the institute, visit [www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/education/school-habitats/work-day/](http://www.uhcl.edu/environmental-institute/education/school-habitats/work-day/) or call 281-283-3120.

**Admissions preview**  
Transfer and graduate students are invited to learn more about UH-Clear Lake, apply and receive on-the-spot admissions during UHCL Admissions Preview on July 20, 6 - 7:30 p.m., at Student Services and Classroom Building.

Attendees may participate in campus tours and financial aid and scholarship workshops, and learn more about Undergraduate Automatic Transfer Scholarships. Friends and family are welcome to attend. On-the-spot admissions decisions are available for only certain programs, and applicants wanting to participate should bring transcripts and test scores.

To register, visit [www.uhcl.edu/admissions/events/admissions-preview/](http://www.uhcl.edu/admissions/events/admissions-preview/). For more about the event, call 281-283-2515 or email [OpenHouseRsvp@uhcl.edu](mailto:OpenHouseRsvp@uhcl.edu).

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## PISD recognizes volunteer



Pasadena Independent School District recognized outstanding volunteers at a recent school board meeting. Trent Moses, a Stuchbery Elementary parent, was honored as the PISD Elementary School Volunteer of the Year. Moses, who has two sons enrolled at Stuchbery, was instrumental in working with school administrators to launch the Watch D.O.G.S., (Dads of Great Students) program in which dads volunteer daily at the school. Now in its second year, the program continues to grow with Moses serving as the "Top Dog" helping to recruit dads and frequently serving as a volunteer. He is a favorite Watch DOG among students and staff. His family was present as he received his award. Shown above, left to right, (front row) De Moses and Demeco Moses, (back row) Toya Clater, Dee'Asia Moses, Trent Moses, and Kristin Wallis, Stuchbery assistant principal. Photo submitted

## Catholic Daughters attend 50th Biennial State Convention

Recently, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas held its 50th Biennial State Convention celebrating 100 years of dedication to works of charity and service. Court Mother of Unity #2292 sent nineteen members as delegates, alternates and a guest to Corpus Christi to take part in the business of the convention. In all, there were more than 900 attendees at the convention from around the state with 574 voting delegates in attendance. Court Mother of Unity was the talk of the convention sporting their purple and yellow bowler hats and purple or yellow contrasting flowers signifying whether the wearer was a delegate or alternate.

Later the flowers were changed to a red, white and blue patriotic arrangement that members wore at the memorial/patriotic Mass honoring the 533 members who had died during the 2015-2017 term plus those members from each of the armed forces who died during the past two years.

Several workshops were presented to assist members understand various aspects of how to have a better court and gain new members.

Programs were geared so members attending would become enthusiastic and excited about being a part of the 60,000 plus women's national organization that is 45 states strong in the U.S. and that is beginning its trek across the globe with seedling courts in Mexico, Kenya, Peru, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam, and hopefully soon in Vietnam.

Those elected by the court as voting delegates were: Herlinda Estrada, Vice Regent; Adele Roby, Financial Secretary; Martha Ramos, Treasurer; and members Betty Dixon, Kathleen Taylor and Irene Flynn who due to an injury was replaced by first alternate Nancy Pompa. Alternates attending were Delia Coy, Eleanor Burleigh, Eloisa Gomez, Veronica Garza, Faye Greaber-Guth, Martha Rodriguez, Arleen Hulin, Mary Al-

ice Garrett, Marlisa Stevens and Pat Arp. Carolyn Friend, Regent of the Court was an automatic delegate and Janis Wright, District Deputy attended to assist at registration and other tasks during the event. Court member Sharon Harrison was also in attendance to experience the excitement.

While the convention began with an opening Mass many of the members traveled to Corpus Christi during earlier time-frames in order to partake of the many sights to see in and around the area and eat at the many wonderful seafood restaurants.

Highlights included tours of the Selena studio and museum; the King Ranch; the Aquarium and stops along the way to check out a winery and a 1950's hamburger joint and malt shop displaying many artifacts of the past including an old juke box, malt machine, and different types of "record players" among other fascinating machines of the past.

Once the convention convened with the opening Mass, usually held at the cathedral, wash in a sea of women adorned in colored robes, mainly purple and gold, indicating the office each holds in the organization, it was mostly meetings beginning early the following morning.

The main order of business was to elect new officers for the following term; examine and vote on any proposed changes; announce the winners scholarships given to deserving seniors from across the state; and award first, second and third place certificates to the Courts who have submitted reports on various activities involving its members "Circle of Love" endeavors, charitable works, involvement in the state and local scholarship programs for graduating high school seniors; and assisting in Habitat for Humanity housing builds. This term the build was in Corpus Christi.

Evenings were reserved for food, festivities, fun, and formalities. Attendees were treated to sit-down dining and a

program of "time travel" back to the beginnings of the Catholic Daughter Organization. Members were invited to pick a decade and dress in the type of clothing that was fashionable in the decades since the institution of the Order in 1903.

There was a sea of women dressed as elegant ladies who once strolled the boulevards decked out in long dresses twirling their parasols from the 1900s-1910s; a couple strolling the boardwalk in their 1920s bathing apparel along with "flappers" in their fringed swinging dance costumes; Rosie Riveters of the 1940s; June Cleavers of the 1950s; Jackie Kennedys and the "flower children" or "hippies" of the '60s; relaxed women of the '70s and '80s sporting workout attire and sweats; and housewives of the 1930s.

Court Mother of Unity's own, Kathleen Taylor, won "most creative" costume for the 1930's with her house-dress, apron, bonnet and matching purse made of real feed sack material on her very own sewing machine.

A Mass was celebrated to install the newly elected officers. The newly-elected board officers for the 2017-2019 term and others were introduced at a formal banquet. Rosie Stockwell, newly-elected Regent, introduced her choice for State Chaplain, Reverend Gregory Labus of Edinburg, Texas.

The convention ended with a "walk-run" to raise money for a specific charity; an invitation to the next State convention in McAllen; a reminder for local courts to prepare for the National Convention in July of 2018 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and a bid by Texarkana for the 2021 State Convention.

The "retiring of the colors" ended the business of the convention and members were invited to attend Sunday Mass at the convention center prior to leaving for home; seemingly, inspired and "on fire" to present their experiences to Catholic women everywhere.

