

#### Sagemont Civic Club meets

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, July 13, at the Sagemont Community Center on Hughes Road. The meeting will be held from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Sagemont residents are urged to attend and address concerns for the neighborhood.

#### Lariaettes July 11 car wash set

The Dobie Lariaettes drill/dance team are having a car wash on Saturday, July 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McDonalds on Beamer and Beltway 8. The cost is \$5 and donations are gladly accepted! The tickets can also be purchased from any current Lariaette line member in advance.

#### Gonzalez fundraiser set

A barbecue fundraiser is set for local resident Rafael Gonzalez who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. The fundraiser will be held Saturday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Scoreboards Bar and Grill located at 12880 Beamer Road. Barbecue plates will be \$8 each, and raffle tickets are 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10. Gonzalez's only hope is in receiving chemotherapy and medications which are not covered by his insurance, and the family is struggling to meet the cost of prescriptions and medical bills.

#### VBS at Kirkwood South

Thailand Trek is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair. VBS for ages 4-11 will be held Sunday, July 12, through Wednesday, July 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The community is invited.

#### Community Health Fair set

A Community Health Fair will be held on Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at BibleWay Fellowship Baptist Church, 10120 Hartsook St. in Houston. All services are free and include health screenings, immunizations for children up to 12 years (bring shot records), and hearing tests. Health/medical vendors, doctors, nurses, a speech therapist, pharmacist and other health professionals will provide services. Free school supplies will be available. For information, call 713-943-2215.

#### Summer literacy at San Jac

San Jacinto College will host its annual Summer Literacy Institute on July 30 and 31 at the San Jacinto College South campus, 13735 Beamer Road. Educators at all levels, local and statewide, are invited to attend. Online registration is open through July 29, and on-site registration will also be available on July 30 and 31. Registration fee is \$70. The event will take place at the South campus inside the student center (Building 11) banquet room, \$11,250. On-site registration will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., with breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. For online registration, visit [https://secure.touchnet.com/C22834\\_ustores/web/store\\_main.jsp?STOREID=5&STCATID=2](https://secure.touchnet.com/C22834_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=5&STCATID=2). For more information, email Kina Lara at [kina.lara@sjcd.edu](mailto:kina.lara@sjcd.edu) or Joanie DeForest at [joanie.deforest@sjcd.edu](mailto:joanie.deforest@sjcd.edu).

#### Congressman at Life Church

Life Church's Celebrate Recovery program welcomes Pete Olson, U.S. House of Representatives for the 22nd District of Texas, on Sunday, July 12, at 5:30 p.m. at 9900 Alameda Genoa. Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based recovery program for hurts, habits and hang-ups, has been in existence for more than 22 years. It is more than a 12-step drugs and alcohol program, also serving those who have suffered with grief, divorce, anger, overeating, abuse and numerous other obstacles that society encounters. For more information, contact Cindy Melton at [cindy.melton@life.cc](mailto:cindy.melton@life.cc) or visit [www.life.cc](http://www.life.cc).

#### Stuchbery registration set

Stuchbery Elementary will hold Pre-K registration Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To enroll in Pre-K, students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 and must qualify for the program. Early registration for kindergarten through fourth grade will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For Pre-K requirements or any additional information, call Stuchbery's office at 713-740-0752 or visit the PISD website at [www.pasadenaisd.org](http://www.pasadenaisd.org).

#### Schlitterbahn tickets for pics

The South Belt-Ellington Leader is seeking readers' 2015 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly during July and August to the best submissions. Each month's first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six tickets.

All submissions should include where and when the photo was taken, as well as identify each person in the picture and tell the story about the trip. All photos must be high resolution. Email photos to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com). Do not compress photos when emailing.

## Crews to demolish El Dorado overpass

Beginning Friday, July 10, at 9 p.m., the Texas Department of Transportation will close the El Dorado Boulevard overpass at I-45/Gulf Freeway until late November 2015 for reconstruction.

TxDOT will demolish the existing overpass, and a new at-grade intersection will be constructed. Once complete, the I-45/Gulf Freeway main lanes will go over the El Dorado Boulevard intersection, replacing the current overpass structure. This will improve mobility and enhance safety for the traveling public.

During the reconstruction, motorists traveling

east on El Dorado to I-45 will be detoured onto the southbound frontage road to NASA Road One and U-turn and enter I-45 northbound main lanes and exit and turn left to access El Dorado.

Vehicles traveling west on El Dorado to I-45 will turn right on the I-45 northbound frontage road and U-turn at Dixie Farm/FM 1959 to access I-45 southbound and exit and turn right on El Dorado.

The El Dorado overpass reconstruction is part of the \$93 million construction project on I-45 from FM 2351 to Medical Center Boulevard. The project will widen the existing six main

lanes to 10 and also replace the Bay Area Boulevard overpass.

The entire project is scheduled for completion the second quarter of 2017.

This project runs concurrently with a second endeavor, already well underway, that will widen the Gulf Freeway from Beltway 8 to FM 2351.

Construction will affect roughly five miles of the freeway, beginning at Kurland Road, just north of Beltway 8, and ending approximately one mile south of FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard. The freeway will be increased to five lanes in each direction, and the frontage roads will be increased to three lanes in each direction. The HOV lane will be extended to the end of the project as well.

Plans during this phase of work call for demolishing and replacing the FM 2351 overpass, like the FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road overpass before it.

Overall construction costs are estimated at \$171 million.

For more information on scheduled lane closures, contact TxDOT's Public Information Office at 713-802-5072.

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin's office will also continue to keep the public updated with any changes that should affect the commute of District E residents.

Follow the council member's Facebook and Twitter pages for news about this and future projects.

## Wests enjoy July 4 parade



The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was a huge success, entertaining hundreds along its route. Longtime area residents Neil and Eloise West are shown above preparing for the event at the parade's starting point at Beverly Hills Intermedicate. Neil West has been responsible for organizing the lineup since 1989. Leader publisher Marie Flickinger was originally responsible for organizing the caravan before West jokingly informed her she was doing it wrong. This year West was assisted by his son-in-law, Bobby Lister. See additional photos on Page 6B and in next week's Leader.

Photo by Robert "Bruce" Summers

## Civic clubs combat yard parking

By Jay Do

Members of multiple civic club associations throughout the South Belt area are actively taking the law into their own hands and have been working relentlessly to see to it that motorized vehicles parked in front yards and across sidewalks will soon become a thing of the past within their neighborhoods.

The Kirkwood Civic Club recently filed an application to the City of Houston to have its neighborhoods protected under the City Ordinance No. 2009-59, otherwise known as the City of Houston Prohibited Yard Parking Ordinance.

"When we reactivated our civic association, we began to see the deterioration of our community, and we began to recognize the little things that we can do to help keep our community safe, appealing and keep home values up," said Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutecheon. "Basically the things that motivated us to file this application was to keep our neighborhoods clean, fresh and keep property values up."

The process took less than two months' time to be approved by the city and was relatively simple and straightforward.

"I didn't think the process was very difficult," said McCrutecheon. "A lot of it was just paperwork. The City of Houston Planning and Development Department where the application was filed through was very helpful and informative throughout the process. Overall, the process was pretty simple."

Despite numerous protests to their attempt to get the ordinance enforced, the Kirkwood Civic

Club soon found themselves victorious in their efforts.

"We did have a couple of constituents in the area who fought the application and did not want us to have that ordinance activated," said McCrutecheon. "Once the application was filed and the city gave us their approval that it was received and everything was in order, then we, as the applying entity, had to post signs up in the area for at least 10 days about the Yard Parking Ordinance to make everyone aware that an ordinance was being passed and give everyone a say in it if they did not agree with it. We did have two of our patrons who did not want the ordinance passed, so there was a hearing in downtown Houston that we had to attend. The hearing worked in our favor, mainly because we had done everything that was requested of an applying entity and because it was also an ordinance that was already enforced by the City of Houston. Each community has to make an application in order for it to be effective in their area."

Community support of the ordinance was strong, as it turned out, with progress being made visible almost immediately after its passing.

"We started seeing some immediate change after the letter from the city was issued telling people that the ordinance had been passed," said McCrutecheon. "We did see some corrective behavior from people who were parking on their yards and people who were parking across sidewalks. It certainly hasn't stopped all of it, but it did curtail those who are law abiding citizens"

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## Riverstone Ranch alligator captured

By James Bolen

Residents in Riverstone Ranch may sleep a little easier now knowing that the alligator that's been living in the subdivision has been captured.

First spotted roughly two weeks ago near the neighborhood's pond, the creature had instilled fear in many homeowners who thought it might be a threat to their children or pets.

After multiple complaints to Harris County and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department proved fruitless in removing the animal, local residents contacted Chris Stephens, also known as "Gator Chris," from VanMor Properties, the company responsible for managing the Riverstone Ranch homeowners association.

"My goal is to leave the animal in place if at all possible," said Stephens, who described the alligator as a nuisance. "But that's not always possible. He had chosen to live in a populated area and had crossed the street several times. I guess complaints bubbled up to the HOA level."

While the gator had left the confines of the pond, Stephens — a conservationist who's been trapping alligators for more than 20 years — still

felt it posed a relatively low threat to area residents.

"If it's on land, the furthest thing in the world they're thinking about is food," Stephens said.

Stephens said resident concerns of the reptile feeding on local ducks at the pond were well-founded but that it wasn't necessarily a bad thing.

"It would absolutely eat those ducks," Stephens said. "But it's good to eat those ducks. There's too many of them. That's the cycle of life, just like in the wild. That area is too populated with ducks."

Stephens used a traditional fishing rod and reel to lure the alligator.

"He swam right up to me," Stephens said. "That tells me it had been fed by people, which is not good."

Once hooked, the gator attempted to flee, swimming into a culvert.

"I got into the water, and the fight was on," Stephens said. At press time, Stephens was still holding on to the animal but said he intends to relocate it to a farm in El Campo.

## Independence Day parade a success

The 28th annual South Belt Fourth of July parade was a great success, bringing smiles to hundreds of area residents.

The award for the most original commercial entry went to Houston Dentistry for Children, whose float was adorned with giant teeth and a tooth mascot.

The prize for most original noncommercial entry was a tie between Rudy Alafa and Kids' Backporch Productions.

Alafa's float had a Houston Texans theme, while Kids' Backporch Productions' float had a Wizard of Oz theme, in honor of its upcoming

nonprofit production. See related story on Page 6A.

The award for the most patriotic commercial entry went to Kidz Come First day care, while the prize for most patriotic noncommercial entry went to the Dobie Lariaettes.

While the organizations did not enter the parade to get a trophy, judges would also like to recognize the Dobie ROTC for its patriotic entry and the South Belt-Beverly Hills Little League Yankees team, for its original float that featured an elaborate display of the New York City skyline and multiple taxi cabs.

## Photo contest winners announced

The June winners of the Leader's 2015 vacation photo contest have been announced, with the Castillo family taking top honors for the pictures from their trip to Australia and New Zealand that ran in the June 25 edition.

Tying for second place was the Arellano family for their South Padre Island photos that ran in the June 18 edition and the Acosta family for

their fishing photos that ran in the June 25 edition.

A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded monthly to the best submissions.

Photos are still being accepted for the months of July and August. See related information on sidebar of this page.

## Law cracks down on illegal liquor

By Jay Do

A recently established team composed of a total of nine of Houston's law enforcement agencies is taking to the streets of the city and delivering the full brunt of the law to club and bar owners currently operating without compliance to state liquor laws.

Deemed the Law Enforcement Vice Initiative Collaboration and Execution, or the LE VICE, the newly formed working group comprises personnel from the Houston Police Department Vice Division, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Harris County Precinct Constable Offices, the Harris County District Attorney's Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Harris County Attorney's Office and the City of Houston Legal Department.

"The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission had a list of close to a hundred businesses that they deemed to be violators of the law," said Manuel Zamora, captain of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office. "They don't have

the manpower and resources to cover a hundred businesses in a short order, so they went to the Houston Police Department Vice Division and asked to get a working group to cover areas of mutual concerns, primarily licensed liquor violations. Alcohol violations lead to DWIs, which lead to fatalities, which is a public health issue. Alcohol violations also lead to aggression, underage drinking, crashes that involved pedestrians. It becomes a public health concern. The LE VICE was then established in order to be able to cover all these areas of mutual concerns."

The commitment and dedication of the LE VICE to see to the well-being of their city has been demonstrated with the banner success of its first operation.

Conducted from May 16 through June 30, officers from the collaborative effort visited dozens of bars and nightclubs and made a total of 18 arrests.

