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Holiday closures scheduled

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The Leader office will be closed from noon Wednesday, Nov. 27, through Friday, Nov. 29, for the Thanksgiving holidays. The Thursday edition of the Leader will be available Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Clear Brook City MUD

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays. The office will reopen Monday, Dec. 2, at 8 a.m. Payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru window side of the building.

Residents living in Clear Brook City MUD who receive trash service on Thursday will not have regular trash service pickup on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 28. Regular services will resume Monday, Dec. 2.

Residents who receive trash service on Fridays will have regular services on Nov. 29.

All trash must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Beltway closures planned

At least one inside lane on both the eastbound and westbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Beamer to Cottingham daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, Nov. 23.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed daily, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 8.

At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Vista from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 24.

At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed from Sycamore to Spencer daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 24, and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Nov. 22.

At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Pine continuously through 5 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

At least one inside lane on the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Pasadena Boulevard continuously through Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020.

At least one alternate lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 24.

CBCMUD begins work

Sewer rehabilitation work began Tuesday, Nov. 19, for several Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District residents. Affected subdivisions include Sageglen, Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow I and II. Residents should not be alarmed by smoke coming from roof vents and manholes, as it is part of the ongoing work.

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 Tuesday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2020. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, U-turn and head south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

St. Frances sells cookies

St. Frances Cabrini Women's Club invites the community to its fourth annual Christmas cookie walk Sunday, Dec. 1, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Francesca Hall, located at 10727 Hartsook. Guests should plan to come and fill a container with homemade cookies – without the work – and enjoy more time with family and friends this holiday season. The cookies make great gifts. Come early for the best selections. Cookies are sold by the pound.

Dobie Orchestra to perform

The J. Frank Dobie High School Orchestra will hold a pair of concerts in early December. The Dobie Freshman Orchestra will perform Tuesday, Dec. 3, while the Dobie Upperclassmen Orchestra will perform Thursday, Dec. 5. Both shows will take place in the Dobie Main auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Angela Badon, head orchestra director, at abadon@pasadenaisd.org or 713-740-0370 ext. 04225.

Free self-defense class Nov. 25

The last self-defense and karate classes for 2019 offered at the Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes, are set for Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. A new session starts January 2020. Email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKa rate.com or call 281-788-5930 for details.

Morgan to deliver last regular sermons

Sagemont senior pastor stepping down, as church searches for successor

Dr. John D. Morgan, senior pastor of Sagemont Church for 53 years, will deliver his last regularly scheduled sermons at the area church Sunday, Nov. 24, at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.



Dr. John Morgan

"Fifty-three years ago, God led me to Sagemont Church and promised me if I would follow Him, He would allow me to witness His power and presence in a way that only a

few have ever seen," Morgan said this past June when he originally made the announcement that he would be stepping down, as the church undergoes a transition period, in which it selects a successor to lead the 21,000-member congregation.

In those 53 years, Sagemont Church has witnessed 18,060 baptisms and 20,208 professions of faith. Gifts throughout the debt-free church's history have totaled \$363,956,186 for ministry use locally and worldwide.

In a video shown to the church congregation in services on June 9, Morgan likened the coming transition to a baseball team, in which there comes a time where the starting pitcher hands off

the pitching role to the bullpen.

During the transition period, a search team will be formed to find the next senior pastor of Sagemont Church. Meanwhile, Morgan will remain on staff as the founding pastor and will continue to preach in the 9:30 a.m. worship services on Sundays. He will also be leading "fund-lowering" efforts as the church prepares to build a new \$12 million building for student ministry to replace facilities destroyed by Hurricane Harvey.

In Morgan's absence, Teaching Pastor Dr. Freeman Tomlin will now present Sagemont's sermons in his place until a permanent replacement has been secured. The process could take up to a couple years, church officials said.

Morgan said that while the past 53 years have been great at Sagemont Church, the best is yet to come.

"Hats off to the past and coats off to the future," Morgan said.

Biography

A 1959 Pasadena High School graduate, Morgan transformed the once-small Sagemont ministry into one of the largest and most influential faith institutions in the state.

Morgan's father, Dr. L.D. Morgan, was the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pasadena for more than 33 years. It was First Baptist that licensed and ordained John Morgan, as he continued his studies at Baylor University (B.A. 1963) and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (B.D. 1966). Post-graduate degrees include a Lit. D. degree from the California School of Theology (1982) and a Doctorate of Sacred Theology from Southwest Baptist University (1986).

In 1966, Morgan formed what would become Sagemont Church. His original congregation

consisted of 16 members. That number has now grown to around 21,000.

Under Dr. Morgan's direction, Sagemont has been a frequent partner with local schools and other entities and has served as a headquarters for the American Red Cross during storms and other emergencies, and has provided shelter for hundreds of families during times of need.

A massive expansion at Sagemont under Morgan's direction included the installation of a 170-foot, 90-ton cross on the church's property that is seen by more than 1,000,000 people each week. The expansion also included the construction of a new \$29 million worship center and adult education facility. Like all Sagemont projects, the new building was constructed debt-free. Overall, Sagemont's buildings and property are valued at more than \$50 million.

Morgan has served on numerous boards ranging from the chairman of trustees at Houston Baptist University to president of the Texas Baptist Pastor's Conference.

In 2005, Morgan was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and in 2013, he was named Pasadena Independent School District's Distinguished Alumnus.

Morgan and his first wife, Beth Morgan, now deceased, have two sons, two daughters-in-law and three grandchildren. Son, Sean Hunter Morgan, is married to Leslee Morgan, and son, Dean Fisher Morgan, is married to Tara Morgan. Sean and Leslee's children are Max, Miles and Maris Morgan.

Following Beth Morgan's death in June 2017, Morgan remarried, exchanging wedding vows with Kathie Reimer Oct. 13, 2018. Reimer is the widow of Dr. Jim Reimer, a former pastor.

Atkinson staff, alumni celebrate



Atkinson Elementary recognized its 50th anniversary with a celebration at the campus Tuesday, Nov. 19. Shown above at the event are (front row) Hollis Powell, who served as Atkinson's first principal from 1969 to 1995; (back row) Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin, who is a former Atkinson student (left); Lena Ortiz, current Atkinson principal (center); and Cyndi Atkinson Harrison, granddaughter of Delbert E. Atkinson, the former Pasadena Independent School District board of trustee member for whom the area school was named. See more photos next week. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Atkinson holds 50th anniversary celebration

Dozens of current and former staff members and alumni celebrated the 50th anniversary of Atkinson Elementary at an event held at the area campus Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Named in honor of former Pasadena Independent School District board of trustee member

Pasadena ISD receives \$1.5M grant

By Kadey Heidrich, Pasadena ISD
The Pasadena Independent School District received a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant totaling \$1.5 million to provide academic enrichment opportunities to students who attend high-need, high-poverty schools in the district.

"Our goal is to make learning fun so we embed academics into most of our activities. For example, students will play math games while learning about sports," said Christina Torres, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cycle 10 Project Director. "While participating in enrichment activities through ACE programs, students can engage in sports, dance, music, social emotional learning and culinary arts."

The grant, now in its second year, allows PISD to continue funding before- and after-school ACE (Afterschool Centers on Education) programs, maintaining efforts to provide academic support, enrichment opportunities and college and career readiness for students and their families. The extended learning opportunities will offer children additional help in meeting state academic standards in core subjects.

Additionally, the funding allocated by the grant provides parenting and enrichment activities for students and families. The activities allow for families to have quality time with their children by participating in fun events such as Painting with a Book Night, Vision Board Night and Family Fitness Night. Campuses can also offer joint events for all families participating in ACE programs such as the Houston Food Bank Volunteer Day, health fairs and school markets.

ACE programs are available at 10 PISD campuses and are customized to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

Dobie teachers host South Belt 5K run

Seven Dobie High School teachers have started a new tradition that will provide scholarship money for students for years to come. The teachers organized South Belt's first-ever 5K run, which took place Saturday, Nov. 9.

The first place trophy was awarded to Javier Martinez, with a time of 18.04.1. Second place, with a time of 18.35.5, was awarded to Brandon Williams. Third place was awarded to Michael Medina, with a time of 19.49.5. The race raised roughly \$6,500 for graduating seniors from Dobie High School, who have lettered in at least one athletic program.

Sunny skies gave way to more than 200 runners who came together to raise funds for the Barry E. Harris Scholarship Fund, created in memory of its namesake, Barry Harris, a Dobie teacher who was passionate about sports and providing the best for students. Harris passed away in June 2018 after a long battle with cancer.

The scholarship program was designed to honor Harris' memory and provide graduates with monetary assistance to go to college. The Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund recently awarded its first scholarship as a two-year package (\$1,000 per year for two years) to Camille Smith, a tennis player that will be attending the University of Texas at Austin to major in neuroscience.

Early runoff voting to begin Nov. 27

Early voting for the Dec. 14 City of Houston runoff elections will begin Wednesday, Nov. 27, and continue through Tuesday, Dec. 10.

ran an unsuccessful bid for mayor, are Carolyn Shabazz and Brad "Scarface" Jordan.

In the race for mayor, incumbent Sylvester Turner will face challenger Tony Buzbee.

In this month's general election, Shabazz received 17 percent of the vote (3,892 votes), while Jordan received 15 percent (3,342 votes).

While Turner received significantly more votes than Buzbee in the general election, he failed to break the 50-percent threshold needed to secure victory. In the Nov. 5 contest, Turner received 47 percent of the vote (114,477 total votes) to Buzbee's 28 percent (69,264).

Shabazz is a member of the board of trustees at Houston Community College, while Jordan is a well-known local rapper.

A native Houstonian, Turner is running on his past record, which he touts as including his performance during Hurricane Harvey; saving the city from bankruptcy and fixing its pension crisis; and creating 100,000 new jobs.

South Belt residents will also have an opportunity to vote on multiple at-large City Council races, which are citywide positions.

A successful attorney and business owner, Buzbee contends he is running to end corruption and cronyism in the city – both of which he attributes to Turner.

Nearby early voting locations include the Harris County annex at 10851 Scarsdale and Beamer and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane in the Clear Lake area. There will be no early voting at the East Harris County Activity Center on Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Competing for the District D City Council seat being vacated by Dwight Boykins, who

Polling hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Dec. 7; 1 to 6 p.m. Dec. 8; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 9-10.

To see a complete list of polling locations or a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

JFD students compete in run



The inaugural South Belt 5K run was a huge success Saturday, Nov. 9, attracting more than 200 participants. The event was organized by a group of seven teachers from Dobie High School, who created the event in honor of fellow Dobie teacher Barry Harris, who died from cancer this past June. Organizers hope to make the run an annual event. Current Dobie track members shown above at the function are, left to right, Michael Medina, Javier Martinez, Polo Solis and David Gonzales. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

BW8-Beamer witness of accident sought

An accident occurred on 10/20/2019 at approximately 12:27 a.m. involving two vehicles at the intersection 11500 Beamer Rd and East Sam Houston Parkway. The two vehicles involved were a 2018 White Mitsubishi Outlander and 2016 Grey Hyundai Tucson.

Any eyewitness to this accident is asked to please contact Pipkins Investigation Company at 713- 682-1133.

Brandon Godfrey,
Investigator

Sagemeadow voting urged by Seth Webb

I joined about a dozen of my neighbors at the Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee meeting last week and I can report that we now have our opportunity to make a change. I have already had many people tell me of their experiences with the committee. However, since this was my first meeting ever attended, I tried to keep an open mind. Sadly after only a few minutes, I began to understand what many had already expressed to me.

The experience has galvanized my resolve to do what it takes to make positive changes in this organization whose purpose is simply to serve us.