## San Jac alumna Neill changes lives

Melanie Neill graduated from San Jacinto College as the first person in her family to earn a college degree. She now works at San Jac as the veteran services coordinator. "I fell in love with the veteran population. It was important for me to try to understand what they were going through and be a resource for them in whatever way I could," said Neill.

Neill was raised in Channelview. A local to the area, she spent an enormous amount of time on the San Jacinto College campus.

"My mom would go to the cosmetology school to have her hair done. It's almost like I grew up on this campus," she said.

After attending a high school that didn't focus on college preparatory and after repeatedly being told she could never earn a college degree, she decided that was exactly what she wanted to do. Determined to prove those individuals wrong and wanting to make something more for herself, she started taking classes at San Jac.

Neill was working multiple part time jobs and therefore could only take one or two college classes at a time. She refused to take more classes than what she could pay for in cash.

"I was a typical non-traditional student," stated Neill.

She graduated from San Jac with an associate degree in applied sciences and started working in the bookstore on campus. She was intent on working at the College, applying multiple times before she was hired. She was soon offered a position as an administrative assistant in the financial aid office. Not long after, she took a position as a bookkeeper.

Neill decided that she wanted to return to college once again to earn her bachelor's degree in behavioral studies from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Again, she took one and two

classes at a time, while also working and taking care of her sick parents.

"I wanted to get that degree in behavioral studies to try to understand people and why we think and behave the way that we do," said Neill. Adding that it was difficult to spend that time at school instead of taking care of her parents, but it was a sacrifice she knew she had to make.

Upon her graduation, Neill returned to San Jac and worked in the testing office. She then moved to her position in the veteran services office as the veteran services coordinator, where she has remained.

"I love working with these veterans because they are the most incredible people I have ever crossed paths with. It is such a diverse group, with all kinds of different personalities, but they are all extremely inspiring. Whatever troubles you think you've had, you talk to a vet and you'll realize your problems are minimal. They've made the ultimate sacrifice," said Neill.

Neill would one day like to go back to school and earn a degree in social work or mental health to be able to further understand and help those around her.

She feels lucky to work at a place like San Jacinto College that allows her to pass to someone else those words and ideas that she has learned through her own experiences.

"I enjoy my job and it's not hard to go to work knowing that the job you do has such a large effect on those around you," Neill said. "I love getting to make an impact on students and at the College every day, but in the same sense this college has changed my life and made the greatest impact on me."

For more information on veteran student services at San Jacinto College, visit the San Jacinto College veterans student website.

## Castillos, Wheelers hold lemonade stand



Featuring cold lemonade and warm cinnamon rolls, six Sageheather residents recently hosted an old-fashioned lemonade stand, hoping to earn a little money. Shown above are, left to right, Irene Castillo, Emily Castillo, Alex Castillo, Olivia Wheeler, Evelyn Wheeler and Hyrum Wheeler. Photo by Jay Do

## Johnson Space Center begins podcast series

"Houston, We Have a Podcast" is the name of a new weekly audio show being released from the NASA Johnson Space Center.

The podcast, hosted by Gary Jordan talking with various guests, is designed to highlight a variety of topics covering the work of NASA's home of human spaceflight in Houston.

In the first episode, released July 7, NASA Public Affairs Officer Dan Huot provides a high-level overview of the International Space Station: what it is, how

it works, and why it's there.

Upcoming episodes will feature information on space food, human research in space, mission control and communications.

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## CCEF seeks nominees for annual awards

Nominations are now being accepted for annual awards for Distinguished Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Alumni, CCISD Superstars and the Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award. Recipients are selected by the Clear Creek Education Foundation.

The Distinguished Alumni award is presented to a CCISD graduate who has excelled in his or her chosen profession and has made

a significant contribution to his/her community.

The CCISD Superstar is an individual who has made exceptional contributions that benefited the district (may or may not be a CCISD graduate).

Nominations forms may be found on the Education Foundation website [www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org](http://www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org). All nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, Aug. 1. Nominations may be mailed to the Clear Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1631, League City, TX 77574 or emailed to [Kelsey.Richardson@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org](mailto:Kelsey.Richardson@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org). Awards will be presented at the Education Foundation Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 4, at South Shore Harbour Resort.

The Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award will go to an individual who has made exceptional contributions that benefited the district and community as a small business owner.

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## Burnett Elementary announces All Year Awards

Burnett Elementary announces All Year Awards for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Honor Roll**  
Kennedy Cavazos and Victory Nwosu.

**Merit Roll Third Grade**  
Alex Perez.

**Fourth Grade**  
Sydney Rodriguez.

**All Star Readers Kindergarten**  
Allyson Adams, Antonio Almendarez, Jay Amaya, Vince Barron, La'Dejah Bolding, Daemion Brown, Anderson Castillo, Francisco Chavez, Alyanna DeLaGarza, Avani Galvan, Jacob Garces, Christian Gomez and Phenix Gomez.

**Second Grade**  
Luis Alfaro, Samantha Andalla, Alma Argueta, Louisa Aviles, Alexavier Barreira, Leigha Bolar, Breniyah Braggs, Santiago Diaz, Angel Dominguez, Anthony Dominguez, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Sebastian Esparza, Caden Exum, Brandon Galicia, Stephanie Gannon, Deigo Garay, Samuel Garcia and Jalese Gibson.

**First Grade**  
Angelina Amaya, Lynette Aviles, Allyson Baltazar, Abrey Banda, Terry Betties, Lucas Bravo, Erick Carrasco, Miriam Casas, Genaro Chaves, Alexis Cordova, Nathan Cubos, Arley Curtis, Jeff Cuyuch, Kayla Fitzpatrick, Luis Flores, Jessica Garces, Adrian Garcia, Jessalyn Garcia and Kaedy Garcia.

**Abigail Gonzalez, Keira Gonzalez, Adan Hernandez,** Erik Hoang, Stephanie Ledesma, Javier Legaspi, Anjalie Liceaga, Eva Lowe, Sydney Lumsey, Connor Maldonado, Barbara Melchor, Londyn Miles, Viannina Montez, Aubrey Navarre, Jade Nguyen and Ryan Nguyen.