"The first project that it took on was the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Liquor Violations Initiative," said Zamora. "While the num-

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## SJC child care center reunion set

The San Jacinto College South child care center will host a preschool reunion on Friday, July 31, in the student center banquet room (Building 11) from 6 to 8 p.m.

Former families and employees are invited to attend the event to reunite and share memories of

the center before it closes later this summer.

After serving the community for decades, the child care center will permanently shutter its doors Aug. 31 due to its aging facilities and related infrastructure.

Refreshments will be served.



## "Gator Chris" to the rescue

Chris Stephens, also known as "Gator Chris," was recently tasked with capturing a nuisance alligator from the duck pond in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. An employee of VanMor Properties, the company responsible for managing the Riverstone Ranch homeowners association, Stephens is a conservationist with more than 20 years experience trapping alligators. First spotted by residents late last month, the alligator likely migrated to the area following the recent heavy rains. Multiple residents complained the creature posed a threat to local children and pets.

Photo submitted

# In My Opinion

## Paul's first session in the Texas House

The 84th Legislature had over 20 Freshman Republican Members, all of them come to the Capitol with new ideas, old experiences, and a will to work hard and succeed. Running for elected office is not easy, and once you are elected your challenges are even greater. Representative Dennis Paul took on these challenges with great pride and the result was an impressive session as a freshman Member. Representative Paul played an important role in the overall success of the 84th Legislature, at the same time he was able to address many specific issues that he felt are most important to District 129 and the state of Texas. The House passed a conservative budget that keeps spending less than 2 percent per year, and stays well beneath the constitutional spending cap, while providing nearly \$4 billion in tax relief to Texas homeowners and businesses. This session the legislature also made significant improvements to transportation by proposing a constitutional amendment that will dedicate a portion of general sales tax revenue to the State Highway Fund, which provides a stable revenue source to address the state's transportation needs without raising taxes or fees and is not to be used for toll roads. Also, Republicans ended all gas tax diversions so that all of the money in the State Highway Fund will be used for transportation instead of the dollars going toward other programs.

Representative Paul authored House Bill 3310, which requires public retirement systems to test and verify that pensions are actuarially sound. It will help retirement systems focus on finding solutions to meet their long-term obligations. Systems that are not actuarially sound would be required to work with the sponsoring government entity to develop a plan to make the retirement fund actuarial sound.

With the public sector employing more than 1.6 million people across Texas, Representative Paul found it vital that Texas take proactive steps to avoid the pension management problems that other states and cities have experienced.

In addition to his legislative success this session, Representative Paul also was instrumental in starting the Aerospace Legislative Caucus in the Texas Legislature and is now the Chairman of that Caucus. He told me that "The Aerospace Legislative Caucus is making an effort to tell other states and other businesses around the country that we want Texas to be the space state. If you want to operate a space business, come here and let it grow."

Being an engineer Representative Paul knows what it takes to envision, design, and construct the essential items for Texas to grow from space to roads and infrastructure.

Being an elected official is hard work and requires a tremendous amount of dedication,

which is not new to Representative Paul and his wife. When he was just 11 years old, Representative Paul's father passed away tragically, and his mom was left to raise four boys on her own. His family faced many struggles, and overcame difficult obstacles. Likewise, his wife has an incredibly remarkable story of survival. Mrs. Paul's family escaped Communist China before she was born and settled in Hong Kong, where they built a new life and had four daughters and a son. When Hong Kong became Communist territory again, Mrs. Paul's family picked up everything to move their family to the United States to seek freedom.

His upbringing and his wife's incredible story have been influential in the formation of his conservative values, but so has his love and appreciation for history. "We're really all Americans, its people from different nations and generations all through our history coming to America with a desire to come here and participate in our freedom. The Constitution is the well water of our freedom; it's what we're about. It is a constant throughout our history helping America become a great place, where all God's children can thrive and prosper. We're all part of that one unifying constitutional culture that America is. We all have our different dreams and aspirations, but we're still part of this one nation," said Representative Paul.

After getting to know Representative Paul, it is no surprise that he would be willing to make the sacrifice to serve as an elected official. Prior to his first term in the Texas House, Representative Paul has volunteered for years with groups like the Knights of Columbus and Rotary, and has been a Republican Party activist for over 20 years. He has also served on the Republican Party of Texas Executive Committee for 8 years prior to his election as State Representative.

"You have to have a will to serve. You have to come here with a servant's heart and want to serve your community, and that is what I am doing," Representative Paul said. "You have to want to come and serve your community."

Working in the Texas House gives me an opportunity to still be in my community, living in that community, working and serving, and then coming up to Austin part-time, it really is a citizen legislature, and that is works best."

**Kelly Carnal**  
Executive Director  
Texas House Republican Caucus

## Weeke on recent fireworks sale

With their firework stand up and running this weekend I see that Pastor Ledbetter and those leading Mt. Olive Church continue to choose profits over the comfort of their community. And I can only assume the members are as satisfied with the blood money as their leaders are.

Thanks,  
**Sam Weeke**

## Garcia elated about rulings

On June 25, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States voted to uphold federal subsidies for the Affordable Care Act and ruled that the Fair Housing Act is interpreted to protect communities from unintentional discrimination in their financing structures. State Sen. Sylvia Garcia released the following statements on both rulings.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to continue tax credits that help Americans subsidize the cost of health insurance. Over 830,000 Texans rely on these subsidies to help pay for their

health insurance premiums. "This is a huge win because it keeps health insurance affordable, and more importantly, it solidifies that Affordable Care Act is here to stay as a safety net for working families. No one should ever have to endure sickness or death because they don't have access to the health care or medicines they need.

"The next step is to close the coverage gap in Texas. I urge Gov. (Greg) Abbott and my colleagues at the Legislature to start laying the ground work today to expand Medicaid in Texas' next legislative session."

"While it is never fun to

have our state serve as the example of poor policies that further segregate and oppress working families, I am happy the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the Inclusive Communities Project.

"This ruling is especially important when considering that Texas has some of the most disparate housing economies in the U.S., including Houston and Austin. I hope my legislative colleagues heed this decision next session and join me in taking a hard look at reforming our housing laws in order to promote racial and economic justice in Texas."

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled this week at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.  
Thursday, July 9, 3 p.m., Teen DIY project and movie, *The Avengers*, rated PG-13.  
Friday, July 10, 4 p.m., the Manga Club meets.  
Monday, July 13, 2:30 p.m. Enjoy creative, unique storytelling of Puppet-Pizzazz through the motion and voices of puppets. Free tickets available the day of the program.  
Monday, July 13, 4 p.m., is Teen iTalk Book discussing *Paper Towns* by John Green.  
Wednesday, July 15, 2 p.m., is Movie Time showing *Ramona and Beezus*, rated G.  
Wednesdays - Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.  
Thursdays - Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m.  
Saturdays - Vietnamese Storytime: 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 programs, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following summer reading program events are scheduled for July at Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Tuesday, July 14, 2 p.m. is *Happy the Clown*. Wednesday, July 15, 2 p.m., is Music and Movement. A Kid's Craft and Movie is set for 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 16; Movie Time will be held Friday, July 17, at 2 p.m.  
Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m., Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

# Elected officials speak out

## Let's know history before sanitizing it

By Jerry Patterson

former State Senator and former Texas Land Commissioner

"In this enlightened age, there are few I believe, but what will acknowledge, that slavery as an institution is a moral and political evil in any country."

All Americans would agree with the quote above - and in a moment I'll have something to say about the man who wrote it.

First, though, after the tragic murders by a drug-dependent mental case in Charleston, S.C., the nation has erupted with mostly rabid and ill-informed commentary regarding the display of Confederate flags and monuments on government property.

I support the removal of the battle flag from the South Carolina Capitol, in large part because it's historically inaccurate - the battle flag never flew over a state Capitol. I recommend that South Carolina do what Texas has done for at least 30 years and fly the first national flag of the Confederacy, also known as the "stars and bars," instead of the Confederate battle flag, at its Capitol.

I also understand that over the past many decades racist groups have co-opted the battle flag and, as a result, the flag means something different to black citizens than it does to me, a descendant of several Confederate veterans.

However, the feeding frenzy of the offended masses has now resulted in calling for the removal of Confederate statues across the South, as well. The University of Texas is likely to soon remove the statues of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston and John Reagan from the campus.

Maybe we should replace the statues with more politically acceptable historical figures? Certainly, no one would object to a statue of Abraham Lincoln on the UT campus, would they?

Well, they should object. When measured by any standard, the Great Emancipator was a white supremacist.

During his March 4, 1861, inaugural address, Lincoln endorsed a constitutional amendment, commonly referred to as the Corwin amendment, as an inducement for the South to rejoin the Union if it were ratified. This constitutional amendment would have forever protected slavery where it currently existed.

Lincoln told the inaugural audience: "I have no objection to its being made express and irrevocable."

Abe Lincoln was clearly quite prepared to perpetuate slavery to save the Union. In an 1862 letter to Horace Greeley, Lincoln

wrote: "...if I could save it [the Union] without freeing any slaves I would do it..."

During his famous debates with Sen. Stephen Douglas, Lincoln explained to the crowd: "I am not now, nor ever been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races. I am not now, nor ever been, in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people. And I will say in addition to this there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will ever forbid the two races from living on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be a position of superior and inferior and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

Lincoln was no different than 99 percent of white males both North and South. He was a white supremacist.

To be fair, Lincoln was anti-slavery, but one of his major objections to slavery was that it competed with free white labor and that he thought it gave unfair economic advantage to slave owners. While opposed to and very uncomfortable with slavery, he did not support equality.

Lincoln was also an advocate of deportation and colonization of free blacks to Central America or Africa - telling a group of free black visitors to the White House they were "selfish" if they opposed the plan.

As the war progressed, Lincoln's views mellowed somewhat, primarily due to the bravery of black Union soldiers - he said he was in favor of allowing "intelligent" blacks to vote if they had served in the Union Army. The deification of Lincoln that began with his tragic assassination is based on a false view.

Back to that quotation above. Wouldn't the person who wrote those words in 1856 - five years before the war began - be a credible choice for a statue on the UT campus? The same gentleman who freed his inherited slaves long before the war began would surely be an inspirational choice for any educational setting.

The irony is, his statue is already on the UT campus, and many other public parks, squares and courthouses across the South. He was a man revered across the nation, even in the North, after the war ended.

He was Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

## District, county clerks look for ways to make operations more cost-effective

By Chris Daniel, Harris County District Clerk

District clerks and county clerks from across Texas are meeting this week in Houston to discuss ways to improve their operations.

Hundreds of clerks are here looking for tips on how to protect court records, how to retain current and past records in a world of ever-changing technology and how to keep court operating after a hurricane or another type of natural disaster occurs.

These issues are among those that will come up at the County and District Clerks Association of Texas Conference. Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart and I are hosting the association's 120th annual conference, with clerks and their top administrators from perhaps all of the state's 254 counties on hand.

The conference is being held at the Royal Sonesta near the Galleria. It would have been held at the nearby Omni, but flooding during the massive storm May 25 damaged the latter hotel.

It was a mad scramble

to move the conference to another hotel, but we pulled it off. And I would like to thank the Royal Sonesta for being so accommodating.

Paper court records are becoming a thing of the past. The state Supreme Court mandated that lawyers submit only electronic filings in civil and family cases as of last year.

The state's highest criminal court is expected to issue a similar mandate for filings in criminal cases.

With these mandates, the way of storing court documents will be completely transformed.

Left behind, for the most part, will be dusty files filled with hard-copy papers that have been part of the judicial process for centuries.

At our conference, clerks will discuss the most efficient, cost-effective ways for storing documents electronically. We also will swap notes on the best ways for retaining electronic documents over time.

Technology changes, and today's way of storing documents electronically may not be tomorrow's.

Like some other counties, the Harris County District Clerk's Office makes many of its records available online for the public, lawyers and members of the media. The DCO works to prevent people's identification information, such as driver's license numbers, from being put online. (Lawyers are supposed to mark documents as "sensitive" when they submit filings with such information.)

But even when such records are not put online for the public to access, they are stored or will be stored electronically.

Frequently at our conferences, clerks discuss how to prevent hackers from accessing court documents that include personal identification information even when such

information is not put online and available to the public.

I have a sharp, hard-working IT staff, and the District Clerk's Office has multiple security measures in place to block intrusions by hackers.

The May 25 storm shut down the Harris County Criminal Justice Center for several days.

While it was not as severe, this storm nonetheless was reminiscent of Tropical Storm Allison, the massive system that squatted over Houston and dumped scads of rain on it in 2001.

After Allison, flooding at the CJC was so devastating that the building remained closed for months.