According to Sagemeadow's formation documents, the committee's purpose is to protect and promote the public interest of the citizens and residents of the Sagemeadow subdivision and shall function as representatives of all of the property owners in Sagemeadow to assure against depreciation of property values. What I've seen in my nearly 15 years living here is a committee that has failed to even attempt to represent we the homeowners of Sagemeadow. How can you purport to represent

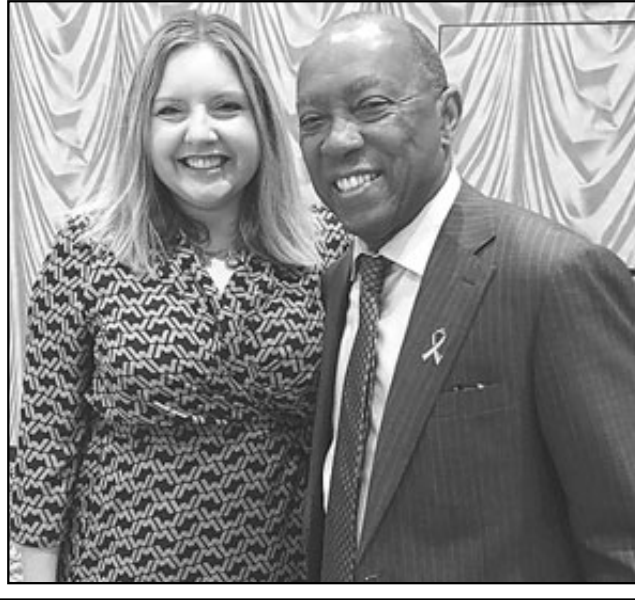
us, when you make little to no attempt to communicate with us?

Anyone who is or has been a part of a successful organization, like a church or other philanthropic entity, a business, or even a group supportive of school activities, will tell you that the reason their leadership is successful is that they provide multiple avenues of communications. That communication is also very much bi-directional, meaning I have ways to contact my leadership and there are ways that they contact me. Many subdivisions regularly utilize public avenues to communicate with its residents. Whether it's through newspaper announcements, periodic newsletters mailed to its residents, or simple yard signs posted in public areas, they find ways to communicate. These same subdivisions also have a functioning website, with at least one good email address, phone number, and an open and welcoming environment at their committee meetings. Suffice it to say, that these are not qualities that I can attribute to the current Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee.

So, what can you do to make the change we so desperately need? First, get out and talk to your neighbors. Share with them your experiences and invite them to share theirs. Let them know that as a homeowner in Sagemeadow, we have a duty to cast our vote for new leadership in our committee. Also remind them that if they're willing, they have various opportunities to be an active participant in the process. They should voice their opinions/concerns at as many committee meetings as possible. If they have it in them, they should take a turn on the committee or volunteer in support of that committee. Finally, they should vote every year in our committee elections. This year, the vote will take place at the Sagemeadow MUD building at Hall and Blackhawk (10755 Hall Road), Saturday, December 7, from 11 AM - 2 PM.

Seth Webb

Meador receives Mayor's Proud Partner Award



Meador Elementary was honored as the recipient of the 2019 Mayor's Proud Partner Award for its SPARK Park and student litter patrol. Principal Beverly Bolton accepted the award at the Mayor's Awards Luncheon downtown Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Hilton Americas-Houston.

Above, with the pictorial award are, left to right, Elizabeth Howly, SPARK assistant director; Kathleen Ownby, SPARK executive director; Beverly Bolton; and Tara Merida, school counselor and litter patrol coordinator.

In the far left photo are Tara Merida and Mayor Sylvester Turner.

At left are, Beverly Bolton (left), Meador principal; and Amy Reed, Keep Houston Beautiful executive director.

Photos submitted

Morris hosts chili contest



Morris Middle school hosted its chili contest to bring in the chilly days of fall. The event was held Friday, Nov. 15. Shown above enjoying the time of fellowship and feasting are three of the four judges, left to right, Alyta Harrell, Pasadena ISD associate superintendent; Jorly Thomas, Fred Roberts Middle School principal; and Anthony Triplett, police officer for Clear Lake Division. The fourth judge Marie Flickinger (not pictured) also participated in the contest. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Elected officials share their words

Alliance to end human trafficking

By U.S. Congressman Pete Olson

Congressman Pete Olson (R-TX) headlined an event at the United States Capitol launching the Alliance to End Human Trafficking, a group of survivors, victim advocates and non-profit organizations committed to raising awareness, educating the public and providing resources to fight this modern-day slavery.

"Our Declaration of Independence says that every American is guaranteed life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The monsters who engage in human trafficking have stolen these rights from their victims," Olson stated. "Congress has passed bills to fight this evil, but new laws are not enough. Working with the Alliance to End Human Trafficking to increase public awareness, bring together advocates and strengthen partnerships, we can provide coordinated resources to work to end this scourge once and for all."

Olson was joined by his Victims' Rights Caucus Co-Chairs Reps. Jim Costa (D-CA) and Debbie Lesko (R-AZ), as well as Reps. Greg Walden (R-OR), Chip Roy (R-TX) and Ann Wagner (R-MO):

"Human trafficking is a problem that doesn't get the attention it deserves. I am pleased to join the Alliance to End Human Trafficking to raise awareness of this important issue. Every year, millions of men, women, and children worldwide are thrown into a life of violence, forced labor and sexual exploitation. As co-founder and co-chair of the Crime Survivors and Justice Caucus, I have worked to advocate for crime victims throughout my career. This is an issue that I have first-hand knowledge of, from families and law enforcement in my district. It is their stories, and the impact I've seen on families in our communities, that motivates me every day to find solutions that effectively work to end this scourge on society."—Rep. Jim Costa.

"As Co-Chair of the Victims' Rights Caucus, I am extremely concerned about human trafficking here in our nation and around the world. I thank all those who attended the launch of Alliance to End Human Trafficking today. We had a thoughtful discussion on human trafficking and how we can confront this issue and help save lives. In Congress, I believe both parties

must continue to work together in a bipartisan fashion to combat human trafficking."—Rep. Debbie Lesko

"Human trafficking impacts a frightening number of Americans and it is critical we do everything in our power to put a stop to it. The launch of the Alliance to End Human Trafficking will spread greater awareness of this evil entity and help our communities to both combat the problem and help survivors. I am especially proud of the Alliance to End Human Trafficking's co-founder, Andi Buerger, who is from Redmond, Oregon and has led the charge on this issue for years. Both Oregon and America are lucky to have people like Andi dedicating their lives to end human trafficking."—Rep. Greg Walden

"Human trafficking is aptly described as modern-day slavery. Victims of human trafficking are robbed of their God-given rights and forced to work or perform sexual services for the direct profit of their captors. It is a soul sucking practice and is happening right now under our noses in our country. I'm thankful for the Alliance to End Human Trafficking and other groups who shine a light on such an important issue. We need to do all we can to end human trafficking."—Rep. Chip Roy

"Human trafficking is a horrific crime that affects at-risk populations in the United States and worldwide. I hope that the Alliance to End Human Trafficking will be a powerful force in the fight against criminals who exploit children and other vulnerable people. I am grateful for the Alliance's commitment to ending these atrocities and empowering the most vulnerable among us. I look forward to working with them to end human trafficking, and I thank my colleague Congressman Olson for his leadership on this important issue."—Rep. Ann Wagner

Alliance to End Human Trafficking co-founder Lynn Shaw added: "We have witnessed a nonpartisan international gathering of concerned people from all walks of life, gathered to speak in a unified voice to bring attention to and awareness of the horrors of human trafficking. And we are further committed to its eradication." **Rep. Pete Olson**

Weber CCISD awarded National School of Character

Nine teachers and administrators from Arlyne and Alan Weber Elementary School in CCISD, recently returned from the National Character Conference in Washington, DC sponsored by Character.Org. After several years of hard work on learning what good character is and demonstrating good character on a daily basis from teachers, students, parents and community members, Weber Elementary was named a State and National School of Character.

The teachers and administrators received the National School of Character award at the conference. Along with being acknowledged as a School of Character, the teachers and administrators attended workshops and listened to speakers all on the topic of having and maintaining good character that they took back to school to share with others at Weber.

As well as being recognized as a National School of Character, Weber Elementary also was recognized for two Promising Practices in Character Development. One was for the Super Bowl of Service, which takes place every year at Weber right before the Super Bowl. Students and their families, as well as teachers, come together to work on Service Learning projects for groups such as the U.S. military, SPCA and the Houston Food Bank.

The other Promising Practice Act was awarded for the Weber International Fair. This event is held each year, now in February, where students and their families, grandparents and community members share information from their native countries. Students "travel the world" to learn about what great countries make up their Weber community. Both of these activities support the 11 Principles of Character upon which a National School of Character is based.

Although Weber has been awarded a National School of Character, the journey is not finished. Students and teachers will continue being excellent examples of good character as well as sharing with others what it means to have good character. For more information, visit www.character.org.

Photo submitted

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell hours this week are: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, closed (Nov. 28 – Dec. 1); Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

All Houston Public Libraries will close at the regularly scheduled time Wednesday, Nov. 27 (6 p.m.), and reopen Monday, Dec. 2 at the regularly scheduled time.

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors Wednesday, Nov. 27, 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime. For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.

Parker Williams Library

All Harris County Public Libraries will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday and reopen Monday at the regularly scheduled time.

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Sudoku for Adults. Learn the tricks of solving Sudoku puzzles from longtime aficionado Marie. Practice logical thinking skills and keep one's brain active. Games are provided and all levels are welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 4 p.m. DIY Fall Door Hanger. Meet at the library to combine large popsicle sticks, playful colors and creativity to design a beautiful Fall door hanger.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m. Sensory friendly movie "The Lion King" (rated PG). The lights will be low, the sound will be down, and there will be plenty of room for everyone to move around as needed. The film is the live action version of "The Lion King." Refreshments and film have been generously donated by State Farm.

Monday, Nov. 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m. Nintendo Night for ages 11 and older. The library announces a free-for-all and a time for a brawl. Plan to attend an evening featuring the Nintendo Switch in the community room, playing Super Smash Brothers Ultimate and Mario Kart 8.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Quilting and Conversation Club. Meet the fourth Tuesday for the 2019 quilting project. Participants will create a section of a handmade quilt (a bookshelf design) and unite the sections at the end of the year. Everyone is welcome.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed: Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

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, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.

Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 – 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (early closing for Thanksgiving).



Shown are teachers and administrators, left to right, (front row) Doug Kerr, CEO of Character.Org; Vanessa Ward; Debbie Walton; Erica Miller; Nuri Gonzalez, assistant principal; Miriam Cortes; Beatriz Diaz; Sue Gutierrez; Lori Soifer, National School of Character director (back row) Cheryl Chaney, principal; and Heather McCool.

Photo submitted

Death

Charles Edwin "Eddie" Burge



Charles Edwin "Eddie" Burge died Nov. 10, 2019, at his home. He was born Nov. 29, 1942, in Houston.

Eddie and his brother Billy Burge were developers of the South Belt area.

They, with their father, Billy Burge II developed the subdivision of Sagement in the 1960s and surrounding subdivisions afterwards.

He graduated from Bellaire High School before attending Texas A&M University, where he was a Ross Volunteer and made many lifelong friends. After graduating from A&M, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, ultimately attaining the rank of captain. He fought in some of the fiercest battles of the

Vietnam War, including Con Thien, and was awarded the Bronze Star (with Combat "V") and two Purple Hearts, among other citations. He never forgot the men who served with him.

After an honorable discharge, Eddie attended the University of Houston Law Center. He practiced law for three years with the Foster Lewis firm in San Antonio before moving back to Houston to work for Ayrshire Corporation, the real estate development company founded by his father. He was president of Ayrshire Corporation until 1992, when he founded his own company Eland Development.

Over the course of his career, Eddie and his associates developed a number of landmark commercial and residential properties in Houston, Dallas, New Orleans, Atlanta, Los Angeles and New York City.

Eddie married his high school sweetheart Linda Sullivan in 1964, and they had three sons. He was a devoted and faithful husband, and in later years enjoyed annual anniversary trips with Linda to the Penobscot River in Maine. He spent countless hours with his sons in their formative years, whether coaching their football and baseball teams, or hunting and fishing.

He was a natural leader, and a gifted and patient teacher who was passionate about the outdoors and spent as much time as he could hunting and fishing. He was a patriot who believed in service and honoring those who served our country, and would have been glad to have passed from this world on the 244th birthday of the U.S. Marines.