**Michael Nwosu, Eliana Oliver, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Alyssa Porcher, Yulianna Ramirez, Christopher Romero, Jeannette Salinas, Dayana Santamaria, Allurah Stine, Juan Carlos Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Isabella Tovar, Alyana Turner, Anthony Vasquez and Minh Vo.**

**Michael Nwosu, Eliana Oliver, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Alyssa Porcher, Yulianna Ramirez, Christopher Romero, Jeannette Salinas, Dayana Santamaria, Allurah Stine, Juan Carlos Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Isabella Tovar, Alyana Turner, Anthony Vasquez and Minh Vo.**

**Second Grade**  
Luis Alfaro, Samantha Andalla, Alma Argueta, Louisa Aviles, Alexavier Barreira, Leigha Bolar, Breniyah Braggs, Santiago Diaz, Angel Dominguez, Anthony Dominguez, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Sebastian Esparza, Caden Exum, Brandon Galicia, Stephanie Gannon, Deigo Garay, Samuel Garcia and Jalese Gibson.

**Joseph Gonzales, Jaylin Gonzalez, Caela Griffin, Arianna Guevara, Angela Huiitt, Jaxon Humphrey, Jacob Hurtado, Joshua Jackson, Ximena Jasso, Thomas Jones, Payton Lister, Adrian Lopez, Michael Lowe, Calissa Marquez, Rory Martinez, Elianne Mendoza, Samuel Moreno and Kennedy Mundy.**

**Toby Nguyen, Isaiah Ochoa, Levi Palmer, Mikeal Pantaleon, Andy Phan, Axel Pion, Eliana Poskey, Kaden**

**Ramirez, Gabriel Reyes, Mya Reyes, Abilyn Rivera Martinez, Ricardo Rodriguez, Lyla Rohmfeld, Jasmine Russell, Gael Salinas and Geovanny Sanchez.**

**Isai Saravia, Kallye Sique, Julian Silva, Jenesis Soriano, Ashlee Taylor, Damian Torres, Jacob Torres-Tejada, Sebastian Udokah, Jose Vela Puerto, Adrian Villatoro, Jazzylyn Wimbush, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.**

**Math Wizards Kindergarten**  
Ruth Moshia and Lauren Tran.

**First Grade**  
Jeff Cuyuch, Adrian Garcia, Adan Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Javier Legaspi, Aubrey Navarre, Jade Nguyen, Melany Pineda, Christopher Romero and Dayana Santamaria.

**Second Grade**  
Leigha Bolar, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Jalese Gibson, Joseph Gonzales, Caela Griffin, Thomas Jones, John Munoz, Isaiah Ochoa, Ricardo Rodriguez, Jasmine Russell, Gael Salinas, Kallye Sique, Jacob Torres-Tejada, Adrian Villatoro, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.

**Perfect Attendance**  
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**Lila Davis, Ulani Davis, Diego Diaz, Kirsten Duong and Paige Duong.**

**Angelica Elizalde, David Elizalde, Nathalia Elizalde, Mikkel Gonzalez, Javier Legaspi, Mariah Lumsey, Sydney Lumsey, Calissa Marquez, Brisa Martinez, Joslyn Miniel, John Munoz, Ryleigh Navarre, Ny Nguyen, Rosalynn Nguyen and Dorothy Nwosu.**

**Michael Nwosu, Miracle Nwosu, Victory Nwosu, Isaiah Ochoa, Eliana Oliver, Melany Pineda, Angel Rhodes, Lyla Rohmfeld, Jose Romero, Carlos Salazar, Luis Salazar, Anthony Vazquez, Izelliah Williams and Marquise Williams.**

**Good Citizenship**  
Jay Amaya, Hector Andrade, Louis Aviles, Blue Banda, Alfonso Barajas, Beatriz Betancourt, Lucas Bravo, Vy Bui, Omar Cantarero, Aaron Carballo, Kimberly Castillo, Ronny Cearley, Esteban Cerda, Penelope Cerda and David Contreras.

**Isaura Correa, Hailey Cubos, Ariez Curtis, Alyanna De La Garza, Diego Diaz, Alison Duran, Roberto Estrada, Lily Freeman, Jennifer Garcia, Samuel Gonzales, Caela Griffin, Isabella Guevara, Santiago Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Thomas Jones, Juan Lares, Javier Legaspi, Kenia Machuca, Riley Martinez, Barbara Melchor and Joslyn Miniel.**

**Ruth Moshia, Ngoc Nguyen,**

**Lila Davis, Ulani Davis, Diego Diaz, Kirsten Duong and Paige Duong.**

**Angelica Elizalde, David Elizalde, Nathalia Elizalde, Mikkel Gonzalez, Javier Legaspi, Mariah Lumsey, Sydney Lumsey, Calissa Marquez, Brisa Martinez, Joslyn Miniel, John Munoz, Ryleigh Navarre, Ny Nguyen, Rosalynn Nguyen and Dorothy Nwosu.**

**Michael Nwosu, Miracle Nwosu, Victory Nwosu, Isaiah Ochoa, Eliana Oliver, Melany Pineda, Angel Rhodes, Lyla Rohmfeld, Jose Romero, Carlos Salazar, Luis Salazar, Anthony Vazquez, Izelliah Williams and Marquise Williams.**

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**Ruth Moshia, Ngoc Nguyen,**

## CDA held state convention



Celebrating more than a century of commitment to works of charity and service to others, the Catholic Daughters recently held its 50th Biennial State Convention. More than 900 attended and among them were (in photo above), left to right, Nancy Pompa, Kathleen Taylor, Betty Dixon, Martha Ramos, Adele Roby, Herlinda Estrada, and Carolyn Friend. Photo submitted

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## Crafts vacation in Bahamas



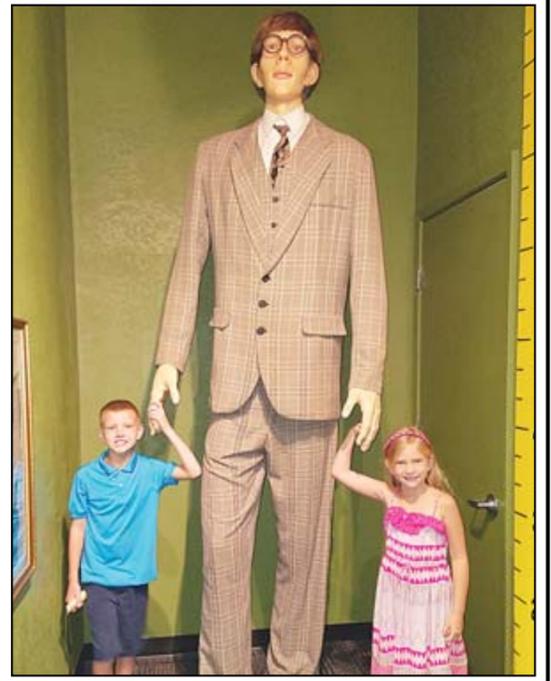
Kirkwood South residents Kevin and Stephanie Crafts took a stunningly beautiful vacation to Long Island, Bahamas. Above, the Crafts visited Dean's Blue Hole, located in Turtle Bay, in the settlement of Dean's. It's the second deepest, but easiest to access blue hole in the world, with a depth of 663 feet. The Crafts were able to swim across the deep, cold, dark blue water. Above