At the conference, clerks will discuss creating effective disaster recovery plans that can be followed when hurricanes and storms damage buildings, cause the loss of electrical power and worse.

County Clerk Stan Stanart, who runs elections in Harris County, will provide clerks with tips on how to stage an election if voting machines are damaged before an election.

The Harris County Clerk's Office faced just such a predicament. On Aug. 26, 2010, a fire ruined nearly all of Harris County's voting machines. The office had to put on an election that November, and early voting was starting in seven weeks. Despite that, Harris County managed to pull through.

Storing records may not seem the most exciting topic. But at the Harris County District Clerk's Office, we take our responsibility seriously. Conferences such as the one I am co-hosting this week offer me and my top administrators a chance to hone our craft and get just a little bit better at running efficient, cost-effective operations.

## GOP fundraiser set

A "Fun" Raiser, hosted by Clear Lake Area Republicans, is set for Saturday, July 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Landolt Pavilion at Clear Lake Park.

Admission is \$30, which includes dinner and will be free for accompanying children 7 and under.

A live performance by the Blues Other Brothers and a silent/live auction will be held.

Gun giveaway chances will be available in advance at any local functions as well as the day of the event. Also included are a moon walk, food and fun for all.

For more information, visit <http://clearlakearearepublicans.com>.

# Deaths

## Harold Campbell



Harold Campbell lost his courageous battle with cancer on June 16, 2015 at his residence in South Belt, surrounded by his family.

He and his wife of 35 years, Johnnie, have been residents of the Kirkwood community for more than 27 years. Campbell was drafted into the U. S. Army during his senior year at Prairie View A&M, and after an honorable discharge from the Army, Campbell moved to New York and went to work for the United States Postal Service where he worked for 20 years.

He then returned to Texas and worked in the Galveston, Texas branch of the Postal Service for several years. After retiring from the Postal Service, he worked in the Transportation Department of Pasadena ISD. His home-going celebration was held on June 23, 2015, at East Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Houston.

Burial was in Houston National Cemetery.

## Robert Alfred "Bob" Chapman



Robert Alfred "Bob" Chapman, 93, died July 3, 2015. Born in Galveston, on April 22, 1922, to Dora Agnes Bickett and Willoughby Joseph Chapman, Chapman graduated from Ball High School in 1939. He loved to fish, and his parents operated Bettison's Fishing Pier, a popular Galveston landmark, until the 1940s. In September 1941, he married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Elizabeth Warren, and they were married for 68 years. Until 1961, they lived in La Marque, where he was a deacon at First Baptist Church. He later served as deacon at First Baptist Church, Brownsville, West St. Charles Baptist Church in Luling, La., Calvary Baptist Church in Huntsville, and Trinity Baptist Church in Missoula, Mont. He was a choir member and soloist.

Most recently, he was a member of Sagemont Baptist Church. He lived his Christian faith every day, serving as a quiet example for his family and friends.

Chapman served in World War II with the Army Air Corps, 774th Bombardment Squadron, 463rd Bomb Group as radio operator and bombardier in over 50 missions while stationed in Foggia, Italy. After the war, he was employed as an instrument mechanic with Amoco Chemicals in Texas City, and Union Carbide Chemicals in Brownsville. He later worked for Brown & Root, Inc. in Texas, Kentucky, and New Jersey. After he retired, he and Dorothy lived in Huntsville, until their 1993 move to Missoula, Mont., where they lived for 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, sister Jean Bashor, brother-in-law Wayne Beall, nephews Bret Wayne Beall, Stephen Beall, and Harvey Michael Bashor, and his great-grandson Jackson Andrew Merrilatt. He is survived by sons John Chapman (wife Bev) of Phoenix, Ariz., and Paul Chapman (wife Carol) of Pearland, Texas; daughters Anne Merrilatt of Bryan, and Susan Lavering (husband Joel) of Florence, Mont. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, their spouses, and 17 great-grandchildren. He also leaves many nieces and nephews and their families, who called him "Uncle Bobby."

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 10, at Malloy & Son Funeral Home in Galveston. Funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. with burial following at Galveston Memorial Park in Hitchcock.

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

## Dr. Kirk Lewis book signing set

One biblical truth leads to another, according to Dr. Kirk Lewis, author of the recently released Bible study book, *The Chase: Our Passionate Pursuit of Life Worth Living*, especially if one is "pursuing God's heart with every breath taken."

*The Chase* is a New Testament companion piece to the author's award-winning first release, *Put Away Childish Things*.

Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena will host a book signing for the author from 5 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 14.

"There is a verse in the Bible that says if every story about Jesus was told, the whole world could not contain the books that would need to be written," explained Lewis.

"That idea has always intrigued me. When I read Scripture, every conversation anyone had with Jesus had to be extremely condensed. It is left to our imagination to read between the lines, to understand how the characters

in the story thought and felt. Like my previous book, *The Chase* allows me to use the Bible's words and my imagination to expand a story and, hopefully, reveal a new truth that helps us live a better, more purposeful life."

The book retells many of the Bible's well-known New Testament stories through the imagined thoughts and feelings of the characters.

Among the chapters contained in the book are stories about Nicodemus, Zachaeus and the woman at the well.

"If you've grown up in the church like I did, there is a tendency to take the people for granted. Make them caricatures instead of the ordinary people chasing after God's will," said Lewis. "When we imagine their thoughts not unlike the thoughts we might have under similar circumstances, we learn how we should respond to God's call in our own lives."

Prior to its release, the book garnered positive praise from Dr. Ron Lyles, pastor of South Main Baptist Church,

Pasadena, who praised its imaginative and poetic ability to help the Gospel stories come alive for us." In addition, Dr. Grear Howard, adjunct professor at Truett Seminary at Baylor University, said, "The words are not complicated. The stories may even be familiar if one has some knowledge of Scripture. However, you will need to take time to see yourself in the pages. I promise it's worth the trip."

Lewis currently serves as Superintendent of Schools for the Pasadena Independent School District. He holds degrees from Texas Tech University, the University of Houston-Clear Lake and Lamar University. Lewis is a layman, deacon and long-time Sunday School teacher at South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena.

*The Chase: Our Passionate Pursuit of Life Worth Living* may be ordered from [www.xulonpress.com/bookstore](http://www.xulonpress.com/bookstore), or through Amazon, Barnes and Noble or most online Christian bookstores.

## Olson on gay marriage

On June 26, 2015, Rep. Pete Olson, South Belt's congressman, issued the following statement in response to the Supreme Court decision *Obergefell v. Hodges* that determined that gay marriage is a constitutional right.

"As a supporter of marriage as defined by one man and one woman, I'm disap-

pointed in this decision. I joined with 56 of my House and Senate colleagues in submitting an amicus brief in defense of traditional marriage and the rule of law. The constitution appropriately gave the federal government limited powers and gave states the opportunity to determine their own destiny on the rest.

"Two years ago, the Supreme Court insisted marriage was a policy decision that belonged to the states. However, today the court unjustly imposed a redefinition of marriage nationwide, effectively erasing the votes of millions of Americans in states that have very recently affirmed traditional marriage."

## Herrera learns biology and life lessons from Nweke

Carolina Herrera, one of J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Maureen Nweke, who teaches Pre-AP Biology. Herrera and Nweke were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers.

Herrera volunteered at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church as a tutor, at the Gulf Coast and MD Anderson blood drive, and with the H.O.S.T.S. (Helping One Student to Succeed) program at Stuchbery Elementary. Her extracurricular activities include Latin Club, Health Occupations Students of America, and National Honor Society.

In the fall Herrera plans to attend the University of Houston to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology. She plans to become a nurse and make a significant impact in the community.

Herrera said, "When I walked into biology, I believed that the subject was going to be boring and unimportant in my life, but having Mrs. Nweke as my teacher changed my viewpoint entirely.

"Through her enthusiasm of the subject and profound dedication to her students, I was quickly drawn in, and I found myself enjoying her class every day. I admire Mrs. Nweke tremendously because she has taught me so much about life and how a strong work ethic contributes to success. With her lessons, advice, and encouragement, I know that I have become a better person and I will forever be thankful."

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# CTHS successfully completes debut year, begins preparations for next years

**By Jay Do**  
The 2014-2015 school year saw the debut and first year of operation of Pasadena Independent School District's Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School. The new campus was established as a result of new graduation requirements stemming from House Bill 5, passed in 2013 by the 83rd Texas Legislature. New requirements of the bill emphasize the importance of career and technical educational courses.

Leading PISD's approach to the new bill as head administrator of the Career and Technical High School is Principal Steven Fleming. Having spent the last 25 years working in various positions throughout the district, including as a chemistry teacher

at Pasadena High School, PISD's curriculum specialist for science and an assistant principal of Pasadena Memorial High School, Fleming is both a veteran with the ranks of PISD and the perfect candidate to lead the Career and Technical High School through its first year.

In an interview with the *Leader*, Fleming discussed his thoughts and shared his opinion on how the Career and Technical High School has progressed throughout its first school year.

"During the first semester, we had a number of areas in the building that were not physically ready," said Fleming. "We had active construction all the way through the Christmas holiday. Pretty much what we had to do was

phase in people, essentially move people into their spaces as they were finished. We used to jokingly say that the first semester was a focus on 'set up and construction,' while the second semester was a focus on 'instruction.' Not that there was no instruction during the first semester, but it was really about moving in and setting up, and a lot of that had to be done on a daily to weekly basis."

These minor setbacks proved to be no more than mere nuisances for the faculty, staff and students of the Career and Technical High School, as the campus proved itself to be the epitome of House Bill 5.

"Regardless of some issues we had with construction, it was a good year

overall," said Fleming. "Our students performed very well academically. Our STAAR scores were excellent. We had a number of students who competed and were successful in their CTE competition areas. We took students to state competitions in a number of areas, including welding, construction technology, electrical and HVAC, criminal justice and BPA. We had over 40 seniors in our cosmetology program complete both their written and their skills test and have earned their state license. They are now licensed cosmetologists."

"We began a program called Teen Court, which is a partnership we have with the City of Pasadena where students and juveniles who have pled guilty to a misdemeanor come here on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month and our criminal justice serve as the prosecution, defense, bailiff and the clerk. We have a live jury comprised of students, parents, teachers or community board members. We go through the punishment portion of that student's municipal offense, and whatever punishment is assessed is sent to either Judge Rorick, Judge Delgado or Judge Cantu. We've had a number of tours and visits to our campus. We've had every eighth-grader of the district come to visit our campus, as well as an open house orientation for their parents."

"We've had multiple tour groups from school districts as far away as Dallas, Austin and San Antonio. We have had a number of events here, including the YMCA kickoff banquet, the Houston Port Region Economic Alliance spring meeting, luncheons for San Jacinto College and the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees. We had our official building dedication ceremony in which our building was named in honor of Dr. Kirk Lewis. We've had a lot of folks go through our building this year, in addition to being the first year of everything."

A large concern of district administrators prior to the opening of the school was that students attending both their home campus and the Career and Technical High School would not be able to get a positive high school experience. Fleming believes that the Career and Technical High School offers the en-

tire experience that a student would be able to get from their traditional, comprehensive high school and much more.

"We're not as large as the traditional, comprehensive high school," said Fleming. "This gives students the opportunity to have a relationship with their teachers, because we have smaller class sizes and a smaller campus overall. For a student who might feel intimidated or lost in a large, comprehensive high school, we provide the sense of ease. We also provide the career pathway and interest factor. If a student wants to come here and pursue one of our 26 career pathways, they will get the opportunity to do so beginning in their freshman year, and as they move throughout their high school years, they will get more time each day doing things that genuinely interest them and learn about skills that will prove essential to their career in the future."

Additional measures have also been made to ensure that students are provided with all the extracurricular activities that were available to them from their home campuses.

"We've gotten a number of clubs and organizations in place, and we are looking forward to creating some more," said Fleming. "We gave students the opportunity to talk to us in regards to some of the clubs and organizations that they wanted, so we have gotten some of those started. We have some that are completely unique to our campus. We have a large number of students who are still participating in activities back at their home campus, including extracurricular athletics and performing fine arts, so we have students who are still very successful back in their participation in those activities as well. We are definitely trying to give our students the complete high school experience here and still be able to participate with their home campus if they so choose to."

