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St. Luke's to hold bazaar

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will hold its parish bazaar Sunday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The family event will feature live music, rides, games, a disc jockey, a garage sale, prizes, food and beverages. Off-site parking and shuttle bus available at Dobie High School, located at 10220 Blackhawk.

Test Prep classes to begin

Test Prep classes will be offered at Dobie High School beginning Tuesday, Sept. 18. Classes will meet for six weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. Strategies and materials will be provided to assist students with the PSAT, SAT and ACT.

The cost for the classes is \$20. Students may register with College Now in Portable 16 or at the College Connection table during Mega Lunch. Additional Test Prep materials will be sold during open house for those unable to attend classes. For more information, contact Jennifer Johnson or Lili Solis at 713-740-0370.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound inside frontage road lane on Beltway 8 from SH-288 to Blackhawk will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, Sept. 30.

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

Moore seeks vendors

Moore Elementary will host a "Hawk Fun Run" Friday, Oct. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Vendors will be set up in the cafeteria. Anyone interested in showing goods may contact Silvia Luna at 713-740-0656 or via email at SILuna@Pasadenaisd.org for information.

Lariaettes hold clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will host the annual Hand and Stand Clinic at the school's dance room Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. The clinic is open to students in pre-K through eighth grade. Participants may wear pajamas Tuesday night, as there will be a pajama party while they learn routines. Participants will learn hand and stand routines and may sit with Lariaettes and perform in the stands at the Dobie game Saturday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m. Registration is \$35 at the door. For questions and registration form, email BSisson@pasadenaisd.org.

Beverly Hills to meet

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will have its quarterly meeting at Beverly Hills Park, located at 10201 Kingspoint, on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

PIP set for Sept. 18

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Department of Neighborhood's Senior Community Liaison Maria Bolanos. The Department of Neighborhoods delivers a wide range of services and serves as a centralized source for citizen assistance to resolve neighborhood concerns, such as inspections/code enforcement to reduce blight and make neighborhoods cleaner and safer. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For more information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776.

Sageglen to meet Sept. 17

The Sageglen Community Association's monthly meeting will take place Monday, Sept. 17, at the Sageglen Community Building, located at 11610 Sageglen, beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 281-481-2160.

SJC event rescheduled

San Jacinto College's State of the College address, originally scheduled to take place Friday, Sept. 15, at the South Campus, has been postponed due to inclement weather. The function has been rescheduled to coincide with the groundbreaking of the new engineering facility on Friday, Oct. 5.

Dobie High School celebrates 50 years

By Reesha Brown, Pasadena ISD

Excitement is brewing at J. Frank Dobie High School, as students, staff, alumni, current and former administrators prepare for the school's 50th anniversary celebration, set to take place Thursday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

The celebration will start with a student showcase in the auditorium, followed by a ceremony and then a reception in the cafeteria. During the ceremony, attendees will have the opportunity to hear reflections from former principals, Frank Braden, who served from 1979-1986; Jerry Speer, 1986-2000; Steve Jamail, 2000-2012; and the school's current leader, Franklin Moses, who has served since 2012.

"Not only are our past principals speaking, but over 30 current Dobie programs and clubs will show off their awards, accolades and what their programs look like now in 2018," Moses said. "It is going to be great night of reminiscing and recognizing 50 years of tradition and excellence."

A history of excellence

Dobie High School was one of the final school communities to be established in the Pasadena Independent School District. After World War II, families from Pasadena moved to the south-southeast region of the Houston area (along South Belt) to find jobs in the petrochemical and aerospace industries. By 1960, a major boom on the far southeast side of Houston oc-

curred, and it became evident that the volume of residents would grow, and more schools were needed to accommodate that growth.

Several elementary schools were the first to be built in the South Belt area, and it became apparent that these students would eventually need a high school. At the time, the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees approved the Dobie High building project, which would eventually open its doors in 1968.

Dobie's old campus was formerly located on Beamer where Beverly Hills Intermediate now resides. The school opened to 984 students (freshmen, sophomores and juniors), with only 34 classrooms, two gyms and 23 industrial, vocational commercial rooms. There were also various practice halls for drama, speech, band, orchestra and choir.

Under their leadership

With former Principal Allen Sory (deceased) at the helm, a tradition of excellence for the Longhorns had begun, with Frank Braden next in line to carry the torch.

During Sory's tenure, Dobie's first graduating class of six walked through commencement in December 1969. By second semester, 226 students received their diplomas from Sory.

Tim Georg, Class of 1970 and the school's first Mr. J. Frank Dobie, remembers the school in its original form – built without any windows.

A look back at Dobie



Dobie High School is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week, with a celebration being held at the area campus on Thursday, Sept. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. The event will feature an address from Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell, as well as all four living Dobie principals. An aerial view of the high school is shown above as it looked in 1975. The photograph was taken before the beltway existed, and much of the surrounding community was still in its infancy.

Morman joins tank farm battle

The fate of the proposed construction of a new 58-tank crude oil storage facility between I-45 and Highway 3, just north of FM-2351, is still unknown, as additional community leaders are speaking out against the development.

"I strongly oppose the proposed tank farm near Ellington and have contacted the Harris County Attorney's Office to discuss our legal options moving forward," said Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman. "I will also be working closely with other elected officials

and neighborhood groups to stop this unwanted facility. I will keep you posted on my progress."

Morman's Democratic challenger Adrian Garcia has also voiced his opposition to the project.

The pair are the latest on a growing list of opponents that includes the *Leader*, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP), Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, City Council Member Dave Martin and City Council Member Dwight Boykins.

Growing community, growing school

Just as Dobie has grown and aged from its humble beginnings, so, too, has the South Belt community that it serves. Rapid population growth of the South Belt community soon resulted in overcrowding at the Beamer campus, forcing the high school to relocate.

The transition came in August 2003, as the relocation to 10220 Blackhawk Blvd. marked a new chapter in Dobie's story. Similar to its predecessor, the new Dobie campus was a pinnacle of architectural design, featuring a modern orange and white brick facade with many windows.

Although the school had the capacity to accommodate more than 3,000 students, this figure was quickly surpassed by the South Belt's continued rapid population growth. By September 2014, Dobie was named one of the top 100 largest high schools in the nation, with a student body of 3,452.

"There was a student who thought that if he could sabotage the A/C unit, then we didn't have to have school," Georg said. "Well, that didn't work. We didn't have windows, so we were hot and miserable."

Georg was a high school standout. During his time on the Dobie varsity football team, Georg played as a center and a linebacker. He was instrumental in the team winning the first varsity game against Jeff Davis High School, 10-7.

While most of his memories are tucked away at the old facility, he's glad that the school is still around.

"I hear stories about schools closing after a while, but to know that it is still here after 50 years is amazing," Georg said.

Pct. 2 looks at booster club theft

An alleged theft from the Dobie High School baseball booster club is currently under investigation by Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office.

Stories on the thefts were featured on both Channel 11 and Channel 13 news reports this week. According to Channel 13, as much as \$53,000 may have been taken from the Dobie Diamond organization.

Current booster club board members believe a former board member is responsible for the theft, which involved credit card charges, bounced checks and failure to deposit cash from fundraisers. Precinct 2 investigators said they have interviewed multiple parties associated with the case.

The suspect's name had not been released at press time, as no charges had been filed. Residents are urged to use caution when discussing on social media, as a thread on at least one Facebook group had incorrectly identified the suspect.

Officials from the Pasadena Independent School District released the following statement: "Pasadena ISD has recently become aware of some financial irregularities involving the Dobie

More than just a game

Jim Sawyer, who was captain of the football team, remembers the big bonfires that attracted community members throughout the South Belt area.

"It almost felt as big as [a Texas] A&M bonfire," Sawyer said. "Everybody brought their own wood, and my classmates would build it."

In fact, football was how 1973 classmates Jim and Gail Sawyer met. The couple met when they were freshmen during a Dobie vs. South Houston High School football game, which was the last game of the season. Little did he realize back then, he would end up marrying his high school sweetheart.

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Construction causes concern



Construction on Hughes Road near Melillo Middle School is causing concern among many South Belt residents, who see it as a safety hazard for students walking to school. Work on the future strip center began last spring but has been delayed due to permitting issues with Harris County. Owner, Salim Hussain, told the *Leader* he'd have the problem rectified by early next week, weather permitting – even if it's just a temporary solution, such as covering the area with sheets of wood.

Photo by David Flickinger

J. Frank Dobie High opened with many firsts

With no end to this growth in sight, Dobie was forced to once again expand, building a separate freshmen campus in an effort to alleviate the overcrowding. The Dobie Ninth Grade Campus opened in January 2018 at 10811 Monroe Blvd. to a class of 977 freshmen, a figure strikingly similar to Dobie's initial class of 1968.

Despite this growth, Dobie's community-oriented nature has been continually passed down through the generations. Following in the footsteps of his predecessors, Moses prides himself on maintaining a small town feel in a large and growing community and cultivating the intertwined relationship between the high school and the South Belt community.

"Dobie's been very community-oriented over the years, and a major player in the South Belt area," said Moses. "Dobie is as important to the South Belt as the South Belt is to Dobie. The strong community feel that the South Belt per-

sonifies the Dobie Pride that is felt here amongst the faculty, the staff and the students. The demographics have changed quite a bit in the last 50 years, but the feel of family has not. That puts us in a unique situation that a lot of places don't have."

In a developing society where technological advances and innovations in education are rapidly being made, Dobie faces the challenging endeavor of constantly adapting to the latest means of best serving its students.

"We try to stay ahead of the curve, but it's hard to stay ahead because it takes a while to transition when things change," said Moses. "Overall, through an educational standpoint, we've adapted really well. Our class of 1969 looks totally different from the class of 2018, but Dobie has always been a frontrunner of change. Dobie's always been willing to try something new. We've

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In My Opinion

Butler seeks help from SB community

My name is Denise Butler and I am reaching out to you regarding my son Ian Butler who is a senior that attends South Houston High. Ian is representing South Houston High School in The Blue Gray All American Bowl in Dallas, Texas on January 28th and January 29th, 2019.

He is a well-known Wide Receiver and Basketball player at South Houston High School. He is in need of raising \$3000.00 so he can attend this once in a life-time event. He attended Stuchberry Elementary School in Sagemont Community at this time, Ms. Flotten a counselor at the school noticed his talents at the age of 8 and suggested he attend The Sagemont Park District after school program to get further coaching and help develop his skills. Ian has then been on several Football and Basketball Teams in The BAFL League, AAU teams in the area, The First

Methodist Church Basketball team in Pasadena, TX, Milstead and Miller Elementary School, South Houston High School, featured in The Pasadena Citizen paper for both Football and Basketball, many highlights on several websites for Football and Basketball and has attended several combines throughout Texas.

The *South Belt Leader* has helped our family in the past during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, due to hardship. I am a single mom currently employed with UT Physicians as a Certified Medical Assistant just trying to support my son, Ian Butler both with his academics and sports career. I did not know whom else to reach out to but I know that the *South Belt Leader* is in our community so I chose to reach out to you all for support as far as getting his name out to the community and possible help get him some Financial Assistance so that he could represent his school in January 28th and 29th, 2019. Ian has proved himself to be an avid scholar as well as athlete.

Denise Butler

Moore seeks vendors for fun run

Moore Elementary will be hosting a Hawk Fun Run on Friday, Oct. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Vendors will set up in the cafeteria. If interested in showing goods, contact Silvia Luna at 713-740-0656 or via email at SilLuna@Pasadenaisd.org for information.

Quilting group selling raffle tickets

The Bellavita annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bellavita clubhouse, 1548 N. Rivera Circle, just off Scarsdale Blvd. Bellavita's sewing group "Hands of Love Stitchers" will raffle a quilt prior to the 4 p.m. closing. The winner does not have to be present to win.

The quilt design is "Electric Blue," measures 69 inches by 69 inches and was made by members Ronnie Stimson and Barbara Pasciak.

Raffle tickets will be available at the Mistletoe Market, 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Proceeds will be used to support the group's community service projects.

Free self-defense classes

The American Society of Karate is offering free self defense and martial arts classes beginning Friday, Sept. 14, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. for youths and adults (ages 13-70).

The classes are taught by experienced black belt instructors and are held at the Sagemont Recreation Center, located at 11507 Hughes Road. For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

PARC hosts guest speaker

Everyone is cordially invited to the Pearlard Area Republican Club's meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Pearlard Church of Christ annex 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearlard.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

PARC is honored to have Justice Brett Busby of the Texas 14th District Court of Appeals as the special guest speaker.

Busby was appointed to the 14th Court by Gov. Rick Perry in June 2012 and elected to a full term in November 2012. He will discuss the civil appellate process in Texas.

HCMG sets events

The Harris County Master Gardeners has announced its events for September.

The HCMG lecture series session "Fall Vegetable Gardening," presented by Christine Hammon, Harris County Master Gardener, will take place on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, located at 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. This event is free and open to the public. There will be plants for sale in the greenhouse.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Open Garden Day will be held on Monday, Sept. 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. This event is free and open to the public. There will be plants for sale in the greenhouse.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Green Thumb Series presentation "Roses: Planting, Growing and Upkeep" will take place on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information on these events and on Harris County Master Gardeners, call 713-24-0950 or visit hcmga.tamu.edu.

AARP Webster chapter sets meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes everyone to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook. The group meets in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. Everyone is invited to come to the meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Each month, there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Some meetings may also include a potluck lunch.

In the September meeting, Jamie Spratley and Nicole Tussy will speak about the latest information concerning Medicare, Medigap, Medicare Advantage and Medicare prescription drug plans. This meeting is for educational purposes only.

Both women are licensed independent health insurance brokers with many years of experience.

They have a broad and detailed knowledge of the Medicare field since they represent multiple insurance companies.

There will be time for questions and answers. The information will be presented at 10:30 a.m. after the chapter business meeting.

There will not be a potluck lunch at the September meeting.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. AARP chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP.

For more information, contact Earl Mallett at 281-484-2589 or earlmallett@sbcglobal.net.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

Thursday, Sept. 13, 3 - 5:30 p.m. Study lab

Saturday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2:30 p.m. Citizenship class

Monday, Sept. 17, 3 - 5:30 p.m. Study lab

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 3 - 5:30 p.m. Study lab

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime

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

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.

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

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Thursday, Sept. 13, 4:30 p.m. Python Programming for Beginners, ages 11 and older. The Python programming language is one of the most popular computer languages and can be used for almost anything, from games to DIY automation projects to robotics. Registration requested.

Friday, Sept. 14, 4 - 6 p.m. Anime Club Classic: "Trigun," rated TV-14, for ages 12 and older. In response to a rise in interest, meet in the library community room a session of Anime club dedicated to the classics is being added.

Monday, Sept. 17, 2 - 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday of each month to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Sept. 17, 4:30 p.m. Spanish for Beginners. Learn and practice beginning level Spanish in this new class with Max, a native speaker of the language. Registration requested.

Monday, Sept. 17, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/Feb-MTG-1.jpg>.

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m. Computer Basics: Google Drive and More Beyond basic email and search, learn about other resources available through Google, such as Drive, Docs, Calendar and more. Registration requested.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 4:30 p.m. Spanish for Beginners. Learn and practice beginning level Spanish in this new class with Max, a native speaker of the language. Registration requested.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

Tuesday, Baby storytime, 10:30 a.m. For babies 0 to 23 months, featuring stories, songs, fingerplay and a craft.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 - 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on events, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Library hours this week are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday and Monday, closed; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Martin hosts town hall meeting

Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin will host a town hall meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the Special Events building at Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Parkway. (This year, the meeting will take place in Space Center Houston's new Special Events building, as opposed to the Destiny Theater, as in previous years.)

The community is invited to attend and hear from city and community representatives about ongoing projects, issues and community news related to the Clear Lake and southeast Houston areas of District E.

This fall's town hall meeting will include a presentation from Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, who will provide an update on the post-Harvey progress of the city, as well as the ReBuild Houston and fire salary referendum elections on the Nov. 6 ballot. All registered voters within the boundaries of the city are urged to attend.

Residents will hear from Sharon Moses Burnside with the planning and development department on the proposed amendment to add Ellington Road, from Galveston Road to Interstate 45, to the city's major thoroughfare plan.

President of the Clear Lake City Water Authority, John Branch, will also be a part of the agenda to discuss the progress of Exploration Green as well as provide a post-Harvey update to the community.

Harris County Flood Control District Chief Operations Officer, Matt Zeve, will provide a post-Harris County Flood Control bond update.

Additionally, a representative from Harris County Precinct 2 will speak on the El Dorado Boulevard widening project.

William Harris with Space Center Houston will update residents on their programming and community initiatives.

Finally, Capt. Dana Hitzman with the Houston Police Department will provide an update on crime statistics within the community.

There will be information tables available for those that arrive early, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Those tables will be hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation with information on the Highway 3 and Gulf Freeway projects, the City of Houston's Department of Neighborhoods and Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library.

For more information, contact Martin's office by phone at 832-393-3008 or via email at districte@houstontx.gov.

