

Merry Christmas to all!

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Holiday schedules set

CBC MUD New Year office schedule

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. They will reopen Jan. 4, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru side of the building. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

CBC MUD trash service

Residents living in CBC MUD who have trash service on Thursday will have regular service Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, and on New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31. All trash must be curbside no later than 6 a.m. on the day of pickup. Residents living in Clear Brook City MUD who receive trash services on Friday will not have regular pickup Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, or on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. Regular services will resume the following Tuesday, Dec. 29, and Jan. 5, 2021, respectively. All trash must be curbside no later than 6 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Kirkmont Utility District

The trash pickup service for Kirkmont MUD, will not be affected for Christmas or New Year's since the trash is scheduled for Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Sageameadow Utility District

MUD Sageameadow, located at 10755 Hall Road, will have trash pickup Tuesday Dec. 29. There will be no trash service New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

City to pick up heavy trash

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Jan. 14 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, Jan. 15 (second Friday of the month). Due to increased volume associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, city collection crews may run behind schedule. January is for tree waste only. For additional information, visit www.houston.tx.gov/solidwaste/tree_waste.html or call 311.

Ellington recycling Jan. 9

The City of Houston will hold its monthly recycling program at Ellington Airport Saturday, Jan. 9 (second Saturday of the month), from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A joint endeavor between the city's Solid Waste Department and Compucycle, the collection program is now contactless due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents are asked to wear masks when speaking to staff and place all items to be recycled in the trunk of the vehicle to ensure no direct contact is made.

Items accepted include computers; routers; laptops; power cords; UPS; cell phones; VCRs; scrap metal/wire; monitors; hubs; printers; cables; servers; DVD players; cable boxes; ink-jet cartridges; TVs (CRTVs up to 27 inches and flat screens up to 50 inches); mice and keyboards; switches; fax machines; telephones; toner cartridges; and copiers.

No batteries, oil, anti-freeze, or paint will be accepted at this recycling event. If one wishes to recycle those materials, they may be taken to a City of Houston Environmental Service Center for appropriate handling.

For more information, call 311 or visit www.houston.tx.gov/solidwaste/depositories.html.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 517 to FM 518 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, March 31. Closures may intermittently affect two lanes of traffic and include alternate entrance and exit ramp closures. The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. At least one lane of the northbound and southbound entrance ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 and exit ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Two alternate lanes on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The northbound connector ramp from the Gulf Freeway to the IH 610 South Loop, along with one inside lane, will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least two alternate main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH 288 to the Gulf Freeway daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Jan. 9. The closures are associated with the project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Police investigate shooting

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man at a gas station in the 11000 block of Fuqua that took place about 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17.

The victim, Jamal Phillips, 21, was transported to an area hospital in critical but stable condition. According to police, Phillips was at the above address when a white sedan pulled up and parked next to him. An unknown male exited the passenger side of the vehicle and approached Phillips, who was in the driver's seat of a black, four-door truck. The suspect then backed away from Phillips, pulled out a pistol and fired multiple shots into the vehicle, striking Phillips. The suspect fled the scene in his vehicle. Paramedics transported Phillips to the hospital.

Anyone with information is urged to contact HPD Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Yes, South Belt, there really is a Santa Claus

Despite donations initially being much lower than in previous years, the *Leader's* annual Christmas program was a huge success, providing assistance to more than 55 area families in need, including around 150 children.

It reminded the *Leader* staff about the little girl Virginia writing a New York newspaper and asking if there really was a Santa. The paper answered 'yes' and explained the spirit of the season could be found in the community. Well, that story was true in South Belt last week.

In addition, extra toys that were left over were distributed to children who are victims of abuse and living in a court-appointed home. Also included were some military families.

Several local organizations, businesses and

residents stepped up to the plate, making this year's drive the most successful in the event's history.

"We have an amazing community," said *Leader* publisher and event organizer Marie Flickinger. "We really do. They really came through. The schools and residents have been fantastic."

While school donations usually account for the lion's share of items donated each year, donations from local schools were initially down this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In the third week of the program, however, several area schools, including Dobie High, Beverly Hills Intermediate, Frazier Elementary, South Belt Elementary, Moore Elementary, Melillo Middle donated to the program in large numbers. (Check

the Jan. 7 edition of the *Leader* for more information.)

Participating Dobie organizations included the Key Club, PALS and Stu Co. Those three groups provided student volunteers to help sort the toys that were donated.

Angelica Perez, Moore counselor, said students were generous during the drive.

"A lot of students were very giving," Perez said. "They really wanted to give and to help local people in the area." As an incentive, Perez said students were asked to donate to the drive as part of the school's Gifts of Kindness program that lasts the final 12 days before Christmas break. Moore staff also donated to the program, Perez said.