Another large area of concern from the faculty and staff of the district prior to the opening of the school was the issue of transportation that would shuttle students to and from the Career and Technical High School. While minor issues arose initially, Fleming is assured that all issues have

been addressed. "We have a much better area of how transportation is going to work next year," said Fleming. "This past year, we had about 104 bus runs in and out of our campus each day, whether it was shuttling students to and from their home campus or the daily morning and afternoon runs. We now have a much better idea of how that is going to work in a more efficient manner. We have a better idea of how to consolidate tutorials on Wednesday afternoons, when we will have extended day and extended bus runs. Because we are not a neighborhood oriented school and we draw students from all over the district, we understand that transportation can be an issue for students. Whether a student lives on the far north end of the district or in the south beltway end of the district, we understand that for them to stay after school to participate in after school activities or get more help in their career pathway, transportation is always a concern. We have a better handle now on how to make sure students are able to get here and get home."

While its first year in operation has been as large of a success as it possibly could have been, Fleming believes there is still plenty of room for improvement.

"This past year, we rolled out one-to-one tablets to every student," said Fleming. "We've had a few little bumps with technology, so we're looking forward to expanding that and really moving our content to the individual learner so that the students have access to their learning materials wherever they may be. We are also looking forward to bringing in the new freshman class, as we will be having seniors here on campus full time, so we're looking forward to having all four grades on campus next year. We're looking forward to expanding some of our career pathways as well. We did not have seniors in some of our pathways this year, so we are looking forward to having senior leaders in those pathways. Having finished the bulk of the construction as of now, we'll be able to start with the instructional process from day one, as opposed to having to wait until the second semester. We are looking forward



Sophomore Alek Avalos plays the part of an on-camera talent for a student digital video project. Photo submitted



Ezequiel Garcia shows 11th-grader Filipe Perez how to properly use a welding tool. Photo submitted



Ivan Sevilla shows seniors, Raynaldo Salgado and Isaac Lara, how to properly prep and tape a vehicle before painting its body. Photo submitted



Paulina Hernandez gives a member of the PISD school board a complimentary manicure during a special event. Photo submitted



Juniors, Maricruz Alvarado and Bianca Tamez, practice their trimming and grooming skills on a Pomeranian. Photo submitted



Senior Mario Medelin uses an electric saw to cut wood in the CTHS construction lab. Photo submitted

to our expansion. We'll begin planning and designing the layout for our expansion that'll start soon. Additional classrooms will be added, giving us opportunities for additional students and help alleviate some of the overcrowding issues that we have. The first time you go through the school year, you learn a lot of lessons. We're spending this summer reflecting on all the things that went well the first semester and then looking forward and learning from things that we need to modify or adjust. There are certainly some things we want to add that we were unable to accomplish this past year. We're bringing in a whole new freshman class of 385 next year. We had over 1,100 applications, so clearly the interest level and the level of community support are still very high."

In hindsight, Fleming believes that the Career and Technical High School has been as successful as it could have been, given the circumstances and conditions that

challenged the school. "We have had a great first year," said Fleming. "It was really a collaborative effort between our staff, our students and our parents. All five of the comprehensive high schools have been very supportive; their staff have worked with us and worked with our students to make sure that the students get the best high school experience possible. We understand that as we shuttle students back to their home campuses for extracurricular athletics or performing fine arts, sometimes there's a glitch in the transportation and they can't always get there on time, so we appreciate their support and their willingness to work with us. We appreciate the support of the community. We've had a number of business partners who are on board with us and supporting us with donations, equipment, field experiences, guest speakers and opportunities to come and visit their place of business. Overall, it's been a very good year, and we have nothing but bright hopes for the future."

## The Herreras, father, son, in harmony

Carlos R. Herrera III, one of Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Stars, is shown with distinguished educator Charlie Herrera, band instructor. Both were honored at the annual Pasadena Independent School District Shining Stars Gala, which recognizes the top students from each high school and their favorite teachers. Carlos has done volunteer work for the Society of St. Stephen food pantry at First United Methodist Church for many years and community volunteering through National Honor Society and the Interact organizations at PMHS. Carlos enjoys volunteering at the UIL Solo and Ensemble competitions at both the high school and intermediate level in PISD and Channelview ISD. Extracurricular activities include Maverick marching band, PMHS Wind Symphony, National Honor Society, Interact, and the Maverick basketball program. He has served in the leadership capacity as first chair euphonium in the marching

band and wind symphony for four years. Concerning future plans Carlos said, "I am very excited to attend Sam Houston State University and major in music education. My long term goal is to become a successful band director and come home to Pasadena ISD to teach band." Regarding his band teacher, Carlos said, "Mr. Herrera is not only a PISD teacher but also my father. The man to whom I credit my work ethic and my love for music. My father, Charlie Herrera, has been a teacher in PISD for 22 years, and although I have never been taught by him in a classroom setting, he is the teacher who has influenced my life the most."

"For the first 16 years of my life, my father was the band director at Pasadena High School, and I can remember going to his football games and concerts as a child. Those moments have inspired me to become a band director, to follow in my father's footsteps, and become

a teacher. My father is a prime example that a teacher teaches and influences all students not just the children in their classroom."

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Junior Jorge Hernandez measures an electric metallic tube conduit in the HVAC workshop. Photo submitted

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### Sagemont Church Playschool Registration Underway!

Registration for the 2015-2016 Playschool year is still underway.

Playschool is a mother's day out program offered for children ages six weeks through four years old as of September 1, 2015.

It is held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

on Mondays and Thursdays from September to May.

For more information, contact the Children's Ministry office at

**281-481-8770, ext. 2632**

### Care Partners meet July 17

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, July 17. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at [www.interfaithcarepartners.org](http://www.interfaithcarepartners.org).

### Hobby Lions Club to meet

Hobby Airport Lions Club will meet Wednesday, July 15, at noon at the Golden Corral at Fuqua and I-45. For more information, email [HobbyAir portLions@gmail.com](mailto:HobbyAir portLions@gmail.com).

### Dobie sets class reunions

**Class of 1970 45-year Reunion**  
The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1970 will hold its 45th reunion on July 25, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Las Brisas Mexican Bar and Grill. More details can be found on Facebook, search for "Dobie Class 1970 Reunion."

**Class of 1975 40-year Reunion**  
The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1.

Tickets at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available.

For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

### Israeli Folk Dancing set for July and August

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. July dates are July 6, 13, 20 and 27. August dates are Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Please note: There will be no sessions in September, as Labor Day and the Jewish High Holidays occupy the entire month.

Dances are \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if never attended before.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, SHERRY!**  
Best wishes are sent to the new South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce executive director **Sherry Trainer** who celebrated a birthday July 5 from her family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

**LOOK WHO'S TURNING 16!**  
Happy 16th birthday wishes are sent July 9 to **Traevion Allen**, a student at Clear Brook High School, from **Tamika Taylor**, and **Daryl Sterling** who send their love and say, "Sixteen comes once in a lifetime. Enjoy the memories and the adventure of a wonderful, blessed, and terrific year! Don't rush your young life; you have the rest of days to grow older! And remember, always keep God first and everything will follow!"

**HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY, HEINRICHS**  
Best wishes are sent to **Linda and Ted Heinrich**, who celebrate their 50th anniversary Friday, July 10, from **Carl, Martha, III Carl, Drayton, Meadaux and Easton Heinrich**; and **Anthony, Piper and Parker Sais**.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 9 through July 15.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Birthday greetings are sent to **Regina Barnes** July 13. The day for a birthday party for **Claudia Giron** is July 15.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Teresa Abel** on July 15.

**Bush Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles July 10 for **Sandy Hale**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Lisa Vick** on July 11.

**Meador Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles July 12 for **Laura Moreno**. **Michelle Cason** enjoys a birthday July 13. Celebrate a birthday with a double-layer cake on July 14 for **Corin Culpepper** and **Johanna James**.

**Moore Elementary**  
**Stacy Huntley** celebrates a birthday July 9. Light the candles July 14 for **Ana Chapa**.

**South Belt Elementary**  
July 12 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Jody Finch**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
**Joy Degidio** is wished a happy birthday July 13. **Melisa Nichols** and **Kayla Ogden** enjoy a birthday July 14.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Martha Watts** July 9. Celebrating a birthday July 12 is **Mary Carter**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Jocelyn Lidrbach** July 13. Enjoying a birthday July 15 is **Allison Joiner**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
On July 13 happy birthday greetings are sent to **Susie Haas**.

**Dobie High**  
The day for a birthday celebration for **Charlotte Spencer** is July 9. **Maria Maya** and **Elva Mendiola** enjoy a birthday July 11. Birthday greetings are sent to **Carol McDonald** July 12. The day for a party for **Cynthia Wilems** is July 13. **Melania Duarte** celebrates a birthday July 14.

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

Belated wishes for a July 8 birthday to **Margie Remely**, office manager at Sagemeadow Utility District. (We apologize for the misprint of her name last week.)

Thursday, July 9: **Patsy Jimenez, Raquel Rodriguez, Traci Feil, Carolyn Garza and Shervyn Spafford**; Friday, July 10: **Tanna Leal, Sharon Blackston, Juanjose Armenta-Aguirre and Jimbo Shiffessel**;

Saturday, July 11: **Andy Cross, Anne Allen, Kolleen Bingham and Jasmine Mendez**; Sunday, July 12: **Sharon Moore, Mary Renfro Heldman, Emma Rodriguez and Pam McEntire Ellis**;

Monday, July 13: **Stephanie Pyle, Robin Read, Sandy Ward, Angela Wilkerson, Robin Stone Collins and Tyler Pearson**;

Tuesday, July 14: **Elaine Ann Monagas, Monay Noyobiz, Courtney Amelia Alba, Stephanie Moreno Gutierrez, Kitsie Gaines Forrest, Riva Saenz, Verónica Mier, Lori Plopper Chambers and Jeffrey Robert McGee**; and Wednesday, 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**.

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## PISD honors 2015 Outstanding Volunteers of the Year

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees announced the district's 2015 Volunteers of the Year at the June board meeting.

Board president Mariselle Quijano and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kirk Lewis presented the recipients with awards in several categories.

"We are very proud of our volunteers and how they go above and beyond every day," Lewis said. "These outstanding individuals deserve to be recognized as much as possible."

Honored as the Outstanding Large Business Volunteer of the Year was Mi Tienda for its commitment to DeZavala Middle School. Mi Tienda consistently helps with food and beverages for parent events, staff development days, testing days and the annual community walk for more than 150 volunteers.

In the category of Outstanding Small Business Volunteer of the Year, Cary Bass, Pasadena city councilman and owner of Bass and Meineke Automotive, was recognized. Bass has served on the Pasadena ISD automotive programs advisory committee since 2007, served as an advisor during the design construction of the automotive services facility at Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School, provides numerous job shadowing and internship opportunities for district students, hosts field trips at his business and participates in the mentorship program at Pasadena High School.

The Sam Houston State University Army ROTC was

named Outstanding Student Volunteer Organization of the Year. The Bearkat Battalion has volunteered for the past nine years to assist Sam Rayburn's JROTC with major district events and campus activities. In 2013, members generously donated a portable rock wall to Sam Rayburn High School. Their devotion, time and resources to the Sam Rayburn JROTC has yielded positive, life-changing opportunities to hundreds of cadets.

Parkgate Community Church was recognized in the category of Outstanding Community Organization Volunteer for the elementary level. Parkgate Community Church, its congregation and Youth Pastor R.W. Moody, have volunteered at Jensen Elementary for more than 10 years. Moody attends all site-based meetings usually bringing goodies for the staff and a wealth of knowledge to share. Church members started the Kids' Hope program providing positive, uplifting and inspirational discussions for students.

Outstanding Community Organization Volunteer at the secondary level is The ROCK Church. Schneider Middle School nominated The ROCK Church for its contribution to the campus and the surrounding community. Since adopting the campus, The Rock created a weekly mentorship program with 20 volunteers coming to work with students who struggle with behavior and motivation to learn. During the holidays, the church provided Thanksgiving meals for 75 families and warmed



Honoree Christopher Powell (left) from Dobie High School and Derek Delgado from Lewis Career and Technical High School.



the hearts of 50 families with Christmas gifts. It supports campus events and invites staff, students and families to attend church functions like the back-to-school fair where many students receive free school supplies.

Dobie High School student Christopher Powell was the recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer of the year award at the elementary level. Through his connections at Mexican Restaurants Inc., he was able to secure a \$500 donation for Stuchbery Elementary to purchase books.

Outstanding Secondary Student Volunteer of the Year

is Lewis Career and Technical High School student Derek Delgado. In his volunteer work at the Miller Intermediate ACE afterschool program for the past two years, he assists in almost every capacity to make it run smoothly. This motivated young man gives his free time to help with setting up, preparation, attending meetings with the coordinator, lending his talents and time to the program.