Eddie is survived by his wife Linda Sullivan Burge, sons Charles E. Burge Jr. and wife Stacie of Simpsonville, Ky.; Farley S. Burge and wife Dawn of Houston; Mathew S. Burge of Houston; granddaughters Noelle Burge and Caroline Burge, of Houston; and brother Billy Burge III, of Houston.

He is preceded in death by his sister Sara Ann Burge Good. A visitation was held Friday, Nov. 15, in the chapel of Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Katy. A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 16, in the same church chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Linda and Charles "Eddie" Burge Class of '65 Student Endowment at Texas A&M University, 415 Houston St., 301 Coke Bldg., College Station, TX 77840, or to the Tumaini Children's Home Kenya, c/o Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 8300 Katy Freeway, Houston TX 77024.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group shared security footage of two suspects trying to break into a house. The incident happened

Sunday, Nov. 17, around 1 a.m., in the Sonora subdivision. To view footage, visit member's page.

A member of the same Facebook page shared a post of a suspect and vehicle pictures

from a home burglary. The incident happened Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 12:30 p.m., on Scarsdale and Flushing Meadows. This post has been shared to other community Facebook groups.

Meador announces first honor, merit rolls

Meador Elementary officials have announced the first honor roll for the 2019-2020 school year.

Recognized roll
First grade
 Aleishmarie Aponte Muniz, Zyon Babin, Oscar Barrera, Eleena Breigheith, Azariah Calidonio, Giselle Cammack, Sophia Chayeb, Makayla Clemons, Daniel Ekong, Breanna Elizalde, Camila Fernandez, Eliannys Fuentes, Arleth Garcia, Kristin Gonzalez, Makayla Hernandez, Keyona Kelly, Lucy Le, Rosalie Longoria and Gael Lopez.

alio Mai, Pablo Martinez, Annemarie Mauricio, Arianna McCallum, Ky'Anta Mims, Alexa Mondragon, Renesmee Nanez, Tyler Nguyen, Phillip Picarro, Ashley Quijada, Gabriella Renteria, Alyssa Rios, Micah Thompson, Adam Tiscareno, Brianna Torres, Kyngston Vaughn and Skyla Wells.
Second grade
 Roselin Aleman, Jasmine Alvarado, Diana Alvarez, Aya Bahar, Trinity Baiza, Lillian Blanco, Alannah Calzada, Timothy Craig, Londynn Daniel, Myrion Davis, Analiyah Escobedo, Ethan Espinoza, Angel Garza, Blake Gon-

zalez, Emyriah Groves, Layla Guerra and Rylie Hagan.
 Hannah Hernandez, Carmella Holcombe, Shae Ibarra, Omar Jimenez, Alejandro Lopez, Arley Maldonado, Sophia Mancuso, Skylar O'Rourke, Sedrick Phillips, Asia Riley, Isabella Rios, Aiden Saucedo, Alan Serrano, Dary'n Thomas, Daniela Torres and Robert Vigil.
Third grade
Honor roll
 Cecilia Anthony, Matthew Barragan, Carolyn Erazo, Arlett Guzman, Paige Hyladysh, Milan Johnson, Kenberly Jones, Gregory Mc-

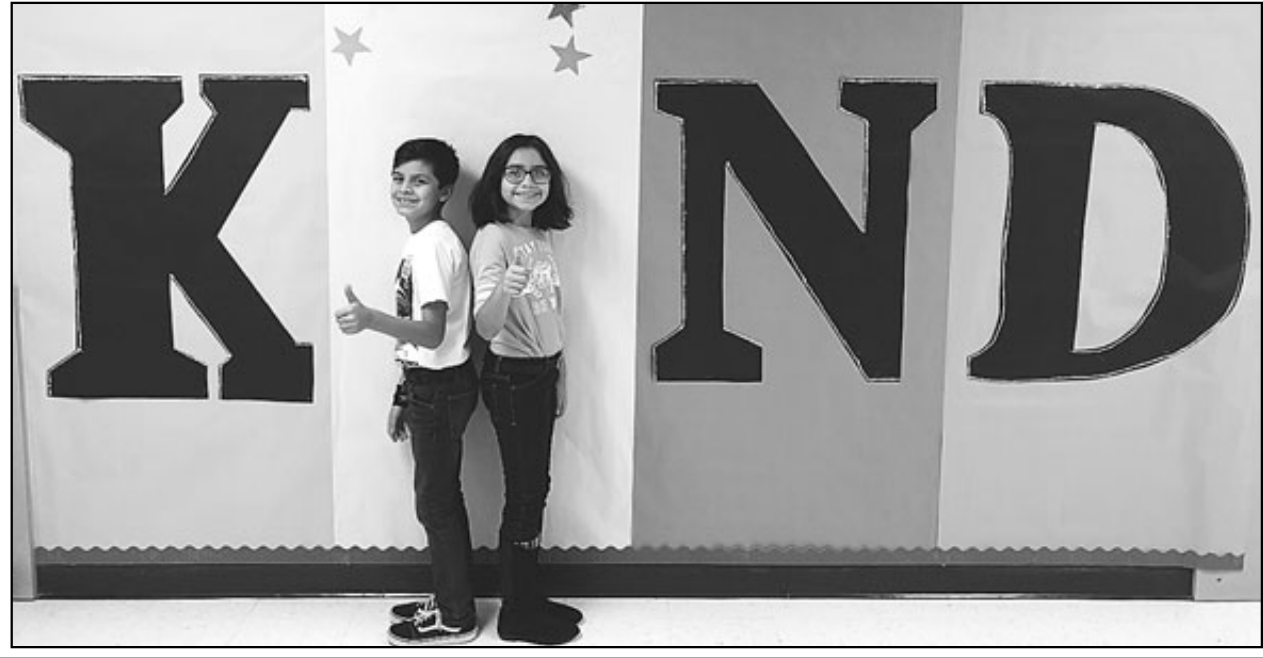
Neil, Azul Pineda, Annabelle Rodriguez, Lyla Saldana and Miley Williams.
Merit roll
 Derek Broadwell, Alexa Guevara, Destiny Gutierrez, Domingo Martinez, Valerie Narro, Caleb Navarro, Evelyn Padilla, Alyssa Picarro, Grasiela Preza and Gabriela Torres.
Fourth grade
Honor roll
 Angie Barragan, Jennie Mancuso and Alyssa Rodriguez.
Merit roll
 Mirian Andrade, Karely Maldonado and Mariany Mendez.

Meador puts the "I" in kind

Meador Elementary teaches and promotes kindness every day. Staff and students are encouraged to be the "I" in Kind with their new Kindness Wall.

Shown left is Tara Merida, school counselor, being the "I" in kindness. Below, back-to-back, as the kindness "I" are fourth-graders Emilio Zavala, left, and Julianna Mikulski.

Photos by Johanna James



Thompson students of the month



Thompson Intermediate School officials announced the students of the month for October. Teachers voted for one boy and one girl from each grade level as Student of the Month for exemplifying Thompson Pride by not only working hard and helping others but also by doing the right thing, even when no one is looking. Recognized and shown above are, left to right, Keon Simpson, Luis Salazar, Kelly Flores and Viviana Cantu.

Photo by Gina Garcia

Why should residents buy flood insurance?

Flooding from the Sept. 19 tropical storm resulted in more than 10,600 flood insurance claims being filed by Texas homeowners, business owners and renters. As of Oct. 29, policyholders have been paid 40 percent of claims or more than \$280 million to repair their homes.

Flooding is the nation's costliest and most common disaster. Fortunately, property owners who live in communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program can purchase affordable protection to insure against flood losses.

Why does one need flood insurance?

Here are some important facts to keep in mind:

Policies issued by the NFIP pay regardless of whether there is a Presidential Disaster Declaration in place.

The average flood insurance claim for Tropical Storm Imelda is more than \$54,000 and does not have to be repaid.

Standard homeowners insurance policies do not cover floods. So, it's wise to consider flood insurance even if one is not required to purchase it.

Even if one lives outside a high-risk flood zone, called a special flood hazard area, it's a wise decision to buy flood insurance. In fact, statistics show that people who live outside the high-risk areas file more than 25 percent of flood claim nationwide.

If it can rain, it can flood. Flood zones are areas where there is a higher statistical probability of a flood occurring, but that doesn't mean floods don't occur elsewhere. In fact, in Texas over the last five years, several floods exceeded the statistical probability, putting more homes and properties in harm's way than were expected.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency calculations show that 1 inch of water can cause \$25,000 worth of damage to a home, whereas 18 inches or more of water could mean repairs to the electrical system and the heating and cooling system. It also means replacing doors, appliances and cabinetry.

How does flood insurance work?

If the community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as a homeowner or a business, both building and contents coverage can be included in the policy. Renters can get coverage for contents only.

Contact an insurance agent to find out if one's community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Flood insurance from the NFIP is only available in participating communities. Ask the agent if one's state and community participate or look it up online in the Community Status Book at: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-status-book>.

In Texas and other states recently impacted by storms and flooding, NFIP has streamlined the claims process, enabling policyholders to receive advance payments to jump-start their rebuilding. In 2018, policyholders quickly received about 25 percent of their payments as an advance. Advance payments may provide:

– up to \$5,000 without an adjuster visit or additional documentation; or

– up to \$20,000 with photos/video evidence and receipts or a contractor's estimate.

A Preferred Risk Policy (a lower-cost flood insurance policy) provides both building and contents coverage for properties in moderate-to-low risk areas. This policy can be purchased for as little as \$395 per year.

When should one buy a policy?

As soon as possible. There's generally a 30-day waiting period.

NFIP cannot pay a claim if one does not have a policy in effect when damage occurs.

A new insurance policy from NFIP becomes effective 30 days after one buys it, unless the purchase is associated with the origination, renewal or extension of a federally backed loan on property in a high-risk area.

Even if one is not in a flood hazard area, can one purchase flood insurance?

Yes, if one's community participates in NFIP. One is eligible to purchase a flood

policy with the same coverage one would receive if one lived in a high-risk area.

Can one get flood insurance if one is renting a property?

Yes. If a person is a renter who lives in a community that participates in NFIP, one can get flood insurance to cover the contents of their home, apartment or business.

How much does a policy cost?

An insurance agent can speak with a homeowner about cost of coverage for your property.

NFIP policy holders can choose the amount of coverage.

The maximum for one-to-four family residential structures is \$250,000 in building coverage and \$100,000 in contents coverage.

For residential structures of five or more units, the maximum is \$500,000 in building coverage and \$100,000 in contents coverage.

The maximum for businesses is \$500,000 in building coverage and \$500,000 in

contents coverage.

How much will one get from NFIP after a building or contents are damaged by a flood?

The amount paid to the policyholder on a homeowner's flood insurance policy will cover only the cost of actual damage caused by the flood.

The amount paid on contents will cover only actual losses caused by the flood.

The amount paid to businesses covered for structure and contents will be only for actual losses caused by the flood.

Where can one buy flood insurance?

Texas residents can learn how to buy a flood-insurance policy by calling an insurance agent or by calling 800-427-4661, call 711 (TTY and other services available) and 866-337-4262 for VRS.

Information is also available online at [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov). For flood information and safety tips, visit www.ready.gov/floods.

Find the Spanish-language website at www.listo.gov.

For more information

on Tropical Storm Imelda and Texas recovery, visit the Tropical Storm Imelda webpage at www.fema.gov/disaster/4466, the @FEMARegion6 Twitter account, www.fema.gov/txmit and the Texas Division of Emergency Management website. TTY users may call 800-462-7585.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property.

SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property.

For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339.

Applicants may also email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit SBA at www.sba.gov/disaster.

HISD board requires state takeover

A recently released report from an investigation by the Texas Education Agency has called for a state takeover of the Houston Independent School District.