Death

Sondra Cummings Ray



Sondra Cummings Ray, 61, died Sept. 8, 2018, surrounded by family and friends.

Known by many as Sandy, she is survived by her son Matthew Ray and wife Melissa Ray and daughter Jennifer Songster and husband Josh Songster; and grandchildren Bailey, Evan and Makinzie Ray and Meredith, Melody and Daniel Songster. She also leaves behind her siblings Pam Bradshaw, Scott Cummings and wife Shelli, Mark Cummings and David Cummings; many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins; and many close friends. She is preceded in death by her husband James Ray; her mother Patsy Cummings and her father Luke Cummings.

Sandy grew up in South Houston and moved to the

South Belt area with her husband and children in 1991. She worked in the freight forwarding industry for more than 30 years before retiring in 2016. She volunteered often with the Dobie FFA while her children were Dobie students. Although she was called Sandy or Mama Ray, she preferred being called Memaw by her grandchildren. She will be missed by many who knew her.

A memorial will be held on Friday, Sept. 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 1928 Drexel Drive in Katy. Flowers may be sent to Integrity Funeral Care, located at 3915 Dacoma St., Suite E, in Houston.

Grandparents dine at Meador



Meador Elementary welcomed their Mustang grandparents to have lunch with their grandchild on Monday, Sept. 10. With more than 180 grandparents attending, the cafeteria was filled with extra hugs and smiles for this annual Grandparent's Day celebration. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Eric Copeland Jr., second-grader; (back row) Jaceon Copeland, kindergartener; Donna Copeland, grandmother; and Cedric Copeland, grandfather.



Meador students had the opportunity to take photos with their grandparents in a life-sized photo frame. Shown above with their grandmother Delia Melchor (center) are Jillian Mikulski (left), fourth-grader; and Julianna Mikulski, third-grader. Shown below are, left to right, Gilbert Hedge, grandfather; Chere Hedge, grandmother; and Cayden Hedge, fourth-grader.



Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

Several members of different community Facebook groups have shared a news story about money having been allegedly stolen from the Dobie High School baseball booster club. See Page 1A for related story.

A member of the *Southbelt This & That* posted that her niece was at the Family Dollar parking lot on Fuqua on Sept. 9. As the niece was getting in her vehicle, she saw a man speed walk toward her car. The niece stated she locked and closed her door, and the man came up to her window trying to talk to her. According to the niece, the man stated he needed help, but she told him

she was sorry, she couldn't and that he needed to get away. The niece did notice the man had a cellphone in his hand. As the niece started to pull away, the man continued to try and stop her from driving off. After she had exited the parking lot and was across the street, the niece saw the man and a woman get into a dark gray, four-door car with tinted windows. The niece noticed the suspects were headed toward Kroger on Sabo and the Beltway.

A member of several community Facebook groups has spotted a blue parakeet in their backyard. The member was trying to find if anyone had posted information about a missing blue parakeet or

added a post looking for its owner on any of the community Facebook pages.

There was a video posted on the *people of sagemont 2* Facebook group of three pit bulls that have been roaming the neighborhood. The video, which was taken on Sagewilow between Hall Road and Kirkfair Drive, shows the Facebook group member's son taking out the trash and being startled by the dogs. The member stated that they had to give a ride to a child who was waiting at a bus stop and was being pestered by the same dogs. The member wants the owner of the dogs to be aware that their dogs are running around the neighborhood.

CCISD budget approval comes with pay raise, additional security

The 2018-2019 approved Clear Creek Independent School District Budget includes funding a 2 percent cost-of-living raise for staff, additional teaching units to accommodate enrollment growth and 30 additional student safety-related positions. During the Monday, Aug. 27 General School Board Meeting, trustees unanimously approved a \$346,576,577 General Fund Budget.

"We appreciate the support of the school board, the residents of the district and business community, all who work cooperatively to ensure the best education for its students and the prudent development of the district," said

Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools.

The state's share of funding the education in the Clear Creek Independent School District continues to decline with today, 70.5 percent of the district's revenues coming from local taxes and 27.9 percent from the state and 1.7 percent from federal sources.

The \$346.6 million budget will not lead to an increase in the total tax rate but will require the board authorization to swap tax rate pennies from the Interest and Sinking Tax Rate to the Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate in order to minimize a budget deficit. This tax rate swap of two pennies is permissible without an elec-

tion because the Clear Creek Independent School District is located in an area where the governor has requested federal disaster assistance, and sustained damage to school buildings following Hurricane Harvey. To date, Clear Creek ISD has not received FEMA reimbursement for storm damages. The tax swap allows CCISD to maintain normal district operations in the wake of a natural disaster.

On Monday, Sept. 24, the school board will consider adopting the proposed tax rate of \$1.06 per \$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate and \$0.34 per \$100 valuation, which is the same total tax rate as the prior year.

PISD releases fine arts calendar

The Pasadena Independent School District has announced upcoming dates for its fine arts calendar.

The events are listed by name, date, time and location for the South Belt area schools:

Dobie High School theater, "Twelfth Night" play performance, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. and Sept. 21, 2 p.m.

Pasadena Rodeo Night, Dobie High School drumline and choir performance, Sept. 24, 6 p.m., at the Pasadena Rodeo Fairgrounds.

Dobie High School Orchestra Masquerade Sere-nade fall concert, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Dobie Main campus auditorium.

Dobie High School orchestra, Chamber Honor Orchestra Recording concert, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Dobie9 auditorium.

High school and intermediate orchestra region string auditions, Oct. 13, Pasadena Memorial High School.

Moore Elementary, third-grade Patriotic Program, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m., Moore cafeteria.

Melillo Middle School choir, Fall Beginner concert, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m., Melillo.

Intermediate choir Region Auditions for boys, Oct. 19, Fairmont Junior High.

Region XIX UIL Marching contest, Oct. 20, Channelview High School.

Intermediate choir Region Auditions for girls, Oct. 20, Fairmont Junior High.

Fred Roberts Middle School orchestra Fall concert, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m., Roberts cafeteria.

Beverly Hills Intermediate orchestra Fall concert, Oct.

25, 6 p.m., at BHI - Ledford Hall.

Jessup Elementary, second-grade Rock Around the '50s program, Oct. 26, 9:05 a.m. and 10:10 a.m., Jessup gym.

Dobie High School theater, Haunted House, Nightmares, Oct. 26 and 27, 7 p.m., Dobie theater warehouse.

High school orchestra State taping, Oct. 7, Dobie High School.

High school Region choir auditions, Oct. 29, 3 to 10 p.m., Goose Creek Memorial High School.

Laura W. Bush Elementary Honor Choir, fall concert, Oct. 30, 6 p.m., Laura Bush cafeteria.

Beverly Hills Intermediate band fall concert, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. BHI auditorium, Ledford Hall.

Red Cross urges everyone to prepare for disasters

September is National Preparedness Month, the perfect time to get a household ready for an emergency. The American Red Cross of the Texas Gulf Coast urges everyone to make sure they are prepared for a disaster and not wait until an emergency occurs.

"A disaster can strike at any time without warning," said Henry Van de Putte, regional chief executive for the American Red Cross, Texas Gulf Coast. "Having a preparedness kit in place, and knowing what to do in an emergency can make all the difference."

Be ready to evacuate

Whether the emergency is a home fire or something bigger like a hurricane, the situation may force one to leave home. There are ten steps that can be taken now to be prepared if an emergency makes it unsafe to remain at home:

1. Follow the instructions of officials and evacuate if told to do so.
2. Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
3. Remember it's possible to have to get out on foot depending on the type of disaster. If one does not have a car, or can't use a vehicle, plan on how to leave the area.
4. If one does have a car, keep the gas tank full in the event an evacuation order is issued. Do not let the level of

gas fall below half full in case gas stations are unable to pump gas.

5. Decide on a destination, such as a motel, the home of a friend or relative a safe distance away, or an evacuation shelter. Also, plan the route one would take to get there. Download the free Red Cross Emergency App to find shelter information and weather and emergency alerts for more than 35 different situations.
6. If one has time, let someone out of the region know of the evacuation plans. Also leave a note saying when one left and where one plans to go.
7. Wear sturdy shoes and clothing that provides some protection.
8. Be alert for road hazards such as downed trees, flooding, etc. Do not drive on a flooded road.
9. Practice evacuating one's home twice a year. Grab an emergency kit and drive one's planned evacuation route. Include an alternate route in a different direction in case one is impassable. Make sure one has locations and maps saved on devices such as cell phones and GPS units and on paper.
10. Don't forget pets. If it's not safe for one to stay home, it's not safe for pets either. Prepare a phone list of pet-friendly motels and animal shelters located along the evacuation

route. Keep in mind only service animals are usually allowed in shelters.

Three easy steps

Getting prepared is easier than it sounds. There are three basic steps:

- Get a kit. Pack the following items in an easy-to-carry container - a gallon of water per person, per day; non-perishable food; flashlight and hand-crank or battery-powered radio; extra batteries; sanitation and personal hygiene items; copies of important papers; extra cash and any medical or baby supplies family members may need.
- Make a plan. Have all members of one's household help devise an emergency plan. Consider what emergencies could happen where one lives; what to do if one is separated and how will one let loved ones know one is safe.
- It is important to be informed. Learn what disasters are common to one's area. Find out how local authorities will let one know an emergency is happening. Make sure at least one household member is trained in first aid and CPR in case help is delayed during a disaster. One can also download the Red Cross First Aid App at redcross.org/apps to have instant access on how to handle common first aid emergencies.

SJC sets calendar of events

San Jacinto College has released its upcoming calendar of events.

Baseball conference tournament

The San Jacinto College baseball team will host its fall conference tournament on Friday, Sept. 14, and Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at the North campus baseball field. The baseball conference is free and open to the public.

Softball tryouts

The San Jacinto College softball team will host try-

outs at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the South campus softball field. For more information, contact kelly.saenz@sjcd.edu.

University of Houston transfer advisor visit

A transfer advisor from the University of Houston will be at the North campus on Monday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby of building N6. For more information, contact Carolyn Shoemaker at 281-998-6150 ext. 2317.

STEM scholarship information session

A STEM scholarship information session will be held on Monday Sept. 17, from 3 to 4 p.m., at the South campus in building S1, in room S1.117. For more information, visit sjcd.academicevents.com.

Fall installment payment plan due date

Students utilizing an Installment Payment Plan have a payment due date on Monday, Sept. 17, by 7 p.m. For more information, contact the campus business office at 281-998-6150.

Dobie High, built in 1968, a school of many firsts

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always been the guinea pig, whether it be the Connect Program, East Campus or the Ninth Grade Campus. We have people who are always willing to try something different to try to stay up with the times. It goes back to trying to prepare kids for post-secondary education, and if we continue to stay with the old traditional ways, they will struggle at the next level.”

The demographics of the South Belt community is another area that has seen significant change throughout Dobie’s history, as the community continues to attract new residents. Demographic studies forecast more than 5,700 homes to be built in the district over the next seven to 10 years, with a large portion of the growth occurring in Dobie’s attendance zone.

“The economic development of the area has been tremendous,” said Moses. “50 years ago, the Beltway wasn’t here and the main roads are now the small streets. The Houston population has changed so much.”

In light of these shifting demographics, Dobie has remained true to its core values of providing a nurturing environment for growth for each and every one of its students.

“It goes back to the caring and compassion,” said Moses. “When you have that community-oriented trait, ethnicity and socioeconomic status really don’t matter. It doesn’t play into the caring and the compassion. We want our students to know that we’re here for them, that we love them, and that we’re trying to work together to make this the best experience that we can give them. There are more and more students coming in from lower-income families. That doesn’t affect at all how much I care about them or how much I love them. It’s not about the color of their skin or the amount of money in their parents’ bank account.”

While it may not be possible for Dobie’s faculty to ensure that every single student leaves the high school with a positive experience, Moses is certain that a vast majority of his students leave Dobie with warm memories of their high school years. This is evident by the more than 60 faculty members that were once Dobie students themselves, all of

whom returned with the goal of continuing Dobie’s tradition of caring and compassion.

Looking to the past with anticipation of the future

In spite of all the changes, some aspects of the school have remained seemingly unchanged, including its values and its symbols. While they have come to be recognized as symbols of the quality post-secondary education of the University of Texas throughout the state, the Texas Longhorn and the burnt orange are also distinct community symbols for many in the South Belt.

These elements of the high school have remained seemingly unchanged, and will likely continue to withstand the test of time.

“Long after I’m gone and there are five other principals behind me, those symbols will remain here,” said Moses. “The Longhorn symbol in this community means something special to the people that are here. It means that this is the flagship and the cornerstone of all the education that takes place on this side of the Beltway. That’s what has kept the pride and the mystique of Dobie. It doesn’t matter how much the demographics change, that will always remain the same.”

Something else that has remained unchanged is the high school’s commitment to providing a high quality education by upholding rigid standards and hiring the best educators. These educators are tasked with educating students beyond the requirements of any state-mandated curriculum and prepare them for life beyond high school.

“It’s all about the faculty and staff here,” said Moses. “I’m lucky enough to have the title of principal on my business cards, but ultimately, it’s the teachers that work hard every single day to care for our kids and to love them. It’s up to our teachers to teach them not just lessons about algebra, but also lessons about life. The fact that we have teachers who care about our kids well beyond the curriculum is what makes Dobie a special place, and it will continue to make Dobie a special place going forward.”

Dobie’s history, as well as much of the South Belt’s, has been carefully and painstakingly documented and archived by former South Belt resident, Tori Mask.

A trained historian, Mask has earned master’s degrees in history and English and enjoys digging through dusty archives and dark corners for stories of the past.

Mask’s initial inclination to look for memories of her childhood has led her to publish much of the South Belt’s early history on her blog at southbelthouston.blogspot.com. The blog, started by Mask in October of 2013, has since garnered thousands of hits from former South Belt residents looking to relive a part of their childhood.

Although Mask no longer lives in the South Belt area, she continues to make annual trips to collect and publish more information from newspaper archives.

“If you’ve ever discovered a long lost memory, you know that rush of brain chemicals, the giddiness of remembering and sharing that memory with those who share your childhood in some way,” said Mask.

“It’s a kind of joy that isn’t found anywhere else. We don’t have enough of that joy in the world, so if I can bring a little bit more, I will.”

Mask echoes Moses’ sentiments regarding Dobie’s importance to the South Belt community.

“Dobie is a cornerstone to the South Belt community,” said Mask. “It was the one spot that, if you were a kid growing up here, every one of us shared.”

At Mask’s suggestion, district administrators decided to host an open house event of both the old and new Dobie campuses to mark the milestone. The administration welcomed all Dobie alumni to tour their old stomping grounds and relive some of their childhood memories. During the tour, a film prepared by Mask was presented in the auditorium of the old Dobie.

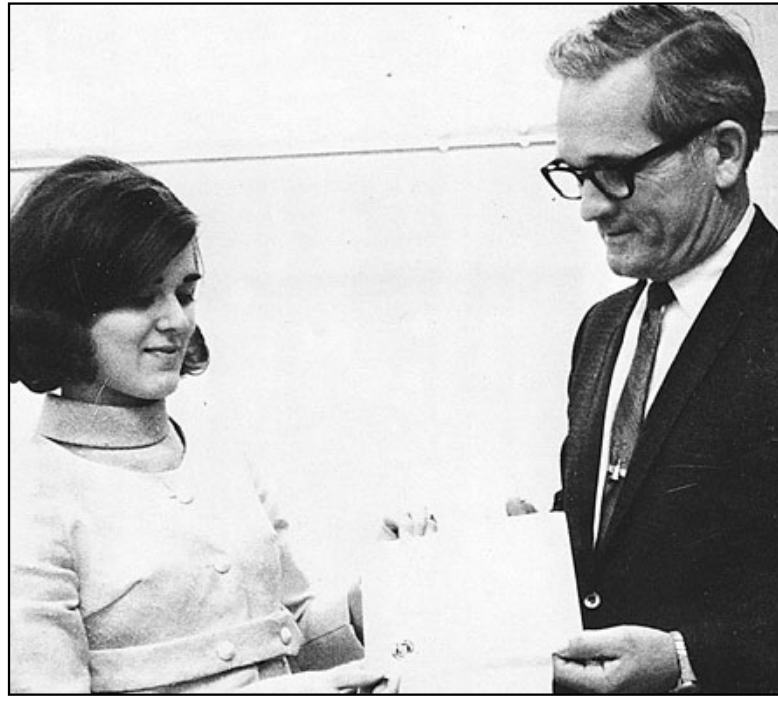
“In terms of history, 50 years is just a little blip,” said

Mask. “But then, so is a lifetime. This one is ours. We should celebrate it when we can.”

Even as it has reached this monumental milestone, the future looks brighter than ever for the local high school. Moses has no doubt that it will continue to be at the center of the South Belt community for decades to come.

“Dobie has been a special place to the South Belt community for 50 years, and Dobie will continue to be a special place to the South Belt for 50 more years,” said Moses.

“It’s an honor and a privilege to get to be the principal of a school that is this special and is held in this high of regard. We have a small town feel in one of the largest schools in the state of Texas. It’s about the kids, and the reason that we continue to do so well is because of the caring and compassion of the teachers,” Moses said.