Dedicated to Kruse Elementary with five years of volunteerism under her belt, Amanda Gonzalez received the Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year award at an Elementary School. She is

outstanding not only because she is generous with her time, but because she does it with a positive attitude. She enjoys helping others and can be seen daily at the campus for hours and never asks for any recognition for her dedication.

Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year for Secondary Schools is Anne Blackman. Blackman has gone above and beyond as a campus volunteer at Carter Lomax Middle School. She invests nearly as much time at Lomax as many paraprofessionals do. She always asks how she can help and contributes to the campus in many ways.

## Remember When

**35 years ago (1980)**  
The three-year squabble between the only remaining local member of the Sagemont Maintenance Committee and the Sagemont Civic Club was reportedly close to being resolved.

Two South Belt area beauties, Angela Shiflett and Jill Miller, competed for the title of Miss Texas in Fort Worth. Shiflett competed as Miss Duncanville and Miller as Miss Pasadena.

**30 years ago (1985)**  
The Brio Site Task Force was conducting an extensive environmental study required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The board of regents of San Jacinto College accepted a petition requesting deannexation of the North campus from the system, and they approved a salary increase for district employees.

The interim Pasadena Independent School District superintendent was preparing to relinquish his job to the new superintendent, Dr. Lon Luty.

**25 years ago (1990)**  
A 27-year-old woman died from stab wounds in an attack in her home in Woodmeadow.

A 10-foot boa constrictor attached itself to a car chassis to escape the heat. It was finally caught by its owner.

A Houston grand jury subpoenaed food service purchasing records of the Pasadena Independent School District.

Representatives of the Brio Site Task Force said they would welcome a health survey of the problems associated with the Brio site.

South Houston High School principal James Barber said requests by parents and teachers prompted him to withdraw his retirement resignation.

Pasadena Independent School District students in grades 3-7 surpassed the previous year's TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test scores. South Belt students topped district averages on every test.

Clear Brook High junior Julie Carr won first place in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event's statewide competition. Her entry was a colored pencil drawing.

**15 years ago (2000)**  
Winners of the 13th annual July Fourth Parade were as follows: Commercial - Target, Randalls and Girl Scout Troop 161; non-commercial - Sagemont Cowgirls, Kirkwood South Christian Church and King of Glory Lutheran Church.

Two Dobie students, Adam Witas and Lam Nguyen, were named National Merit Scholars.

**10 years ago (2005)**  
Houston Mayor Bill White appeared in the annual Fourth of July parade for the third consecutive year.

Community leaders were preparing for the Base Realignment and Closure hearings. The first would be held locally at Ellington, and the second would be in San Antonio. A local delegation was trying to convince BRAC to leave the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington for local and national security.

The PISD board of trustees put an end to rumors re-

garding Superintendent Dr. Rick Schneider's retirement by renewing his contract for an additional six months.

San Jacinto College South was named one of two 10-year founding institutions to participate in a national funding known as the "Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year." The program would be used to refine the overall approach to educating new students.

Weber Elementary teacher Ronald Wach was named the Clear Creek Independent School District's Teacher of the Year for the elementary level by the Space Center Rotary Club.

Former Sageglen resident Rick Carr unveiled a full-sized replica of the Liberty Bell at a service at Sagemont Church.

**5 years ago (2010)**  
A 6-year-old boy who had recently completed kindergarten at Stuchbery Elementary died after reportedly being beaten by his estranged father. According to Houston Police Department officials, Tekkerrious "T.K." Jackson had asked his mother, Lucy Jackson Adams, 30, of Sagemont, if he could spend the summer with his father, Alex McGowen Duncan, in an effort to bond with him. Police say that when Jackson failed to go to sleep as instructed by his father, he was repeatedly struck in the chest by Dun-

can, 34, who resided in the 4900 block of Polk.

**1 year ago (2014)**  
Beverly Hills Intermediate was recognized as a "Texas School to Watch" by Texas Middle School Association and the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. The school was one of only nine in the state to receive the honor.

### Harris County Master Gardeners set July events

The Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 have scheduled its events for the month of July. Events include:

**Hibiscus Program by Marti Graves July 15**  
On Wednesday, July 15, a hibiscus program by Marti Graves will be held at 10 a.m. in the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Graves is a member of the Lone Star Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society, editor of its newsletter, *The Petaloid*, and executive secretary of the National Society. This is a Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 event. For information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

**Open Garden Day July 20**  
Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, July 20, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse and educational programs for adults and children are scheduled. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

**Lions Club meeting set**  
The Houston Space City Lions Club will meet Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway. For more information, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

## Olson votes to protect energy consumers

Rep. Pete Olson, Texas-22, recently voted to restore power to the states and court system by requiring the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to delay implementation of their new Clean Power Plan.

The bill, H.R. 2042, the Ratepayer Protection Act requires EPA to delay this plan until the courts have completed the judicial review process.

It also provides flexibility for states if they determine a plan would harm electric reliability or burden ratepayers. H.R. 2042 passed the House by a vote of 247 to 180.

"States have a critically important job of ensuring a reliable and affordable electricity supply for their constituents," Olson said.

"Sadly, EPA has gone rogue with this sweeping rule. This agency is seeking to fundamentally change how electricity is generated, distributed, and consumed in our country.

"Some estimates indicate that this rule could cost

America almost half a trillion dollars by 2031. That's why I support the Ratepayer Protection Act, which will delay implementation until both the courts and states have been able to assess the constitutionality of the rule and any serious reliability or cost impacts it might have on our nation. I urge the Senate to move quickly as well."

The Ratepayer Protection Act will:

Extend Compliance Dates: The bill would extend the rule's compliance dates pending judicial review, including the dates for submission of state plans.

Safe Harbor for States to Protect Ratepayers: The bill would provide that no state shall be required to implement a state or federal plan that the state's governor, in consultation with other relevant state officials, determines would have a significant adverse effect on (i) retail, commercial, or industrial ratepayers; or (ii) the reliability of the state's electricity system.

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# South Belt-Ellington Chamber reaches out to students in need

**By Jay Do**  
Since its establishment in 2012, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Education Outreach Committee has continued to make great leaps and strides in terms of providing support to the underprivileged in order to see to it that everyone has an equal opportunity to acquire a quality education.

Comprising a coalition of current business leaders and local community members, the Education Outreach Committee provides polo shirts to elementary students who otherwise would not have the means to have school uniform clothing. The committee does so with the hopes of improving the level of education necessary to grow and develop the future workforce and business leaders in the South Belt-Ellington Chamber service area.

"This is the fourth year of the project," said Education Outreach Committee Chair Judy Harrison. "The Texas Bay Area Credit Union donates about 1,500 polo shirts every year. We're hoping to get about 2,000 this year. Once we get the shirts, we have

a folding party to neatly fold each one. We place them in plastic bins and distribute them out to the schools. Each school gets 100 shirts, all delivered in a way that is easy to hand out and looks good."

The Education Outreach Committee currently provides support for Atkinson, Burnett, Bush, Frazier, Genoa, Jessup, Meador, Moore, South Belt and Stuchbery elementary schools.

"As needy families are identified through a process by the school, the shirts are given out to students so that they have the uniform clothing required by the school," said Harrison. "We hope that this will help kids fit in and feel more accepted at their schools."

More recently, the schools have begun to express a need for underwear and socks to help students in need.

"As we've been going through this project, every year we have a luncheon where the counselors and principals tell us about other needs," said Harrison. "This year, we're hearing that underwear and socks are needed, so the principals and counselors and

teachers have been working to provide them when they can. What we're trying to do is have the teachers and the principals not have to spend their personal dollars, because that's what it comes down to. We're now in the process of trying to raise the monetary donations from the community to purchase underwear and socks. We're not only trying to help these students, but also the faculty and staff of these schools."

The chamber also seeks donations to provide pencils, rulers, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, individual dry erase boards, markers and other school supplies essential to the learning environment inside a classroom.

"It all depends on the year and what the individual schools need and what businesses are willing to donate," said Harrison. "Walgreens has helped in the past, contributing paper and notebooks and those kinds of things. We've had monetary donations from members in the community with which we were able to purchase pencils and pens. PrimeWay Federal Credit Union has donated rulers, dry erase boards and markers. We're

really looking for anything that can supplement the learning experience for students. If people want to get involved, I would advise them to get involved with the school that's in their neighborhood, because each school has a list of the different things that they need. For instance, if a group of people get together to raise funds for a school to purchase a copy machine, they would be helping the school. We do what we can to provide the fundamentals, and we hope that in doing so, we'll be able to get enough people interested in helping the schools that they'll go into the schools in their neighborhoods and get involved."

The Education Outreach Committee is also starting an online campaign to help connect people to essential services available to them that they may not be aware of. "We're adding a place on the chamber website for the education committee and it'll have resources like where to go to get an eye checkup or a hearing test," said Harrison. "There are different places that we know about that provides services like that, so what we're doing is putting

something out on our website to connect people with the services that are available to them, because most people don't know what's out there."

Community support of the Education Outreach Committee has also been strong. Volunteers interested in participating in the shirt folding party are invited to attend at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce building located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. on July 17 and 24.

"Those that know about this project are very excited about it," said Harrison. "We get a lot of volunteers that come out and join us to fold the shirts. We get kids and adults at these parties, and it's turned into a family event where families come together to help the community. We're helping our community, and we're helping our chamber become known as a chamber that gives back to its community, as opposed to one that just takes tax dollars."

Now entering its fourth year serving students from 10 elementary schools throughout the South Belt area, the Education Outreach Committee has only grown in size, impact and effectiveness.

"The reports back from the school are very positive," said Harrison. "They are excited that they can help provide things for the families of these underprivileged students. They've told us many, many stories

of how somebody came in and had nothing and was so grateful for getting the shirts.

"This project has really helped underprivileged students feel like they belong and not have to feel

embarrassed about coming to school in a wrong shirt. No student should have an obstacle to learning, and clothing is definitely an obstacle. If they feel good and they look good, they're more likely to participate

in the class and learn what they need to learn. I'm an educator, so I'm very much about not having to have our students worry about what they're wearing and they can focus on the material that's being taught."



Educational committee members are, left to right, (front row) Beverly Medina, Sally Mitchell, who started the program, chairman Judy Harrison, (back row) Paul Withey, Dave Matthews, Noble Alix, Jonathan Ebizie and Rebecca Lilley. Not pictured is the newest member of the committee, Kenney Fernandez.

# Coalition of law enforcement agencies crack down on illegal liquor sales

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ber of arrests that were made is one measure of success, if you look at the bigger picture, you're looking at the number of contacts that were made. Even though every contact may not have resulted in an arrest, you're looking at 100 contacts made in a very small time frame. These establishments operate about half a day, every day, and for thirty minutes to an hour, an agent comes in to observe them. During that very small time period, he or she may not see anything, so it's important to count the contacts. Even with the number of agencies involved, it's impossible to stay in there and watch the entire operation of the establishment. We're only able to sit in and observe a small fraction of the time that it's operating. To put it into an

analogy, it's like the fire departments driving down the street and looking for fires. They might drive around for hours at a time and not find anything, and the moment they leave, things can go awry. That's why it's important to get operations like this established. This was 100 locations that were checked in a six weeks time frame. Had this been done by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission alone, it may have taken them months. The number of arrests that were made is an indication that the majority of club and bar owners are operating responsibly, because this first group was a group that was already warned and already had a record of violations. There are probably two to three times as many out there that are operating with violations and have not been inspected."

Motivated by the success of its first operation, the LE VICE is now tasked with developing the strategic plan for its future operations.

"The working group of regional law enforcement agencies is coming together with three purposes," said Zamora. "The main purpose, the published purpose, is to address businesses that have a history of liquor violations. The secondary purpose, and the longstanding purpose, is to get law enforcement agencies working together in ways that makes the best use of everybody's resources. When an agency addresses a problem by itself, it's very costly and inefficient. When everyone aggregates their resources and work collectively, there's no duplication of effort, there's no need for additional equipment and tools, and there's

not a need for overtime for the staff. The operation is spread out evenly throughout all the participating agencies so the cost is significantly less and the effect is greater. The third purpose is to create the framework for future work. The framework could lead to better practices. The framework for this first initiative was to see where we stood and see how well we operated together and identify other areas of concern and issues to the public safety."

The LE VICE is placed in a unique, but also difficult, situation in which it must cover and enforce much more than one set of rules and regulations.