Dobie Principal Franklin Moses and Alyson Roberts of the Bay Area Chorus each personally made sure there were enough gifts appropriate for teenage recipients

Newly elected Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Garcia and city councilmember Carolyn Evans-Shabazz attended the event. The Pasadena ISD Police Department working with PISD schools gave the

program a great boost.

Despite gifts coming in a little later than usual, Flickinger said more toys were collected than in any other year in the event's 38-year history.

"It was the best year we have ever had," Flickinger said. "We've never had this much."

Every family also received a turkey this year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all aspects of this year's *Leader* drive were moved outdoors as a safety precaution.

Several community members who received assistance said they were directly affected by the pandemic, facing challenges such as illness, furloughs and mandatory quarantines.

Another recipient this year was a 63-year-old grandmother on a fixed single income who is now caring for her three grandchildren, ages 6, 4 and 4 months.

A group of residents collectively dubbed "Santa's Helpers," led by Sandra Robb and her daughter Stacey Waugh, selflessly volunteered hours of their time organizing toys and food for the drive.

"Everyone, including our *Leader* staff, did a fantastic job," Flickinger said of the event.

Santa comes through for South Belt



A Christmas program that looked like it was in trouble early a week before Christmas, became the most successful program in the event's 38-year history. All thanks to the giving spirit of the South Belt area. (See story this page, editorial Page 2 and the first issue next year on Jan. 7 for additional details.) Photo by Marie Flickinger

COVID could be higher than reported

The number of Houstonians who've had COVID-19 could be four times higher than indicated by viral testing, according to new data from the Houston Health Department.

The department tested the blood of volunteers from randomly selected Houston households for the presence of COVID-19 antibodies, an indication of previous infection.

Data from the antibody testing survey, an ongoing collaboration between the health department, Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University, shows an estimated 13.5 percent of Houstonians (approximately 250,000 people) previously had COVID-19 by Sept. 19. At that time only 57,000 infections were identified by traditional viral testing.

"Transparency is a critical part of our mission during the pandemic and our goal is to keep the public informed about the COVID-19 infection rate and how people can practice safe and healthy habits," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "This information, combined with findings from

the department's wastewater testing, PCR clinical case surveillance system and other programs, analyzed with advanced data science techniques, gives us invaluable insight to precisely target testing and educational resources to help save lives."

The results showed that a higher proportion of people with COVID-19 antibodies lived in high positivity rate areas (18 percent) of the city than those who lived in low positivity rate areas (10 percent). In addition, more women (17 percent) than men (10 percent) had antibodies, more Hispanics (18 percent) and blacks (15 percent) had antibodies than non-Hispanic whites (5 percent), and more people under 40 years of age (17 percent) than 40 and older (9 percent) had COVID-19 antibodies in their blood.

"The statistically designed study produces scientifically sound estimates of the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 virus in our community," said Dr. Katherine B. Ensor, Noah G. Harding professor.

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Chamber, health center hosts Santa



Local children had their photos taken with Santa Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Scarsdale Family Health Center at an event sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Shown above at the function are Maryjane Nelson (girl), Legend Luna (boy) and Ezreal Garcia (adult with glasses) who operates the Family Health Center. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Houston livestock show, rodeo delayed

Affect on South Belt Cook-off yet undecided

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo recently announced its plans for the 2021 event. Originally scheduled for March 2-21, HLSR competitions, concerts and entertainment, carnival and other attractions and activities are now scheduled for May 4-23, 2021, pending COVID-19 health status. The Junior Livestock and Horse Show competitions will still be held in March, as previously announced.

Prerodeo events, typically held in January and February, are scheduled to move as well to coincide with the May rodeo. These events include the Downtown Rodeo Parade, Rodeo Run, Trail Ride activities, the Rodeo Uncorked! Round-up & Best Bites Competition and the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest. Details for these events will be announced once available.

"The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is truly a community event that rodeo fans look forward to each and every year," said Chris Boleman, rodeo president and CEO. "With the evolving health situation, we have made the de-

cision to move the 2021 rodeo from March to May, with the exception of our Junior Livestock and Horse Show competitions, to be held as planned in March. We remain dedicated to fulfilling our mission to support Texas youth and hosting a longtime Houston tradition."

There are no guarantees in the current environment but moving the dates of the 2021 Rodeo out by two months provides a better opportunity to host the events. Additional details surrounding the 2021 rodeo will be shared by early March, as well as the full health and safety guidelines.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said the city stands behind the decision.