Sory visits Brannen

Dobie’s first principal, the late Allen M. Sory (right), is shown visiting with Ann Brannen, one of the high school’s first instructors. A teacher of 19 years, Brannen taught English and journalism and was in charge of publishing the *Chaparral*, the school’s newspaper. Brannen now works as a State Farm Insurance agent. Brannen’s daughter, Amber Brannen Allan is now a teacher at Dobie9.

5 principals lead Dobie first 50 years

By Jay Do
Celebrating J. Frank Dobie High School’s quinquagenary warrants a look back at past principals of the South Belt’s flagship high school.

Throughout the school’s 50-year history, only five individuals have held the title of principal. This has allowed the values and traditions of the school to be consistently maintained, from its opening in September 1969 through the present day.

“All but one transition has been from an assistant principal up to principal, so a lot of those values and a lot of the pride that was instilled in the very beginning has been able to carry over to each new principal,” said current principal Franklin Moses. “The pride, the tradition, that strong bond to the community has been able to transfer over each time with a new principal. That’s a huge piece of why Dobie is still that special place, why it still holds that strong bond to the community.”

Allen Sory, 1968-1976
The school opened under the leadership of principal Allen Sory.

A lifetime native of the area, Sory received his bachelor’s degree at Baylor Uni-

versity and his master’s at the University of Houston. A veteran of Pasadena Independent School District, Sory began his decorated career in education in Waco, teaching for three years, before transferring to Pasadena. Prior to his time at Dobie, Sory taught science at South Houston High School from its opening in 1957 until 1963. He also headed the science department at Pasadena High School and served as assistant principal at Sam Rayburn High School.

It was Sory who established the local high school’s name, colors and mascot. Dedicated to the Texan author, James Frank Dobie, the school came to adopt the burnt orange theme of the University of Texas at Austin as its own, paying homage to the university where Dobie once taught. The school also adopted the Texas Longhorn as its mascot, in honor of Dobie’s instrumental contributions toward the saving of the breed of cattle from extinction.

As the high school’s first principal, Sory devoted himself tirelessly to preparing his students to be “honorable men, good citizens and young people prepared to face the

challenges of the future with interest and anticipation” from the school’s opening in 1968 through his retirement in 1979.

While many shied away from the daunting task of opening a new high school, Sory was eager to face the challenge head on. Dobie’s first faculty was recruited on a volunteer basis and those who wished to remain at South Houston High School were welcome to do so.

“Most of the people came on their own free will,” said Sory. “Hardly anybody was on the first team or in the first band who came here, but we took these students and built our teams. It gave those students a opportunity to show what they really had.”

Although Sory died in March 2018, his contributions to the high school remain evident through Dobie’s continued traditions of success and excellence, and his legacy continues to live on through the lives of former students and staff members that he impacted throughout his career.

“Mr. Sory was a fine man with a strong interest in academic achievement,” said Richard Golenko, former Dobie Latin teacher, Academic

Decathlon coach. Golenko was also a close friend and colleague of Sory’s.

“He was the perfect principal to open a new school,” said Golenko. “Although I don’t recall him using the term ‘Dobie Pride,’ his leadership exemplified it. He certainly had a lasting impact on this retired educator.”

This sentiment is shared by Dobie’s current principal, Franklin Moses, who views Sory’s contributions to the school to be immeasurable.

“Being the founding principal, your thumbprint gets etched everywhere into the campus,” said Moses. “The culture that Mr. Sory left here has never left. Mr. Sory was a kind, very generous and caring person. He cared about his students. That’s carried on in the principals that have followed him. The faculty needs to feel supported and allowed to be teachers. The student body feels that we have their best interests and give them every opportunity and every experience they could possibly have, within reason. All of that started with Mr. Sory.” Sory retired in 1979, after 11 years of service to Dobie, to work with

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Dobie Hall of Honor recognizes outstanding alumni

Since its establishment in 2013, J. Frank Dobie High School’s Hall of Honor Award has grown to become one of the most prestigious honors to be awarded by an area high school. Reserved for only a handful of inductees each year, the award is presented to individuals who have distinguished themselves since graduating from Dobie. Community volunteers, fallen heroes and faculty and staff members are recognized for their exceptionally meritorious service to the campus and the community. Recipients must merit recognition that is clearly exceptional, reflect positively upon Dobie and align well with the values instilled by the high school and the South Belt community.

Prominently located in the middle of the high school’s largest hallway, Dobie’s Hall of Honor continues to serve as a permanent display of some of the finest individuals to grace its halls. Principal Franklin Moses hopes that this will serve as an inspiration to Dobie’s current students to pursue their own dreams and aspirations.

“We felt that it was important to honor those graduates who have moved on from Dobie to make huge impacts,” said Moses. “We did this not just to honor them, but to show our current Dobie students that anything and everything is possible after Dobie.” Since 2013, only the following 43 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Honor, each after being nominated and carefully selected by a committee.

2013 Inductees

Walter McRae

Fallen Hero, Class of 1972

A 23-year Army veteran who rose to the rank of first sergeant in Special Forces, Walter McRae passed away in June 2011 from health issues stemming from his service to the country during Operation Desert Storm. Known as Walt, he left the military with numerous decorations, including the Bronze Star, earned for extraordinary heroism in ground combat during the liberation of Kuwait. He later opened a truck accessories business in Temple and relished his time spent underwater. An expert avid diver and scuba instructor, he logged more than 1,000 hours of diving all over the world. McRae closed his business and retired in 2010.

Christopher Williams

Fallen Hero, Class of 1984

A West Point graduate and Army captain, Christopher Williams was killed on July 18, 1995, when a 500-pound bomb was accidentally dropped on an observation post where he was monitoring troop exercises at Fort Sill, Okla. His death deeply saddened the South Belt community, where Williams had grown up. He attended Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate before enrolling at Dobie. Voted the prestigious honor of Mr. J. Frank Dobie his senior year, he was accepted to West Point, where he was affectionately known as Willy. At graduation, Williams was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the field artillery branch. He served in combat during Operation Desert Storm and then as a platoon leader at Fort Sill. He assumed command of A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery in July 1994, a year before his death. In his honor, the Christopher E. Williams Memorial Leadership Scholarship is awarded each year to a Dobie senior who demonstrates high achievement and a personal concern for others.

Richard Golenko

Faculty member

The guiding force behind Dobie’s two national championships in Academic Decathlon, Richard Golenko retired in 2007 after a 35-year career as a Dobie High school teacher.

He arrived at the school in 1972, just four years after it opened, and taught Latin, sociology, world geography and various American history courses. His Latin teams piled up 18 state championships over the years. His coaching efforts in academic decathlon struck gold in 1992 and again in 1996 when his teams won national titles. Four times his teams won state championships. He was named Dobie’s teacher of the year twice and in 2006 was honored as the Pasadena ISD teacher of the year. Even in retirement, Golenko reeled in a prestigious national honor as last year he was named recipient of the Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award by the Kennedy Center in Washington.

Gilbert Aguilar

community volunteer

To hundreds of Dobie stu-

dents and South Belt residents, Gilbert Aguilar stands as a rainbow of hope and a fountain of generosity. For 20 years, he has reached out to assist struggling students and helped improve the socialization skills of Spanish-speaking residents. A retired Coast Guard lieutenant commander with 28 years of service, Aguilar refused to let a service-related disability slow him down. He earned a degree from the University of Houston and then followed the lead of his wife, Helen, a school volunteer. Since 1994, he has been an almost daily fixture at Dobie. He has assisted ESL and special education programs, provided tutoring and counseled at-risk students. He established English-improvement classes for Dobie staff workers. When parents of immigrant students sought similar help, Aguilar arranged classes at a local library. A former Pasadena ISD’s Distinguished Citizen, he was named recipient of the Texas Heroes for Children Award in 2001.

Rev. Emory Gadd

Community volunteer

The associate pastor of Sagemont Church, the Rev. Gadd has been an integral part of campus life at Dobie for the past 40 years. Tirelessly and graciously, he has answered the call in a multitude of roles including motivational speaker, mentor, event organizer and football statistician. He addressed tasks both complex and basic, including that of a caring friend during a time of need. He has served on the governing boards of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation, and has been honored as citizen of the year by both groups. He was instrumental in successful campaigns to pass school bond issues and remains a supporter of initiatives and activities at San Jacinto College. His two alma maters – South Houston High School and Houston Baptist University – have recognized him as a distinguished alumnus. He has also served on the Pasadena ISD Health Advisory Council and on the Dobie Campus Improvement Team.

Edmund Walker

Class of 1974

Now a brigadier general and a 35-year Air Force vet-

eran, Edmund Walker serves as the chief of operations for the NATO’s Combined Joint Staff in Kabul, Afghanistan. Walker is tasked with coordinating operations to fight insurgent forces and provide assistance to Afghan security forces. After graduating from Texas A&M in 1978, he served as a pilot and flight instructor for the A-10 and other aircraft. His first command assignment came in 2001 when he took charge of the 47th Fighter Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. Promoted to brigadier general in 2010, he received his first joint assignment, taking charge of the Allied Force Command’s coordination center in Madrid, Spain. He was named to his current assignment in Afghanistan in January of 2012.

Dr. Mary Campbell

Class of 1976

The legacy of Dobie graduates giving back to the South Belt community may be best exemplified by Mary Campbell, now Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox, one of the best-known family physicians in the area. Through her work at Campbell Family Practice and Internal Medicine Association, she has provided primary and surgical care to hundreds of South Belt families. A graduate of the University of Houston and the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, she returned to the South Belt community in 1990 to start her own practice. In 1998, she was named physician of the year in the Memorial Hospital System. In 2003, she was named chief of staff of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. She is a past recipient of San Jacinto College South’s Trailblazer Award for Women’s History. She was honored as Pasadena ISD’s Distinguished Alumnus for 2006.

Chris Connealy

Class of 1977

A veteran firefighter who rose to the rank of fire chief for the City of Houston, Chris Connealy has served as Texas fire marshal since June of 2012. Connealy joined the Houston Fire Department shortly after earning his associate degree from San Jacinto College in 1978. He was appointed assistant fire chief in 1998, interim chief in 2000 and fire chief the following year. With a mayoral change at city hall and several municipal funding problems still

unresolved, he resigned in 2004. Soon after, he accepted the position of fire chief in Cedar Park, Texas. He held that position for eight years before his appointment as state fire marshal. A graduate of Western Illinois, Connealy earned his master’s degree in fire administration from Grand Canyon University and completed a program offered by Harvard in public administration. He served three years as chairman of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. He also serves as an adjunct instructor.

Dr. Dina Jackson

Class of 1981

Dina Jackson-Giesler, is regarded as one of the nation’s leading authorities on cosmetic dentistry. She earned the designation of “Master Dentist” by the Academy of General Dentistry, placing her in the top 1 percent of dentists across the nation. A former colonel of the Dobie drill team, she graduated from the University of Texas Dental School and did hospital residency work at the Oklahoma Medical Center. She opened her own practice in Texas before relocating to Atlanta. Dr. Jackson-Giesler serves on the board of the Georgia Academy of General Dentistry and is a past board member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. In 2007, she was named recipient of the academy’s first Humanitarian Award. She is the founder of the Atlanta Smiles Foundation, which provides free dental services to victims of domestic abuse.

Dr. Mark Chassay

Class of 1984

Dr. Mark Chassay’s relationship with Longhorns has never wavered. The president of his senior class at Dobie and a co-valetorian, he enrolled at the University of Texas, graduated from the UT Medical School and for the past 17 years has provided physician services for UT athletics. In 1996, he was named team physician for women’s athletics at the school. Nine years later, he was promoted to head team physician for all intercollegiate athletics. Just last year, he was appointed deputy executive commissioner at Texas Health and Human Services for the Office of Health Policy and Clinical Services. He maintains his association

with UT athletics as assistant team physician. Ten years ago, Chassay co-founded Texas Sports and Family Medicine. A volunteer for the U.S. Olympic Committee, he has served as a medical officer for numerous athletic endeavors, including the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Bobby Burton

Class of 1987

Recognized as one of the foremost authorities on college football recruiting over the past two decades, Bobby Burton parlayed his interest on the topic into one of the most influential information services in sports. In 2001, he spearheaded a group that acquired Rivals.com, then a struggling recruiting service. Burton helped transform the company into a multi-million-dollar enterprise with more than 150,000 subscribers, two million monthly on-line viewers and more than 250 employees. In 2007, Burton and his partners sold Rivals.com to Yahoo! Sports for a reported \$98 million. Years before launching Rivals.com, Burton established the National Recruiting Advisor, serving as a one-man staff. In 2000, the publication’s success earned him the mantle of the 88th most powerful person in sports by The Sporting News. A regular guest on TV and sports talk shows, Burton also serves as a consultant for Parade magazine’s high school All-America selections.

Ken Howerly

Class of 1994

The valetictorian of his Dobie graduating class, Ken Howerly armed himself with a degree in economics from Stanford before making investment history as one of the most acclaimed venture capitalists in the country. Barely a year out of Stanford, Howerly helped launch PayPal, the global e-commerce company, now a subsidiary of eBay. He served as PayPal’s first chief financial officer, departing in 2002 to help launch Founders Fund, a \$275 million venture capital firm with over 100 company startups. Founders Fund projects have included such well-known names as Facebook, SolarCity, SpaceX and ZocDoc. Howerly assisted his PayPal co-founder, Peter Thiel, with an investment plan that made Thiel the first outside investor in Facebook. Thiel eventually sold his

Facebook holdings for \$1 billion. Howerly’s investment acumen has made him the subject of stories in the Wall Street Journal, Forbes and Fortune. Picked as the keynote speaker for the Harvard Business School’s recent entrepreneurship conference, Howerly has also been honored as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and as one of the top 10 venture capitalists under 36 by the Venture Capital Journal. He is a founding advisor to Kiva.org, which uses web resources to raise money in the fight against poverty. He also sits on the board of directors of The Explorers Club, a nonprofit group that promotes scientific exploration.

Christa Williams

Class of 1996

Quickly rising to the ranks of one of the nation’s top softball pitchers, Christa Williams won two Olympic gold medals before the age of 23. Just after her graduation from Dobie, she became the youngest player named to the USA softball team for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Still, she pitched in two games, struck out 15 batters and won both contests. In the 2000 Sydney games, she pitched in four games, winning two and saving two others. Her Olympic statistics were sterling: 24 2/3 innings with 38 strikeouts, four victories, two saves and no losses. Now the head softball coach at Manvel High School, Williams is best remembered in the South Belt area for helping lead Dobie to state titles her freshman and junior years. She was named a college All-American three times, once at UCLA and twice at the University of Texas. She owns nearly a dozen gold medals for contributions to various world championship teams. In 2007, she was named to UT’s Women’s Hall of Honor.

2014 Inductees

Jerry Stowe

Fallen Hero, Class of 1971

Houston Police Department officer Jerry Keith Stowe succumbed on Sept. 20, 2000 to catastrophic injuries that he received in a 1986 mob attack on five officers during a domestic disturbance call just west of downtown Houston. Stowe reported that he had been kicked and beaten about his

abdomen and other areas of his entire body a number of times, as were evidenced by immense bruising. A young 33-year-old officer at the time, Stowe shrugged off his injuries as part of the job. Medical complications multiplied as time passed, causing removal of his spleen, pulmonary embolisms and complete destruction of the vena cava artery. Stowe was eventually granted a catastrophic disability pension in 1990, and for the next 10 years, relished his time with his love of family and of horses until his death at the age of 47. Four attackers involved in Stowe’s death served jail time, with the longest sentence being two years.

Danny Frye

Fallen Hero, Class of 1978

Lawrence Daniel Frye, a damage controlman third class in the United States Coast Guard, died honorably, along with 22 of his shipmates in a 1980 maritime accident in Tampa Bay, Fla. Eager to go to sea, Frye joined the Coast Guard in 1978, and after two land assignments, was assigned to the USCGC Blackthorn. Just 12 days after Frye joined the Blackthorn, it collided with an oil tanker on the evening of Jan. 28, 1980. In the collision, the oil tanker’s anchor became embedded in the Blackthorn’s port bow. As the ships separated, the anchor line became taut, and the pull caused the Blackthorn to capsize and sink. 27 of the 50 Blackthorn crew members were rescued. Frye’s body was recovered during salvage operations three weeks later. His death occurred one week after his 21st birthday. He is buried in the Houston National Cemetery.

Robert Bebee,

Fallen Hero, Class of 1990

A 1990 Dobie graduate, Robert Ryan Bebee worked for Harris County Precinct 2 as a Deputy Constable before joining the Houston Fire Department in 2001. He honorably served HFD for 11 years, while also serving for six years at the Jersey Village Fire Department. Bebee passed away on May 31, 2013, while battling a 5-alarm fire at a motel on the Southwest Freeway. A total of 14 firefighters were injured and three others lost their lives in this tragedy that has since been labeled, “The Deadliest Day in HFD His-

tory.” During his spare time, Bebee volunteered to teach fire safety to children, as well as work the Fill-the-Boot Campaign to fight muscular dystrophy. He was frequently seen bringing a warm meal to the homeless or caring for stray animals. Bebee did not just make a difference in his line of duty; he did so in everything and everywhere he went.