(right), the Crafts enjoy the view from their cottage, which was in Lochaber Bay, Clarence Town, Long Island. The Flying Fish Marina could be seen in the far back where they have nightly shark feeding. The couple also got to experience what it was like driving on the left side of the road with the steering wheel on the left side of the vehicle. *Photos submitted*

## Kelley family visits Florida



The Kelley family enjoyed a shark fishing trip to Mexico Beach, Florida, for six days. Above, Robert Kelley shows off his catch, a six-foot hammerhead shark. Robert did not keep the shark but released it after catching it. Shown right, Travis and Cheyenne enjoyed a trip to Ripley's Believe It or Not museum. The children are standing next to a figure of Robert Pershing, the tallest man recorded in medical history, according to Guinness World Records, who grew to a height of 8 feet 11.1 inches. *Photos submitted*



## Fire alarm tips given

Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms play an important role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. "If a fire breaks out in your home, you have less than two minutes to get out after the smoke alarm sounds," said Harris County Fire Marshal Mike Montgomery. "Testing smoke alarms once a month and replacing smoke alarms every 10 years is vital to reducing fire deaths and injuries."

Smoke alarm facts and safety tips:

Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area.

Test smoke alarms monthly. Install smoke alarms on every level of the home.

Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on the wall.

It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms that have strobe lights or bed shakers. Have an escape plan, and practice that plan. Once the smoke alarm sounds, one has less than two minutes to escape.

Contact the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office with questions or concerns on smoke alarms in apartment complexes at 713-274-1700 or email [fmosupport@fmo.hctx.net](mailto:fmosupport@fmo.hctx.net). For information on smoke alarms and alarm safety tips, visit [www.hcfmo.net](http://www.hcfmo.net).

## Goeman family visits Myrtle Beach

Mark and Linda Goeman drove to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, with their three granddaughters for a mini family reunion with Linda's brother and two sisters. The family enjoyed breakfast at Harry's Breakfast Pancakes. Shown right, left to right are, Mike Gheen, Kira Goeman, Annette Gheen, Kourtney Goeman, Karley Goeman and Mark Goeman. Below, Mark captured the sunrise over Myrtle Beach. *Photos submitted*



## STAAR test results announced

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79 in reading, 86 in math and 65 in science.

The district average for fifth-graders was 75 in reading, 82 in math and 66 in science.

Melillo sixth-graders scored 74 in reading and 78 in math, while Morris sixth-graders scored 68 in reading and 73 in math.

The district average for sixth-graders was 61 in reading and 61 in math.

### Intermediate

At the intermediate school level, Beverly Hills and Thompson were roughly on par with each other, both scoring slightly above the district average.

Beverly Hills seventh-graders scored 72 in reading, 71 in math and 68 in writing, while Thompson seventh-grade students scored 78 in reading, 69 in math and 68 in writing.

The seventh-grade dis-

trict average was 70 in reading, 69 in math and 65 in writing.

Beverly Hills eighth-grade students scored 84 in reading, 89 in math, 75 in science and 60 in social studies.

Eighth-grade students from Thompson scored 86 in reading, 88 in math, 76 in science and 66 in social studies.

The eighth-grade district average was 81 in reading, 88 in math, 74 in science and 64 in social studies.

### High school

In their EOC assessments, Dobie students scored 85 in algebra, 89 in biology, 68 in English I, 69 in English II and 94 in U.S. history.

By comparison, the district average was 84 in algebra, 87 in biology, 62 in English I, 63 in English II and 94 in U.S. history.

### Graduation issues available

Extra copies of the *Leader's* high school graduation issue, published on June 1, are available at the newspaper office, 11555 Beamer. The special edition includes graduation information for Dobie, Clear Brook, South Houston and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy.

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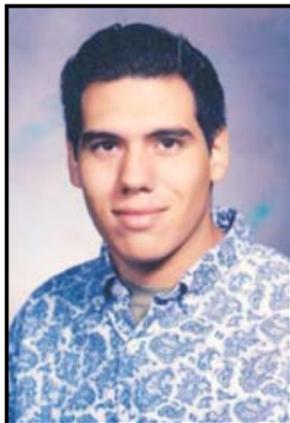
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but you didn't go alone,  
part of me went with you,  
the day that GOD  
*took you home*

## Dobie football announces events

The Dobie High School football program, in conjunction with its booster club, will host a car wash fundraiser Saturday, July 15, at Snowie's Snow-

cones in the Food Town parking lot on Scarsdale. Longhorn football players will wash cars for a minimum \$5 donation per car from 8:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. **Dessert with the Dudes** The program's booster club has also planned a Dessert with the Dudes evening in conjunction with the club's July meeting, set for Monday, July 17, in the Dobie cafeteria.

All Dobie football players, including incoming freshmen who expect to play within the program, are encouraged to bring their favorite dessert item to the meeting as players will have the chance to mingle and meet or reconnect with one another. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

**At right, Clear Brook defensive back Braelton Hill keyed a big effort late in the tournament as his squad reached the Adidas State 7-on-7 Championship football semifinal round in College Station. A senior-to-be with the Wolverines, Hill was named the preseason Defensive Player of the Year by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine.**  
*Clearbrookfootball.com*



## Campbell's Texas Football tabs Dickinson to win 24-6A

Clear Brook senior defensive back Braelton Hill grabbed a headline as Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine debuted its 2017 annual.

Hill, who had 5 interceptions for the Wolverines as a junior in 2016, was tabbed as the Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, according to Campbell's.

Dickinson senior quarterback Montel Parker, who helped the Gators to a 10-2 mark a season ago, was Campbell's Preseason Offensive Player of the Year.

From a team standpoint, it may be a different year, but Campbell's doesn't predict much of a change in the rank and file.