This report highlights a wide range of ongoing issues, including flagrant violations of the Open Meetings Act, HISD Trustees intentionally misleading TEA investigators, and ongoing procurement problems as major reasons for the state to step in. The TEA Special Investigative Unit reported to the Commissioner for the accreditation status of HISD to be lowered, a conservator to be appointed, and a board of managers to replace the existing HISD board of trustees.

"This is a real recognition of the obvious, and what I have been saying for well over a year," said Sen. Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston).

"When a school district board of trustees continues to have chronically failing schools and board members that are unable to function together under the laws of Texas, the state has an obligation to step in on behalf of the 200,000 students, families, and the Houston community," Bettencourt said.

The TEA Report highlighted several particularly troublesome issues that took place at HISD:

1. Board Member Davila threatened a senior administrator with their job unless they removed a contract from consideration after the procurement process, because they wanted a Dallas firm to get the work.

2. Board Member Davila met with a Senior HISD Administrator to strategize a way to have bond contracts canceled and rebid, to steer it to her preferred choice.

"Again trustee Davila demonstrates clearly out of bounds behavior, as documented in this report," Bettencourt added.

3. HISD manipulated contract procurement rules through the abuse of Job Order Contracts and multiple change orders. The district not only intentionally split Job Order Contracts to avoid the \$500,000 limit, in violation of the law, they approved multiple change orders to projects subsequently increasing the cost of projects showing fraudulent behavior that contributes to a lack of transparency.

4. The Board of Trustees violated the Open Meetings Act by meeting in secret to replace the acting Superintendent. See October 2018 Bettencourt press release: <https://bit.ly/34i-AhbJ>.

5. Some Board Members made deceptive statements to the TEA investigators as part of this investigation through omission or by making inconsistent statements.

6. A Trustee gave nonpublic information to an HISD vendor in violation of district policy.

Bettencourt continued, "This reported list of gross violations of law and board policy by the HISD board of trustees is quite shocking."

"It is the actions of the board of trustees whose secret meetings have made a mockery of the Open Meetings Act routinely violated ethics rules and procurement procedures, and then doubled down by making misleading statements to the TEA investigators. There are multiple reasons for the TEA commissioner to replace the board of trustees with a board of managers."

Frazier wins first place in chess



Congratulations to the Frazier Elementary chess team for its performance at the district chess tournament Saturday, Nov. 16. Julie Pavalonis walked away with the first place medal. Neveah Bumgarner came in fourth and Alex Buntaer took eighth place. The team was supported by Abraham Tristan and Patricia Sin-

gletary whose hard work prepared the team for competition. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Alex Buntaer, Neveah Bumgarner, Julie Pavalonis, (middle row) coach Tristan, Bella Sherwood, Taylor Palacios, coach Singletary and (back row) principal Wendy Wiseburn.

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Lariaette of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the Week for Nov. 11 through Nov. 15 is Melanie Rios. She is the daughter of Oriencio and Maria Rios and was chosen for her dedication and positive attitude.

Lariaette of the Week



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week for Nov. 4 through Nov. 8 is senior Kiareliz Ramos. She is the daughter of Octavio Ramos and Diana Morales and was chosen for all her hard work and being a role model for her team.

St. Luke holds food drive

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is now holding a Thanksgiving Food drive to assist families in the area. Donations of non-perishable food can be brought to the church office at 11011 Hall Road, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations can also be dropped off at the church entrance before Mass on Saturday or Sunday. The food drive will continue through Sunday, Nov. 24. Contact St. Luke's social services at 281-481-6816 with any questions about the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

AARP needs tax helpers

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking for compassionate, friendly people to join local volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide makes it easier for older, low-income taxpayers to file their tax returns and get the credits and deductions they've earned. Volunteers provide free, in-person assistance in local neighborhoods at 5,000 sites across the country. Volunteers help prepare tax returns or serve in other ways, like organizing client paperwork, managing computer equipment, acting as interpreters, or making sure everything runs smoothly. There's a role for everyone. Make a difference in your community. Become an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteer. Visit aarpfoundation.org for more information and to sign up.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 21 through Nov. 27.

Burnett Elementary
Dorlene Salas enjoys a special birthday Nov. 23.

Bush Elementary
Gilberto Garza marks a birthday Nov. 21. Sing a birthday song Nov. 22 to **Maria Montelongo**. Celebrating a birthday Nov. 25 is **Cecilia Velez**.

Frazier Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting Nov. 24 to **Pat Singletary**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Cathy Silas** Nov. 25.

Genoa Elementary
Sing a birthday tune Nov. 21 to **Macarena Araujo**. Send a birthday card Nov. 23 to **Carrissa Enriquez**.

Meador Elementary
The day for a party for **Luz Chaidez** is Nov. 26.

Moore Elementary
Lily Sanchez enjoys a birthday Nov. 23.

South Belt Elementary
On Nov. 21, **Laurie Weathers** is wished a happy birthday.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a warm greeting Nov. 26 to **Oralia Mendez** who celebrates a birthday. The day for a celebration for **James Masionka** is Nov. 27.

Melillo Middle School
On Nov. 23, **Maria Olivarez** is wished a happy birthday. Send birthday greetings Nov. 24 to **Jennifer Wicks**. The day for a party for **Luz Chaidez** is Nov. 26.

Roberts Middle School
Erin Timmons marks a birthday Nov. 27.

Thompson Intermediate
Cheers for a happy birthday are sent Nov. 25 to **Kristen Newton**.

Dobie High
Blow out the candles for **Juliet Weigand** who enjoys a birthday Nov. 25. Break out the balloons and birthday cake Nov. 27 for **Brian McCleskey** and **Frank Mora**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to

friends who have a birthday. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Nov. 21: **Jennifer Huggins** and **Edie Mari**, Friday, Nov. 22: **Gene Perez** and **Sheri Jennings**; Saturday, Nov. 23: **Linda Greuter**, **Dorlene Salas**, **Monika Patterson**, **Johnny McNeil** and **Don Doss**; Sunday, Nov. 24: **Rhonda Baird** and **Santiago Gonzalez**; Monday, Nov. 25: **Keith Brown**, **Karen Allen**, **Susan Hansen**, **Jeff Sconyers** and **Jennifer Ross**; Tuesday, Nov. 26: **Kathy Husband**, **Amanda Marshall**, **Lydia Fernandez**, **Glenda Dick**, **Trish Simmons** and **Gabe Gabino**; and Wednesday, Nov. 27: **Shannon Warner**, **Susie Hughtlett**, **Christine Dailey**, **Tommy Bischof** and **Chris Hubenak**.

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CCEF awards gala raises more than \$85,000

The Clear Creek Education Foundation (CCEF) hosted its 19th Annual Awards Presentation and Gala Nov. 2 at South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center. Themed "Next Giant Leap... Shoot for the Moon and Land among the Stars," more than 340 attendees helped honor many individuals for their positive contributions to the Clear Creek Independent School District and more than \$85,000 was raised for innovative programs supporting students, a new record for this event.

"Once again, our community generously showed their support of our mission to provide innovative learning materials to our students," said CCEF chairman Jonathan Cottrell. "It was heartwarming to see our community come together to recognize these outstanding individuals and support education in Clear Creek ISD."

The focal point of the evening included honoring

an elite group of individuals for their outstanding efforts in serving and representing CCISD.

The 2019 award recipients included:

Ann Hammond - George B. Carlisle Distinguished Service Award for consistent commitment to CCISD over time;

Jackie Mitchell (CCHS '83), **Dr. Daniel Okorodudu** (CCHS '00), **Dr. Dale Okorodudu** (CCHS '02) and **Melissa Wiginton** (CLHS '76) - Distinguished Alumni Award which honors individuals who have excelled in their chosen profession and have made significant contributions to their communities.

Darren Ellisor - Valor Award in honor of a public servant (military, police, fire, etc.) who has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Ron W. Masters, **Alaina Garza** and **Lyzette Ruiz** - CCISD Superstar Award which honors individuals

who support and enhance the district, whether CCISD alumni or not.

Tim and Debbie Kropp of MRI Technologies - Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award recognizes a local entrepreneur within CCISD who demonstrates unwavering commitment to the district through active participation in multiple activities.

Chris Reed - CCISD Citizen of the Year Award which recognizes an outstanding member of the community who consistently demonstrated commitment to CCISD and excellence in public education through volunteer efforts. It is bestowed by the CCISD board of trustees and the CCEF.

All award winners received a saber salute from the Clear Creek High School Junior ROTC as they entered the ballroom and were introduced by master of ceremonies **Anna Alves**, **Clear Creek High School** senior and **Sarvesh Subramanian**, **Clear Brook High School** junior.

Other gala highlights included silent and live auctions, a **Kendra Scott** jewelry pull donated by **Pam Ploss** and **Kendra Scott**, music by **Sheila Keyes**, CCISD fine arts consultant and **TapSnap** Phototainment.

The event was planned by a 21-person volunteer committee that included **Kelsey McNeil**, CCEF community marketing and events manager and **Deborah Laine**, CCEF executive director; co-chairs **Joyce Abbey** and **Suzanne Abbey Fair**; and committee members **Kim Barker**, **Katy Bastedo**, **Janet Brown**, **Eva DeCardenas**, **Kimberly Fleming**, **Roy Green**, **Sandra Ham**, **Ann Hammond**, **Lisa Holbrook**, **Chani Honeycutt**, **Laura Mackay**, **Amanda Mark**, **Sarah Moutz**, **Jill Reason**, **Elaine Renola**, **Deena Rigby**, **Mary Ann Shallberg**, **Teresa Vencil** and **Elizabeth Wang**.

Paul named Houston district engineer



The Texas Department of Transportation announced the appointment of **Eliza Paul** as the next Houston district engineer.

Paul, a 31-year TxDOT employee, has served as deputy district engineer for the Houston district since 2015. As district engineer, Paul will oversee the planning, designing, building, operation and maintenance of the state transportation system for the six-county Houston district.

"Her success is attributed to her efforts to build and maintain relationships with community stakeholders, contractors, and TxDOT staff based on integrity, trust, and mutual respect," said Paul's predecessor and current TxDOT director of district operations **Quincy Allen**. "Her contributions throughout her career with TxDOT have been vital to the success of the Houston district."

Paul has served in various roles during her career with TxDOT. She joined the department in 1988 as an engineering assistant working on multiple projects significant to addressing

ing growth throughout the Houston district. After working as a design engineer, Paul rose to assistant area engineer for construction projects within the core of Houston in 1998. Her accomplishments included providing oversight for portions of the I-10 Katy Freeway reconstruction. The \$2.8 billion Katy Reconstruction Program was the largest corridor undertaking in TxDOT history on one of the busiest highways in the state.

Paul also served as Brazoria County area engineer and she was elevated to deputy district engineer in 2015. Paul was the recipient of the 2016 Dewitt C. Greer Award, which recognizes outstanding service to the people of the state of Texas by engineers. Also in 2016, Paul was awarded Woman of the Year honors by the Women in Transportation Seminar - Houston.

For additional information, contact **Danny Perez**, TxDOT public information officer, at 713-802-5077 or email danny.perez@txdot.gov.



Participating in the Clear Creek ISD annual gala, are, left to right, **Debbie Kropp**, **Melissa Wiginton**, **Tim Kropp**, **Darren Ellisor**, **Daniel Okorodudu**, **Dale Okorodudu**, **Matthew Paulson** (filling in for **Lyzette Jana Reed**), **Alexis Reed**, **Jackie Mitchell**, (back row) **Ron Masters**, **Ruiz** and **Alaina Garza**.

Parker Williams seeks donations

The Parker Williams Branch Library is in need of donations of new or gently used soft-back (pocketbooks), children's and children's chapter books. The library is also accepting other like-condition donations of DVDs, hardback books and current magazines.

Israeli folk dancing Nov. 25

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Due to the schedule of the Jewish high holy days this year, the last session is Nov. 25. The cost is \$4 a session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members. Nonmembers are \$5 a session or \$45 for 10 sessions. Newcomers are welcome to join the group!

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Toastmasters cancels meeting

The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club is open to everyone in the community who wants to practice communication skills in a friendly atmosphere. The group usually meets every Monday (except holidays); however the Nov. 25 meeting has been canceled.