Scott Talton

Faculty member

The head coach of Dobie’s basketball program from 1981 to 2008, Scott Talton ranks as one of the most consistently successful coach in any sport in the history of Pasadena ISD athletics. His 27 Longhorn teams won four district championships, six district titles, four area titles and earned two regional tournament berths. His 1995 team reached the regional title game, falling just one victory short of a spot in the state tournament. In 2003, he approached Pasadena businessman Ben Meador about starting a local basketball tournament. From that meeting sprang the McDonald’s Texas Invitational, now considered the premier fall high school tournament in the country. The Texas Invitational’s MVP trophy is named in his honor, as is the basketball court in the Dobie gym. Talton died in 2009 at the age of 59.

Ron Williams

Community volunteer

Class of 1971

A 1971 Dobie graduate, Ron Williams was the first employee of Central Ace Hardware, a staple of the South Belt business community and a long-standing partner in numerous Dobie activities and projects. He now serves as CEO of the family-owned and family-operated company which his parents founded more than four decades ago. Williams served as student body president and was named a Dobie Trailblazer his senior year while participating in the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and Jets. He and his future wife, Patsy Daniel, were class favorites their senior year. Williams earned his bachelor of science degree in math from the University of Houston. Central Ace Hardware has been a pillar of support for some

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nonprofit programs in government affairs and education.

Sory's love for his job is resoundingly felt through one of his final statements as principal:

"Retiring, for me, is like moving away after you've lived somewhere all your life," said Sory. "It leaves you with a very sad and empty feeling. I'll miss this school terribly. There will probably be some days when I'll go crazy. This job is so much a part of my life, that it is almost impossible to imagine myself without it."

Frank Braden, 1976 – 1986
The first change of principals came in February of 1979, as Frank Braden was tasked with following in the footsteps of his predecessor.

Originally from Bandera, Texas, Braden graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1959, followed by his master's degree in education from the University of Houston in 1963. Braden joined Pasadena Independent School District as a teacher at what was then San Jacinto Junior High School, teaching Texas history. He went on to open Thompson Intermediate as its principal in 1972, before leaving to serve as the district's director of transportation in 1975.

Although Braden was hesitant to leave Thompson, the promotion to director of transportation was one that he could not pass up at the time. His desire to work with students, however, never faded and he longed for the opportunity to work as a high school principal.

"I stayed there four years, begging my superiors to give me a chance to go to a high school," said Braden.

Braden's opportunity presented itself in 1979, as Sory announced his retirement.

"Once Mr. Sory retired, word started drifting down that I probably had a pretty good chance of getting that job," said Braden. "Myself and my family were thrilled to death that I could be principal at Dobie High School."

Braden's administration was a period marked by rapid growth and development for the high school. Among the developments include the founding of the academic decathlon team and the establishment of girls' softball and both boys' and girls' soccer programs.

Braden also saw Dobie attain a significant number of distinctions, ranging from winning the Battle of the Bands to numerous state champions in track and cross country.

Braden credits the success of Dobie's growth to the educators and always made sure to support them in whatever way he could.

"We were so fortunate to have the great people who worked at Dobie and wanted to stay at Dobie," said Braden. "They're really the success of the school. Teachers perform at their greatest potential when they are most comfortable and they are most comfortable when they have everything they can possibly have at their fingertips."

A career marked by accolades and achievements paled in comparison to the joy Braden felt simply by participating in his students' events and the pride he held for them.

"I tried to be a great supporter of the students and I tried to attend as many events as I could," said Braden. "That participation was the very best for me. I loved our graduations, because it gave me a chance to elaborate on all the successes that the kids were able to accomplish during that year. Sometimes, I was criticized for spending too much time talking about the great laurels of the students."

Having worked during the midst of the Vietnam War, Braden also fondly recalls the sudden influx of Vietnamese immigrants to the community and the invaluable contributions they made to Dobie.

"They were just so smart," said Braden. "They were able to help us succeed in every academic area, it didn't matter what the subject was."

Dobie lost Braden in 1986, as he accepted a promotion to assistant superintendent, a position he would hold for 14 years. In 2000, Braden served for one school year as South Houston High School's interim principal, before joining the school board in 2001. Braden advanced to serve on the school board for 10 years, retiring in 2011 after more than 40 years of service to the district.

Braden's contributions to the field of education and his community were recently honored by the renaming of one of Pasadena Independent School District's facilities. Located at the corner of Beltway 8 and Pasadena Blvd., the complex that houses The Summit alternative school and several other district support offices now

proudly bears the name of the Frank Braden Center for Educational Support.

Braden's contributions to his community continue today, as he and his wife help to select recipients of the Tilman White Scholarship, a scholarship amounting to \$700 per semester for four years, awarded to students pursuing a career in education.

Decades after leaving Dobie, Braden still looks upon his time there with great fondness and pride.

"I had great pride in my work at Dobie," said Braden. "Those were some dandy fine years, some of the best of my life. I really enjoyed my relationship with the kids and the faculty. Those relationships really meant a lot to me and I hope it did to them as well."

Jerry Speer, 1986 – 2000
Jerry Speer became Dobie's third principal in 1986.

Born and raised in Seminole County, Okla., Speer was largely engrossed in the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. He attended public schools in the Indian nation and graduated from Bowlegs High School. Speer went on to attend the Central University of Oklahoma, playing collegiate football and graduating with a bachelor's degree in biology and math and a master's degree in educational management.

Speer began his career in education at Bishop David High School in Jefferson County in 1962, where he taught biology and coached football. From there, he went on to teach at Mt. Carmel High School, where he taught science and coached football and track.

Speer came to the Pasadena Independent School District in 1977 as a biology teacher and football coach at Pasadena High School, before joining Dobie's administration as assistant principal in 1982. He served under Braden until Braden's promotion to assistant superintendent in 1986.

As he joined the Dobie administration, Speer set a goal for himself to become a school principal within four years.

"I had no idea that I would be fortunate enough for it to be Dobie," said Speer.

Speer drew largely upon his own high school experiences for guidance in his career and the specific goals that he set for himself to increase student enrollment and promote academic achievement indicative of those experiences.

"I loved going to school, but I didn't always like doing the classwork," said Speer. "Luckily, I had some teachers and administrators that were patient and worked with me to help me achieve. We forget what it was like when we were 16 or 17, but some place along the line, someone had patience and understanding to carry us through."

From budgetary cuts by the state in the early 1990s to the lingering gang problems that plagued Dobie, Speer's levelheaded attitude and sharp decision making overcame all the challenges that faced him and Dobie. Throughout it all, he fully committed himself to serving his students, first and foremost.

"We're there for the kids," said Speer. "The school is set up for the students, not the administrators."

Speer attributes Dobie's long history of excellence and success to the community that it serves.

"The people in this community held us accountable for what we did in educating their children and that's the way it

should be," said Speer.

In a career marked by distinction and accolades, Speer's proudest moment came in 1992, as the Dobie academic decathlon team took home the national championship. The team accomplished this feat for the second time in Speer's career in 1996.

"We were a small public school in Texas going up against these big charter and magnet schools in California," said Speer. "Those kids spend most of their time preparing for this competition and we were able to beat them. I was so happy, I jumped up and down and I burst a blood vessel in my left eyeball."

Speer left Dobie in 2000 to pursue a role in the district's school board. He ran for a seat, won and held his post for 14 years. Speer left the district in 2014, ending a career in education that spanned well over half a century. He now works with his son-in-law's oral surgery practice in Friendswood, cleaning and packaging instruments, sterilizing operating rooms and keeping track of inventory.

"I told them I didn't want any responsibilities," said Speer. "After all those years of working with the district, I wanted to be at the very bottom of the totem pole."

Years after leaving Dobie, Speer still remembers his time there fondly.

"I definitely miss the camaraderie and the friendships that was formed with the faculty and the students," said Speer. "I had a great time at Dobie and it was an honor to be able to help students and to see them succeed."

Steve Jamail, 2000 – 2012
The torch was passed to Steve Jamail at the turn of the millennium in 2000.

Originally from Lamar, Texas, Jamail attended Texas Christian University, graduating with a degree in education. Jamail joined the Dobie faculty in 1991 as a football coach and educator, prior to joining the administration in 1993 as an assistant principal. Jamail served under Speer for seven years until Speer's retirement in January 2000.

Throughout a career marked by distinction, Jamail led Dobie into a new millennium. Through it all, Jamail never once came to work without wearing Dobie's famed burnt orange. Whether it be in the fiery swathes of his shirts, in the Texas Longhorn logos that adorn the majority of his wardrobe or in the trim of his Dobie letter jacket that became his trademark in all weather under 70 degrees, a day without burnt orange was akin to a day without sunlight for Jamail.

Jamail played a critical role in cultivating Dobie's current culture of school spirit. The aptly coined "Dobie Pride" has since become synonymous with the school's traditions of success and excellence throughout the South Belt community.

During an extraordinary period of population growth in the South Belt area, Jamail led the transition from the school's original campus at 11111 Beamer Road to its current location at 10220 Blackhawk Blvd. Through a painstaking process, Jamail saw to it that the culture and the values instilled at the former campus also made the transition with the students.

"We wanted to make sure that all the traditions that had been formed at Dobie were moved to a new building," said Jamail. "We had groups that met regularly and made sure

we didn't change any of the traditions and set goals for our students in the new campus."

Having played such an integral part in the school, Jamail's legacy continues through every endeavor on campus.

As an assistant principal, Jamail worked closely with campus volunteer Gilbert Aguilar to assist low-performing and at-risk students, developing tutoring programs and other after-school initiatives to aid them in their academic pursuits.

This program has since grown to become the Dobie East campus and an adjacent learning complex that continues to provide crucial assistance for struggling students.

Jamail's colleagues remember him as a kind and generous individual, never hesitating to place the needs of his community and school above his own.

"Every time someone has needed help, he's been there," said Aguilar. "He's a very caring person."

Even as principal, Jamail could be found on most mornings in the middle of the school's traffic tangle, directing cars and making sure his students and faculty got into the school safely.

"People ask me why I did those things," said Jamail. "We do whatever it takes here. We know we have to get kids in the building to start school. That's where it begins. We do what it takes to be successful."

Jamail recognized the importance in providing his students with all possible means to be successful after high school and devoted his career to the pursuit of this endeavor.

"I wanted to make sure that I kept the Dobie tradition and somehow made a difference in the students' lives," said Jamail. "We're always looking to improve and do better in whatever it was that we endeavored in. We tried to reach all our kids. We wanted our top kids to get into college and we wanted the kids going into vocational careers to have the opportunity to do so. We wanted the kids that were struggling in school to have something to take with them when they left the school, just as much as the kids who were doing well."

Despite all Dobie's recent changes and growth, Jamail has no doubt that the school's firm grasp of its values and culture will continue to guide it to future successes.

"It's pretty amazing to see Dobie grow as big as it is now, but even when I got there, Dobie was not a small high school," said Jamail. "It just continues to grow. It's a big place, but it's still Dobie High School. When I drive by there, it feels just like it did when I left. It's a great place to be."

Jamail left Dobie in January 2012, set to enter retirement. Even after dedicating 40 years of his life to education, Jamail found it difficult to sit idly by and soon returned to Pasadena Independent School District. He has since continued to work with the district, making invaluable contributions to facility construction projects as a project manager.

Even as he takes on a new role in education, Jamail still thinks fondly upon his time spent at Dobie.

"Those were some of the greatest years of my life," said Jamail. "Being principal at Dobie is a combination of the community, the students and the faculty and staff that created a close knit family type of feeling. We used to call it Dobierville, our little community and town right there in the high school. Ask me what I

remember and I'll always say the great relationships with people. I'm just a lucky guy in that way. That job was nothing but fun for me."

Franklin Moses 2012 – present
Currently at Dobie's helm is principal Franklin Moses.

A Louisiana native, Moses attended McNeese State University, graduating in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in education. He went on to teach math and coach girls basketball at DeRidder High School. He joined Pasadena Independent School District in 2004, teaching at Park View Intermediate, before joining the Dobie administration as assistant principal in 2005. He served under Jamail's administration for eight years, before assuming the role of principal after Jamail's retirement in January of 2012.

Just a few years into his role, Moses has already overseen a number of significant changes throughout all aspects of Dobie.

In 2013, Moses launched an ambitious endeavor aimed at completely overhauling the conventional high school lunch schedule. Rather than divide the school into specific half-hour lunch windows, Moses appropriately coined "Megalunch" allows the entire Dobie campus to eat lunch during one meal period. Although the school's 3,800 student body population makes Megalunch a logistically difficult endeavor, Moses was certain that it would allow students to have more access to tutoring opportunities and club meetings during the school day, allowing them to free their schedules for after-school activities and job opportunities.

For Moses, the success of the Megalunch initiative has substantiated his faith in the program. Since its establishment, administrators from many other high school campuses around the nation have visited Dobie to observe the Megalunch initiative and adopt it in their own campuses.

Moses was also one of the district's principals who over-

Dobie principals, past and present



Shown above in a rare photo of all five Dobie principals are, left to right, Allen M. Sory (1968-1979), Frank Braden (1976-1986), Jerry Speer (1986 – 2000), Steve Jamail (2000-2012) and Franklin Moses (2012-present). Sory died Tuesday, March 20, at the age of 96.

Photo submitted

saw the opening of the Career and Technical High School, a new district initiative aimed at being the catalyst and bridge between high school and post-secondary life that encourages academic and career development in local sectors that offer self-sustaining career opportunities.

More drastic changes came to Dobie in 2018, as continued population growth of the South Belt community forced the high school to open its ninth-grade campus.

Located at 10811 Monroe Blvd., the new campus aims to bridge the transitional gap between intermediate and high school, while also alleviating the overcrowding of the main campus.

Moses credits Dobie's longstanding history of suc-

cess to its will to try new and ambitious endeavors in order to better serve its students.

"Dobie's always been willing to try something new," said Moses. "We've always been the guinea pig, whether it be the Connect Program, East campus, the ninth-grade campus. We have people who are always willing to try something different to try to stay up with the times. It goes back to trying to prepare kids for post-secondary education and if we continue stay with the old traditional ways, they will struggle at the next level."

Throughout all these changes, Moses has continued to cultivate the Dobie Pride that was initially founded by Jamail, growing it to become a symbol of school spirit not only in

the campus, but throughout the South Belt area.

"One of our focus areas is to continue to cultivate the Dobie Pride among the students, the faculty and the staff," said Moses. "We're very proud of our school and our school spirit has definitely been shown through Dobie Pride and we're going to continue striving to improve that."

Constantly in the pursuit of improvement, Moses' theme of "Better" can be seen on banners throughout the Dobie campus.

"The theme last year was to build a better Dobie, with better students, better faculty, better staff and better administration," said Moses. "I've committed to being better and that's something I'll continue to work for until we simply

cannot get any better."

For Moses, the future looks brighter than ever for the local high school and he has no doubt that it will continue to be at the center of the South Belt community for decades to come.

"Dobie has been a special place to the South Belt community for 50 years and Dobie will continue to be a special place to the South Belt for 50 more years," said Moses. "It's an honor and a privilege to get to be the principal of a school that is this special and is held in this high of regard. We have a small town feel in one of the largest schools in the state of Texas. It's about the kids and the reason that we continue to do so well is because of the caring and compassion of the teachers."



WELCOME BACK TO TEXAS, DAVID!
Former South Belt resident David Griffin, who recently moved from Utah to San Antonio, is wished a happy on birthday Sept. 13 from his wife Angela; sons Robert and Kenney; parents Bobby (Leader staffer) and husband Kenneth Griffin; sister Tracy and husband Jim Giles and daughter Kristen and sons Cody and Aaron and wife Ashley; and friends in the South Belt area.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 13 through Sept. 19.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake for Jeannene Gazaw Sept. 14. The day for a birthday gift for Enrique Macias is Sept. 18.

Frazier Elementary
Enjoying a birthday Sept. 13 is Becky Shelton. Wendy Wiesburn, Frazier principal, celebrates a birthday Sept. 14. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 15 to Mary Tran. Marking a birthday Sept. 16 is Laura Longoria. Light the birthday candles for Chelsey Riemer Sept. 17.

Meador Elementary
Maria Rutherford and Angelica Flores are sent birthday greetings Sept. 14. Aracely Jasso celebrates a birthday Sept. 16. Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 17 for Amy Clowers.

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Moore Elementary
The day for a celebration for Adela Moreno is Sept. 15. The day for a birthday gift for Randi Howard is Sept. 16.

Stuchbery Elementary
Share in the birthday fun Sept. 13 with Jennifer Marshall.

Melillo Middle School
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 19 to Brittney Crawford.

Roberts Middle School
The day for a double-layer birthday cake is Sept. 17 for Rebecca Dietz and Jose Robledo.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 17 for Evelyn Aponte and Leticia Saucedo.

