

Brook speech, debate team wins again

Clear Brook's speech and debate students kept the winning streak alive the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29, with their attendance at Ross Sterling High School.

Thus far in the competitive season, this has been the squad's most successful tournament.

It ended in the achievement of not only trophies but additional state qualification points for the Texas Forensic Association state meet which is to be held March 5-8.

As of this tournament, two students from Clear Brook High School are now qualified for state.

Bringing home trophies in debate include Brandon Wardlaw with a first-place trophy in championship Lincoln Douglas debate, partners Lindsay Bernsen and Karl Schaefer with first place in championship cross examination debate and Raveena Bhalara with a first-place win in novice Lincoln Douglas debate. Ross Adams also earned a first-place trophy in student congress.

Additional honors were won by Kelly Hairfield who brought home a second-place trophy for senior poetry interpretation, second place in senior prose interpretation, second place in impromptu poetry interpretation and

fourth place in humorous interpretation.

Brandon Wardlaw also excelled in foreign extemporaneous speaking by winning second place and impromptu speaking by bringing home the first-place trophy. He also earned a second place speaking award for championship

Lincoln Douglas debate.

Lindsay Bernsen, Ross Adams and Raveena Bhalara won second-, third- and seventh-place trophies respectively for domestic extemporaneous speaking. Talya Lazerus also placed second in the novice extemporaneous speaking category.

Because of their outstanding efforts, the squad also brought home two sweepstakes trophies - second place overall in debate and third place overall for individual events.

Two students, Brandon Wardlaw and Ross Adams, are now qualified for the TFA

State Meet in Lincoln Douglas debate and student congress, respectively.

In addition to these students, Lindsay Bernsen, Karl Schaefer, Kelly Hairfield, Alex Scheifler and Nikita Puzanenko are mere points away from being qualified for this additional honor.



Clear Brook Speech and Debate team members won numerous awards at a recent competition held at Ross Sterling High School. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Lindsay Bernsen, Cindi Wardlaw (assistant coach), Kelly Hairfield, (middle row) Talya Lazerus, Raveena Bhalara, Brittny Johnson, (back row) Brandon Wardlaw, Karl Schaefer and Ross Adams.