Defending 24-6A champion Dickinson is seen as the repeat performer, with Clear Springs shown to hold off third-place Clear Brook. Friendswood, meanwhile, is tabbed fourth, just ahead of Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Alvin and Clear Falls.

Dickinson, 35-5 over the last three seasons and having reached the third round of the postseason in two of those seasons, is in a league by itself.

Clear Springs has to find a replacement for star quarterback Will McBride, who is now at the University of Tennessee.

Clear Brook, meanwhile, welcomes back a core group of offensive skill position players that rivals most across the region.

Friendswood is also in for change, what with dual-threat quarterback Tyler Page having moved on to Southern Methodist University, where he is listed as a receiver for 2017.

In 2016, Page rushed putting together one of the for 2,095 yards and passed greatest offensive seasons for another 1,600 yards, **Continued on Page 3B**

### District 24-6A Football

1. Dickinson (12-1 in 2016)
2. Clear Springs (9-2 in 2016)
3. Clear Brook (8-4 in 2016)
4. Friendswood (9-3 in 2016)
5. Clear Creek (5-5 in 2016)
6. Clear Lake (3-7 in 2016)
7. Alvin (4-6 in 2016)
8. Clear Falls (2-8 in 2016)

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## Youths get football camp invite

Incoming seventh-through ninth-grade students, including those planning to attend Thompson Intermediate, Beverly Hills Intermediate or Dobie High

School as of the 2017-2018 school year, are invited to attend the Longhorns' Camp Head Start for football hopefuls.

Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman, his staff, as well as staff members from Beverly Hills and Thompson will provide instruction July 31 through Aug. 3 at Dobie High School.

The sessions will run from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Preregistration is \$40 per student. The fee is \$50 per student on July 31.

Payment will be accepted via cash, money order or credit card. No checks will be accepted.

To register, direct email to Norman at [MNorman@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:MNorman@pasadenaisd.org).

Families may also make online payments at [https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/departments/departments\\_a\\_b/business\\_financial\\_services/business\\_office\\_procedure\\_manual/cashier\\_s\\_office/rev\\_trak\\_reporting/](https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/departments/departments_a_b/business_financial_services/business_office_procedure_manual/cashier_s_office/rev_trak_reporting/).

Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including the fundamentals of blocking and tackling, position drills and techniques, and individual position drills. Camp Head Start will also provide a great opportunity for students to get an early understanding of how things will progress, as well as expectations at their intended school.

The Pasadena ISD does not provide medical insurance coverage for events of this nature, so families will be responsible for providing such.

**Brook invites youths, too**  
Clear Creek ISD students will have the opportunity to attend Clear Brook's 2017 Mini Camp, set for July 27-28 at the school.

The sessions will run from 8 to 11:30 a.m. each day. Incoming seventh-through ninth grade students as of the 2017-2018

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## BHI, GAT football camps set

Incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students at both Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate schools are encouraged to attend upcoming strength and conditioning camps at the respective campuses.

**Batlin' Bears start**  
Beverly Hills Intermediate's Michael Arroyo and his staff will host the Bears' 2017 strength and conditioning camp at the school July 17-20, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. each session.

Arroyo, the incoming head football coach and boys' campus athletic coordinator, strongly encourages anyone who expects to be included in the athletic period to attend.

The sessions will include 50 minutes of weight training and agility drills as well as 20 minutes of conditioning activities. Proper rest periods will also be included.

Cost of the Beverly Hills event is \$40 cash per student, which may be paid at the school Friday, July 14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., or just prior to the start of drills July 17.

At Thompson, coaching

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At Thompson, coaching

## Campbell's Outlook District 22-6A Football

1. Deer Park (7-4 in 2016)
2. La Porte (9-3 in 2016)
3. Dobie (3-7 in 2016)
4. Memorial (6-5 in 2016)
5. South Houston (3-8)
6. Sam Rayburn (2-8)
7. Pasadena (0-10)

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## Campbell's says "Yes" Dobie aims at playoff return

If the experts at Dave Campbell's Texas Football have a say in the matter, the Dobie Longhorns will return to the 2017 varsity football playoffs after a one-year absence.

The football annual hit the newsstands late last month, providing a wide landscape of preseason individual honors as well as district football race predictions covering the entire state.

As for District 22-6A, Deer Park is seen as the team to beat for the championship.

Beyond Deer Park and La Porte, the battle for the playoffs would seem to be wide open.

The Longhorns, who struggled to a 3-7 overall finish in 2017 and snapped a string of six consecutive playoff appearances, is picked third, just ahead of fourth-place Memorial.

Dobie went in to the offseason with many key vacancies to fill on the defensive side of things. The

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varsity team will also feature a first-year starter at quarterback, likely Jacob Sulak, and the receiving core will feature additions.

The Memorial Mavericks, who scored a big win over Dobie in 2016, are picked fourth in the 22-6A mix.

South Houston, which upset Dobie last season en route to the postseason, is fifth in line, with Sam Rayburn and Pasadena rounding out the field.

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## Rising Stars track continues nationals preparation



Qualifying members of the Rising Stars Track Club are busy making final preparations for a trip to the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympics, which begins July 31 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. One of the top competitors for the Rising Stars on the national stage figures to be Camryn Dickson (4) of the girls'

13-year-old division after she won first place in four different events at the regional qualifier. Dickson, who has reached the national meet every year since 2010, will chase gold medals in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes as well as the triple jump.

## SBGSA's 6U all-stars second at Red, White & Boom



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 6-under all-star team placed second at the Red, White and Boom Tournament held in Spring on July 2. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Cecilia Velasquez, Vida Montemayor, Maddison Montemayor, Journey Peterson Calderon, Cami-

la Padua, Abygail Herrera, (middle row) Alizae Munoz, Gabriela Ramirez, Khayla Juarez, Alayna Rodriguez, Molly Casteneda, (back row) assistant coach Robert Juarez, head coach Sal Castaneda and assistant coaches Jay Rodriguez and Julio Montemayor.

## South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks celebrate outstanding summer season in the pool

The entire South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks organization had reason to celebrate in a big way at the team's annual postseason swim party and awards presentation. Headed by Dobie High School swim coach Bradley Nguyen and assistant coaches Brandon Gonzalez, Paige Jones, Kevin Nguyen, Russell Zuber, the Sharks put together one of their finest seasons in recent memory.