Thompson Intermediate
Celebrating a birthday Sept. 13 is Ryan Peterson. Rosa Nunez enjoys a birthday Sept. 15. Light the birthday candles Sept. 17 for Pamela Crawford.

Dobie High
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake Sept. 13 with Jennifer Bland, Thomas Etienne and Erika Garcia. Blow out the candles for a five-star celebration Sept. 14 for Ginger Emshoff, Susan Locklear, Rodney Pannell, Warren Parker and Dana Stockton. The day for a party for Ryan Peel is Sept. 15. Light the birthday candles Sept. 17 for Alfred Valdez.

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Lariaette of the Week



Congratulations to the JFD Lariaette of the week, Tamecia Anderson. She was chosen for her hard work and dedication on and off the field. Anderson was honored at the Dobie vs. Bellaire game on Sept. 7.

Care Day brings trees, beauty, bikes to Burnett

More than 300 volunteers recently came together at Burnett Elementary on Lyondell-Basell's 19th annual Global Care Day to build bikes, plant trees and beautify the campus.

During Global Care Day, LyondellBasell partners with local community organizations to meet educational, health and environmental needs.

The organizations that joined forces with Lyondell-Basell on the project were Trees for Houston and CYCLE Houston. They painted the teachers' lounge and railing to the school's portables, power washed, did minor projects around campus, planted more than 80 trees and built 150 bikes.

"We as a company take great pride in being a part of the community," said Bob Patel, LyondellBasell CEO. "Our emphasis is not to just live and work in the community, but also to give back."

Barry Ward, executive director of Trees for Houston, said the trees that were planted will be a long-term improvement to the campus and be a place where kids can play and learn. "We planted 65 large trees around campus to provide shade for kids to play under, but we also planted a 20-tree orchard where kids can learn horticulture and have delicious things to eat a couple of times a year," said Ward.

Ward added that their or-

ganization is committed to the maintenance of the trees, including routine watering and replacement if a tree dies, for two years.

In addition to the physical improvements to the campus, CYCLE Houston brought 150 bikes to be built as part of their goal to improve literacy among students K-3.

Many of the bikes will return to the campus later this year as a reward to second graders who made a commitment to CYCLE that they will achieve a higher reading score and have good conduct. "We came to the campus and asked the students to sign a contract to improve their literacy," said Rebecca Roberts, executive director of CYCLE. "Every child's contract is individualized by their teacher and we are just looking for growth in their reading skills. On top of that, the contract teaches the students that they have responsibility for their education."

Burnett Principal Jae Lee added that CYCLE is leaving a few bikes on campus to keep students motivated. He hopes that the improvements around the school will continue to boost school pride. "We are so thankful. Everything that LyondellBasell, Trees for Houston and CYCLE have done on campus in just one day is going to have such a positive impact and lift the spirits of both our students and staff," said Lee.



Burnett Elementary received some beautification to its campus, thanks to LyondellBasell's 19th annual Global Care Day. With help from Trees for Houston and CYCLE Houston, LyondellBasell carried out some improvement projects around the campus, planted trees and built bikes. Shown above are, Bob Patel (left), LyondellBasell CEO; and Jae Lee, Burnett principal. Shown below with Lee (left) is Rebecca Roberts, CYCLE Houston executive director.

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Dobie recognizes Hall of Honor alumni, faculty, community members

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of the most time-honored activities at Dobie, among them Project Graduation and Seniors Helping Seniors. The company has provided items ranging from paint, brushes, scrapers, ladders and chain-saws for neighborhood rehabilitation projects spearheaded by Dobie students, many of whom were recipients of the Williams family's generosity in more personal ways.

Malcolm Jacobson

Class of 1980

Once the student body president at Dobie, Malcolm Jacobson ranks as a leading expert and top consultant in the industrial application of fuel cells and clean energy technologies and practices. As a sophomore at Dobie, Jacobson began his first business venture – a snow-cone truck that roamed the streets of Sagemont and became the subject of feature stories in the Dobie "Chaparral" and the *South Belt Leader*. He moved into the fast lane after graduating, earning a Bachelor of Science in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M and then a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston. Jacobson broke in as a reservoir engineer for the Coastal Corporation before moving into the business end for a variety of companies, including Transco Energy and Enron Corp., where he played a key role in legislative and regulatory initiatives leading to deregulation and choice for electricity consumers. He served as vice president for market development for Fuel Cell Energy Inc. and then vice president for asset management for Northern Star Generation LLC, where he managed operations for 15 power plants around the country accounting for annual revenues of more than \$400 million. In 2011, Jacobson was named president and CEO of Star West Generation LLC, a Houston-based independent power generation company with \$1.5 billion in assets.

Col. Reginald Godbolt

Class of 1987

The 27-year-old military career of Air Force Col. Reginald Godbolt has brought him assignments in eight states, the United Kingdom and in Iraq, where four years ago, he wrapped up 12 months in the war zone as commander of the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Joint Basa Balad, north of Baghdad. While in Iraq, he led a team of 890 airmen and contract personnel in support of seven aircraft maintenance units and 93 aircraft. From 2009 to 2012, he served as deputy commander of the 552nd Maintenance Group at Tinker Air Force Base outside Oklahoma City. There, he was second in command of more than 1,500 personnel providing maintenance in support of 32 E-3 sentry aircraft, commonly known as AWACS aircraft. He is the recipient of numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

Robert Flores

Class of 1998

Young enough to fit in as an anchor on the world's biggest – and hippest – sports network, Robert Flores is also old enough to remember the way things were during some of the greatest years in Houston sports. As a youngster, he delighted in the "Luv Ya Blue" Oilers, the "Rainbow" Astros and Phi Slama Jama University of Houston basketball teams, always bridesmaids and never brides. He followed Dobie football to playoff appearances in the Astrodome, and took a regular spot there as a TV/Radio broadcast student at the University of Houston, where he witnessed Andre Ware's Heisman Trophy campaign and the Cougars rapid descent from national prominence while still a part of the Southwest Conference. Since his hiring in 2005, Flores has proven to be one of ESPN's most versatile assets. He currently co-anchors the daytime edition of the popular "SportsCenter" segment. He also serves as an anchor for ESPNNews and hosts studio updates during college football season. His other assignments have focused on topics ranging from boxing, to NBA basketball to fantasy football. **Trevor Cobb, Class of 1989**

Although Trevor Cobb wore orange as a multi-sport standout at Dobie, his emergence as a national football star came out of the blue, as in the blue worn by the Rice Owls. Cobb would leave Rice as the winner of the Doak Walker Award, presented each year to the nation's best collegiate running back. Cobb's Doak Walker Award remains the highest collegiate honor ever bestowed upon a football product of the Pasadena ISD. Cobb claimed the honor as a junior, when

he rushed for 1,692 yards, a Rice record; and earned first-team All-America honors. A marked man as a senior in 1992, he still ran for 1,386 yards. He finished his college career with 4,948 rushing yards and 38 rushing touchdowns. At the time his 1,091 career rushing attempts and his 6,521 all-purpose yards were Southwest Conference records. Regarded as undersized by pro scouts, he went undrafted. He signed as a free agent with the Kansas City Chiefs and later made the Chicago Bears roster. He retired soon after and returned to Houston to form Helping Hands, a charitable organization that helps special-needs children. He is currently rehabilitating from a stroke suffered last year.

2015 Inductees

Bob Mitchell, Class of 1973

A well-known figure in South Belt business and youth sports circles for many years, Bob Mitchell now ranks as a leader in economic development on a regional and national scope through his position as president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. BAHEP is a member-driven organization which includes 265 businesses and government entities, including NASA Johnson Space Center, Harris and Galveston counties, the Houston Airport System, the Port of Houston Authority and 14 cities within the Bay Area Houston Region. Mitchell joined BAHEP in 2000 to oversee the statewide implementation of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program. Due to his leadership and highly successful program management, he was increasingly asked in 2006 to represent the BAHEP president in many initiatives and social functions. In 2007 he was assigned the responsibility of BAHEP's day-to-day operations, and, in the fall of that year, was named president-elect of the organization. He assumed the presidency on Jan. 1, 2008. Mitchell believes in giving back to the community and has actively donated his time in numerous capacities. Recognizing his work and partnerships on behalf of NASA Johnson Space Center, its many contractor companies and the Houston Airport System, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Mitchell to his Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee.

Leonard Cherry

Class of 1974

Leonard Cherry serves as the president of Cherry Companies, a firm started by his father, Carl Cherry, 64 years ago. What began as a house-moving business has since, under Leonard's leadership, expanded to include large-scale demolition work and construction waste recycling. The company now employs more than 250 people and produces annual revenues of more than \$125 million. The firm's demolition projects have included the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the Methodist Hospital Fawcett Towers, Macy's Department Store in Houston, Astrodome Ramp Towers and the Grand Casino in Biloxi, Miss. Still, the company has developed equal stature for its recycling efforts and services, most of which involve concrete and asphalt waste from demolition projects. Cherry is a past member of the board of directors of the Houston Contractors Association. He also served as president of the National Demolition Association. In 2009, he was named Entrepreneur of the Year (Construction and Industrial Services) by the Ernst & Young accounting firm and currently serving his second term on the board of directors for the Construction

& Demolition Recycling Association.

Randy McEachern

Class of 1974

Randy McEachern led the Dobie Longhorns out of sports obscurity with a district title in just their fifth season of varsity play, and did the same for the Texas Longhorns during one of the most fabled seasons in UT history. McEachern shot to national sports prominence in the 1977 Texas vs Oklahoma game, leading UT to a stunning 13-6 victory during his junior year. McEachern was voted a team captain his senior year, and at season's end, his teammates honored him with the Longhorn Sportsmanship Award. McEachern won the NCAA/Chevrolet Offensive Player of the week for his performance against Arkansas in 1978. He still holds several UT passing records, and against the Aggies in 1977, he tied a 62-year school record for touchdowns in a game – four, a record originally set by Clyde Littlefield in 1915. He graduated from UT with a finance degree and became a partner in an investment company, which was later sold to Morgan Keegan and then to Raymond James, now the umbrella firm for his bond management endeavors. He and wife Jenna, a former UT cheerleader, are members of the UT Chancellor's Council and the Longhorn Foundation.

Kevin Sherrington

Class of 1974

One of the nation's premier sports journalists, Kevin Sherrington has served as sports columnist for the Dallas Morning News since 2000. A Morning News sports writer since 1985, Sherrington has been a primary contributor to a star-studded staff regarded as of the best in the country. The Morning News sports section has earned Top 10 national honors each of the past 32 years. He is currently one-third of a columnist lineup that also includes nationally known commentators Tim Cowlishaw and Rick Gosselin. Sherrington has covered a wide range of events, including eight Olympics, six Super Bowls, five World Series, two Masters, seven college football title games, two heavyweight championship boxing matches, the Daytona 500, the Indianapolis 500, the World Cup, two Stanley Cup Finals, two NBA finals and 24 Texas-OU games. He was twice voted Texas Sportswriter of the Year by his peers. He is the recipient of three Texas Headliner Awards, three Dallas Press Club awards and numerous local, state and regional awards. Sherrington is also well-known for his commentary on radio and TV, most notably on Fox Sports Southwest. Sherrington is part of the voting boards for the Heisman Trophy, the Lombardi Award, the John Wooden Award and the Baseball Hall of Fame. He also serves on the nominating committee for the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. Active in both the newsroom and the classroom, he has taught journalism courses at Richland Community College and at SMU.

The Honorable

Reed O'Connor

Class of 1983

Since 2007, the Honorable Reed O'Connor has served as a federal judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. He was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate that same year. He worked in private practice for Vinson & Elkins from 1989 to 1994, when he was hired as an assistant district attorney for Tarrant County. From 1998

to 2003, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District in the Fort Worth Division. From 2003 to 2005, the Department of Justice detailed O'Connor to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary in Washington, advising Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, then chairman of the committee, on various criminal and constitutional policy issues. The Department of Justice detailed O'Connor again in 2005 to serve as chief counsel to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, where he served as chief counsel to Texas Sen. Cornyn.

Kyle Wells, Class of 1979

Airman First Class Kyle "Pete" Wells was killed, along with 22 other military members from the U.S. and from three countries, on Feb. 26, 1981, in the crash of an Air Force transport plane in the Subic Bay, Philippines. The crash claimed the lives of eight crew members and four Air Force personnel, four Army service members and seven military personnel from Australia, the Philippines and New Zealand. One Air Force serviceman survived the crash. The C-130 was on a mission to transport a multinational Special Forces team from Naval Air Station Cubi Point in the Philippines. An hour into the flight, the plane went down in Subic Bay, exploded in flames and sank in 250 feet of water. Wells' body was not recovered. A memorial marker bearing his name is located at Houston National Cemetery.

Catherine Haney

Faculty member

Catherine Haney joined the Dobie faculty in 1970, the school's third year of existence. She retired in 2004 as one of the school's most revered teachers. Her "learning lab" extended all the way to the Rose Garden of the White House, where, in 1992, Haney and the academic decathlon team she helped coach were greeted by President George H.W. Bush after winning the first of Dobie's two academic decathlon national championships. She served as head of Dobie's social studies department from 1978 until her retirement. Over that span, Haney supervised 82 different teachers and taught on two Dobie campuses. A member of the Architectural Committee for the "new" Dobie, she delayed retirement for a year to allow her to teach on the campus she helped design. Even after her retirement, Haney remained deeply involved in Dobie-related activities. She helped organize the Trailmixers, a group of former Dobie administrators, teachers and staff members who meet each month for lunch. She compiled and distributed a monthly newsletter for the group. She was a driving force behind Pasadena Area Retired School Employees (PARSE) projects. The news of her passing on Oct. 22, 2014, was met with great sadness by hundreds of her former students and colleagues across the Pasadena ISD.

Marie Flickinger

Community volunteer

In 1976, eight years after Dobie opened, Flickinger teamed up with neighbor Bobby Griffin to launch what was then the South Belt Press, a publication that gave the local community its name and would soon provide Dobie – and its feeder campuses – a public voice unique among Pasadena ISD high schools. Although her two sons have long since graduated from the school, Flickinger's interest in all-things-Dobie has never waned. Indeed, her concern for quality education led her, in 1995, to seek a seat

on the Board of Trustees for San Jacinto College. She became the first woman elected to the board and later served as board president. The Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building on San Jacinto College South is named in her honor. Flickinger's role in the development of the South Belt area is unrivaled. She has championed numerous causes, including waste contamination that led to remedial action at the Brio Superfund Site and drainage issues that had led to severe flooding issues in many South Belt neighborhoods. In 2013, Flickinger earned the Association of Community College Trustees M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award as the national community college trustee of the year.

2016 Inductees

Robert E. Marling Jr.

Class of 1974

Marling began his banking career shortly after graduating from Dobie. His first stop was First City Bank at Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway. In 1989, after moving up the ranks within the First City financial group, he made an investment that changed his life. Marling and his partner, E.G. (Ken) Kendrick, Jr. (now the owner of the Arizona Diamondbacks), purchased a small, 10-year-old bank in Galena Park named Woodforest National Bank. Marling took the role of the bank's executive vice president, became the firm's major stockholder, and in 1990, became its chief executive officer. In 1996, Marling took the bold step of opening a Woodforest Branch in a Walmart in Conroe. Today, Woodforest is Walmart's largest retail partner and a banking staple in 17 states across the South and Midwest. The bank has \$4.5 billion in total assets with more than 4,800 employees and 756 branches. Marling stepped down as the chairman and CEO of Woodforest Financial Group Inc. in 2015. Marling has been named to the 2015 Texas Bankers Hall of Fame and as a 2011 Home-town Hero in The Woodlands. He was honored as the 2006 Entrepreneur of the Year for the Houston and Gulf Coast area, as a 2004 finalist for the award, as a 2003 Montgomery County American Heart Association Gala honoree and as 2003 Businessman of the Year in Montgomery County.

Dr. Mark Yandell

Class of 1983

Dr. Mark Yandell is currently a professor of Human Genetics at the University of Utah and a leading researcher into the mysteries of the human genome. A biology major at the University of Texas, Yandell earned a Ph.D. in molecular, cellular and developmental biology from the University of Colorado-Boulder in 1996. After three years as a fellow at the Genome Sequencing Center at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis, he joined Celera Genomics in Alameda, Calif., where he led the corporation's software research and development team. In 2002, Yandell was named a senior scientist at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Cal-Berkeley. Two years later, he joined the faculty at the Eccles Institute of Human Genetics at the University of Utah's medical school. His work as principal investigator of the Yandell Lab involves complex analysis of genomes, the genetic material of organisms. Yandell applies informatics – the process of using computers to mine biological information from conventional sources – to his genome sequencing research and uses that research

to develop new informatics tools and methods. In 2012, he was named to a prestigious H.A. and Edna Benning Presidential Endowed chair at the University of Utah.