"We don't have focus points so much as anchor points," said Zamora. "When we look at the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, they're an administrative and a reg-

ulatory function. They enforce the laws related to alcoholic beverages statutes. While most of those laws are administered by nature, you also have criminal penalties. To put it into another analogy, it's like having the postal office ensuring that there's no mail fraud, the Federal Communications Commission enforcing the federal communications rules and regulations, the Federal Aviation Administration official regulating things like drone usage and the Internal Revenue Service establishing the tax codes. These are examples of an administrative and regulatory federal functions that have criminal implications that they have to handle accordingly, and it's the same thing with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. One anchor point is the alcoholic beverage code, but related to that are public health code violations, such as minors consuming alcohol and penal code violations, such as prostitution. You have drug law violations, such as the trafficking and distribution of narcotics. This is not just a situation of someone serving liquor after hours. When an officer goes in to conduct an investigation in a business, that officer is liable to see a plethora of violations in all these other codes."

Due to its modern and unique operating tactics, there is no exact figure on the personnel and staff size of the LE VICE.

"We don't know how many personnel are involved from each law enforcement agency," said Zamora. "This is a function that most law enforcement agencies don't participate in, because this is something that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission primarily handles. Just as the Health and Human Services Department handles restaurant inspections for health code violations, it's very rare for a law enforcement officer to go into a restaurant to do an inspection or go into schools to inspect the Texas education codes and things of that nature.

Law enforcement primarily handles the criminal aspect of the law and enforces the penal code, so this is a little unique. If a department is as large as the Houston Police Department, then they would have a specialized division for things like that, but typically the constable offices, the sheriff's office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Texas Department of Safety don't conduct inspections, because it's an administrative duty of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission."

With Harris County totaling 3,020 crashes involving an intoxicated driver in 2014, 162 of which resulted in fatalities, the LE VICE has its work cut out for it.

"When there's a collective effort, the effect is often greater than what it would be if the law enforcement agencies were to do the operations individually," said Zamora. "I think it's pretty effective, not just because there were a good number of arrests, but because a message was sent that this is a collaborative, multijurisdictional effort and it's longstanding. It's different from other operations similar to it, because you have a greater effect when you have a large number of law enforcement agencies working together. We're promoting responsible ownership and management of local pubs and bars. By doing that, we can help reduce the public health issues, like DWIs and alcohol related crashes. All the issues related to alcohol abuse are reduced. Even domestic violence cases that are related to excessive drinking and underage minors consuming alcohol are reduced. The most noticeable problem with alcohol abuse is DWIs, and unfortunately Houston and Harris County leads the nation in DWI crashes and fatalities."

While still under two months in operation, the effects of the LE VICE have been nothing short of profound. Members from all nine of its law enforcement agencies have nothing but high hopes and expectations for the working groups for the future.

"Collaboration between the different law enforcement agencies have been excellent," said Zamora. "There's better communication and enhanced intelligence sharing. There's also the establishment of a working relationship that is meant to be long-standing and one that intends to build on its foundations

and framework to develop better law enforcement practices. The first initiative was the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Liquor Violations Initiative, but the next one is going to be closely related, because a lot of these problems are related, and it's not just one problem. For example, if we do an initiative like the one we just did, we also find problems like prostitution, gambling, weapons

violations, drug trafficking and human trafficking. Looking at a problem area doesn't mean the issue is exclusive to that one area, because there are often related crimes. The future of the LE VICE holds better working relationships between the different law enforcement agencies and larger, more complex criminal investigations. This group is not a temporary thing. We're here, and we're here to stay."

# No parking on grass gaining Houston enforcement status

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and residents who are self-policing. You always have those certain individuals who are obstinate and just don't want to be in compliance.

"We're working with them and with the Houston Police Department's enforcement team to enforce this ordinance, and that's been the biggest challenge."

Following in their example, the Sagemont Civic Club is also in the process of filing an application to the city with the intention of having the City Ordinance No. 2009-59 enforced in their neighborhoods for similar reasons.

"We're filing this application because it's primarily an aesthetics issue," said Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour. "People parking on their lawns

makes our neighborhoods unsightly to the eyes and brings down our property values."

Because the city accepts applications on only the first and second days of the month, Sagemont's application was scheduled to be submitted earlier this month to the city for approval. Regardless, support throughout the Sagemont community for the ordinance to be passed is clearly apparent.

"The people who attend our civic club meetings are very supportive of this application, and they want this ordinance enforced in this community," said Barbour. "Obviously, the only people who would be against this ordinance are the people who are currently parking their vehicles on their lawns. Kirkwood recently got their

application approved and the ordinance is currently being enforced throughout their neighborhoods, so we're hopeful that we can do the same."

As for Kirkwood, positive effects of the enforcement of the ordinance are clearly being felt by the community, despite a stubborn few who refuse to cooperate.

"Overall, I've seen quite a bit of improvement throughout the community," said McCrutchon. "A lot of people have complied, but there are still those individuals who require a bit more application. The whole idea and goal behind getting this ordinance enforced was to bring awareness to the community to self-police themselves not just in this issue, but in other minor issues as well."

## Islas notes good citizen lessons by Randall

Crystal Islas, South Houston High School's Shining Star is shown with distinguished educator Bryan Randall, who teaches AP U.S. History.

Islas volunteers at Matthys Elementary. Extracurricular activities for Islas include orchestra, National Honor Society and Name that Book! Club. She has held the leadership positions of president of orchestra and secretary of the National Honor Society.

Concerning the future, Islas plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas and pursue a career in either pediatrics or obstetrics-gynecology.

Regarding her teacher, Islas said, "Mr. Randall is the type of teacher that honestly cares about the student and can relate to any of us. His tactics in teaching are at first unusual to the kids who have had their hands held since elementary, but it really is just a preparation for what college is actually like. What I really admire about Randall is that he gives neutral criticism towards America's politics and shows us how to be informed and good citizens. Mr. Randall didn't just teach us how to be a good citizen he inspired us to be great, joyful people. He has never failed to put a smile on my face ever since junior year. Thank you for being you, Mr. Randall."

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of 10 students being honored along with their favorite mentor. This is the fourth in the series of 10. The 10 Shining Stars represent the Top 10 South Houston high

school students.

The information and photos were supplied by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Top 10 Shining Stars from Dobie and Pasadena Memorial high schools. (See Pages 2A and 3A.)



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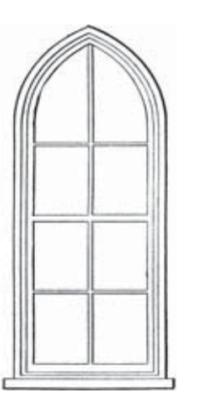
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# Leader shares 2015 vacation contest photos

## Guinns tour MLK Memorial



In June, the Zerick Guinn family vacationed in Atlanta, Ga., at the Martin Luther King Memorial Tour site, Ebenezer Baptist Church. Shown are, left to right, (front row) niece Darrion Mouton, 15; Kristen Guinn, 13; and Kyndall Guinn, 11, (back row) Tynette and Zerick Guinn.



## Rodriguez family visits Florida theme parks

Gabriel Rodriguez visited Orlando, Fla., with his parents Jasmin and Daniel Rodriguez of Clear Brook Meadows. He had a great time at Universal Studios and Universal's Islands of Adventure theme parks. He met characters from the movie *Despicable Me* (bottom photos) and one of his favorite superheroes, Captain America (left photo).

Photos submitted



## Family fun in Galveston



Kathleen Newell and her diverse family of seven recently enjoyed time at the Galveston Island Pleasure Pier. The family says they don't get to go many places because their family is so large. They drove to Galveston and spent one full day there and a night on Tiki Island. Pictured on the Pleasure Pier are, left to right, (front row) Elijah Marks, Belle Perridon, Ronald Marks, (back row) Ostin Elmore, Kathleen Newell, Chris Marks and Micah Marks.

Photo submitted

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## Lominacs enjoy Florida sand & surf

The Lominac family of Kirkwood South recently enjoyed a weeklong vacation in Destin and Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. Shea will start kindergarten at Moore Elementary in the fall, and Wayne Jr. will be a junior at Dobie High School. Wayne Sr. has lived in the Sagemont area his entire life.

Photos submitted



Stephanie, Wayne Jr., Wayne and Shea Lominac on Henderson Beach State Park in Destin.



Shea got the chance to captain the Seablaster.



The Lominacs enjoyed a two-hour dolphin cruise on the Seablaster.



Wayne Jr. and Shea on a pontoon boat in Destin Harbor on their way to Crab Island.

## Backporch holds kids auditions

Kids' Backporch Productions will hold auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* on Saturday, July 11, at the Pearland Community Center, 3523 Liberty Drive (next to Pearland City Hall), from 10 a.m. to noon.

Performances will be at the C. A. Nelson Auditorium, 2337 N. Galveston Ave. in Pearland, Aug. 6 through Aug. 9, featuring a 20-piece orchestra.

Adults, teens and children needed, primarily for chorus, with lots of stage time. Those auditioning should bring a prepared song and dress comfortably for movement. Lines will be read from the script.

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## Rising Stars Track Club athletes reach AAU nationals

Another season, another terrific performance turned in by members of the Rising Stars Track Club.

Nearly 20 athletes from the local youth track and field club have qualified to take part in the 2015 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games, set for

early August at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va.

Standouts from the Rising Stars first advanced out of district competition and then excelled at the Region 17 Qualifying Meet July 2-4 at Traylor Stadium in Rosenberg.

The top six finishers in

each of the running events in addition to the top five finishers in each field event qualified for nationals.

There was no shortage of outstanding efforts coming from the Rising Stars as they took aim at the big finale.

Na'diya Shelby, Char-

del Terrell, Camryn Dickson, Braylan Shelby, Joshua Ross, Matthew Kovacevich and Cameron Devereaux all made their way to the national level in three different events.

Sydney Devereaux, Dickson and Kovacevich all won overall championship honors in two events.

In the 8-under girls' division, Shelby was the

winner of the long jump after she cleared 10 feet, 7

3/4 inches.

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## Southbelt Dolphins set key dates

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host a pair of equipment issue sessions, including Saturday, July 11, and Saturday, July 18.

Both sessions (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) will be held at Blackhawk Park, the home field site for the Dolphins during the regular season.

All players who are already registered to play this season must attend one of the available sessions.

Team officials are still seeking both 8- to 9-year-old players as well as those 10 to 12 years old. Families must provide a

copy of the player's birth certificate at registration, and the sign-up fee must be paid in full.

Preseason practices

within the Bay Area Football League will begin Saturday, July 25. The BAFL regular season will kick off Saturday, Aug. 15.

## Campbell's TF seeds Dobie fourth

Could the Dobie varsity football team be headed for a fifth consecutive Class 6A Division I bidistrict playoff round match-up against North Shore?

If the annual Dave Campbell's Texas Football publication is accurate, the Longhorns will indeed meet the Mustangs again, with the locals still seeking their first win after four straight losses.

According to the Campbell's Texas Football rankings in District 22-6A, defending Region III Division II finalist Manvel is slated to win the 22-6A championship.

The Mavericks, featuring Texas Christian University signee D'Eric King at quarterback in addition to a host of other major college recruits, are also ranked fifth in the Class 6A poll, according to Campbell's.

Pearland is projected to lose to Manvel in league play, therefore finishing second yet grabbing the top seed in the Division I playoff bracket.

The Oilers were state finalists two seasons ago but fell in the area round to Dickinson a season ago.

Dawson finished fourth in the 22-6A ranks a season ago after losing to Dobie in the regular season.

However, the Eagles won two playoff games before falling to Katy in a Division II regional quarterfinal matchup.

This season, Campbell's Texas Football has Dawson edging Dobie for third place overall in the 22-6A ranks. It would also send Dawson to the Division II playoff bracket.

So then there is Dobie. With a 23-21 record over the past four seasons, the program is still seeking its first playoff win since 2004.

A fourth-place finish in District 22-6A would almost assuredly mean the Longhorns will take on North Shore for a fifth straight season.

And via the University Interscholastic League's ruling, the higher-seeded team hosts the game from this point forward.

An early view of Dobie says JFD first-year head coach Mike Norman has committed to utilizing the passing game this season, and he and his staff iden-

tified playmakers during the 7-on-7 summer league at The Rig in Pearland and during an appearance in College Station.

Offensively, the Longhorns' biggest offseason need was along the offensive line, where all five starters exited after graduation.

On the defensive side, Dobie should be solid along the front seven - Dedrick Simpson is great - but there are vacancies in the secondary that need

to be addressed as well.

Since Dobie did not take part in spring football workouts near the end of the 2014-2015 school year, the Longhorns will take to the field for preseason football workouts beginning Monday, Aug. 3.

That's when Norman's Dobie program begins preparation for the 2015 season opener against Deer Park, set for Friday, Aug. 28, at Abshire Stadium in Deer Park.