The next meeting is Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., For information, call **Karen** at 832-722-9061 or visit <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>.

Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
The two South Belt area veterinary clinics - Sagemont Animal Hospital and Kirkwood Veterinary Hospital - were swamped with requests to vaccinate dogs and cats for rabies following the county's first reported case of rabies in 20 years.

35 years ago (1984)
Construction of a proposed 60,000 square-foot student center at San Jacinto College's South campus was given third priority of construction projects at the college district's three campuses by regents.

Eighth-grade **Beverly Hills Intermediate School** band students **Leigh Ann Beckham**, **Greg Dekunder**, **Jennifer Pascoe** and **Cary Owens** earned places in the Region Orchestra.

30 years ago (1989)
Sagemeadow property homeowners delinquent in payment of maintenance fees were forced to remit payment or face court proceedings.

The San Jacinto College District Communications Office won seven awards for its publications and marketing activities during the

year.

25 years ago (1994)
The abandoned Weber Elementary School was to be conveyed to the South-bend subdivision developer as part of the Clear Creek Independent School District's \$11.5 million settlement with Farm & Home Savings.

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents accepted the resignation of **Dr. Marlin Cherry**.

Employed with the San Jacinto district since its beginning, **Cherry** was serving as provost.

20 years ago (1999)
Jerry Speer announced that he was officially leaving his position as **Dobie High School** principal at the end of the school year.

Longtime South Belt area resident **Constantine Maffei Jr.**, 64, died after suffering a heart attack while driving.

His vehicle careened into **Frazier Elementary School**.

15 years ago (2004)
The **Dobie varsity football** team was headed to a Class 5A Division II regional quarterfinal game against the **Katy Tigers** in the Astro-dome.

Houston's **J.S. Bracewell Neighborhood Library** was set to hold its grand opening

and ribbon-cutting. City of Houston Mayor **Bill White** and District E City Council Member **Mike Sullivan** were to be present at the ceremony.

5 years ago (2014)
Longtime area veterinarian **James Hanchey** died after a battle with illness. **Hanchey** had operated the **Sagemont Animal Hospital** for nearly 40 years. **Hanchey** suffered a stroke the previous July, leaving him unable to perform his work duties.

Former South Belt resident **Gary Harris** died of unknown causes.

At press time, **Harris'** cause of death was still pending, according to the **Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences**.

Harris, 22, graduated from **J. Frank Dobie High School** in 2011 where he played football at the area school.

Longtime South Belt resident and San Jacinto College professor **John Bolen** retired after serving 44 years at the area school.

While he began his **San Jac** tenure at the college's Central campus, he spent the majority of his career

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Dobie Theatre presents "Mamma Mia!"



The Dobie Theatre Department will present its fall musical "Mamma Mia!" The production starts Thursday, Nov. 21, through Saturday, Nov. 23. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Nov. 21 and 22, and 2 p.m. Nov. 23. All tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at the door. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early. More than 100 Dobie students and administrators will participate in this production. This sunny, funny, international sensation unfolds on a Greek island paradise when on the eve of her wedding, a young woman's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited twenty years ago. Nonstop laughs and explosive dance numbers, along with the magic of ABBA's hit songs that include "Super Trouper," "Dancing Queen," "Knowing Me, Knowing You," "Take a Chance on Me," "Thank You for the Music," "Money, Money, Money," "The Winner Takes it All" and "SOS" combine to make this enchanting show a trip down the aisle one will never forget.

Shown left Donna (front) played by Stephanie Horton, reunites with her backup singers the "Dynamos" to entertain the guests of her daughter Sophie (back) played by Kemi Alade, then party with the hit "Super Trouper."

Shown top right Sky (front), played by Christopher Scott, prepares for his bachelor party with his friends, left to right, (middle row) Jonathan Anaya, Reginald Jefferson and Isaac Gonzales, (back row) Xavier Gutierrez, Wesley Godwin and Sebastian Comabella.

Shown right Tanya (left) played by Lexi Martinez sets the record straight with Pepper, played by Reginald Jefferson, in the hit song "Does Your Mother Know?"
Photo by Gabriel Flores



Clear Creek ISD board OKs 2020-2021 start times

The Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees approved the Superintendent's recommendation to maintain the current school start and end time schedule for the 2020-2021 school year since the CCISD School Start Time Advisory Committee could not come to a unified recommendation.

"Despite the hard work of the School Start Time Advisory Committee, the group was not able to arrive at a consensus on a particular schedule that was good for all 42,000 children," said Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools.

"Many issues associated with school start times were embedded in science, healthy habits, culture, best practices, and parent education."

"My recommendation to the school board was to address these issues in a strategic fashion and maintain the current schedule for next year."

As part of the board-approved recommendations, the school district will launch a healthy family campaign which will include research on sleep habits for students of all ages and advice on how to lead a well-balanced student life.

The district will explore innovative ways such as flexible scheduling and on-line coursework to ease the time pressure on students who need the additional support.

One of the items the School Start Time Advisory Committee discussed was to have a flexible hour lunch for all high schools, like the Falcon Lunch at Clear Lake High School.

The superintendent indicated that other high schools may be interested in pursuing this avenue to build additional time within the school day for students to attend tutorials and clubs, or to visit with friends.

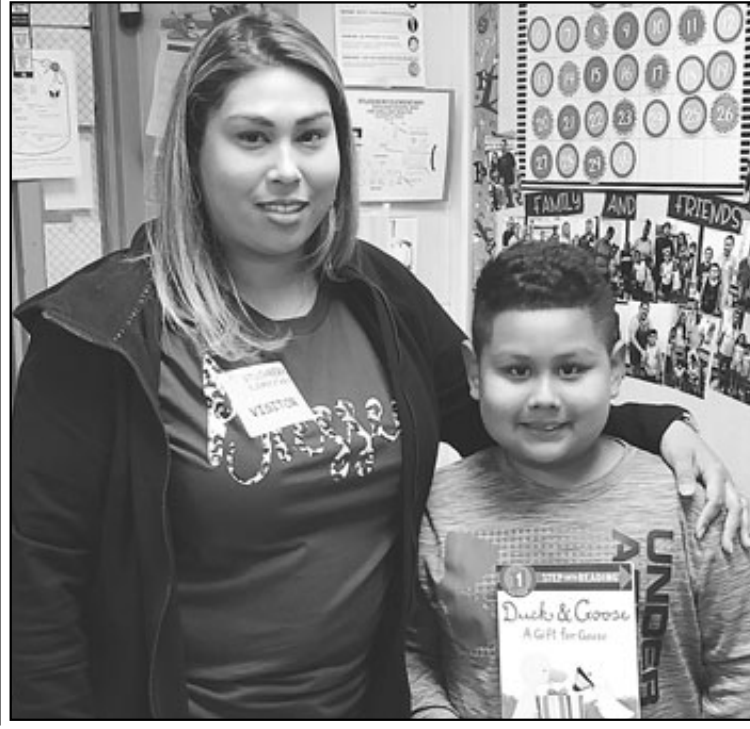
The superintendent recommended, and the school board approved, an internal review of homework expectations across the school district to bring consistency in the timing and the volume of after schoolwork.

These matters will be engaged in the work of the upcoming Strategic Planning Action Team meetings. That group will begin meeting in January 2020.

"There are many issues to address. Just changing the start time will not fix the issue of sleep deprivation on its own. I am encouraged by the recommendations and most importantly, the conversation doesn't stop today," said Dr. Laura Dupont, CCISD board president.

The vote to accept the superintendent's recommendation was four trustees in favor and three trustees against it.

Stuchbery welcomes Mystery Readers



Beta scholars participate in Election Day

Salma Guerrero and Hazel Guerra showed up at Robert Bevis Frazier Elementary School at 6 a.m. on Election Day, but it wasn't for class. These 16-year-old girls were observing the voting system firsthand as student clerks. They applied when Beta Academy put the call out for volunteers, spent four hours

on a Sunday to complete the required training, and were ready to put it to use.

The opportunity came through Cynthia Ramos, an alternate judge for precinct 476 and also a Beta parent. She felt it would be good exposure to the electoral process.

The girls helped set up vot-

ing booths, checked in voters with electronic devices, and provided translation services.

The week before the election, the students learned in their U.S. history class about voter fraud in presidential elections. Guerrero found herself in a similar circumstance while scanning someone's ID who had already checked in at

another location and was trying to vote again. She called over Ramos to take care of the situation.

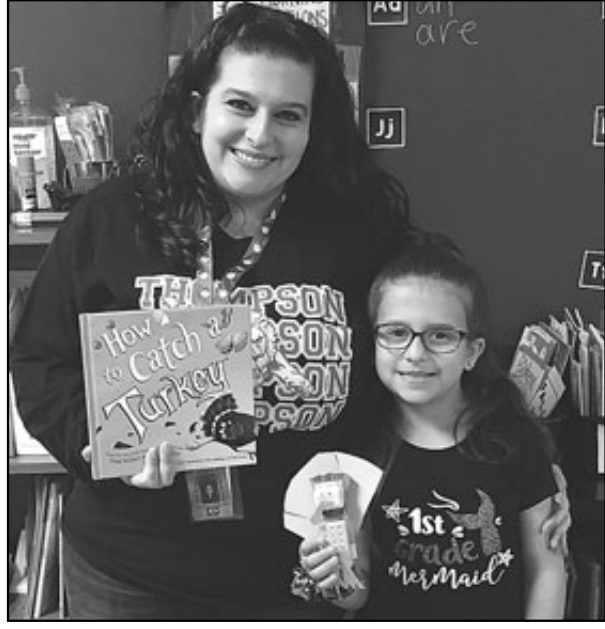
The girls spent 14 hours at the polling place and even ate their lunch as they worked. They assisted elderly voters who were confused by the stylus pen, helped cross train other volunteers who didn't attend the Sunday class, and came to the aid of those with vision problems.

The students' favorite part was when it was busy and they had a line. Even during the downtime, Ramos noticed the scholars studying their history book. "They did a great job. I was really proud of them," said Ramos.

Beta Academy is a Title I charter school in southeast Houston. Its mission is to develop leaders who can contribute on a community, national, and international level. The teachers encourage their scholars to get involved in opportunities outside the school walls and set a goal for each student to graduate with a minimum of 60 hours of community service. The time Guerrero and Guerra spent for the election will count toward their quota.

"I like when people said, 'Thank you for your service,'" said Guerrero.

Both girls want to volunteer for a presidential election in the future.



Always looking for new and exciting ways to engage her students, Lauren Palos, teacher at Stuchbery Elementary, is inviting Mystery Readers to her first-grade classroom. She reached out to her students' parents and, so far, she has booked Mystery Readers twice a month on Fridays through January 2020. These readers provide three clues, which are posted on the board one at a time, beginning on Wednesday. On Friday, the mystery is revealed when the guest reader appears, to the delight of the students.

Shown top right is one of the first two Mystery Readers Amanda Garza (left) and her son Nolan Liscano.

Shown above is another of the readers Kandace McMullin (left) with her daughter Adalynn.

At right Lauren Palos (standing) and students give Kandace McMullin two big thumbs-up for a job well done.
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Beta Academy students Hazel Guerra and Salma Guerrero prepare to work a 12-hour shift on Election Day at Frazier Elementary. The students kept busy assisting with booth setup, ID scans and general help for voters.
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On Saturday, Nov. 16, approximately 200 volunteers, including staff members, joined Kaboom! and the Rebuild Texas Fund to provide a playground for Atkinson Elementary.

Shown above, the volunteers gathered to assemble the playground.

At right are some volunteers painting games on the new basketball area.

Bringing attention to the weather station below is Atkinson principal Lena Ortiz.