The Sharks went undefeated during the regular season, beating the Clear Lake Stars, Nassau Bay Nauticats, Pine Brook Wood Orcas, Timber Cove Dolphins and Harbour Tide Swim in head-to-head competitions.

Once at the postseason competition, the Sharks came up with a sixth-place finish among 19 overall teams. Along the way, several of the Sharks' individu-

### SBAST Relay Team Performances

Boys 8u 100 Medley Relay (1st Place): Aaron Villareal, Brandon Austin, Leo Martinez, Aidan Herrera

Boys 8u 100 Free Relay (1st Place): Aaron Villareal, Brandon Austin, Leo Martinez, Aidan Herrera

Girls 8u Medley Relay (6th place): Zoey Vuong, Ava Rivera, Penny Bodde, Jaslene Cavazos

Girls 8u Free Relay (4th place): Zoey Vuong, Ava Rivera, Penny Bodde, Jaslene Cavazos

Girls 9-10 Medley Relay (3rd Place): Tiffany Tran, Nyssa Jagan, Katelin Seymour, Arianna Rivera

Girls 9-10 Free Relay (4th Place): Tiffany Tran, Nyssa Jagan, Katelin Seymour, Arianna Rivera

Boys 11-12 Medley Relay (8th Place): Benjamin Guzman, Hayden Feil, Kelvin Nguyen, Aaron Callison

Girls 13-14 Medley Relay (6th Place): Evelyn Tran, Sophie Austin, Karissa Dorville, Sophia Martinez

Girls 13-14 Free Relay (6th Place): Evelyn Tran, Sophie Austin, Karissa Dorville, Adrienne Rivera

Boys 15-18 Medley Relay (8th Place): John Mendiola, Samuel Tran, Victor Nguyen, Samuel Parker

Boys 15-18 Free Relay (8th Place): John Mendiola, Samuel Tran, Victor Nguyen, Samuel Parker

al swimmers finished well in their events, and the Sharks also won first place in a pair of relay events in the boys' 8-under division.

"It's just a testament to the hard work of the kids in the water," Brad Nguyen said. Many of the kids don't swim year-round, so this is their only opportunity to swim competitively. Seeing the excitement not only when they race but their parents as well makes it all worth it. To finish sixth overall at the champ meet and winning the division was a proud moment to achieve that as a team.

"Staff-wise, we were blessed with a great group of assistant coaches. All those kids/young adults swam for me as well in high school, and now they're passing on the knowledge and experience they've acquired over the years. It comes full circle for them. I want to see the sport of competitive swimming grow in the South Belt area as many of these kids make their way to Dobie, where we can compete at a high level with the Pearland, the Deer Park and the Clear Creek ISD schools."

### SBAST Individual Performances

9-10 Girls 100 Individual Medley: Tiffany Tran (6th place)

9-10 Girls 50 Freestyle: Nyssa Jagan (2nd Place)

9-10 Girls 50 Backstroke: Tiffany Tran (4th Place)

9-10 Girls 50 Breaststroke: Nyssa Jagan (3rd Place)

9-10 Girls 50 Butterfly: Tiffany Tran (4th Place), Nyssa Jagan (6th Place)

11-12 Girls 50 Butterfly: Karissa Dorville (8th Place)

13-14 Girls 50 Breaststroke: Sophie Austin (6th Place)

13-14 Girls 50 Butterfly: Evelyn Tran (4th Place)

8u Boys 25 Freestyle: Leo Martinez (3rd Place), Brandon Austin (6th Place)

8u Boys 25 Backstroke: Leo Martinez (2nd Place)

8u Boys 25 Butterfly: Leo Martinez (3rd Place)

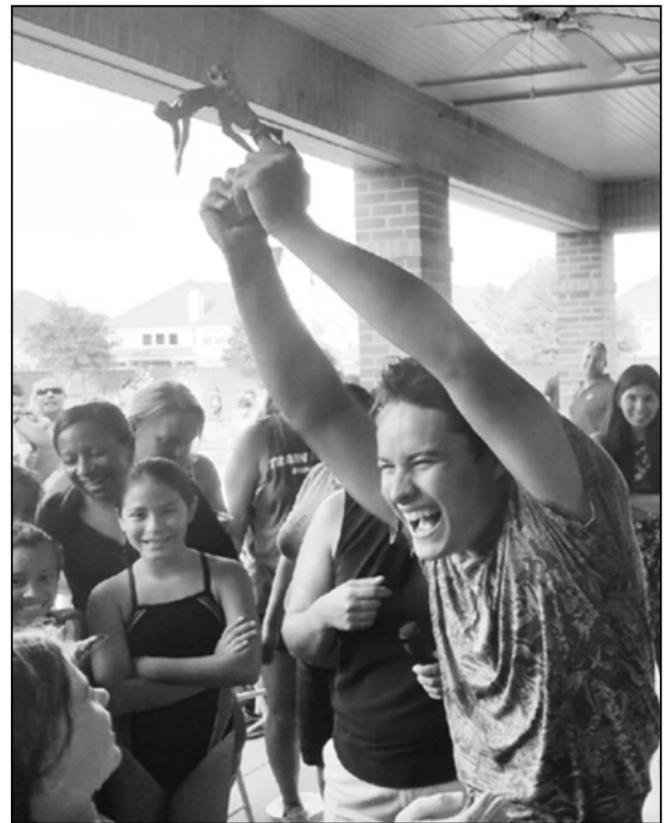
9-10 Boys 50 Freestyle: Dennis Tran (8th Place)

9-10 Boys 50 Backstroke: Dennis Tran (6th Place)

9-10 Boys 50 Butterfly: Dennis Tran (8th Place)

13-14 Boys 100 Freestyle: David Garcia (6th Place)

15-18 Boys 100 Breaststroke: Samuel Tran (8th Place)



South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks Coach of the Year winner Brandon Gonzalez celebrates the honor with some of the team's competitors after being handed the hardware at the team's postseason awards ceremony.



The future looks bright for a special foursome of swimmers from the South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks after the boys' 8-under relay team of, left to right, Aaron Villarreal, Brandon Austin, Aidan

Herrera and Leo Martinez won both the 100-yard medley relay and the 100-yard freestyle relay at the postseason championship meet.