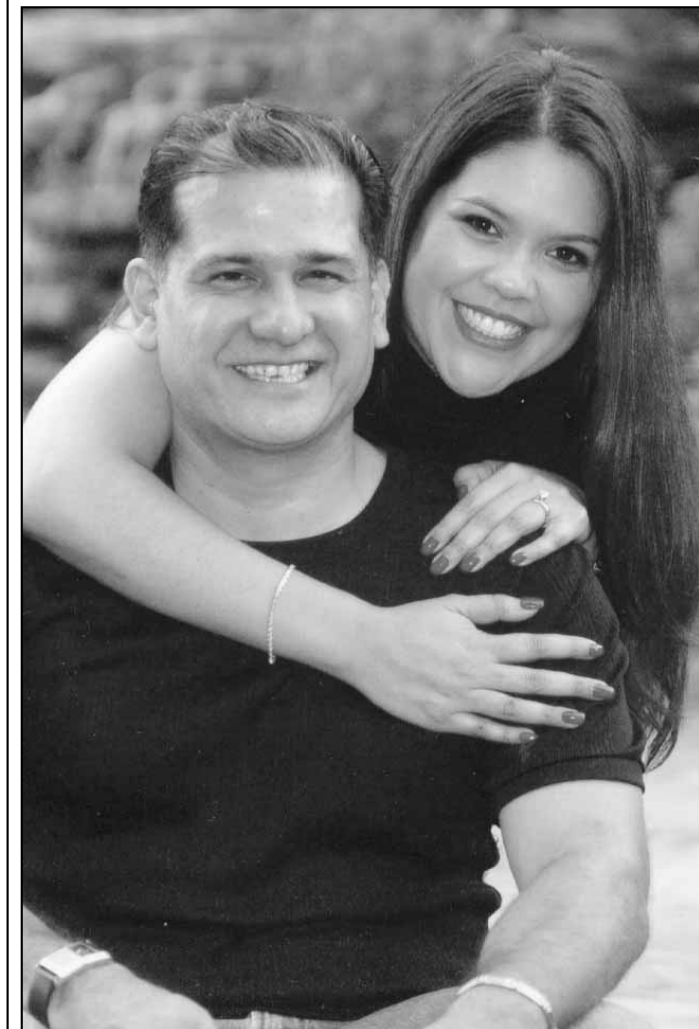
VFW to meet Oct. 18

VFW Post 7109 will hold its monthly membership meeting Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m., 4202 W. Walnut in Pearland. Veterans are welcome and are encouraged to become members. For more information, call 281-997-1097.

AARP meets Oct. 19

AARP Chapter 199 will meet Friday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway. There will be a musical presentation by the Over-the-Hill-Gang. The public is welcome.

Gaytan, Cisneros to wed



Lupe and Vivian R. Cisneros Jr., longtime Kirkwood residents, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Michael Anthony Cisneros, to Carolyn Gaytan, daughter of Lydia and Leo R. Gaytan of Houston. The prospective groom is a 1982 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School and is currently employed with United Space Alliance at Johnson Space Center. The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School and is currently employed with Baylor College of Medicine. The couple, who became engaged on New Year's Eve, plan a late October wedding.

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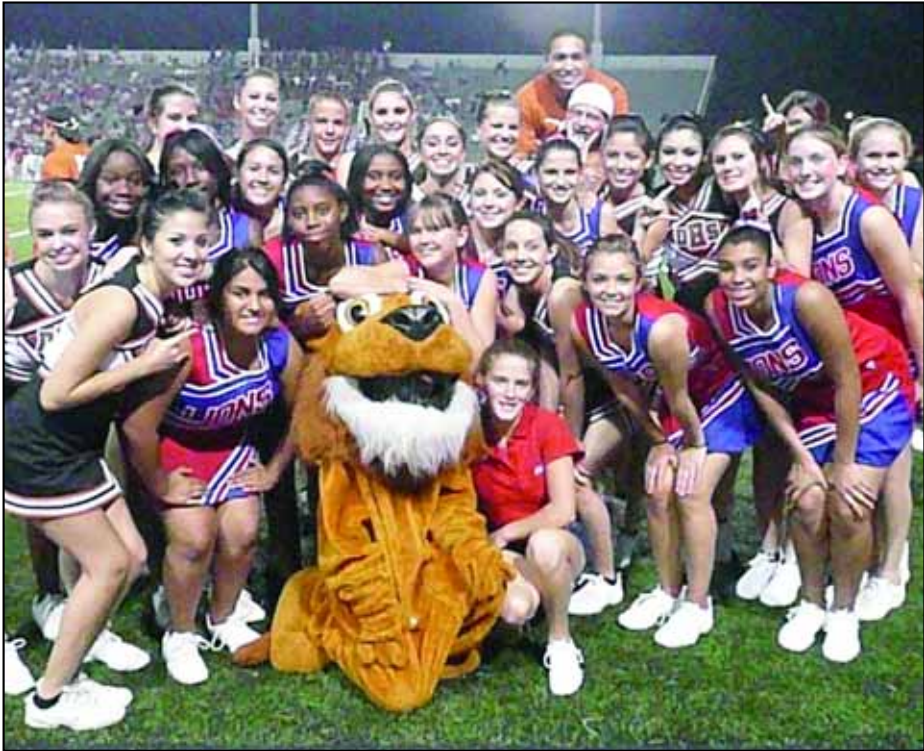
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Lions cheer with the Longhorns



Showing their Longhorn spirit, the Thompson cheerleaders cheered with the Dobie squads at the Dobie versus Clear Lake football game recently. Pictured are, left to right (front row) Louie the Lion Katie Tyer, Jordan Deubner, (second row) Ally Wilson, Jenifer Torres, Chelsea Beltran, Shante McGill, Catarina Johnson, Lauren Brunk, Alaina Burns, Liz Mercado, (third row) Jaily Battles, Ja' Cobie

Mosley, Brittini Rodriguez, Feliss Goree, Amber Calderon, Kayla Smith, Alyssa Perry, Khayla Soto, Ashley Dana, Colbee Manuel, Andrea Mitrowski, (back row) Tatiana Gonzales, Chelsey DuPont, Cameron Michalak, Kay Dee Little, Elizabeth Sorensen, Daniel Sawyer, Noland Carcamo, Allison Naquin and Megan Gary.