"I have spoken with rodeo officials, and I thank them for working closely with the City of Houston and Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Persse about moving the show to May 2021," Turner said. "While no one can predict the future of the coronavirus pandemic, I am optimistic that the multiple vaccines that are being developed

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Frazier comes through for program



Frazier Elementary once again donated items to the *Leader's* annual Christmas program. Shown above dropping off toys at the *Leader* office, left to right, are Katie Belus, resource teacher; Susan Blue, counselor and parent coordinator; and Kristi Vela, first-grade teacher. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Girl, 16, charged in male's death

A 16-year-old girl, who had allegedly stolen her mother's car, is accused of killing an innocent man during a police chase around 3 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the intersection of El Dorado Boulevard and Highway 3/Old Galveston Road. The girl reportedly suffered from mental illness.

According to investigators, the incident began about six miles north on Highway 3 when the teen's mother called police, saying her daughter had stolen the family vehicle and was running away from home.

Police quickly located the vehicle, but the girl refused to stop. A chase ensued, but police opted to back off, saying the teen was driving errati-

cally and that it was too dangerous to pursue on ground. An HPD helicopter, however, was still tracking the stolen vehicle from the air. Police said the teen was driving at a very high rate of speed, often turning off her headlights.

When the teen approached the above address, she slammed into another car, forcing it off the road and into a tree, killing the male passenger at the scene.

The car's female driver and the teen suspect were both transported to the hospital for injuries suffered in the crash. The suspect was reportedly in critical condition.

None of the identities had been released at press time.

Publisher's Opinion

There just aren't enough words

It was fantastic to end this year, which has been the worst I can remember, on such a good generous note — our 38th annual Christmas program.

Five days before the event, I thought we were in real trouble — we had few toys and plenty of families in need.

I know we have missed thanking some who helped out, and for this I apologize. You know who you are and I am sure you earned gold stars in "The Book of Life."

It is so great that we have a communi-

ty who cares about their neighbor. What a wonderful end to a very bad, sad year. It gives me hope for the coming year.

We at the *Leader* (italics) want to wish each and everyone of you a Merry and Blessed Christmas, and for sure a much happier 2021!

Check the Jan. 7 edition for more pictures of the program.

Thank you for letting us be part of this great community. God bless all of you!

Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Jackson gives holiday suggestion

Hi Marie. Will you share this with the community? Since there are still some feelings about how to celebrate this special time of year I was wondering if an opinion, something like this, might just lower the temperature a bit (NOT, however the physical temperature outside this morn-

ing!) And are you still collecting monies to assist those in need at this time? Thanks, Ed.

If you are Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Pagan, Atheist, or other and someone says to you: Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Seasons Greetings, or Have a nice day. Then you answer: "Thanks. You too." Ed Jackson

Death

Stella Nell Murphy



Stella Nell Murphy died peacefully at home on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020 in Hous-

ton, at the age of 79.

Stella was born on Dec. 7, 1941 in Livingston, to Joe and Nola Gassiot. She married Morris Murphy, Feb. 6, 1965.

After moving to Houston, she worked as a hairdresser for several years. When her girls started school, she began work at Pasadena Independent School District to be near them.

She retired after 20 years to spend time with her grandchildren.

She enjoyed reading, spending time with her family and attending church. She came to know the Lord in 1957 at the age of 15 at summer church camp. She attended Sagemont Church

and served in the children's ministry for many years.

Stella is survived by her husband, Morris, daughters, Laura Murphy and Deberah Patterson, son-in-law Patrick Patterson, grandson, Brandon Patterson, granddaughters, Ashley and Caitlyn Patterson all of Houston and her brother, Eugene Gassiot, of West Monroe.

She also is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Nola Gassiot of Goodrich, Texas.

The service was held at Peevey Funeral Home, Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Interment followed at Bluewater Cemetery in Livingston, TX.

Local cook-off may be affected

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and manufactured in the United States will improve our chances of returning to normal activities by the middle of next year. Houston and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are synonymous. It is hard to imagine one without the other. People worldwide come to our city to compete for grand prizes and enjoy the carnival and concerts. When the rodeo was canceled earlier this year because of COVID-19 community spread, the decision was based on data and science. As we move forward, the City of Houston will continue to monitor the positivity rate, hospital capacity, wastewater virus load and reproduction rate. If we work together, we can cre-

ate a safe environment for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. I encourage people to do their part to blunt the virus's progression; that means wearing a mask, social distancing, washing your hands frequently and getting tested. I also encourage everyone to get vaccinated when the opportunity becomes available."

The HLSR promotes agriculture by hosting an annual, family-friendly experience that educates and entertains the public, supports Texas youth, showcases Western heritage and provides year-round educational support within the community. Since its beginning in 1932, the rodeo has committed more than \$500 million to the youth of Texas

and education.

For information, visit rodeohouston.com and connect with #RODEOHOUSTON online via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube for all the latest news.