At left, celebrating a job well done are, left to right, Dave Matthews, administrative aide to Constable Chris Diaz; Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz; Kim Grzesiek, ABLE teacher; Richard Whittaker, math coach; Hunter Stevens, Kaboom! associate project manager; Lena Ortiz; Judge Jo Ann Delgado and Kenny Fernandez, school board member and former Atkinson student. Photos by Marie Flickinger



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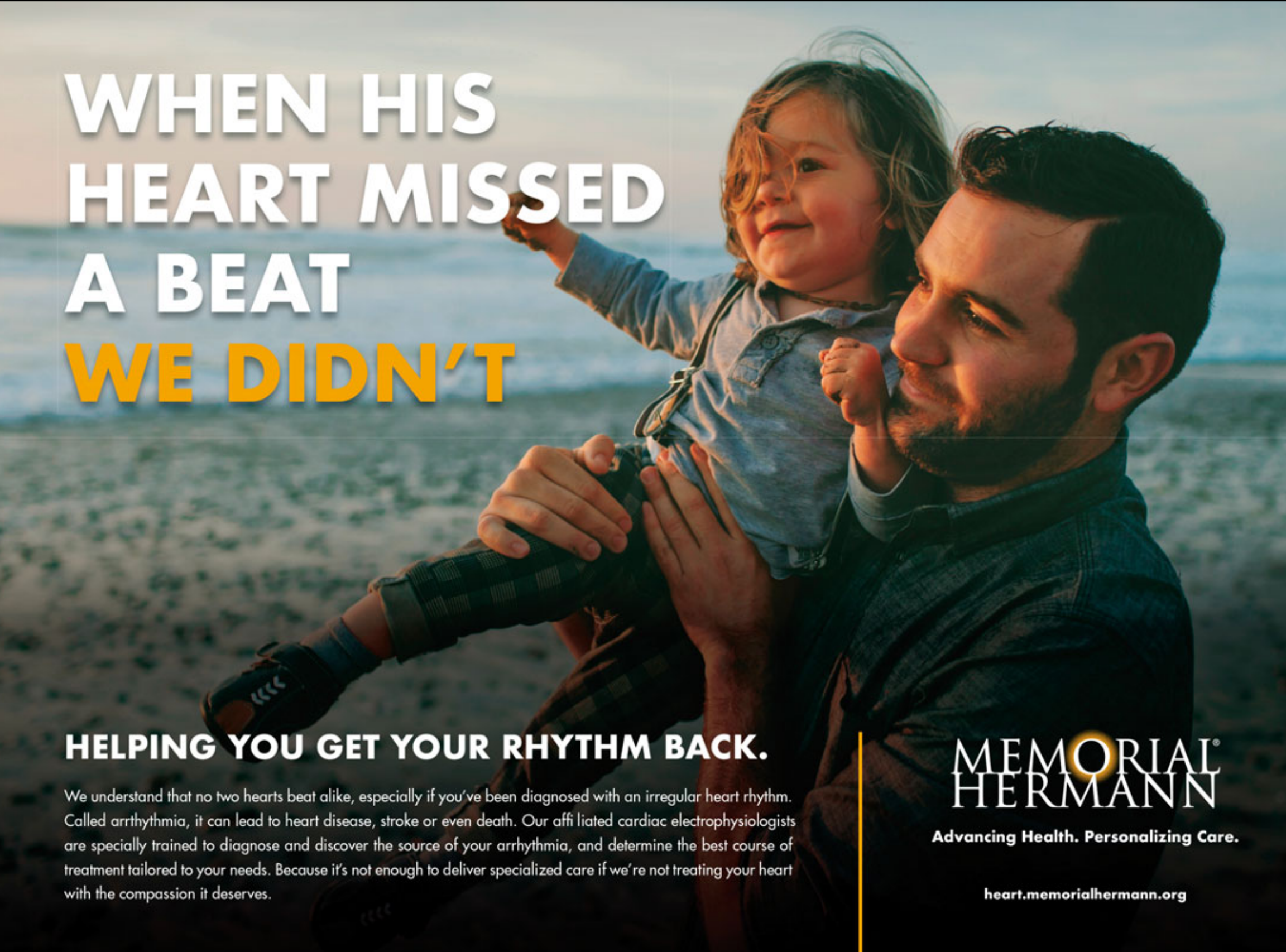
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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

State champions take out Longhorns

Tuning up in its bid to repeat as the Class 6A Division I state football champion, North Shore used a stifling defense and methodical offense to quickly end Dobie's post-season with a 54-0 bidistrict playoff win Nov. 15 at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

The Mustangs, winners of 10 straight games after a season-opening loss to Katy, advanced to take on Dawson in the area round, a game that will be played Friday, Nov. 22, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

For Dobie, which had just 108 total yards in the game, the 2019 season has come to an end with a seventh loss to North Shore in the first round this decade. Yet as disappointing as the loss might have been for Dobie and a slew of seniors, there is plenty to be proud of after the varsity program won nine games in a regular season for the first time since 1999.

Second-year head coach Kevin Berneathy will tell all every day that it's all about his players

and what they do on and off the field, but there's little doubt now that he was and is the right guy to lead this program.

The former Angleton High School assistant has now led the Longhorns to the postseason in both 2018 and 2019, with a cumulative 16-6 record at the varsity level.

University Interscholastic League realignment

will be unveiled next February, and whether Dobie stays on course to face the North Shores and Dickinsons of the Division I bracket, Berneathy and his staff are bound to push the envelope further for 2020.

Looking far ahead to 2020, the Longhorns will have as many as six starters back on defense, including safety Johnathan Baldwin, who is drawing

plenty of Division I collegiate interest.

Offensively, it will all start with dual-threat quarterback Cameron Gray, who has two seasons remaining.

Three starters along the offensive line - Nick Esparza, Isaac Gonzalez and Dakarey Ramsey - are also due back, as is receiver Jeremiah Ballard. Gray was limited to just

one completion for six yards in this one, but there is little doubt that he is the player destined to start at his position for 2020 and beyond.

Senior tailback Don-tavion Crosby rushed 18 times for 44 yards, missing out on his bid for 1,000 yards this season.

But Crosby, a part-timer in 2018, wound up as **Continued on Page 6B**

McDonald's Texas Invitational to feature elite teams, players

Rise and shine, it's McDonald's Texas Invitational time.

The Dobie varsity boys' squad is set to begin its regular season by hosting the first game of the day at Dobie High School's main campus, one of 10 total tournament playing sites over three days.

Meanwhile, the Dobie varsity girls will take on a trio of state-ranked foes in pool play over the course of two days.

The action all begins Nov. 21 at 9 a.m. and will continue through the final game of the tournament, the Division I boys' gold bracket championship game Saturday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m., at Phillips Field House.

Now celebrating its 21st overall year, the McDonald's Texas Invitational again will feature 48 boys' teams and 32 girls' teams, first battling their way through pool play and then heading into bracket action with the opportunity to reach both Division I

and Division II bronze, silver and gold bracket action in the boys' and girls' divisions.

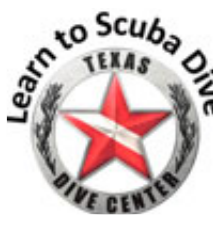
Allen, the defending Division I boys' gold bracket winner from 2018, is back to defend its title.

Duncanville, the 2018 Division I girls' gold bracket winner did not return. However, Converse

Judson, the 2018-2019 Class 6A state champion, is on hand to make a run at the gold trophy game.

Locally, Dobie's main campus as well as Dobie9 are host sites along with Beverly Hills Intermediate.

For more tournament details, see Page 3B.



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Lady Wolverines' Newsome grabs MVP

Setting both career and single-season records for kills, Clear Brook outside hitter Kailin Newsome enjoyed a season for the ages while leading her team to its first-ever league title and first playoff wins in eight seasons.

Following the completion of the 24-6A season,

Newsome was properly rewarded, named Most Valuable Player of 24-6A.

Newsome, who Nov. 13 signed a national letter of intent to play indoor and beach volleyball at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, claimed the district's top honor, with Meredith Thompson

of Clear Brook grabbing Coach of the Year after leading her squad to a 28-10 finish, including 11-1 in 24-6A action.

Elsewhere in the awards category, Clear Springs' Shyia Richardson and Mia Johnson of Clear Falls were named the co-Offensive Players of the Year.

Clear Brook's Jaylin Aguirre and Tori Gehret were honored as the co-Defensive Players of the Year; Blakely Montgomery of Clear Falls was named Setter of the Year and Reaghan Thompson of Clear Creek was the Newcomer of the Year. See picks on Page 2B.

Clear Brook HFC resigns after two seasons

Having won five games over his first two seasons, Lupe Florez has reigned his role as head football coach of the Clear Brook program.

The Wolverines went 0-7 this season before

winning two of their final three games of the season.

In his first season on the job, Florez led Clear Brook to a 3-7 mark, which included a playoff berth in the Class 6A Division II bracket against

the Hightower Hurricanes, won by the Hurricanes.

With a change at quarterback and an injury to its top running back factoring in, the Wolverines found wins hard to get until the latter part of the season.

Florez, whose son La'Darion, graduated from Clear Brook and is now part of the football program at Tulsa University, has been reassigned within the district and is under contract until June 15.

Brook girls start well, too

Lady Longhorns win, prepare as MTI hits

A tidy 45-37 home win over Alvin Nov. 19 out of the way, the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team has won four of six games to start the season with a huge appearance at the McDonald's Texas Invitational coming up.

The Lady Longhorns will host Westside at Dobie Nov. 21 at noon before shifting to Phillips Field House for a 4:30 p.m. game against Cy-Creek. A third pool play game, Nov. 22 at Dobie against Veterans Memorial of San Antonio at 1:30 p.m. comes before the locals venture off into Division I bracket play Nov. 23.

Dobie has already made one tournament ap-

pearance, splitting games at the Baytown Tip-Off Classic Nov. 14-16. The Lady Longhorns defeated George Ranch 55-48 and then handed Jersey Village a 51-36 win but also

lost games to Lewisville Hebron (45-42) and San Marcos (53-50).

Like Dobie, Clear Brook is off to a great start at 5-3 after a 51-40 victory over Friendswood Nov.

19, at Clear Brook. The game was tied at 37-37 before the Lady Wolverines went on a 14-4 run late to close out the victory. Veyda Lake had eight points for Clear Brook in the piv-

otal fourth quarter.

Clear Brook came away with three wins in five games at the Nov. 14-16 Peggy Whitley Classic.

The locals fell 86-67 to Cy-Fair and then lost 68-52 to Shadow Creek.

But Brook then responded with three wins, trimming Lamar 62-61 and beating Bellaire in overtime 64-57 and then crushing Bridgeland by a 64-31 count.



At right, Dobie varsity girls' basketball guard Kendall Brown (shooting the ball) and her teammates have won four of six games to start the season, including a 45-37 victory over Alvin Nov. 19, at home. Now, the Lady Longhorns are set to face three state-ranked opponents in pool play as the McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball event hits the Pasadena and Deer Park areas Nov. 21-23.

Reaches round two LSA's second half leads to playoff win

Outscoring Corpus Christi John Paul II 28-7 in the second half, Lutheran South Academy came up with a 56-36 victory on the road to reach the second round of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division I football playoffs.

Luke Harrison, who threw for three touchdowns and ran for another in the Pioneers' big win, sparked the second-half push with a pair of scoring throws to Jake Justice.

Running backs Syr Bailey and Beau Pscencik both rushed for more than 100 yards and had a pair of touchdown runs in the game as the locals

advanced to the second round to take on Regents Nov. 22.

Harrison wound up 11 for 17 through the air for 181 yards and three touchdowns. He threw one interception but was otherwise efficient throughout the game.

Bailey, a sophomore, led the ground game with 114 yards on 14 carries, with Pscencik going for 102 yards on 16 totes.

The defense was paced by Mark Zamarripa with 14 total stops, and Justice came away with 11 of his own in his usual dual role.

With a 9-2 overall mark, the Pioneers are still **Continued on Page 2B**

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Brooks a TD Club Scholar Athlete/Year finalist



Just days prior to the Longhorns' bidistrict clash with North Shore, Dobie senior offensive tackle Jason Brooks (left) represented his school at the Houston Touchdown Club's annual luncheon recognizing the area's top scholar athletes, for which Brooks was a Scholar Athlete of the Year finalist. At right is Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy. Brooks earlier this year verbally committed to study and play football at Vanderbilt University.