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SJC offers Halloween alternative

The upcoming Children's Fall Festival at San Jacinto College South campus will offer children of all ages a fun and safe alternative to traditional Halloween trick-or-treating.

The festival will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26, inside the J.D. Bruce Student Center, located on the south side of the campus at 13735 Beamer Road.

The annual event has served as an entertaining outing for several years, bringing families to the college for food, fun and games that are sponsored by campus student organizations.

A highlight of the festival will be a costume contest set for 7:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information about the Children's Fall Festival, call SJC South campus Office of Student Life at 281-929-4633.

CCISD upgraded

Continued from Page 1A adverse effect on the rating. "The accolades just keep growing for our district," said Paula Tomasi, CCISD board of trustees president.

"I am proud to serve the best school district in Texas. On behalf of the community, I congratulate the CCISD staff for an incredible year of achievements and look forward to additional milestones on the horizon."

In addition to the Recognized district rating, CCISD is also home to 15 TEA exemplary schools. The TEA appeal comes on the heels of Stewart Elementary being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education and recent honors for Mossman.

Mossman was one of the five state finalists for superintendent of the year. She was named superintendent of the year by Region IV Education Service Center and the Texas Computer Education Association.

SJC theater

Continued from Page 3A Reeper Madness by Kevin Murphy and Dan Studney, produced by North Harris Community College, will be presented Saturday, Oct. 27. All performances are in the theater of the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building. Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain. Tickets are \$5.

For reservations or information, contact Liz Lacy at 281-922-3497 or liz.lacy@sjcd.edu.

Others participating are Lamar University's Well by Lisa Kron at 11 a.m. and Home Front by James Duff by Montgomery College at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Missing woman spurs investigation into home

Continued from Page 1A had been visited by the authorities.

A spokesman for the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department said it had gone to the facility about once a month for the last three years.

Unlike other states, Texas has no laws prohibiting the operation of a healthcare facility out of one's home. The practice is, however, against Highland Meadow deed restrictions.

Ross was not identified until Tuesday, Oct. 9, after her granddaughter, Melonie Tankersley, had notified Texas Equusearch the

previous day.

Tender Touch was inspected by the state last June. Officials found 11 violations, including a failure to ensure that the manager was either on duty or available when off-site and a failure to have a required four-day supply of staple foods kept in the facility.

Tender Touch was shut down for 10 days by the state Department of Aging and Disability Services under an emergency license suspension and closure. All of its patients were transferred to other facilities while the investigation continues.

Elections . . .

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Peter Brown is the lone candidate for the at-large Position 1 seat.

Candidates for the at-large Position 2 seat include Michael "Griff" Griffin and Sue Lovell.

At-large Position 3 candidates include Melissa Noriega and Roy Morales. The two candidates running for the at-large Position 4 seat are Lawrence Allen and Ronald Green.

The most hotly contested seat belongs to the at-large Position 5, with eight people competing. These include Jack Christie, Joe Trevino, John Curtis Gibbs, Jolanda Jones, Marlon Barabin,

Ray Ramirez, Tom Nixon and Zaf Tahir.

Early voting begins Monday, Oct. 22, and continues through Friday, Nov. 2.

Nearby early polling locations include the Harris County Courthouse Annex 25, 7330 Spencer; the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane; and the newly added International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall 66, 4345 Allen Genoa.

From Oct. 22 through Oct. 26, early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Oct. 27, early voting hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Oct. 28, early voting hours are 1 to 6 p.m.

From Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, early voting hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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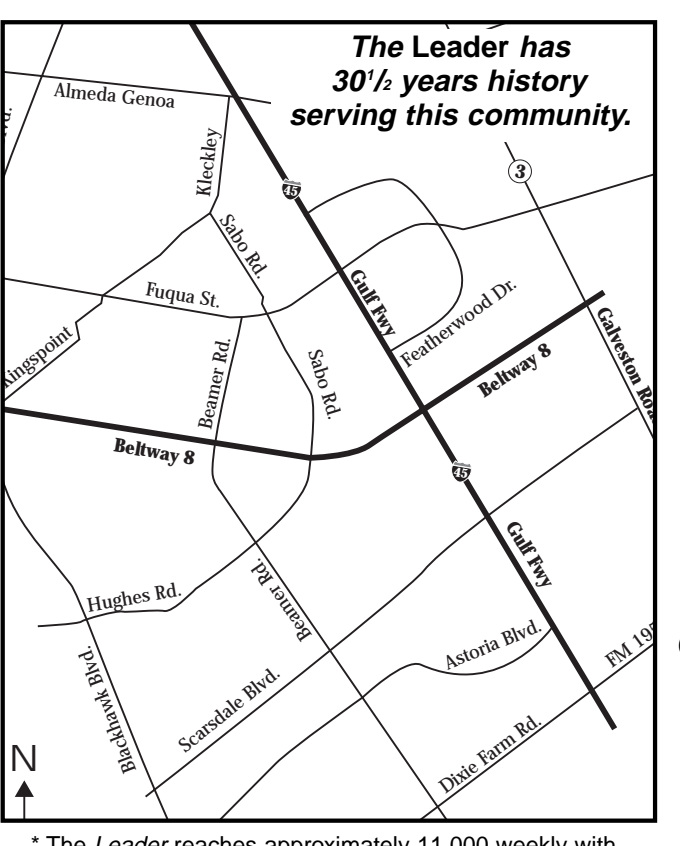
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District team tennis tournaments up next

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No offense meant, but Dobie's path to the Region III tournament is much smoother than Clear Brook's.

Minus the ineligible players, the Wolverines figure to have a difficult battle in store against Pearland.

A subsequent victory over Clear Creek in the finals would seem unlikely, given the Wildcats' easy victory over the fully-stocked Wolverines in the

regular season.

As for Dobie, a win over the Mavericks would give Dobie its third regional berth in four seasons.

Dobie has seen Memorial take control, at least for now, in both varsity football and varsity volleyball.

Moreno and his players are certainly unwilling to forfeit school district supremacy to Memorial.

Perhaps some of the same magic Dobie showed during the regular season

will be on display again a second time against the Mavericks.

"Memorial will be a better team than they were the first time," Moreno insisted.

"They have a program that is on the rise. We have had several good years and still have a great chance. It sounds simple, but we have to win the matches we are supposed to win. If we do that, I like our chances. If we slip up, it could be 10-9 either way."

District Fall Team Tennis

Dobie vs. Memorial

22-5A First Round Oct. 18
2:30 p.m., Dobie High School

Clear Brook hosts Pearland

24-5A First Round Oct. 18
3 p.m., Clear Brook High School

Local BAFL units coast

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ped away the football on defense and raced 30 yards for the score.

Elijah Silva completed the scoring with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Jeremy Davis, Keith Armstead, Devon Bustamonte, William Fuselier, Mattias Gallo, Jazaic Garcia, Marc Garza, London Jenkins, Andres Mercado, Ryan Puga and Marcus Rodriguez played well offensively.

The Dolphins' defense was solid as Justyce Battles, Joshua Bennett, Jacoby Davis, Byron Flores, Dominic Franklin, Javen Hedge-mann, Joshua Huff, T.J. Kilby, Osby Mitchell III, Ethan Riojas, Elijah Silva and Ty Wright all excelled.

League City freshmen 25 Cowboys 9

The freshman Cowboys fell behind early yet never quit in a 25-9 defeat at League City against the '49ers.

The locals fell behind 25-0 before lightning struck as Brannon Shoaf blazed down the sideline for a 60-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

The ensuing point after conversion by Jordan White cut the lead to 25-7.

The Cowboys' defense then got strong and produced a thrilling two-point safety by Nathaniel Dominguez for the final score.