Following the completion of the summer season, the South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks coaching staff honored its Swimmers of the Year in the various age divisions. Those winners included, left to right, (front row) Ryan Reed, Aaron

Villarreal, Dorothy Nguyen, Penny Bodde, Robert Pheister, Daira Gutierrez, (back row) Alexis Medina, Arianna Rivera, John Mendiola, Logan Vuong and Kilan Vega.

# San Jacinto College baseball sends 18 players to four-year colleges

San Jacinto College ended the National Junior College Athletic Association season with a second consecutive appearance at the JUCO World Series, and that team success certainly paid off well for many of the team's top performers. In all, the Gators saw each of its 18 sophomores earn four-year university playing opportunities.

One of those sophomores, Aaron Bond, ultimately passed on his offer to attend Jackson State University and instead inked a professional contract with the San Francisco Giants. At press time, Bond was in Arizona preparing to join one of the Giants' minor league affiliates.

While Bond is headed to the pro ranks for what he hopes is the chance to one day play for the Giants, many of the other San Jacinto College sophomores are set to continue their education and playing careers in colleges.

Donny Diaz was drafted by the Boston Red Sox, but has instead decided to honor his commitment to play at the University of Texas.

Two other top-level pitchers for the Gators, Caleb Roper (Tulane) and MacGregor Hines (Dallas Baptist), are also moving on, as is Ben Butler (UT-Rio Grand Valley).

Michael Smith, a center fielder for the Gators, was also drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers, but also has an offer to attend the University of Missouri.

Ryan Johnson, who made the All-Tournament team at the JUCO World Series, has signed to attend the University of Kentucky, and third baseman Nick Perez is headed to the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

San Jacinto College second baseman Luke Watson, another key contributor to the team this season, is headed to Northwestern State University, and SJC catchers Wyatt Cross (Indiana) and Brett Wright (Auburn) are also on the move.

San Jacinto College infielder Tristen Metten will continue his education and playing career at Dallas Baptist University, and fellow infielder Tanner Schuetz is off to Sam Houston State University.

Still more pitchers from San Jacinto College found themselves with four-year

collegiate opportunities.

Antonio Jacobs has signed on at Jackson State University, while Taylor Rich has elected to play at Lamar University. Houston Baptist University will welcome the services of Hunter McClellan on

the mound, and Northwestern University has signed San Jacinto College pitcher Jerry Maddox.

San Jacinto College head coach Tom Arrington, who completed his 17th season with the Gators in 2017, was

thrilled to see each of the eligible sophomore players earn the chance to compete at the four-year level.

Now the roster must be re-loaded again, but the Gators made their way to nationals this season despite welcom-

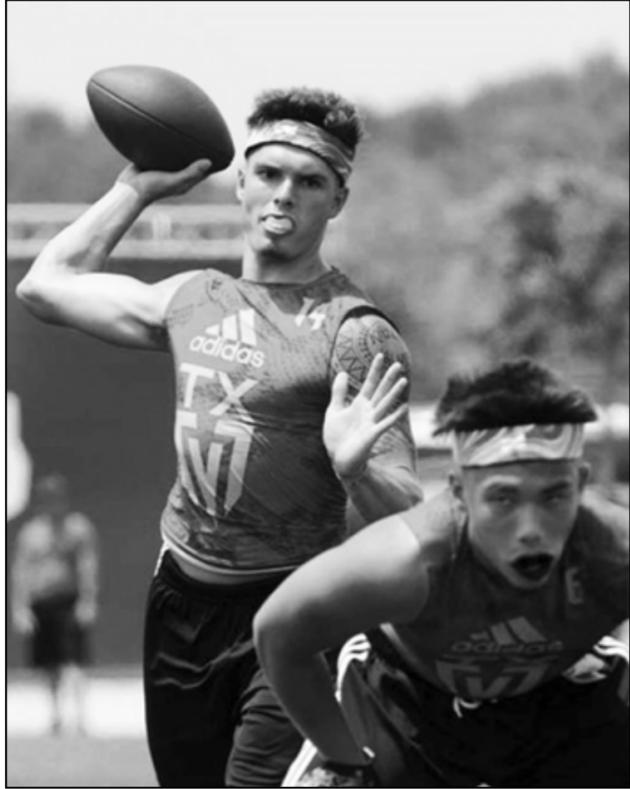
ing a nearly brand-new roster to the North campus.

The Gators reached the NJCAA national championship game in 2016 before falling to Yavapai (Arizona) in the winner-take-all championship game.

In 2017, San Jacinto also advanced to the championship round before losing back-to-back games to Chipola (Florida).

So now onto 2018, and more Gator hopefuls will begin the quest to go pro.

## Wolverines to scrimmage Dobie Aug. 25



No, Clear Brook and Dobie still haven't found space on the football schedule to play one another in what would no doubt be an exciting Battle of Beamer, but the two programs will scrimmage one another Friday, Aug. 25, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Above, quarterback Jaizac Garcia and running back Sterling Stephens are just two of the offensive weapons the Wolverines will feature this season.

## Lions' offer strength training

Continued from Page 1B staff members will host a strength and conditioning session.

The Lions' July 24-27 strength and conditioning camp for boys and girls will include strength training, agility drills, tire work, stair climbing, ladder work, weight training, conditioning and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Thompson officials will

also offer other camps prior to the end of summer. Those include:

**Basketball Camp** - The Lions' July 17-20 basketball camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, dribbling, rebounding, shooting, etc.

Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

**Volleyball Camp** - The Lady Lions' July 24-27 volleyball camp for girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, hitting, serving, blocking, etc.

Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 5 to 7 p.m.

For additional information, direct email to coach Jessica Fitzmorris at jfitzmorris@pasadenaisd.org.

## Wolverines line up youth camp

Continued from Page 1B school year are eligible to attend the camp. The fee is \$60 per student if pre-registered by July 20, or \$70 per student for those who register at 7:30 a.m., just before the start of work-days July 27.

Clear Brook varsity football head coach Mike Allison, his staff as well as those at the intermediate level will be on hand to provide instruction in a variety of skill sets, including agility, blocking, tackling, receiving, kicking, passing, punting and more. All registrants will receive a camp T-shirt.

Clear Creek ISD does not provide medical insurance coverage for this type of events, so parents will be responsible for handling their own coverage. For more information or to register for the camp, direct email to MAllison@ccisd.net.