South Belt final 2019 football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at North Shore	North Shore	Dobie	North Shore	North Shore	Dobie	North Shore
Port Neches Groves at Fort Bend Marshall	FBM	FBM	FBM	FBM	FBM	FBM
Clear Springs at Dawson	Clear Springs	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Deer Park at Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Pearland at Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
C.E. King at Humble	CEK	CEK	CEK	Humble	Humble	CEK
Clear Creek at Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit
Kingwood at Beaumont West Brook	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB
Kingwood Park at Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
George Ranch at Clear Falls	Clear Falls	George Ranch	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls
This week's record	7-3	8-2	8-2	9-1	8-2	8-2
Season record	90-28	88-30	90-28	89-29	94-24 (winner)	74-34

LSA football advances, 56-36

Continued from Page 1B in the mix for team success, and three players, Justice (Iron Man Award), Pscenik (Offensive Player of the Year) and Zamarripa (Defensive Player of the Year) were finalists for Touchdown Club of Houston private school honors. Clearly, all of those players have stood out this season as LSA has now reached the final eight in the Division II ranks with the neutral site game coming against Regents. LSA is now within two wins of playing for a state championship.

Lutheran South (9-2) vs. Regents (9-1) Friday, Nov. 22 Hallettsville, Texas

Lajaunie tennis offers racket donation drive

Founders of the Darren Lajaunie Memorial Scholarship Fund are teaming with the Harry Taylor Tennis Center and Pasadena ISD schools to begin a racket donation drive. Those who wish are asked to donate their unused or unwanted tennis rackets to those Pasadena ISD students who would like to begin playing tennis but lack the most basic need – a tennis racket. Racket donations, including those made from wood, are currently being accepted at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center within Strawberry Park and at Racquet Pro in Webster. Additional drop-off locations include the South Belt-Ellington Leader, 11555 Beamer; Nobilita, 11510 Space Center in Webster; Frank Hall Attorney at Law, 4008 Vista in Pasadena and Partners In Primary Care, 3915 Spencer Highway. Visit the Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarships page on Facebook to gather additional information about the racket drive or to learn more on how to assist with the Lajaunie scholarship fund moving forward. In order to arrange the pickup of a donated racket, call the Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Scholarship office at 281-480-6933. All donated rackets will be restrung and then given to junior tennis players as they learn the ins and outs of tennis at either the Harry Taylor Tennis Center or at their respective Pasadena ISD school campus.

San Jacinto College baseball players sign to four-year institutions



The San Jacinto College baseball staff announced a flurry of four-year collegiate signing in conjunction with national signing day Nov. 13 as 11 players made their choices. These players will compete for San Jacinto College for the 2020 season before moving on. They include, left to right, (front row) Austin Hendrix (Texas Tech University), Austin Marozas (University of Kentucky), Luke Little (University of South Carolina, Mitchell Parker (University of Kentucky), Brandon Birdsell (Texas Tech University), (back row) Zach Lomas (University of the Incarnate Word), Antonio Valdez (Baylor University), Adam Houghtaling (Colorado School of Mines), Chase Wilkerson (University of Auburn), Tyrice Silas (Texas State University) and Chezzare Gonzalez (University of New Mexico).

District 24-6A Volleyball Honors

- Most Valuable Player**
Kailin Newsome, Clear Brook
- Setter of the Year**
Blakely Montgomery, Clear Falls
- Co-Offensive Players/Year**
Mia Johnson, Clear Falls
Shyia Richardson, Clear Springs
- Newcomer of the Year**
Reaghan Thompson, Clear Creek
- Coach of the Year**
Meredith Thompson, Clear Brook
- Co-Defensive Players/Year**
Jaylin Aguirre, Clear Brook
Tori Gehret, Clear Springs
- First Team Selections**
Bella Lockwood, Clear Brook
Kenedi Miller, Clear Brook
Kyla Carrier, Clear Brook
Kayleigh Schultz, Clear Brook
Spencer Plato, Clear Creek
Madison Cole, Clear Creek
Rachel Brown, Clear Falls
Rachel Dorsey, Clear Lake
Avery Reynolds, Clear Springs
Mary Alper, Clear Springs
Haley Moses, Clear Springs
Alana Dawson, Clear Springs
Teresa Garza, Alvin
Destiny Tom, Dickinson
Janell Harvell, Dickinson
- Second Team Selections**
Simone Lenoir, Clear Brook
Jade Taylor, Clear Brook
Briana Zamora, Clear Creek
Sydney Chauvin, Clear Creek
Gracie Lewis, Clear Falls
Nicole Sherfield, Clear Lake
Libby Saunders, Clear Lake
Milan Armao, Clear Lake
Brooke Braham, Clear Lake
Erin Rogers, Clear Springs
Linsey Sackett, Clear Springs
Ana Garza, Alvin
Marrik Hooker, Alvin
Shae Stafford, Dickinson
Emalee Allen, Dickinson
- Honorable Mention – Clear Brook**
Samantha Saladrigas – Bryanna Bradshaw

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Intermediate x-country gets rolling; Beverly Hills, Thompson stay close

The Pasadena ISD held its first official intermediate cross-country meet Nov. 13 at Crenshaw Park, with athletes from each of the 10 programs challenging a 1.5-mile girls' course and a 2-mile boys' course. Bondy's eighth-grade girls cruised to the team title with a low of 34 points as Aleyna LeBlanc led the way, winning top overall medalist honors at 13 minutes, 7 seconds. Thompson's Kyla Lobo and Arianna Borrego of Beverly Hills were in the mix for the top spot much of the way, with Lobo eventually second at 13:45 and Borrego third with her time of 13:55. Thompson managed fifth place as a team. Behind Lobo, there was Valerie Salazar, 21st with a clocking of 15:13.21. Jasmine Mooney of Thompson took 38th place overall with a time of 15:50.59, and teammate Rachel Le was just a touch behind with her time of 15:50.84, which was 39th. Aislynn Curtis Brooks of Thompson placed 41st at 15:52.78, and the Lady Lions' Ariana Garza placed 43rd with her time of 15:59. Isabel Nava cracked the top 50 with her time of 16:20.51, which was 50th. Others competing for the Lady Lions' eighth-grade team included Jazmin Perez (16:26), Desanae Cisneros (16:30.30), Karley Goeman (16:42), Jordan Leahman (16:49.46), Chelsea Akinloye (17:18) and Kaylee Ruiz (17:19). Beverly Hills took seventh as a team in the eighth-grade race. There was Borrego third, and she was followed by Aylin Reyes, whose time of 14:33 placed her 11th. Leyla Torres collected a time of 16:02 for 45th place, and Layla Araujo (16:22) and Monica Flores (16:25) were 53rd and 54th, respectively. Others who competed for the Lady Bears were Jennifer Estrada (16:29.48), Madeline Flowers (16:29.89), Arianna Rivera (16:31), Victoria Arnsworth (16:35), Jazmyn Martinez (16:49.72), Daniela Garza (17:03.17), Matison Mitchell (17:07) and Leslie Figueroa (17:08). The San Jacinto girls ruled the seventh-grade race with a low of 56 points to edge second-place Bondy's 61. Thompson was third as Chardell Terrell of the Lady Lions was the top overall medalist with a time of 13:15. Meanwhile, Beverly Hills' Leyla Martinez ran stride for stride much of the way before taking second place at 13:26, pacing the way for the Lady Bears to take fourth place as a team. Thompson's Lillian Herte was seventh overall with a solid time of 14:28, and Jayd Ramirez came to the finish line at 14:49 for 18th place. Lauren Garza of Thompson had a time of 15:03 for 19th place, and Madison Puenta was in at 15:16 for the 23rd spot. Tatiana Luna of Thompson broke the top 50 as her time of 16:16.31 placed her 49th. The other Lady Lion competitors included Dasia Ramirez (16:51), Tailin Curtis (16:59.12), Arianna Cid (16:59.37), Andera Garcia (17:00.01), Mariah Medina (17:00.85), Kiana McCombs (17:31.89), and Ketlia Sanchez (20:12). Martinez was the star for the Lady Bears' seventh-grade team with her second-place finish, and the team also got a great effort from Samantha Uribe, who was sixth with

Miles still in MTI record books



This month in McDonald's Texas Invitational history, Clear Brook's Anthony Miles placed himself in the tournament record books in numerous categories. As the 2019 event approaches, Miles still ranks first in free throws made in a single game (18), second in free throws made in a tournament (59), fourth in points scored in a tournament (154) and fifth in points in a single game with 42. That season, Miles led Clear Brook to third place in the Division 1 boys' bronze division. After attending Lamar University, Miles continues to play professionally in Rome.

McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball tournament coming Nov. 21-23 across 10 locations

Eighty teams, featuring some of the state's top-ranked athletes, will jump start their season by competing in the 2019 McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament — one of the nation's premiere early-season championship tournaments.

The tournament, which begins Thursday, Nov. 21, is a launching pad for potential state champions and state tournament contenders and will feature showstopping action at 10 venues in the Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD area.

The invitational will consist of 48 boys' teams and 32 girls' teams.

On the boys' side, 48 teams have been divided into two 24-team divisions.

Each 24-team division has been divided into eight three-team pools.

After two pool-play games Nov. 21, the teams will be directed by record into gold, silver and bronze brackets, each bracket working toward a champion in bracket play Nov. 22-23.

On the girls' side, 32 teams are divided into two 16-team divisions, and each division is divided into four four-team pools.

Three pool games are held Nov. 21-22. After pool play, teams will be placed by record into gold, silver and bronze brackets. All bracket games will be played Nov. 23.

Returning to the tournament this year is the boys' 2018 Division 1 champion Allen High School,

ranked in the top 25 Class 6A boys basketball teams in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Division 1 teams also include fourth-ranked Dickinson; ninth-ranked Lewisville and Summer Creek, ranked No. 10.

This year's long list of notable girls' basketball teams include top-ranked Converse Judson; fourth-ranked Summer Creek and seventh-ranked Houston Westside.

Since its inception in 1999, the Texas Invitational has continued to highlight the state's top players and teams while also raising funds for Pasadena ISD's and Deer Park ISD's education foundations.

The tournament is sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce in partnership with both districts' education foundations.

More than 125 businesses and organizations provide financial support to the tournament, with all proceeds benefiting the respective foundations.

The event draws in more than 400 community volunteers, as well as students, who have the opportunity to showcase their culinary, hospitality and videography skills while helping patrons.

The games will be exclusively livestreamed by students in the audio visual program at all Pasadena ISD high schools.

The partnership allows students in the AV program to gain valuable learning opportunities in

Patience Thomas turned in a time of 15:53 for 35th place, and Juliana Zollocoffer put together a run of 16:01 for 38th place.

The Lady Bears' Angelina Paquinto placed 42nd overall as she crossed the line in a time of 16:07. Abigail Alvarez of Beverly Hills was 45th in a time of 16:11, and teammate Rhema Sanni-Thomas was 46th with her time of 16:14.

Others taking part for the Lady Bears were Yuriana Zollocoffer (16:41), Kobi Conaway (16:50.54) and Mia Campos (18:18).

The Bondy eighth-grade team turned in a big performance to win the overall team crown with a low of 38 points, but Beverly Hills and Thompson pushed the envelope.

The Bears were second with 75 points, and the Lions wound up third with 97 points. Individually, Jackson's Rios Emilliano was the champion in a time of 11:26 over the two-mile distance, and Thompson's River Carroll was right there, taking second place at 11:30.

Christian Epps of Thompson was also very good on the course, taking eighth place with his time of 12:10.

The Lions' Anthony Turner posted a time of 12:31.49 for 17th place, and Jesus Gamez was 25th with his clocking of 12:42.

Sabino Ortiz was among the top 45 as his time of 13:37 placed him in that spot. Others running for the Lions included Darien Valdez (14:01.59), Daniel Martinez (14:03), Vinson Tran (14:07.69) and Cardin Vo (14:34).