Rev. Sean Horrigan

Class of 1984

After graduating from Dobie, Sean Horrigan studied journalism at the University of Houston and wrote for the school paper for four years, covering a variety of areas from sports to politics to the arts. His work appeared in a variety of publications including the Dallas Morning News, Los Angeles Times and the Associated Press. He spent many nights covering local college and professional sports and, while his love for writing has never faded, his affection for communication has evolved into something far more spiritual. A lifelong parishioner at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Sagemont, he chose to study for the priesthood beginning in 1992. After studies and formation at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology and St. Mary's Seminary, he was ordained a Catholic priest in 1998. In 2004, Father Sean – as his parishioners know him – was appointed pastor of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in a growing area of far northwest Houston and Cypress. He immediately went to work on a master plan that over the past 12 years has led to the transformation of the former rural parish into a massive church community of more than 100 ministries and 6,500 families.

Phil Sandlin

Class of 1987

Phil Sandlin had large boots to fill in 2011 when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Precinct 8 Constable Bill Bailey. Since then, Sandlin has become his own man, elected in own right in 2012 and now a prominent public servant and source of community support. After graduating from Dobie, Sandlin studied criminal justice at San Jacinto College before beginning his career as a peace officer, first with the Harris County Sheriff's Office. In 1992, he signed on with Precinct 8 as a patrol deputy. Promotions to corporal, sergeant and lieutenant followed. He was placed in charge of the Toll Road Patrol and Warrant division in 2001. Three years later made captain and year later chief deputy for the precinct. When Bailey abruptly announced his retirement in 2011, Harris County commissioners quickly named Sandlin to replace him. He was elected to a full term the following year, carrying 74 percent of the vote. Sandlin also serves on the board of the Space Center Rotary Club. He is a member of Deer Park Masonic Lodge No. 1362 and the chambers of commerce for Pasadena, Clear Lake, Deer Park and La Porte.

Carole Stockinger

Faculty member

Stockinger came to Dobie in 1991 after nine years at Thompson Intermediate. She taught pre-AP English for sophomores for nearly her entire tenure at Dobie. Six years after her arrival – after attending several seminars on how to start and advise high-school literary magazines – she organized a staff and supervised the production of the first Étalege, taken from a French word meaning showcase. The publication attracted hundreds of submissions each year from Dobie students. Stockinger and her student staff worked long hours, especially during the spring but even during Christmas break – to sort out submissions, edit text and lay out pages. In 2006, the Étale-

ge earned a bronze medal in nationwide competition sponsored by Columbia University. Stockinger's devotion to teaching and dedication to students was apparent in all other aspects of her role as an educator. She was particularly adept at taking students with an indifference toward literature and making a connection through the meaning, structure – often humor – to be found in the classics.

2017 Inductees

Dr. Barbara Taylor-Cox

Class of 1977

Dr. Barbara Taylor-Cox's four years at Dobie were marked by high academic achievement and contributions to her school. She served as head twirler as a senior, was selected as homecoming queen and elected student body president. She was named Outstanding Senior Girl and was chosen as a Dobie Trailblazer. After graduation, she earned her undergraduate degree from Houston Baptist University and then her doctorate from the University of Texas-Houston Medical School. In 1988, Taylor-Cox completed her residency at both Memorial Hermann and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where she was named outstanding senior resident. While in training, she served as a Life Flight pediatric physician. Forty years after graduating from high school, Taylor-Cox is at the top of her profession. She is the founder and owner of Personal Pediatrics of Houston and maintains affiliations with Texas Children's Hospital, the Women's Hospital of Texas, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Memorial Herman in the Medical Center and West Houston Medical Center, where she served as chief of pediatrics.

Cmdr. Jonathan Carter

Class of 1995

As a first baseman for Sam Houston State University, Jonathan Carter met a Coast Guard recruiter who was also an umpire. Carter applied for Officer Candidate School and was accepted. Nearly two decades later, that college first baseman is Cmdr. Carter, captain of one of the Coast Guard's largest cutters. He is also a war veteran with service tours at the Pentagon and the White house. In 2008, after 13 months in command of a ship in the Iraq War zone, he became the first Coast Guardsman ever appointed to the President's Emergency Operations Center in the White House. He served there during the final year of the George W. Bush administration and the first 18 months of the Barack Obama administration. In July 2017, Carter took command of the Coast Guard cutter Legare, a 270-foot medium endurance vessel stationed out of Portsmouth, Va., and manned by a crew of 110. *Legare's* first patrol included a transit of the Panama Canal and resulted in seizures of cocaine with a wholesale value of nearly \$60 million.

Gersson Rosas

Class of 1996

In just 13 seasons, Gersson Rosas has risen through the ranks of the Houston Rockets, going from intern all the way up to the Rockets' Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations. This makes Rosas the No. 2 person in charge of team player personnel matters. Rosas joined the Rockets as an intern in 2004 and was soon assigned to the team's scouting department as video coordinator. In 2008, he was named the Rockets' personnel director and just two years later the vice president of player personnel. Rosas continues to take on assignments relat-

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Dobie Hall of Honor recipients receive recognition through the years

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ed to his player development insights. Formerly the general manager of the Rockets' NBA Development League affiliate in the Rio Grande Valley — where he built two championship teams — he now serves as International Player Personnel Scout for USA Basketball's men's national team. Rosas remains a participant in the NBA's Basketball Without Borders program and currently serves as director of the organization's Americas Camp program.

David Buehrer
Class of 2002
David Buehrer's entire life can be described as an endless coffee break. Midtown residents know Buehrer as the consummate barista, an expert in coffee beans, blends and all the beverages that de-

rive from them. In 2008, just six years out of high school, Buehrer and a partner opened Greenway Coffee Company. Their initial business strategy included the introduction of artisan coffee (that is, coffee produced as is fine wine: nurtured rather than manufactured) to Houston customers. Five years later, Buehrer opened Blacksmith Coffee Shop, a coffee and tea shop with breakfast and lunch selections, in the Montrose district. In May 2016, he opened a third coffeehouse, Morningstar, in the Heights. Coffee, of course, is the attraction, but Buehrer also serves donuts made with natural ingredients. He also serves as culinary curator for TEDxHouston, which promotes local art and technology events. Buehrer holds the position as a

project collaborator with the Yuketen shoe and accessories company. In addition to these business endeavors, he's the co-founder and vice president of the OKRA Charity Bar, a downtown establishment from which all profits go to various Houston charities. OKRA donations are already closing in on the \$1 million mark.

Bobby Kramer
Faculty member
Bobby Kramer produced tennis teams that dominated District 23-5A in the mid-1980s and put Dobie High School on the state tennis map for decades to come. At its peak, Kramer's teams earned Top 10 state rankings with a run of district championships. Burton, now a successful sports recruiting entrepreneur and a 2013 inductee into the Dobie's Alumni Hall of Hon-

or, recalls the endless hours he and his teammates spent on tennis courts around the South Belt area — and the frequency with which their high school coach showed up to observe. When it came to providing for his players' needs, Kramer was generous to a fault.

2018 Inductees
Mitchell Vicknai
Class of 1983
Mitchell Vicknai spent the majority of his career in banking and financial services before assuming his current role as president and CEO of American Finasco, a national debt management company that helps financially distressed small businesses avoid bankruptcy and foreclosures. Vicknai's passion for small business administration lending encouraged him to team up with a

business partner and launch Private Mortgage Financing Partners LLC a few years after joining American Finasco. Aside from his business ventures, Vicknai maintains an active role in the community. He served as a Catholic missionary for the National Evangelization team and chaired several charity events for his church. Vicknai currently serves on the core team for a prison ministry, where he regularly visits inmates to provide spiritual support and teach life skills.

John Scheschuk
Class of 1995
John Scheschuk ranks as one of the most successful student-athletes in the annals of both Dobie and Texas A&M. Arguably, the Longhorns' most honored baseball player, Scheschuk is still

remembered as perhaps the most selfless and team-oriented player ever to wear an Aggies uniform. At Dobie, he was lauded for both his hitting and pitching. The Longhorns' starting quarterback for two seasons, Scheschuk started three years for the Longhorns' baseball team and was chosen twice as district MVP. All-Greater Houston and first-team all-state. Dobie qualified for the playoffs in each of his three seasons — and to cap Scheschuk's high school career, the Longhorns advanced to the regional finals. As an Aggie, he earned four letters as a hard-hitting A&M first baseman, twice was named second-team All-Big 12 and in 1999 captained the Aggies to a berth in the College World Series. Two years ago, Scheschuk was inducted into the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame. The year before that, he was inducted into the A&M Athletics Hall of Fame.

Dr. Sabia Abidi
Class of 1998
Dr. Sabia Abidi is a former science coordinator at New York University's medical school who currently serves as a postdoctoral associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She earned a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering from Texas A&M in 2002, graduating cum laude, and five years later earned her doctorate in the same field from the University of Texas-Austin. From 2000 to 2007, she held four graduate assistant and intern positions, including one with the neurosciences department at NASA. After interning at NYU in 2006, she joined the medical school's Department of Microbiology as the science coordi-

nator with duties that included grant-writing, strategy analysis and communications. After three years, Abidi accepted a fellowship in NYU's Department of Medical Parasitology. The focus of her studies was the treatment of malaria. Her current postgraduate work is for MIT's Department of Material Science and Engineering.

Karima Christmas-Kelly
Class of 2007
Last fall, Karima Christmas-Kelly completed her seventh season in the WNBA and her second as a starting forward and double-digit scorer for the Dallas Wings. She shot to national fame in college as a scoring dynamo for the Blue Devils of Duke University. Over her junior and senior seasons at Duke, Christmas-Kelly led her team to back-to-back regular-season and Atlantic Coast Conference tournament titles. She became the 27th player in Duke women's history to break the 1,000 mark for career points. At Dobie, Christmas-Kelly earned 10 varsity letters, including four in track, where she won a district title in the triple jump. In basketball, she was a three-time all-district selection and an all-region pick her senior year when *Parade* magazine named her a fourth-team All-Ameri-

can. She averaged 18.7 points and 9.6 rebounds her senior season, leading her team to a 32-7 record. Christmas-Kelly returned to the South Belt area last fall to provide Hurricane

Harvey refugees with shoes and sports gear. Her Dobie basketball jersey was retired by the school last year during the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament.

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Matthew 19:14

Sullivans celebrate at Disney World



Members of the Sullivan family celebrated Debbie Sullivan's retirement with a trip to Walt Disney World. Shown above left is Wayde Roberts receiving a kiss from Tinkerbell. Wayde is shown above right enjoying a Mickey Mouse ice cream treat. At left are the members of the Sullivan family, left to right, (front row) Wayde, (back row) Wendell Sullivan, Debbie Sullivan, Whitney Sullivan, Mark Roberts, Wendy Sullivan and Jason Ruiz.

Dobie celebrates 50 years as high school

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Looking back, Jim, who taught in the Pasadena ISD for 40 years, 25 at South Houston and 15 at Dobie, said the offices may look different and the location may have changed, but the people are still Dobie proud.

"One of the most amazing things about Dobie is that every principal left off where the new one started," Sawyer said. "Dobie excels at everything. Expectations have always been high, and everyone works hard to reach that standard of excellence."

Alumni and former administrators attribute Dobie's 50-year milestone, in part, to the unique geographical location of the school.

Former Dobie Principal Jerry Speer, Frank Braden's successor, said the location played a role in creating a close-knit community.

"It almost separated us from the rest of the school district to where we thought of ourselves as a Dobie district," Speer said. "We only had two campuses that feed into our school at the time, and they brought us some great students."

During his tenure, the academic decathlon won the state

and national titles both in 1992 and 1996. Dobie's Latin club team also had its share of success by claiming the state title in its competitions nearly 20 times since 1981.

The successes at Dobie continued to roll in, but he did not want all the credit.

"It started back with Sory, and he just passed it on to Frank Braden," Speer said. "The two predecessors set the foundation for Dobie to be a great school. All I had to do was float."

By the late 1990s, the old Dobie campus had become overcrowded and residents were still moving in, so a new campus proposal was forged to provide adequate space for new generations of Dobie students. In the fall of 2003, with an enrollment of 2,699, Dobie opened the doors to its new campus on Blackhawk.

The principal's torch found its way to Steve Jamail, a former teacher, coach and assistant principal at Dobie, who facilitated the move to the new campus facility.

Even though the building was left behind, they still worked hard to keep the Longhorn pride strong.

"We worked as a team when the new Dobie was

built," Jamail said. "We had input from a lot of folks to make it feel like home, with the branding and pictures from the past put up on the walls. We talked a lot about the spirit of Dobie pride and what did that mean and made sure that we all continued

to push the message to students."

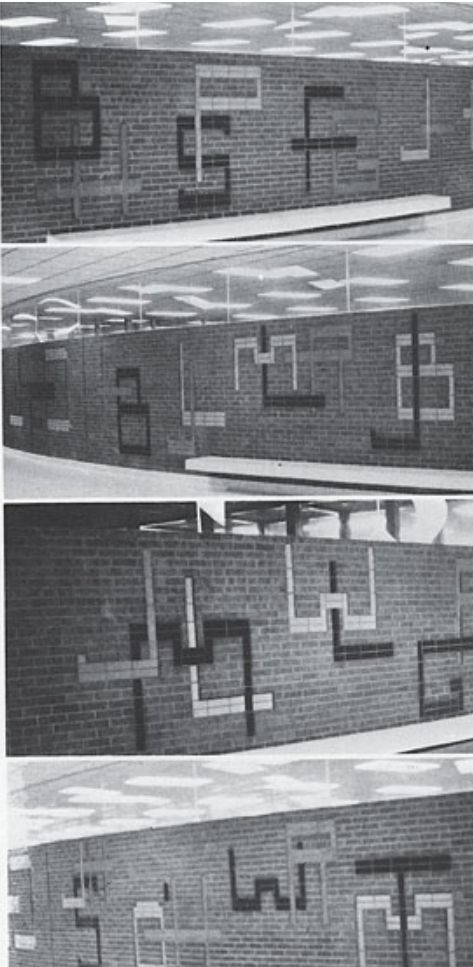
Jamail believes the 50th celebration is a major accomplishment that is symbolic of the community it serves.

"I think because of the changes in principals in that period of time, it kept the tra-

dition and feeling of the Dobie community strong. I look back and run into students, and I can tell that they had a good experience," Jamail said. "I wouldn't change my experience being at Dobie High School for anything in the world."

The writing on the walls

- J. Frank Dobie
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- Tom Lea
- John A. Lomax
- Fred Gipson
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The Dobie library at the original campus at 11111 Beamer Road is shown above. Each artistic brick design represents the initials of a Texas-connected poet or author, listed to the left. The artwork was later covered up at the Beverly Hills Intermediate campus that is now housed at the location, as the Dobie campus has since moved to 10220 Blackhawk.

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SECTION B

SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

A Brook graduate Julks helps Buies Creek win Carolina League title

Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Julks put together a big postseason as he helped the Houston Astros Class A Advanced Buies Creek affiliate win the Mills Cup championship, signifying the winner of the Carolina League.

With poor weather affecting the East Coast, the championship series was trimmed to a one-game, winner-take-all scenario. Buies Creek first swept Winston-Salem in a best-of-five series, and Julks played a big role throughout.

Julks came up with a decisive 2-run homer in the top of the sixth inning in game two, breaking a 1-1 tie and sending the

Brook FB moved up

Due to threatening weather expected through at least a portion of the weekend, Clear Brook's varsity football game at Angleton has been moved

Astros to a 3-1 victory and commanding series lead. In the opening game, Julks' two-run single paved the way for a 5-4 victory as Buies Creek closed out Winston-Salem Sept. 7, Julks was hitless but drew a pair of walks and scored a run.

Julks played at the University of Houston following high school graduation and was an all-conference performer for the Cougars.

The Astros drafted Julks in the eighth round in 2017, and he played in 32 games that season after signing.

This season over two stops, Julks had 30 doubles, 10 home runs and 62 runs batted in with a .270 batting average.

up a day and will now be played at Wildcat Stadium Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.

All subvarsity games have been canceled.

JFD tops Cards; Berneathy 2-0 in debut run

At right, Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy (with headset) encourages Dobie receiver Cameron Guy (1) and others on the sidelines after a big play from the offense. With wins over Santa Fe and Bellaire, the varsity team is 2-0 for the first time since 2011 and is now enjoying a bye in the schedule before opening District 22-6A action against Summer Creek Saturday, Sept. 22, at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. During the 2-0 start, the Longhorns have generated one of the area's top rushing attacks, with both senior Kris Morris and sophomore Darius Hale having rushed for more than 300 yards each through the two games.

Photo by Jade Wise



Dobie beats Bellaire 42-33 to start 2-0; Morris, Hale run wild to pace run game

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Well now, this is quite fun. The Kevin Berneathy coaching era at Dobie High School is off to a rousing start after two weeks, with the Longhorns' varsity team beating Bellaire 42-33 Sept. 7 at Butler Stadium in Houston to go to 2-0 early on.

With Kris Morris scoring three of his four touchdowns in the first half, the Longhorns built a 35-21 lead at halftime and then turned things over to the defense in the second half.

Winning two games to start a season for the first time since 2011, the offense delivered 475 yards rushing against the Cardinals, highlighted by 213 yards from Morris and another 178 yards from Darius Hale.