Rams flag team is good

Devin Childs ran for a pair of 50-yard touchdowns, and Travis Watson Jr. came through with a 3-yard run to the end zone as the Rams' flag division team played well against Pasadena.

Nick Rodarte, Marquice Scott, Javian Castaneda, Justin Rogers, Marco Sanchez, John Gonzalez, Javier Salcedo and Deytoine Flournoy also played well on the offensive side of the ball.

Outstanding flag pulling on defense was done by Matt Cervantes, Isaac Martinez, Demontre Carr, Ke'San Abdul, Darius Pamplin, Mateo Guzman, Donaldson Harper and Zion Nolan.

SB flaggers excel

The Dolphins' flag team played a great game against Marvel as both teams played with pride.

During the game, all of

the players contributed with fine plays. Jayveon Belle, Vincent Edwards, Christian Flores, Anthony Garcia, Noah Garcia, Tomas Garcia, Taylor Gomez, Jaylen Gonzalez, Ra'Shad Harris, Kendall Iwagwu, Jalen Lendsey, Nathan Licerio, Carter Miller, Peyton Miller, Nathaniel Kroneman, Malachai Murphy, Cervantes Pounds II, Theodore Randall III, Percy Smith, David Trevino, Jonavon Wade and A'Darius Ward all played well.

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Rams homecoming court announced



The Ellington Rams of the Bay Area Football League honored their homecoming kings and queens as part of a special weekend of activities and games against the Pearland Hurricanes. The winners included, left to right, (front row) freshman king and queen Mark Milton and Deana Zuniga; flag queen and king Sierra Gonzales and Isaac Martinez; sophomore queen and king Mikayla Castaneda and Peyton Polk; (back row) junior king and queen Tywon Mackey (filling in for Anthony Cantu, who wasn't present) and Heather Nealis, senior king and queen Aaron Melendez and Meagan Haase. Submitted photo

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Dobie football needs win

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Despite all of the things that have gone wrong during a 1-5 start to the season, the Longhorns can get back on track with a victory over Sam Rayburn.

Then comes a game at North Shore in which a win will be hard to come by.

In the final two weeks, believe it or not, the Longhorns could be presented with a chance to make the postseason. If things stay the present course, Dobie can qualify for the playoffs with back-to-back wins over South Houston and La Porte.

Will that happen? At this point, it doesn't appear likely, but stranger things have happened. South Houston

was rolling along before being rolled 27-0 by Memorial. La Porte is a good football team, but is not as talented as the school's 2005 and 2006 teams.

"We have to get on a roll and make some things happen for ourselves," Cotton said. "That's something we haven't been able to do yet, but the chance is there."

Andy Pettitte to appear

San Jacinto College foundation to golf

The theme for the 12th annual San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament is *A Salute to Our Students*. The tournament will raise funds for San Jac student scholarships, staff development, innovative grants written by San Jac faculty and staff, and other educational needs.

The tournament will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Battleground Golf Course, 1600 Georgia, in Deer Park.

The first round will tee off at 7:15 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast at 6:15 a.m. The second round will begin at 12:45 p.m. with registration at 11:30 a.m.

An auction and reception will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 30. New York Yankees pitcher and San Jacinto College alumnus Andy Pettitte will be the guest host at the auction and reception.

Proceeds from the tournament and the auction benefit the Andy Pettitte Endowed Scholarship. Pettitte, a Deer

Park resident, attended San Jac, where he excelled as a pitcher for the college's baseball team before beginning his professional career.

The San Jacinto College Foundation designated a \$100,000 scholarship in Pettitte's honor because of the commitment he made to the foundation through his efforts with the annual golf tournament.

For the 2006-07 academic year, the foundation awarded \$320,691 in scholarships.

The format for each round of the golf tournament will be Florida Scramble consisting of four-person teams, regardless of handicap. Two flights will be determined after all scores are submitted to the scorer's table. The average score will be the break point for the division of the two flights. Prizes will be the same for both flights.

Pro shop gift certificates for the first three places include: first place, \$100 for each team member; second place, \$75 for each team

member; and third place, \$50 for each team member.

Lunch, an awards ceremony and a silent auction will follow the first round.

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