Pearland High School's offensive coordinator a season ago, Mike Norman will turn his attention to defeating the Oilers this season as he kicks off his career as Dobie's varsity football head coach. Norman's on-field debut comes Aug. 28 as the Longhorns play at Deer Park in the 2015 season opener.

## DCTF predicts rough going as Wolverines seek rebound

There is a fresh outlook at Clear Brook High School this offseason as Mike Allison has taken over as the Wolverines' varsity football head coach.

But will that fresh outlook lead to much change on the field as the Wolverines look to rebound from a tough 2014 season that produced just one win?

Perhaps, but it won't be easy. Dave Campbell's Texas Football thinks highly of defending District 24-6A champion Dickinson, so much so that the Gators are ranked 15th statewide in the Class 6A poll.

Behind Dickinson, Campbell's sees Clear Creek taking second place, followed by Friendswood

and Clear Springs.

If indeed things go this way, the district will produce the same playoff reps two seasons straight.

Clear Creek, ranked 35th in the state, welcomes back a great bit of talent offensively.

Friendswood, while needing to replace quite a few players on the defensive side of things, should again be good.

As for Clear Springs, the Chargers are simply in the running for a playoff spot every season.

Brazoswood is picked to take fifth place, with Clear Brook next at No. 6. Clear Lake and Clear Falls round out the rankings.

A season ago, Clear Brook won just one game, a 35-7 rout of Clear Falls.

Head coach Paul Lanier retired following the season.

Now, Allison, a former longtime staff member at Dawson, is in charge of getting the Wolverines back on track.

Brook's nondistrict schedule begins with a home game Aug. 28 against La Porte. Then comes a road game at Aldine Westfield.

From there, the Wolverines will begin their 24-6A slate of games.

## Dobie, Brook VB await Aug. 3 start

The march back to a possible playoff berth begins for the Clear Brook and Dobie volleyball programs as preseason workouts open Aug. 3 across the state.

Caught in competition in perhaps the toughest overall district in Region III, the Lady Wolverines

endured a tough 2014 season, missing the playoffs for the first time in several seasons.

Dobie, finding itself going against its deepest pool of talent in District 22-6A in quite some time, also fell short of the playoffs, missing out for the

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## Amateur Athletic Union Track/Field National Qualifiers/Regional Championship Times

Athlete	Event	Time
Joshua Ross	1,500M racewalk	11:33.07
Kelby Williams	Turbo javelin	103'1"
Christian Ross	1,500M racewalk	9:04.68
Matt Kovacevich	1,500M run	4:46.50
Matt Kovacevich	3,000M run	10:40.45
Na'diya Shelby	Long jump	10'7 3/4"
Camryn Dickson	100M dash	13.77
Camryn Dickson	200M dash	27.35
Sydney Devereaux	800M run	2:22.38
Sydney Devereaux	1,500M run	5:10.69

## Rising Stars track athletes make their way to nationals

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Shelby kept up her momentum in a pair of running events as well. She was second in a time of 2 minutes, 54.58 seconds in the 800-meter dash for second place.

At 6:05, Shelby was also second at the 1,500-meter distance.

From the 9-year-old division, Terrell was another top performer for the Rising Stars.

In the 800-meter run, her time of 2:52.65 placed her second. Third place went to Chardel in the 1,500-meter run as she clocked in at 6:20.10.

Like Shelby, Terrell also competed in the long jump, where her best leap of 10'8 1/4" was fourth-best in the division.

One of the Rising Stars' best performers for much of the season, Dickson kept up the stellar work at the regional meet.

Dickson, 11 years old, championed the 100- and 200-meter dashes, while going third in the 400-meter event.

In the 100, Dickson won at 13.77, and her 27.35 posting captured the 200. At 1:04.35, Dickson also made her way to nationals in the 400-meter event.

Christianne Ross will take part in the 1,500-meter racewalk for the locals. Ross, 12, placed second overall in the event with a fine time of 9:42.24.

Ross also ran the 800-meter event, but did not advance as her time of 3:09.70 was 13th overall.

Sydney Devereaux, competing in the age 15-16 division, was spectacular.

Her time of 2:22.38 produced a win in the 800-meter run, and she also came away the overall champion in the 1,500-meter run at 5:10.69.

Others advancing in the 15-16-year-old division included Christal Dickson, whose throw of 90'3" was third overall in the javelin. Also, Shelby Devereaux's throw of 67'7" was fifth in the javelin.

Kalia Hendrix, a Clear Brook High School track and field standout, took part in four different events at regionals.

In the end, Hendrix reached nationals in two of those events.

Hendrix was the champion of the javelin event with a great throw of 84'7".

On the track, Hendrix's time of 25.88 gave her fourth place overall. Hendrix also competed in the 100-meter dash (13th at 12.86) and the 400-meter dash (13th at 1:01.34).

The Rising Stars also came through in a big way in the boys' division.

Perhaps no one, though, was as steady as Kovacevich in the 13-year-old bracket.

By the end of the meet, Kovacevich found himself in charge of national berths in four different events.

At 4:46.50, Kovacevich was the champion of the 1,500-meter run. He stepped up once more to

win the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:40.45.

Kovacevich took part in a third distance event, also reaching nationals at the 800-meter distance with a time of 2:17.47.

A leap of 31.10" placed Kovacevich second overall in the triple jump.

In the 8-under division, Trevor Doswell qualified for nationals after throwing the turbo javelin 36'7" for fourth place.

Jeremiah Beverley, representing the Rising Stars in the 9-year-old division, placed eighth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 7:15.86.

Braylan Shelby, 10, made his way to the national level with a great effort in his three events.

In the 800-meter run, Shelby's time of 2:32.62 was second best in the division. He also completed the 1,500-meter run in a time of 5:30.37 for third place and was fifth in the long jump, clearing 13'5 1/4".

Jason Doswell, also 10, will be given an opportunity to compete at nationals. At the Region 17 qualifier, Doswell threw the shot put 26'0 1/2" for third place.

His throw of 68'9" in the turbo javelin was sixth best, placing him just outside of nationals.

Joshua Ross was the regional champion in the 1,500-meter racewalk for the locals. Ross, 12, placed second overall in the event with a fine time of 9:42.24.

At 21'11 1/2", Ross was sixth in the shot put, which just missed nationals.

In the 12-year-old turbo javelin event, the Rising Stars' Kelby Williams emerged as the champion with a terrific throw of 103'1".

Turning his attention to the track, Williams was sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.48. In the 400-meter event, Williams' time of 1:06.58 was 11th overall.

Christian Ross is headed to nationals in the 1,500-meter racewalk as he was the Region 17 champion with a time of 9:04.68.

Ross competed in, but did not reach nationals in, two running events. At 5:26.80, Ross was seventh in the 1,500-meter run. His time of 2:37.08 in the 800-meter run was 11th best.

Mikey Ramirez also qualified for the big finale in the 13-year-old javelin competition, reaching the 79'5" mark with his top throw.

In the 800-meter run, Ramirez's time of 3:07.03 wound up being 13th best.

Three different third-place finishes and national berths capped a great effort for Cameron Devereaux, 14.

In the 800-meter run, Devereaux came in at 2:08.41 for third place, and his clocking of 4:41.82 was also third in the 1,500-meter run.

At 109'2", Devereaux was third in the javelin competition.

Mark Milton made his way into national event consideration as he raced to a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash among 15-16-year-old competitors.

Cody Turner's best long jump effort of 20'9 3/4" placed him second, also a national berth effort. Turner's time of 11.48 was eighth in the 100-meter dash.

Jaylen Beverley of the 15-16-year-old division, completed the 1,500-meter run eighth-best at 5:16.68.

The Rising Stars' Paul Burgess, 12, delivered a solid performance in a pair of events for his team. He was sixth overall in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 5:23.13.

His 800-meter run time of 2:38.60 was 12th in his age division.

## South Belt Girls Softball Association's AS14s capture Houston Metro championship



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 14-under all-star team won the Amateur Softball Association Houston Metro Tournament championship in Deer Park, dominating the competition along the way. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Bionce Caldera, Giselle Rodriguez, (middle row) Lexanie Rodriguez, Shayenne Olivares, Danielle Colunga, Erika Garza,

(back row) assistant coach Roderick Jefferson, assistant coach Joe Olivares, Arryanna Martinez, Kayla Romero, Madelyn Jones, Maritza Elizalde, Morgan Jefferson, De'Janee Dykes, assistant coach John Colunga and head coach Eddie Colunga.

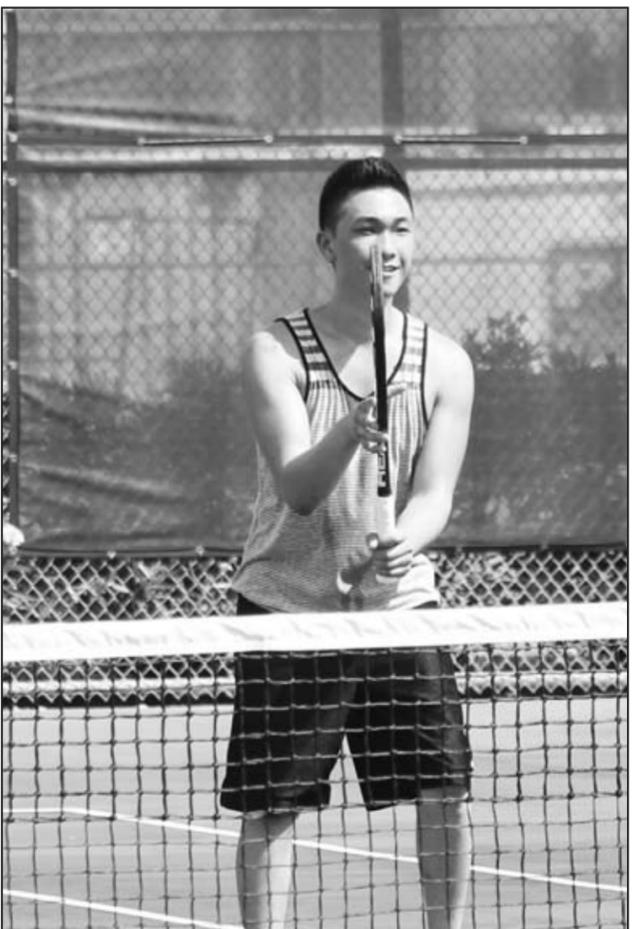
## Houston Strike Force 7U places third at USSSA World Series baseball tourney



The Houston Strike Force 7-U AA select baseball team placed third among 19 teams in their first-ever United States Specialty Sports Association World Series in Sulphur, La. The team, made up of a majority of players from the South Belt area, played exceptionally well over the five days of play, nearly reaching the championship game. Members of the team are, left to right,

(front row) Rory Martinez, Lalo Elizondo, Ethan Perez, Landon Villarreal, Eric Michaud, Jr., Rafael Romo, Jamal Jones, (middle row) Aiden Gausin, Donny Cantu, Jr., Braeden Robinson, J.J. Torres, (back row) coach Donny Cantu, manager Eric Michaud and coaches Jose Perez and Daniel Villarreal.

## Dobie tennis to host former players in exes matches Aug. 8



Andy Peng, Dobie class of 2009, was both a standout boys' singles and boys' doubles player for the Longhorns during his stay. Having competed in the exes matches in 2014, perhaps he'll return this time, too.



A member of the class of 2008, Andy Choe has been a frequent competitor at the annual exes matches. Those wishing to compete this year may direct email to head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. at mmoreno@pasadenaisd.org.

## AS 12s eventually fall



Following back-to-back rainout days, the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's 12-year-old all-star team, including Nate Wallace (above) eventually lost a 17-6 game to Pearland East, ending the locals' tournament run July 2.

# Sports news, notes

## Lady Wolverine volleyball

Clear Brook varsity volleyball coach Meredith Thompson, her staff and current and former collegiate players will combine to host the 2015 Lady Wolverines' youth camp July 27-30 at Westbrook Intermediate.

Students entering the third through ninth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to attend.

The first session (8 to 9:30 a.m./\$80 per student) is for students entering third through fifth grade. The second session (8 to 10:30 a.m./\$100 per student) is for those entering the sixth through eighth grade who are competing in the beginning stages of the game.

Eighth-grade students playing club volleyball and who were on their respective seventh-grade A team this season as well as ninth-grade students are eligible to attend the 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. session for \$100 per student.

The entry form can be obtained at [www.clearbrookathletics.com](http://www.clearbrookathletics.com).

For more information, direct email to Thompson at [mthomp1@ccisd.net](mailto:mthomp1@ccisd.net).

## Thompson Lions hoops

The coaching staff at Thompson Intermediate will host a youth basketball camp for students entering the sixth through eighth grades as of the 2015-2016 school year.