Morris also continually burned the Cardinals in the return game, returning five kickoffs for 151 yards.

Successful seasons are not made in two weeks, but it's easy to see that the Longhorns have things going in the right direction.

The team simply hopes

to keep the momentum going following an upcoming bye week.

After the bye, the Longhorns will host Summer Creek in the District 22-6A opener for both programs Saturday, Sept. 22, at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

It's been several days now, but the Longhorns created a buzz by taking down Bellaire for the 2-0 start.

Things got off to an inauspicious start as Bellaire's Jermond Scott scooped up a Dobie mis-

handle and raced 48 yards the other way for a touchdown.

Morris first contributed a 76-yard kickoff return and then scored on a 4-yard run to tie the score at 7-7 at the 6 minute, 53-second mark of the first quarter.

A bit later, Hale broke loose and raced 88 yards for a score as the Longhorns took an albeit brief 14-7 lead.

Bellaire's Willie Branch took the ensuing kickoff back 85 yards for a score as the Cardinals hung

tight. Despite a missed conversion, Bellaire was within 14-13.

The Cardinals did in fact lead after one quarter thanks to Da'veon Ford's 4-yard run, but back came the Longhorns.

With 11:14 left in the second quarter, Morris went 19 yards for a touchdown. Josh Hernandez's conversion kick gave the Longhorns a 21-20 lead.

Bellaire again took a lead after Jashaun Foster's 45-yard run, but the Longhorns weren't done.

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Dobie volleyball keeps pace in 22-6A chase

Kingwood has set the pace with a 6-0 start to the District 22-6A varsity volleyball race, but Dobie is very much in the thick of things following a four-set win over Atascocita Sept. 11, at Dobie.

Senior Taylor Pleas-

ants eclipsed the 250-kill mark for the season as she helped the Lady Longhorns to a 25-20, 27-29, 25-18, 26-24 victory over the Lady Eagles.

On Sept. 7, Kingwood kept its league mark perfect with a 25-14, 25-17, 25-20 home win over Dobie.

In that one, Pleasants had 10 kills, with Melody Le turning in 11 assists. Madison Garrett and Pleasants led the way up front with three blocks each.

Kingwood and Summer Creek, which both own first-round wins over Dobie, sit in the 1-2 spots in the district race. Memorial is out to a 4-2 mark, with Dobie next at 3-2.

The Lady Longhorns will look to stay on a roll with a Friday, Sept. 14 road match at Sam Rayburn.

While Dobie has to be feeling good about itself in the 22-6A ranks, Clear Brook has some ground to make up in its battle over in District 24-6A.

The Lady Wolverines entered the league race playing very well but have now dropped consecutive matches to Clear Creek and Clear Falls to open play in the district.

Clear Creek and Clear Falls are both ranked within the top 25 in the Houston Area Volleyball Coaches Association's latest poll.

Clear Creek, playing at home Sept. 7, came up with a 25-21, 25-14, 21-25, 25-21 victory over Clear Brook to begin 24-

6A action.

Clear Brook standout junior Kailin Newsome had 20 kills in the match, and teammate Bella Lockwood had 15 more as the locals tried to keep pace. Setter Kyla Carrier had 24 assists to lead Brook.

Clear Creek's Allie Garland delivered a match-high 21 kills in the match.

Shifting ahead to Sept. 11, Clear Falls was able to sweep past the Lady Wolverines to the tune of 25-20, 25-23, 25-23.

JFD tennis to host Remembering Ike

The effects of Hurricane Harvey are still being felt in these parts, and locals are always mindful of potential dangerous weather situations at this time of the year.

That said, there are those who still remember weather events etched even deeper in the past.

In fact, the Dobie varsity tennis program and the City of Galveston Parks and Recreation Department are about to collaborate on a special event.

It's the 8th annual Remembering Ike Team Tennis Classic, which will play at at several local sites Sept. 14 before shifting to the island Sept. 15 for two rounds of play.

Tournament founder and longtime Galveston resident Manuel Moreno Jr., the team tennis coach at Dobie, has confirmed 16 teams for this year's event, including local favorites Clear Brook, Friendswood and others, in addition to Dobie.

First-round play commences Friday, Sept. 14, as Dobie hosts Ridge Point at Dobie. Meanwhile, Clear Brook will play host to Shadow Creek at Clear Brook. All first-round matches will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Galveston's Ball High School will host the tournament championship

round Sept. 15, at 2:30 p.m. The third-place match will be held at the University of Texas Medical Branch facility, also at 2:30 p.m.

Dobie cruised past Summer Creek 18-1 Sept. 7 in its league opener and has now won five of its last six matches.

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Dobie baseball sets golf

The Dobie High School baseball booster organization, the Diamond Club, will host its annual fundraising golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Pearland Golf Club of Country Place.

Foursomes may register for \$400 per team, or in-

dividuals may register for \$100 each.

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Dobie subvarsity football wins two of four; Henderson erupts for five touchdowns in win

Dobie’s subvarsity football program continued its strong play early on, winning two more games in three tries in second-week action.

Dobie JV Orange 40 Bellaire 22

Dobie’s Ja’Darieon Henderson dominated the action with five touchdowns as the Longhorns’

junior varsity Orange team improved to 2-0 with a 40-22 victory over Bellaire.

Henderson went 50 yards for the first touchdown of the game for the locals, and he plunged into the end zone from a yard out later in the first quarter.

Zachary Wallace also completed a 2-point con-

version pass to Marcus Saenz.

Moving to the third quarter, Henderson burned Bellaire with touchdown runs of 45 and 25 yards as the Longhorns kept up the offensive pressure on the Cardinals.

In the fourth quarter, Michael Ramirez went 20 yards for a touchdown and Henderson raced 30 yards for another score as the Longhorns’ offensive front capped off a terrific effort.

JFD frosh Orange 22 Bellaire 14

Dobie’s freshman Orange team improved to 2-0 this season after edging past Bellaire 22-14.

Tragen Davis had two touchdown runs, going 20 yards for a score and five for another.

Trevon Johnson added another score with a 10-yard run, giving him three for the season.

Outstanding offensive players included the entire offensive line of Antonio Lopez, Isaac Gonzales,

JFD freshman Orange/White at Summer Creek Cougars

JFD JV Orange/White host Summer Creek Cougars Thursday, Sept. 20

Valente Morales, Dakory Ramsey and Jordan Barrett.

Outstanding defensive players were Joel Quezada, Joseph Johnson, Keegan Ashworth, Kevin Bigurs and Durrian Walker.

JFD frosh White 6 Grand Oaks 6

Following a defensive battle on both sides, Dobie’s freshman White team saw itself in a 6-6 tie against Conroe Grand Oaks.

The Longhorns’ score came from Fong Pum, who scored a 42-yard run.

Outstanding players on offense included Jonathan Carter as well as the entire offensive line of Ja-

cob Luna, Brian Blanco, Anthony Castillo, Gabriel Barbosa and Jesse Delgado.

Outstanding players on defense were Oscar Perez, Christian Cineceros, Kalen Conerly, Aiden Cortez, Jacob Luna, Christian Medina, Andrew Herbert and Anthony Cardenas. Eric Nguyen had an interception to help keep Grand Oaks down.

The entire Dobie football program now has a bye week while preparing for the District 22-6A openers against Summer Creek.

The subvarsity games are Sept. 20, with the varsity game coming Sept. 22.

Browns release Dobie graduate Jackson



Blake Jackson, a 2011 Dobie High School graduate who led the Longhorns to the program’s last district championship as a quarterback in 2010, was a final day cut of the Cleveland Browns after a memorable training camp experience with the team. Joining the Browns just days into the start of camp as a wide receiver, Jackson largely drew work on special teams but did haul in a 22-yard scoring pass in the preseason finale against the Detroit Lions. After the play,

Cleveland kicker Zane Gonzalez, who played at Deer Park High School from 2009 to 2012, booted the extra-point. During his time in camp, Jackson also made an appearance on HBO’s Hard Knocks, mocking fellow receiver Jarvis Landry during a humorous team meeting scenario. Jackson, who helped Mary Hardin-Baylor win a national championship during his senior season, is now a free agent and may sign with any NFL team.

Sports Calendar

TENNIS
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15
Dobie varsity at Remembering Ike, Galv., TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 18
Dobie varsity hosts Humble, 3:00

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 13
Beverly Hills 8th Dark at Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light at Miller, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark at Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light at Miller, 6:15
Thompson 8th Dark hosts Queens, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light hosts Queens, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark hosts Queens, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light hosts Queens, 6:15

Friday, Sept. 14
Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 4:30
Dobie varsity at Sam Rayburn, 6:30
Dobie JV at Sam Rayburn, 5:30
Brook JV at Clear Springs, 5:30
Dobie freshman A at Sam Rayburn, 4:30
Brook freshman A at Clear Springs, 6:30
Dobie freshman B at Sam Rayburn, 4:30

Saturday, Sept. 15
Brook freshman A at Clear Creek tourn., Lake, TBA
Dobie freshman A at Sante Fe tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Sept. 18
Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, 6:30
Dobie JV hosts South Houston, 5:30
Dobie freshman A hosts South Houston, 4:30
Dobie freshman B hosts South Houston, 4:30

Thursday, Sept. 20
Thompson 8th Dark hosts Miller, 5:00
Thompson 7th Dark hosts Miller, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light hosts Miller, 6:15
Thompson 7th Light hosts Miller, 6:15
Beverly Hills 8th Dark hosts Bondy, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light hosts Bondy, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark hosts Bondy, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light hosts Bondy, 6:15

Friday, Sept. 21
Dobie varsity at Pasadena Memorial, 6:30
Brook varsity at Dickinson, 4:30
Brook JV at Dickinson, 5:30
Dobie JV at Pasadena Memorial, 5:30
Dobie freshman A at Pasadena Memorial, 4:30
Brook freshman A at Dickinson, 5:30
Brook freshman B at Dickinson, 4:30
Dobie freshman B at Pasadena Memorial, 4:30

Saturday, Sept. 22
Brook JV hosts Lady Wolverine invite, TBA

FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 13
Brook JV Black hosts Calhoun, 4:30
Brook JV Red hosts Angleton, 6:00
Brook freshman Red at Angleton, 5:00

Friday, Sept. 14
Brook varsity at Angleton, Wildcat, 7:00

Monday, Sept. 17
Beverly Hills 8A hosts San Jacinto, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8B at San Jacinto, 5:00
Thompson 8A hosts South Houston, 5:00
Thompson 8B at South Houston, 5:00

Tuesday, Sept. 18
Beverly Hills 7A hosts San Jacinto, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7B at San Jacinto, 5:00
Thompson 7A hosts South Houston, 5:00
Thompson 7B at South Houston, 5:00

Thursday, Sept. 20
Dobie JV Orange at Summer Creek, 6:15
Dobie JV White at Summer Creek, 4:30
Brook JV Black at C.E. King, 4:30
Brook JV Red at C.E. King, 6:00
Dobie frosh Orange hosts Summer Creek, campus, 4:30
Dobie frosh White hosts Summer Creek, campus, 4:30
Brook freshman Black hosts C.E. King, 4:30
Brook freshman Red hosts C.E. King, 6:00

Friday, Sept. 21
Brook varsity hosts C.E. King, Challenger, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 22
Dobie varsity hosts Summer Creek, 6:00

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After engaging in an offensive shootout with Dayton in the opening week, Friendswood stepped up its defensive intensity in the matchup with the Wolverines.

Hermes had one of the best defensive efforts of the entire week with his five sacks of Porter, and the Mustangs also had a goal line stand, stopping the Wolverines’ Michael Norris at their one-yard line for a turnover.

The end result? Clear Brook place kicker Curtis Falkenburg hit field goals of 27 and 26 yards in the game for the lone points of the game. Brook’s biggest

offensive play of the game came as Porter found wideout La’Darrion Florez for a 44-yard completion that set up one of Falkenburg’s field goals.

Porter passed for 302 yards in the game, and Loronzo Thompson had 89 yards receiving for the Wolverines. Florez, meanwhile, added 88 yards receiving.

But the Mustangs largely slowed Brook’s running game, with Norris collecting just 23 yards.

Porter rushed for 100 yards in a week one win over La Porte but was held to 20 yards on 23 carries against Friendswood as the Mustangs continually

found ways to stall Brook.

The Wolverines have two more nondistrict games remaining before the start of District 24-6A play, with the next one a doozy.

On Friday, Sept. 14, the Wolverines will head to Angleton, where the defending Region III semifinalists await.

Angleton opened its current season with a 63-24 win over Kingwood Park, then enjoyed a bye in the schedule Sept. 7.

Needless to say, the Wolverines will need to score points in bunches against an Angleton team that can strike quickly in a variety of ways.

BAFL Week 6, Saturday, Sept. 15

Team United hosts Pearland Patriots Dobie High School

Game times: Pee wee – 8 a.m.; Seniors – 9 a.m.; Juniors – 10:45 a.m.; Sophomores – 12:30 p.m.; Freshmen – 2:15 p.m.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Volleyball Through Sept. 6

8L Records District Overall Division I W L T W L T

<i>San Jacinto</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Southmore</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Miller</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>South Houston</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Thompson</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0

Match Scores

San Jacinto def. Beverly Hills 25-14, 28-26

Southmore def. Jackson 25-15, 25-19

Miller def. Park View 25-23, 25-17

Division II W L T W L T

<i>Bondy</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Queens</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Jackson</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Park View</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Beverly Hills</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0

Match Scores

Bondy def. Thompson 25-17, 25-13

Queens def. South Houston 25-15, 25-7

8D Records District Overall Division I W L T W L T

<i>San Jacinto</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Southmore</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Miller</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>South Houston</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Thompson</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0

Match Scores

San Jacinto def. Beverly Hills 25-19, 25-15

Southmore def. Jackson 25-11, 18-25, 25-19

Miller def. Park View 25-21, 25-18

Division II W L T W L T

<i>Bondy</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Queens</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Jackson</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Park View</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Beverly Hills</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0

Match Scores

Bondy def. Thompson 25-8, 25-21

Queens def. South Houston 25-7, 25-15

7L Records District Overall Division I W L T W L T

<i>Thompson</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>San Jacinto</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>South Houston</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Southmore</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Miller</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0

Match Scores

Thompson def. 25-20, 25-23

Division II W L T W L T

<i>Jackson</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Park View</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Queens</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Beverly Hills</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Bondy</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0

Match Scores

Jackson def. Southmore 25-20, 25-23

Beverly Hills def. San Jacinto 25-21, 21-25, 25-10

Queens def. South Houston 17-25, 25-19, 25-19

Park View def. Miller 25-16, 19-25, 25-18

7D Records District Overall Division I W L T W L T

<i>Southmore</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Miller</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>San Jacinto</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>South Houston</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Thompson</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0

Match Scores

Southmore def. Jackson 25-22, 25-21

Miller def. Park View 25-21, 25-22

Division II W L T W L T

<i>Bondy</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Queens</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Beverly Hills</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>Jackson</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>Park View</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0

Match Scores

Queens def. South Houston 25-23, 25-17

Bondy def. Thompson 25-15, 25-3

Beverly Hills def. San Jacinto 25-15, 25-21

BAFL Standings

Senior Division

Teams	W	L	T
<i>Wildcats</i>	5	0	0
<i>Texans</i>	4	0	0
<i>Cowboys</i>	4	1	0
<i>Hurricanes</i>	4	1	0
<i>Eagles</i>	3	1	1
<i>Sharks</i>	3	2	0
<i>Dolphins</i>	2	3	0
<i>Raiders</i>	2	2	1
<i>Longhorns</i>	1	3	0
<i>United</i>	1	3	0
<i>Patriots</i>	0	4	0
<i>49ers</i>	0	4	0
<i>Bulls</i>	0	5	0

Junior Division

Teams	W	L	T
<i>49ers</i>	4	0	0
<i>Texans</i>	4	0	0
<i>Hurricanes</i>	4	1	0
<i>Bulls</i>	4	1	0
<i>Eagles</i>	3	2	0
<i>Cowboys</i>	3	2	0
<i>Sharks</i>	3	2	0
<i>Wildcats</i>	2	3	0
<i>Longhorns</i>	1	3	0
<i>Patriots</i>	1	3	0
<i>Dolphins</i>	1	4	0
<i>United</i>	0	4	0
<i>Raiders</i>	0	5	0

Sophomore Division

Teams	W	L	T
<i>Hurricanes</i>	5	0	0
<i>Cowboys</i>	4	1	0
<i>Sharks</i>	4	1	0
<i>Texans</i>	3	1	0
<i>Bulls</i>	3	2	0
<i>Raiders</i>	3	2	0
<i>Wildcats</i>	3	2	0
<i>Eagles</i>	2	3	0
<i>United</i>	1	3	0
<i>49ers</i>	1	3	0
<i>Longhorns</i>	0	3	1
<i>Patriots</i>	0	3	1
<i>Dolphins</i>	0	5	0