## Campbell's magazine likes Gators, Springs

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The issues for the likes of Creek, Lake, Alvin and Falls? There likely isn't enough firepower on any of these rosters to cause much of a stir.

Two things stand out Dickinson believes it

has what it takes to finally reach the 6A Division state title round, and Clear Brook is steadfastly focused on reaching at least the regional quarter-final round for the second straight season.

Let the games begin in August.

## Brook VB sets camp

The Clear Brook Lady Wolverine youth volleyball camp, hosted by Brook head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff, will be held July 24-27 at the school.

The camp is designed for incoming third-through ninth-grade students as of the 2017-2018 school year. Camp one is for third- through fifth-graders and will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Camp two is for sixth- through eighth-graders and will be from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Camp three is for advanced eighth-graders and ninth-graders and will be held from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Registration is \$100 for camp one and \$120 for camps two and three.

Families are required to provide participants' medical insurance. Forms are available at <http://clearbrook.ccisd.net>. More information is available from Thompson at [mthompson1@ccisd.net](mailto:mthompson1@ccisd.net).

## SBHLL crowns divisional home run champs



Luis Gomez, Tigers (Coach Pitch Division)



Cruz Torres, Yankees (Minor Division)



Deveon Moses, Yankees (Major Division)



Ricardo Lopez IV, Red Sox (Senior Division)

# CALENDAR



### THURSDAY, JULY 13

**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.

**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.

**Fun Bunch** - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

**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.

**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

**CrossRoads UMC** - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

**Congregation Shaar Hashalom's** - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in

general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

**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.

**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.

### FRIDAY, JULY 14

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each 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 just 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 for details.

**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.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

**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, JULY 15

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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**Summer Craft / Vendor Market** - Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. There is something for everyone from A to Z. Come, stop and shop. Enjoy some delicious barbecue or a cool, refreshing Hawaiian-style shaved ice, Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For crafter and artisans to participate, contact Yvonne at 713-562-0584 or [yvonnebejaran@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnebejaran@gmail.com).

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**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.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**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-

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### MONDAY, JULY 17

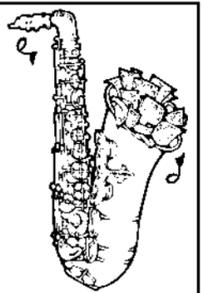
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**Seniors and Law Enforcement Together** - SALT meetings are 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.

**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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**Genealogy Group** - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at [erootrot@usa.net](mailto:erootrot@usa.net).

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's. 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for details.

**New Directions Singles** - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

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**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-973-6633 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details, email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).

**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.

**The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society** - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit [www.clgms.org](http://www.clgms.org).

**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 details, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

## TUESDAY, JULY 18

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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. Email [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

**The National Active and Retired Federal Employees** - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461. No meeting in Aug.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [drglandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglandorf@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318.

**Breast Cancer Support Group** - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.

**Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

**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.

**Positive Interaction Program** - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

**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-

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

**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.

**The Community Club** - meets the third Wednesday, monthly, at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homeless elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For information, email [jmopry@yahoo.com](mailto:jmopry@yahoo.com).

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets monthly, first and third Wednesdays, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

**Hometown Heroes Park** - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

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**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.

**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention** - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support for women. Visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.org](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.org) for information.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

## THURSDAY, JULY 20

**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.

**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.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

**CrossRoads UMC** - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service. A light meal and fellowship begin at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

**Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.

**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.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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# South Belt community celebrates Fourth of July



Dobie High School football supporters and booster club members, from left, Jackie Carter, Wendy Childs and Carolyn Pineda wave to parade-goers during a trip through the South Belt community.  
*Photo by Bruce Summers, Summers Photography*



Members of the Breeden family are shown on Hughes Rd. watching the parade. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Brenda Ortiz, Bob Breeden, (back row) Bobby Breeden, Yolanda Dominguez and Barbara Breeden. Longtime residents of the South Belt community, the Breedens are original homeowners in the Sagemont subdivision.  
*Photo by Joe Dominguez*



Left: Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, Place 1, throws candy to the crowd and shows her support for the community she so proudly serves. Delgado is driven by Chris Clark, former chairman of the South Belt Chamber of Commerce.  
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Members of the Dobie football team demonstrated their Longhorn Pride at the parade. Shown above are, left to right, Ricardo Canales, Elijah Mazzochette-Seidel, Bryce Sanchez, Tristan Sanchez, Dylan Dixon, Marquise Branch, Xavier Henry Allan Zamora and Cervantis Pounds.  
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Right: San Jacinto College South campus was among the local organizations to participate in the parade. Shown are, left to right, Hollie Fulsom, Sarah Halle, Samantha De La Rosa, Avani Gaalla, Christina Gaalla, Anjali Gaalla, Aryan Gaalla, Ariel Gaalla, Yaretzi De La Rosa, Yulissa De La Rosa, Rachael Kurien and Ashorn Baptiste.  
*Photo by Kemerly Dexter*

Thank you to Kemerly Dexter, San Jacinto College student, for volunteering and taking photos of the parade. A big thank you to Bruce Summers, Summers Photography, who has been a longtime photographer for various projects in the community, including the South Belt Chamber, South Belt Cook-off and South Belt Parade.



Among the local business owners who participated in the parade were the Craddock and Hall families of C&D Burger Shop. Shown riding in the truck are, left to right, John Craddock, Brent Hall, Griffin Hall, Jill Craddock and David Craddock. Located at the intersection of Fuqua Rd. and Beamer Rd., C&D Burger Shop has been a longtime member of the South Belt community.  
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With their matching patriotic outfits, members of the Shining Stars Cheer Company took to the parade. Shown above are, left to right, Kori St. Martin, Anahi Hernandez, Breana Galven, Aaliyah Escobar, Andrea Escobar, Leah Spencer, Brianna Scott, Mariah Thompson, Ariana Becerra and Meagan Jackson.  
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The Sagemont Cowgirls showed their American pride with a decorated float at the parade. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Khloe Willis, Pretty McCoy, Kyrsten Deal, Jaylin St. Marthe, Ava Dyer, Gia Soto, Brooklynn Maldonado, Angelina Sanchez, Sophia Yanez, Ava Herrera, (back row) Nevaeh Martinez, Zoe Espinoza, Dayyani Arboleda, Ashlyne Medina, Katelyn Mendoza, Madysn Saenz, Chelsey Blanton, Abigail Yanez and Alicia Ayala.  
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