At 12:06, the Bears' Damien Rosas was his team's top finisher as he was sixth.

Dylan Jackson of Beverly Hills with a time of 12:20.53 was 12th, and Andrew Deleon placed 16th with his clocking of 12:29.

The Bears' Alejandro Lopez (12:37), Demarques Ross (12:38) and Michael Zachary (12:39) were 20th, 21st and 22nd, respectively, and Max Tapia placed 37th with his time of 13:05.

The Bears also had Max Delgado (14:13.03), Aaron Joseph (14:35), Terrance Thomas (16:05) and Kalen Hicks (16:13) competing.

Park View was the seventh-grade team winner, with Thompson again third and Beverly Hills fourth.

Jackson's Sebastian Saldana won the overall medalist title at 12:04, with Thomas Pollard of Beverly Hills third in a time of 12:51.

Thompson's Joe Requena led the Lions to third place as he was fourth overall with a time of 12:55.06.

The Lions' Julz Martinez came in 13th overall with his time of 13:20,

and Angel Padilla placed 24th at 13:39.

Adam Aguilar of Thompson produced a time of 13:54 for 29th place, and Carlos Salazar was 31st in a time of 13:56.

Lucius Monarez had a time of 14:03.95 for 35th place, and Cameron Matthews' time of 14:05.31 was at 14:05.31 for 36th place.

Others running for the Lions included Luis Salazar (14:25), Andre Reyes (14:58.21), Alex Sosa (15:16), Victor Grice (16:00) and Angel Mena (17:20).

Behind Pollard for the Bears, Yahir Sanchez was 21st in a time of 13:36, and Antonio Gomez had a time of 14:11.83 for 41st place. Tariq Riley (14:13) was 42nd.

Invitational tournament, visit www.texasinvitational.com or by following the tournament on Facebook at @TexasInvitational or on Twitter at @TXInvita

tional. Eighty teams. Ten locations. What fun!

Pasadena ISD intermediate cross-country includes locals

Pasadena ISD Girls Intermediate Basketball

8A Records	Div.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
San Jacinto	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	1	0

Game Scores

Southmore 21, Jackson 14
San Jacinto 41, Beverly Hills 14
Thompson 45, Bondy 19
Miller 34, Park View 16

Division 2	W			L			T		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Queens	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Park View	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Bondy	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Jackson	0	0	0	0	1	0			

Games Scores

Queens 22, South Houston 6

8B Records	Div.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	0	1	0

Game Scores

Southmore 25, Jackson 6
San Jacinto 33, Beverly Hills 13
Thompson 32, Bondy 17
South Houston 16, Queens 15

Division 2	W			L			T		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Park View	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Queens	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Bondy	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Jackson	0	0	0	0	1	0			

Game Scores

Park View 17, Miller 16

Pasadena ISD Girls Intermediate Basketball

7A Records	Div.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	0	1	0

Game Scores

Southmore 19, Jackson 6
San Jacinto 31, Beverly Hills 15
Thompson 32, Bondy 5
South Houston 25, Queens 14

Division 2	W			L			T		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Bondy	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Queens	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Jackson	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Park View	0	0	0	1	0	0			

Game Scores

Park View 20, Miller 17

7B Records	Div.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	1	0

Game Scores

Southmore 10, Jackson 5
South Houston 19, Queens 5
Thompson 37, Bondy 21
Miller 29, Park View 17

Division 2	W			L			T		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Bondy	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Jackson	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Queens	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Park View	0	0	0	0	1	0			

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 20, San Jacinto 16

Pasadena ISD Boys' Intermediate Basketball

8A Records	Div.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Miller	0	0	0	1	0	0
Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	1	0

Game Scores

Southmore 47, Jackson 19
Miller 35, Park View 33 (OT)
Thompson 84, Bondy 55
South Houston 51, Queens 33

Division 2	W			L			T		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Queens	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Park View	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Bondy	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Jackson	0	0	0	0	1	0			

Games Scores

Beverly Hills 72, San Jacinto 26

8B Records	Div.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	1	0

Game Scores

Southmore 32, Jackson 18
Thompson 41, Bondy 36
South Houston 29, Queens 26
Miller 27, Park View 18

Division 2	W			L			T		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Park View	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Queens	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Bondy	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Jackson	0	0	0	0	1	0			

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 52, San Jacinto 17

Pasadena ISD Boys' Intermediate Basketball

7A Records	Div.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	1	0

Game Scores

Thompson 49, Bondy 38
South Houston 60, Queens 24
Miller 47, Park View 24

Division 2	W			L			T		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Bondy	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Queens	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Jackson	0	0	0	0	1	0			
Park View	0	0	0	0	1	0			

Game Scores

Jackson 47, Southmore 23
Beverly Hills 40, San Jacinto 36

7B Records	Div.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	1	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	1	0

Game Scores

Southmore 29, Jackson 2
Thompson 49, Bondy 13
Miller 31, Park View 28 (OT)

Division 2	W			L			T		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Queens	0	0	0	1	0	0			

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

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

American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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.

Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group,

noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 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 information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayarea.turningpoint.org for information.

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

THANKSGIVING DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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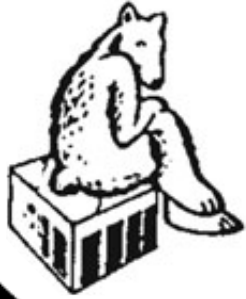
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Lady Longhorn volleyball standouts among District 22-6A's elite

JFD's Thomas on first-team; tops in kills

At right, Lady Longhorns' junior Victoria Thomas (13) stepped up as the team's kills leader in her first full season with the varsity group. Thomas' 229 kills in 104 games played was a team-best as she was also nominated to the 22-6A first team along with Keasia Robinson as both helped pace Dobie to fourth in the district.

Photos by John Bechtle



Robinson leads 22-6A in blocks

At right, Dobie sophomore Keasia Robinson (4) earned her way onto the All-District first team with an impressive overall season in her varsity debut. Over the course of 40 matches played, Robinson had 51 block solos and 120 total blocks, which led the 22-6A ranks. Robinson also averaged 3.4 of Dobie's 5.0 overall blocks per match, allowing her to become a force up front for the Lady Longhorns. She also had 140 kills. With two seasons remaining, Robinson certainly figures to be one of Dobie's primary building blocks moving forward.

Photo by John Bechtle



After loss, Dobie eyes jump

Continued from Page 1B the second-leading rusher in the 22-6A ranks this season.

The superlatives were indeed there. The program earned nine wins for the first time since 1999. That's terrific.

But the program is still seeking its first playoff win since the 2004 campaign.

The Longhorns hung tough early on against the defending state champions from North Shore, but three fumbles lost and an interception wound up paving the way for an easy win for the home team.

"They weren't voted the national champions last season for no reason," Dobie head coach Kevin Berneathy said. "We knew we would have to

bring our 'A' game, and we didn't after that early stretch.

"I think the message is that we have to elevate as a program. When we got here (Berneathy was hired in the offseason prior to the 2018 campaign), the goal was to get back to the playoffs. We did that.

"This year we were able to beat two teams, Kingwood and Summer Creek, that we couldn't last year. But we still didn't play very well as all against Atascocita and North Shore.

"We have definitely made progress. Now we have to go back to work and look to get better. We have to take that next step again."

The fact is that Dobie, with a student enrollment

of more than 4,000 students, will, at least for the foreseeable future, be cast as a Class 6A Division I team in the postseason.

Regardless of regular season record or who resides in what district, the Longhorns are nearly assured of facing the likes of North Shore, Dickinson, Atascocita or Pearland in the opening round of the postseason. Pick your poison, so to speak.

"That's the next jump we have to make as a program, and it's a big one," Berneathy said.

"The kids have bought in to what we are doing, and they have seen the results. But we had games against two of the Division I big teams and didn't get the job done. So that's the focus, to elevate, to

take that next step. It's a big offseason. I told the kids we are going to really push them, and are going to expect more than before. We set a solid standard with none wins and showed that we can be a top 15, top 20 team in the Houston 6A ranks. Now we need to go farther."

For this year's seniors, the ones who stuck it out upon Berneathy's arrival and bought in, the journey is over. But Berneathy is grateful.

"I told the seniors I love them, I appreciate the leadership and the fact that so many of them stuck with us when they could have asked, 'why?' or 'how?' Those kids will always be special to us. They are the ones the nine wins are truly for."

22-6A All-District Honors

- Coach of the Year**
Christie Mewis, Kingwood
- Most Valuable Player**
Breanna Burrell, Kingwood
- Offensive Players of the Year**
Megan Wilson, Kingwood
McKay Wilson, Summer Creek
- Defensive Players of the Year**
Tauryn Cummings, Summer Creek
Paige Johnson, Pasadena Memorial
- Setter of the Year**
Trinity Funderburk, Atascocita
- Newcomer of the Year**
Le'Andria Jackson, Humble
- First Team Selections**
Alaryss Medina, Summer Creek
Kaitlyn Honora, Summer Creek
Jozie Dhaer, Summer Creek
Imari Wilson, Summer Creek
Zaire Miles, Atascocita
Kayden Tanner, Atascocita
Gabriella Gonzales, Rayburn
Lizzy Young, Kingwood
Sophie Ocampo, Kingwood
Victoria Thomas, Dobie
Keasia Robinson, Dobie
Trinity Clay, Humble
Lorely Partida, Pasadena
Brandi Hemminger, Pasadena Memorial
Presley Harbuck, Pasadena Memorial

- Second Team Selections - Dobie**
Danielle Colunga, Sr.
Natalie Onozie, Soph.
Taiya Mitchell, Sr.
- Honorable Mention Selections - Dobie**
Abby Duron, Jr.
Alayna Gonzalez, Sr.
Alexys Vela, Sr.

District 22-6A All-Academic Team - Dobie

- Montserrat Alba*
- Natalie Onozie*
- Madison Garrett*
- Casey Junkin*
- Cadie Masterson*
- Precious Oko*
- Felicity Soto*
- Alexys Vela*
- Danielle Colunga*



Dobie senior libero Danielle Colunga (25) gave the Lady Longhorns a stabilizer in the middle at her position, collecting a team-high 389 digs over 109 sets played, earning second team all-district honors. Colunga was also one of nine Dobie players who earned a spot on the All-Academic team.

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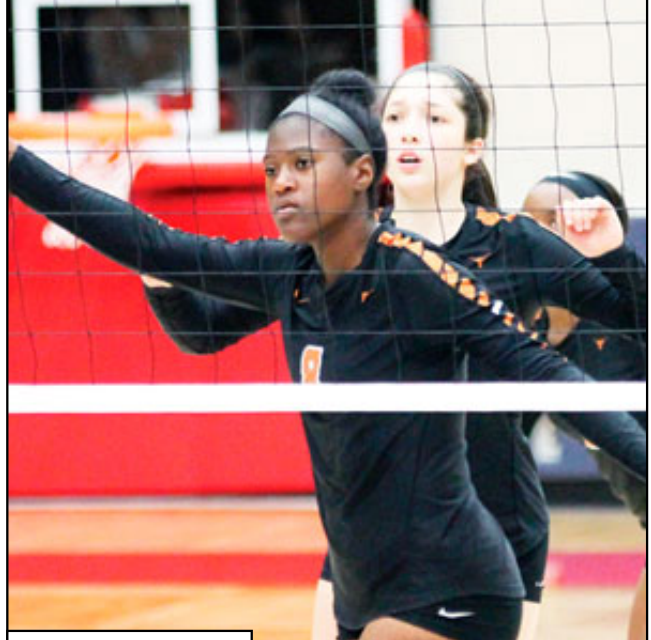
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Natalie Onozie (6) came in as a sophomore and was a big-time performer at setter for her team as she was eventually a second team all-district selection with a team-high 538 assists and 78 service aces. She also made the All-Academic team.



In her final varsity volleyball season, outside hitter Taiya Mitchell (8) was at her best, logging 219 kills for second on the team and 64 blocks as she gave the Lady Longhorns strong play in a variety of areas en route to an all-district second team honor.