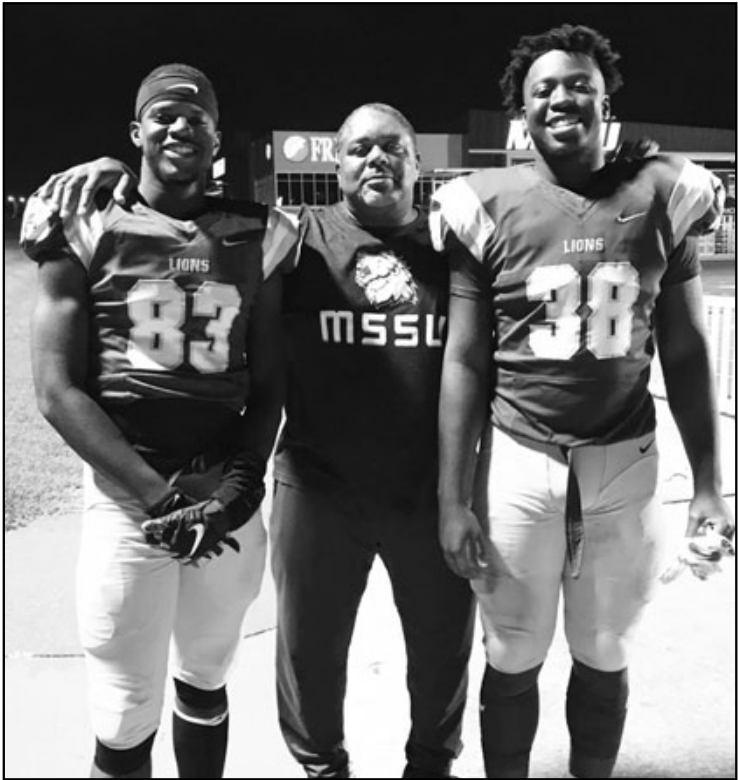
Freshman Division

Teams	W	L	T
<i>Hurricanes</i>	5	0	0
<i>Sharks</i>	4	0	1
<i>Eagles</i>	4	1	0
<i>Longhorns</i>	3	0	1
<i>Dolphins</i>	3	2	0
<i>Cowboys</i>	2	2	1
<i>Patriots</i>	2	2	0
<i>Bulls</i>	2	3	0
<i>49ers</i>	1	3	0
<i>Raiders</i>	1	3	1
<i>Texans</i>	1	3	0
<i>United</i>	0	4	0
<i>Wildcats</i>	0	5	0

Pee wee Division







Teams	W	L	T
<i>Sharks</i>	5	0	0
<i>Bulls</i>	4	0	1
<i>Hurricanes</i>	4	0	1
<i>49ers</i>	3	1	0
<i>Texans</i>	3	1	0
<i>Longhorns</i>	2	2	0
<i>Patriots</i>	2	2	0
<i>Dolphins</i>	2	3	0
<i>Cowboys</i>	2	3	1
<i>Eagles</i>	1	3	1
<i>United</i>	0	4	0
<i>Raiders</i>	0	4	1
<i>Wildcats</i>	0	5	0

Davis twins hit field at MSSU



Class of 2016 Dobie High School graduates Jacoby (left) and Jeremy Davis (right) enjoyed an early-season visit from their father, Terence Davis, as the Missouri Southern State University football team took the field in Joplin, Mo. Jacoby is a red-shirt freshman receiver, while Jeremy is a sophomore tight end with the Lions, who have started the 2018 season at 0-2.

South Belt football predictions

						
	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Clear Brook at Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Clear Brook	Angleton	Clear Brook
Shadow Creek at Alief Elsik	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Texas City at Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Clear Lake	Texas City
Houston Lamar at Beaumont West Brook	Lamar	BWB	BWB	BWB	Lamar	BWB
Goose Creek Memorial at Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
Clear Springs at George Ranch	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	George Ranch	Clear Springs	George Ranch
Summer Creek at Pasadena Memorial	Pas. Memorial	Summer Creek	Pas. Memorial	Pas. Memorial	Summer Creek	Pas. Memorial
Friendswood at La Porte	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
Katy Taylor at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Katy Taylor	Katy Taylor	Deer Park	Deer Park
North Shore at Westfield	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
This week's record	6-4	7-3	7-3	4-6	7-3	8-2
Season record	12-8	14-6	13-7	9-11	13-7	12-8

Dobie team tennis aces Summer Creek in 22-6A opener; Remembering Ike next

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Summer Creek came up with a victory in girls' singles after winning a supertiebreaker, but the Longhorns otherwise dominated the action. Sebastian Delgado continued his improved play in the boys' No. 1 singles spot, having cruised to a 6-4, 6-2 victory. Luis Neira, playing in the No. 2 slot, was just as impressive as he lost only three games in a 6-1, 6-2 win.

Playing at No. 3, the Longhorns' Austin Luu was a 6-1, 6-1 winner, and Dobie's Ronald Nguyen went on to win his match by a 6-4, 6-0 count. The Longhorns' Kevin Dinh dropped just three games in the boys' No. 5 match as he earned a 6-3, 6-0 victory, and Dobie's Duy Ho led his match early on before his opponent retired. Julia Bui, the Lady Longhorns' top singles player, won her match 6-1,

6-3, and Kristy Morales stepped up at No. 2 for a 6-0, 6-2 victory. At girls' No. 3, the Lady Longhorns' Bao Nguyen was a 6-3, 6-3 winner, and the Lady Longhorns' Kacy Huerta went on to win 6-3, 7-6 (7-4). Dobie's Megan Rodriguez won her match in No. 6 singles, with a 7-5, 6-2 score. In doubles play, Dobie's Nguyen and Ronald Nguyen delivered a 6-1, 1-6, 11-9 victory in No.

1 doubles. In No. 2 doubles, the Longhorns' Dinh and Luu won by a 6-0, 6-2 count, and Delgado

teamed with Ho for a 6-0, 6-0 victory in the No. 3 slot. The Lady Longhorns

also won three in doubles, with Bui and Kristy Morales getting a 6-0, 6-3 win. At No. 2, Gisell

Morales and Bao Nguyen claimed a 6-1, 6-1 victory. As for the girls' No. 3 doubles match, Dobie

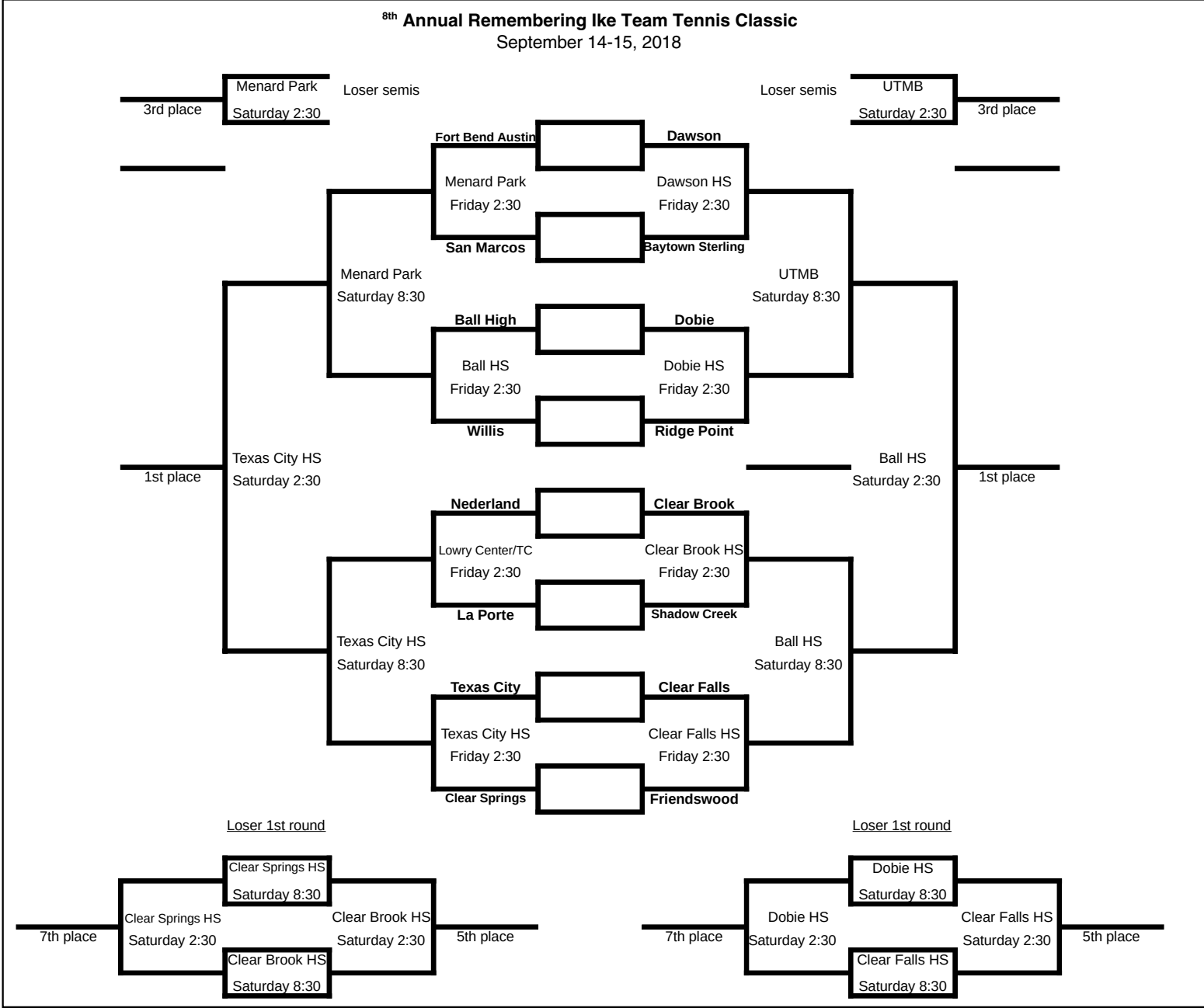
grabbed a 7-5, 6-3 win as Camille Smith and Jessica Vu teamed. In mixed doubles, Do-

bie's Courtney Chung and Hayden Lazo went on to win 6-0, 6-0, completing Dobie's dominance.



Dobie junior Jordan Tran and her teammates will take a break from the District 22-6A race Sept. 14-15, instead playing in the 8th annual Remembering Ike Invitational. Dobie's first-round match comes Sept. 14 against Ridge Point at Dobie before play shifts to Galveston Sept. 15.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – “Breakfast With Bill” Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.
10 a.m.
Fun Bunch – for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club – meets monthly on the second Thursday (except December, June and July) at

the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, located at 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For more information, call Gary at 281-993-8335.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7 a.m.
AA Meeting – “Breakfast With Bill” Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for more information, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., located at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers and/or addicts share, learn the principles of Al-Anon, find out that they are not alone, and discover choices that are available. For more information, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – “Breakfast with Bill”, Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
7 – 10 p.m.
Bay Area Singles Club – monthly dance at 7 – 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, located at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson, 77539, Post 6378. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.
7 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association – bluegrass music show and jam session on the third Saturday (except December). Stage show begins at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. This event is free. Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For more information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Meet at the club, located at 16614 Sea Lark, 77062, for open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for more information.
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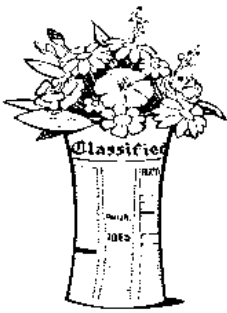
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10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT meetings are 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., in Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175. 11:30 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.

Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net. 3:15 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's. 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details. 6 p.m.

New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658. 6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. **Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177. 7:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7:30 p.m.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org. 7:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715. **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18** 7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email jpochnsr@aol.com for details. Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email nalix@texas-citizensbank.com. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has free dance "lessons" Tuesdays following the senior luncheon taught by 35-year dance area instructors Lewis and Betty Whistler at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. For questions regarding lessons, call 832-517-5833. League City Parks Dept. requires an activity card for all participation of activities. Seniors (age 55 and older) get a free "full activity card." Nonresident seniors pay \$25 a year for this full activity card. If under age 55, there is a "special limited to ballroom activity card" (residents pay \$25/year, nonresidents pay \$37.50) to enjoy "daytime" ballroom activities. Saturday night ballroom dances require a door fee to cover expenses. For questions about the activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180. 1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708. **Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglendorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. 7:30 p.m.

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Harris County Master Gardeners - presents *Roses: Planting, Growing And Upkeep* on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. This is a free Harris County Master Gardener event. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/pubGreenThumb.aspx> or call 713-274-0950. 7 p.m.

6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details, call 281-526-6840. 7 p.m.

Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). There is no meeting in December. For details, contact Cathy@houston skyscraper shadows.org or call 713-332-6294. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7 p.m.

Positive Interaction Program - meets at 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. For details, call Officer Richard Buiron at 281-218-3900. **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** 7 a.m.

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Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to age 50 or older. There are no dues. Day and extended trips are available. There is a waiting list for the Nashville Show trip (Nov. 25 - Dec. 1) Deposits are being taken for the Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play (June 7 - 16, 2020.) Call Marilyn at 713-947-2388 for more information. 9:30 a.m.

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

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Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesdays, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For details, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531. 11:30 a.m.

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Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 7 p.m.

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Longhorns take down Bellaire; get off to 2-0 start in 2018

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Morris had a 62-yard touchdown run with just under three minutes to go in the second quarter, and Dontavion Crosby, who rushed for 92 yards on his own, went for a score as the Longhorns led 35-21 at halftime.

The Longhorns closed out the scoring in the third quarter as Morris went 23 yards for a touchdown.

Sophomore Joshua Hernandez made good on each of his extra-point

tries in the game.

How good is Dobie? That is yet to be determined. Along with starting 2-0 for the first time since 2011, the program now has a chance to open league play with what would be a difference-making win over Summer Creek Sept. 22.

Dobie head coach Kevin Berneathy acknowledges that his players and coaches have enjoyed some deserved excitement. That said, there is

no time to be complacent or feel good about a pair of nondistrict wins.

"We still have a lot of things to work on, as do a lot of teams at this time of the year," Berneathy said.

"Summer Creek does some different things and has a different look from a personnel standpoint that Santa Fe or Bellaire, so we have to prepare for those differences."

Berneathy also cited special teams as an area of concern. While the Do-

bie defense largely limited Bellaire's offense, the team did score off two special teams miscues on the Dobie side, including a kickoff return.

"When you get into district play, you can't lose games because of a special teams mistake," Berneathy said.

"Those types of things just can't happen moving forward, so that's a big focus during the bye week. We have to get some of those issues ironed out."

From a defensive standpoint, Berneathy said the initial plan was to build as much speed as possible into the unit. Obviously, that has occurred. In addition, the unit is simply playing with will and desire.

"The ability to be able to run is certainly a big key on defense, but it really all boils down to effort," Berneathy said.

"The defensive staff has done a great job of putting guys in the right roles and

the right spots for success. It's also about understanding your role and not trying to do too much. And again, success on defense is effort-driven, and our guys have given us a great effort. We certainly hope to continue doing that moving forward."

As for the offense, there was little question prior to the season that Morris was the Longhorns' most successful and likely the focal point of the offense.

Through two games, Morris has been nothing short of terrific, both in the run game as well as the return game.

But the Longhorns have also benefited greatly from the play of Hale and Crosby, who along with Morris have helped the Longhorns create a tough three-headed monster in the backfield.

"We felt like we had the athletes in the offensive backfield to make some

plays, and to come up with some explosive plays from time to time," Berneathy said.

"A big factor has been the execution of the schemes and being in the right spots to make blocks. We also hoped that our offensive linemen would pick up the blocking schemes quickly and develop a toughness out there."

"For the most part, we've seen that. Having

the discipline and focus to stay on your block for another tick can really make a big difference. All in all, it certainly shows that our schemes work."

Future goals? Dobie began the 2005 varsity season at 4-0 before a convincing 59-7 district loss to North Shore.

The program last won a playoff game in 2004. Stay tuned to see how this thing plays out. Next up is Summer Creek.

Congratulations to Dobie on 50 years of education in South Belt!

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Dobie sophomore running back Darius Hale (4) has played a big role in the Longhorns' big-play attack early this season. After victimizing Santa Fe for a 54-yard touchdown burst in the opener, Hale went 88 yards for a touchdown against Bellaire and eventually rushed for 178 yards on 17 carries as the locals ran past Bellaire 42-33 for a 2-0 start to the season.

Photo by Jade Wise

Schmitz remembers Dobie soccer's beginnings

At right, the Dobie boys' soccer program, under the guidance of head coach Justo Manrique, is certainly on a roll, having won four consecutive district championships as well as the Region III crown in 2017 that led to the varsity team's first-ever state tournament appearance. In celebration of Dobie High School's 50th anniversary this school year, the Longhorns invited former longtime Dobie athletic trainer and the school's first-ever boys' soccer coach, Jon Schmitz, for a visit. He hoisted the Longhorns' first district championship trophy from the 1984-1985 season and also paid a visit outside to see the program's signage commemorating each of the subsequent titles. Schmitz is currently an athletic trainer at Lutheran South Academy.

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