The event, to be held July 13-16, will feature instruction in all phases of the game, including dribbling, shooting, passing, defense, rebounding, offensive skill sets and more.

Cost of the camp is \$25 cash per student. No other forms of payment will be accepted. Participants should wear, shorts, a T-shirt and tennis shoes.

Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

Participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes early July 13 in order to complete the registration process.

## GAT strength/conditioning

The coaching staff at Thompson Intermediate will host a voluntary strength and conditioning program for incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students as of the 2015-2016 school year.

The session will be held July 20-23, from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Cost is \$25 cash per student, and no other forms of payment will be accepted.

Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

Participants are asked to arrive 15 minutes early July 13 in order to complete the registration process.

## Dobie VB boot camp, tryout

Dobie High School varsity volleyball coach Dawn Gutierrez and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns' voluntary boot camp for incoming freshmen as well as returning program players as of the 2015-2016 season.

The camp will be held July 27-30 at Dobie, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The cost is \$40 per student. Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

Gutierrez will also host official Dobie team tryouts Aug. 3, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (varying times) in the school gym.

Any player wishing to participate must have a current athletic physical on file at the school before being cleared to try out.

For more information, call Gutierrez at 281-889-3481 or direct email to her at [dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:dgutierrez2@pasadenaisd.org).

## JFD youth swimming camp

Dobie High School swimming coach Bradley Nguyen will host the Longhorns' annual youth camp Aug. 3-6 at the Beverly Hills Intermediate pool, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each day.

The fee is \$60 cash or check (made out to Dobie H.S. swim booster club), and includes a camp T-shirt. Participants should wear swimming attire and bring goggles, towel, water, etc.

Parents of participants are required to cover medical insurance/costs as the Pasadena ISD does not cover students' insurance for summer fitness/recreation programs.

For more information, call Nguyen at 281-773-1712.

# Dobie, Clear Brook release 2015 schedules, eye Aug. 3 workout start

## Brook High School

### 2015 Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 7	at tri-scrimm. (Brook)	2 p.m.
Aug. 8	at Clear Falls scrimm.	9 a.m.
Aug. 11	at St. Agnes	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 13-15	at Pearland ISD tourn.	TBA
Aug. 18	at Houston Memorial	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 20	at Dickinson tourn.	TBA
Aug. 21	at Dobie	6 p.m.
Aug. 25	Dulles	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Bellaire	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Clear Creek Invitational	TBA
Sept. 4	Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Clear Creek Invitational	TBA
Sept. 8	Seven Lakes	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	*Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	*at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	*Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	*at Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*at Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	*Dickinson	noon
Oct. 13	*Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	*Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*at Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	*at Brazoswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	*at Memorial	6:30 p.m.

\* District 24-6A matches

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First time since the 2003 season.

At Clear Brook, veteran head coach Meredith Thompson will turn to key

returnees Shelby Guerra, Jaden Newsome and others to get the Lady Wolverines back near the top of things in 24-6A.

Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Clear Falls and others will no doubt issue cause for plenty of competition within the district, but Clear Brook plans to be in the mix.

As for the Lady Longhorns at Dobie, Dawn Gutierrez, formerly of

North Shore High School, will begin her first season at Dobie as head coach.

Gutierrez regularly produced playoff teams while at North Shore, and she certainly plans to get Dobie back into the post-season as soon as possible.

While the 24-6A field of competition may be the area's best, that of District 22-6A is not far behind.

Pearland is of Region III tournament quality, and

Alvin, now coached by former Clear Brook star Suzy Boulavsky Buechele will also be tough again. Dawson and Manvel are also solid programs.

It all starts Aug. 3 as preseason workouts begin. The regular season opens Aug. 11 as Dobie hosts a tri-match with North Shore and Elkins.

Clear Brook will begin the season Aug. 11 at St. Agnes.

## Dobie High School

### 2015 Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 7	at tri-scrimm. (Brook)	2 p.m.
Aug. 8	La Porte scrimm. (Dobie/LP)	8 a.m.
Aug. 11	North Shore, Elkins	4 p.m.
Aug. 14-15	at San Antonio ISD tourn.	TBA
Aug. 18	Baytown Sterling	6 p.m.
Aug. 20	at Dickinson tourn.	TBA
Aug. 21	Clear Brook	6 p.m.
Aug. 25	at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 28	Baytown Lee	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	*at Pearland	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	*Manvel	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Houston Davis	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	*Pasadena (Phillips F.H.)	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	*South Houston	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	*at Dawson	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	*Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	*at Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Memorial (Phillips F.H.)	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	*Pearland	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*at Manvel	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Pasadena	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	*at South Houston	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Dawson	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Sam Rayburn	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	*at Memorial	6:30 p.m.

\* District 22-6A matches

# Cardinals sign LSA's Salazar

As expected, Lutheran South Academy's Paul Salazar III is now a member of the St. Louis Cardinals' major league baseball organization.

Salazar, a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher helped lead the Pioneers to a Class 4A state championship in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools circuit this season.

Shortly thereafter, Salazar was selected in the 11th round, 341st overall, by St. Louis in the First Year Player Draft.

He signed in late June and is now in Jupiter, Fla., where he has joined the Cardinals' Gulf Coast League affiliate.

As with most other high school prospects who have already completed a full season of play prior to signing, Salazar's workload on the mound figures to be minimal this summer.

Instead, the Birds' focus will likely be getting Salazar acclimated to the minor league baseball setting while preparing him for spring training in 2016 ahead of the minor league season.

Regardless, Salazar is now on the road to possibly one day becoming a pitcher in major league baseball.

Salazar's accomplishments certainly speak well for his personal case, yet

also point to the success LSA has had in recent seasons, particularly under the guidance of head coach Aaron Schneider and his staff.

"I always say you can't coach 96 (miles per hour on Salazar's fastball)," Schneider said. "He is a talented player who I think did benefit from a little change in environment (Salazar attended Pearland High School until the end of his sophomore year).

"But I also like to think we did our part in helping Paul get to that next level. That's certainly something to be proud of as a program.

"We take a lot of pride in what we have accomplished here but also promote the team aspect and instill that the recognition will come when you have success and do things the right way."

Salazar's professional baseball signing may be one of those once-in-a-program things. It is for most high schools, private or public.

It may also take some time for LSA to get back to the state tournament and win another crown, then again, maybe not. Either way, LSA and Schneider will keep on doing things the Pioneer way.

"There's a lot that goes into (winning a state title)," Schneider said, noting that in addition to

Salazar, other LSA players inked collegiate baseball scholarships.

"But we also talk about taking care of what is in front of you.

"You can't go 20-0 in

one day. Instead, you have to focus on things one day at a time out there on the field.

"I think Paul believes that, and I certainly think he has a bright future."



Signed, sealed and delivered into the St. Louis Cardinals' farm system, former Lutheran South Academy star Paul Salazar III is now in Jupiter, Fla., while training.

## Thompson Intermediate Football Camp

July 27 to July 30 (M-TH) at the school

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering 2015-2016: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions: Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Defense: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enroll my child in the 2015 football camp. I understand that neither the coaches nor anyone connected with the football camp will assume any responsibility for accidents, medical, dental or other expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained during the camp. I further acknowledge that my child is physically fit to participate.

Parent / Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp to be held at Thompson Intermediate School

Cost is \$25 per student. Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m. for all participants.

Report 15 minutes early July 27. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, direct email to coach Doug Sawyer at [DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:DSawyer@pasadenaisd.org).

## Beverly Hills Intermediate Football Camp

Aug 3 to Aug. 7 (M-F) at the school

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering 2015-2016: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions: Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Defense: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enroll my child in the 2015 football camp. I understand that neither the coaches nor anyone connected with the football camp will assume any responsibility for accidents, medical, dental or other expenses incurred as a result of injuries sustained during the camp. I further acknowledge that my child is physically fit to participate.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp to be held at Beverly Hills Intermediate School

Cost is \$30 per student. Please no checks or money orders. Cash only.

Camp hours are 4:30 to 6 p.m. each day for incoming seventh-grade students; 6 to 7 p.m. for incoming eighth-grade students.

Report 15 minutes early Aug. 3. Bring tennis shoes. Cleats optional.

For more information, call coach Ben Portis at 713-299-0251.

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, JULY 9

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at [dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a list of all services.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E.

Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Al-Anon (English Speaking)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Alateen** - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

## FRIDAY, JULY 10

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**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

## SATURDAY, JULY 11

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

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 12

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at [dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net) or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

**Grief Support Group** - For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and

Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.

**Scleroderma Support Group Meeting** - Do you have scleroderma or know someone with scleroderma? This is a rare illness that is caused by overproduction of collagen. Join support group meetings the second Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Contact Jaco Davila, group leader, at 281-706-6232, or email [jdavila@scleroderma.org](mailto:jdavila@scleroderma.org).

**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

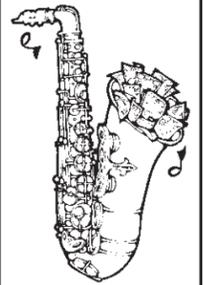
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## MONDAY, JULY 13

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

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 11:30 a.m.  
**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.  
 Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For more information, call 713-856-1611.  
 3:30 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.  
 6 p.m.  
**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.  
 6:30 p.m.  
**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For more information, call 281-538-4648.  
 6:30 p.m.  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).  
 7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.  
 7 p.m.  
**Sagemont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.  
**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15**  
 7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.  
 10:00 a.m.  
**Harris County Master Gardeners** - Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 presents a hibiscus program by Marti Graves, a member of the Lone Star Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society, editor of their newsletter *The Petaloid* and executive secretary of the national society. Location: the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.  
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 11:30 a.m.  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Golden Corral, 12500 Gulf Freeway (Fuqua and I-45). December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.  
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**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - The Southeast Houston group meets twice each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).  
**Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center** - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit [www.bayareaturningpoint.com](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.com) for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

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 6 p.m.  
**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for more information.  
 6:30 p.m.  
**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For more information, call 281-538-4648.  
 6:30 p.m.  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518). Enter door closest to recycling bins. For more information, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).  
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**Sagemont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.  
**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

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 10:00 a.m.  
**Harris County Master Gardeners** - Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 presents a hibiscus program by Marti Graves, a member of the Lone Star Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society, editor of their newsletter *The Petaloid* and executive secretary of the national society. Location: the meeting room at Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.  
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# South Belt community celebrates Fourth of July



Dozens of participants from the South Belt took to the streets in cars, trucks and floats in the annual Fourth of July Parade as hundreds more gathered to watch. This year's parade served as a tribute and salute to first responders who serve and protect the community each and every day.



J. Frank Dobie High School Cheerleaders are shown above waving to the crowd as they proceed down the route of the parade. Pictured above are, left to right, Briana Loredo, Aliza Alfaro, Sara Otwell, Bianca Espinoza and Rebecca Parades.

At right, Chuck Maricle (front) and Dean Webb are shown on board a United States Coast Guard patrol vessel throwing candy to spectators at the parade.



Members of the J. Frank Dobie High School Football team are shown representing their Dobie Pride and making their presence felt at the parade. Pictured above are, left to right, Jacoby Davis, Wendy Childs, Rafael Hayes, Jatorrian Johnson, Darius Gougis, Chandler Tisby, Cameron Francois, Andre Mireles, Jeremy Davis, Joshua Gomez, Desmond Scott, Vincent Gutierrez and Chris Gutierrez.



Friends and family members of the Houston Police Department also took part in the parade. Pictured above are, left to right, Capt. Jerome Stevens, Alex Stevens, Judge Jo Ann Delgado and Officer Richard Buitron.



Bobby Lister is shown sitting with his grandchildren, Reed Lister and Austin Lister, posing for a picture as they ride through the parade. Lister assisted his father-in-law, Neil West (see related picture on 1A), with the assembly of the convoy of the parade.

The Knights of Columbus Council, 9201, from St. Luke's Catholic Church posthumously honored Steve Buckman, a longtime knight and strong supporter of South Belt. Buckman died June 20 after nearly 10 months of hospitalization.



Cadets of J. Frank Dobie High School's JROTC which was the color guard for the event, are shown above taking to the parade route with their military discipline and prowess. Pictured above are, left to right, Everett Valdez, Karen Valdez, Steffin Myles, Bailey Rodriguez, Hunter Gilmore, Thomas Hawkins, Brian Sharpe, Lorissa Saiz, Jacob De-LaGarza, Luis Coreas and Brandon Harder.

More parade photos next week!

These photos by Kimberly Flickinger, Robert "Bruce" Summers, Davy Flickinger and Marie Flickinger

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