South Belt Spectacular Cook-off

At press time, it remained unclear how the rescheduled HLSR event might affect the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, which also takes place around that time of year. The annual South Belt event was canceled this past May due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It marked the first time in the cook-off's history that the event was canceled. See future editions of the *Leader* for more information.

JFD in DECA despite COVID

Like many others, Dobie's DECA Inc. (formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America) students and staff have had to adjust to new guidelines and practices associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

DECA is a well-established career and technology student organization at Dobie High School. This year's DECA competition looked a lot different due to the pandemic. In years past, DECA students spent one day at an in-person district competition with volunteer judges from the community. This year, however, the district competition was

completely virtual.

Many schools chose not to participate this year. Dobie DECA advisors, Jeff Mc-Knight and Amber Allan, however, decided to push through and learn something new through the experience.

From Dec. 3-10, students were given time to look at their event situation. Then they were able to prepare to role-play via videoing. Team events were recorded on a virtual site like Zoom. Individual events were filmed by Matt Park's audio-visual team that films and produces JFD TV, which airs every Friday.

Virtual students and face-to-face students both participated. Students were also required to take a 100-question test based on their event category. Role-playing scores and the written test scores will be added together for the final competition official score.

Allan said Franklin Moses, Dobie High School principal, and Dr. Lauren Calderaro, assistant principal, were very supportive and generous by helping the DECA advisors work through the new process.

"When Jeff asked if I wanted to coach DECA kids

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Shown, second from right, is Jeff McKnight, DECA advisor, with some of the Dobie students who participated in this year's DECA competition, left to right, Julio Torres, Justus Vela, Xavier Musquiz, Demetria Delgado, Carolina Gutierrez, Lizbeth Rodriguez, Aaron Sargeant and Chris Soza.

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Isaiah 9:6

December 2020

We at Almeda Mall are grateful and proud to serve the Southeast community we call home. We want to send all our neighbors our wish for a blessed Christmas Season filled with Joy and Peace.

It is our hope that the Almeda community, diverse as it is in its religious beliefs and ethnicity will join together to enjoy the Christmas Season with us at Almeda Mall as the birth of Christ is remembered.

As is our annual tradition, our reader board on the freeway will contain daily Christmas messages and on Christmas Day will be dedicated to continuously proclaiming thanks to God for the gift of the Christ Child, so many years ago in Bethlehem.

We wish you all a blessed, safe and merry Christmas!

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Frazier Elementary second-graders write to Santa Claus

Second-grade students from Frazier Elementary School wrote the following letters to Santa Claus.

Adriana Cortez's class
My name is Logan BETAN-COURT and I am 7 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the North Pole. I have been very good this year, and I would like to have a new shirt. I am very excited for your visit, and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk. Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Logan
My name is NataliaB. and I am 8 years old. I hope you are staying in the North Pole. I have been very good this year, and I have been thinking that for Christmas, I would like a bol for girls. I am very excited for your visit and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk. Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Natalia
My name is Lizzy Castellanos and I am 8 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the North Pole. I have been very good this year, and I have been thinking that for Christmas I would like a pink tablet. I am very excited for your visit and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk. Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Lizzy
My name is Hazel Castorela and I am 7 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the north pole I have been very good this year and I have been thinking that for Christmas I will like one toy from Fh of Plusbie but its called Springtrap I em very excited for your visit and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk!
Hazel
My name is Victoria Chapa and I am 7 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the North Pole. I have been very good this year, and I have been thinking for Christmas I would like Shopkins for my toys. I am very excited for your visit, and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk. Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Victoria
My name is Gomez Delilah and I am 6 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the North Pole. I have been very good this year and I have been thinking that for Christmas I would like

a skidBor and a Beke and 2 lol ad a BaBi jase and lat BabBis. I am very excited for your visit and milk. Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Delilah
My name is Alondra lopez and I am 7 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the North Pole. I have been very good this year and I have been thinking that for Christmas I would like hachamol end LOL. I am very excited for your visit, and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk. Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Alondra
My name is ArlettePulido and I am 7 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the North Pole. I have been very good this year and I have been thinking that for Christmas I would like a bunc bed for my american girl doll a doll house for my american girl, a sweet dolly deer costume, chrismas clothes pands and a shirt for girl and boy american doll, and girl and boys shoes for american girl and Lanky box toys, and a dog american. I am very excited for your visit, and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk. Thank youso much Santa! Love,
Arlette
Mi name is Julio Torres and I am 7 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the North pole, and I have been thinking that for Christmas I would like a Sonic toy. I am very excited for your visit and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk. Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Julio
My name is Jayden Turcios and I am 8 years old. I hope you are satying warm in the North Poel. I have been very good this year, and I have been thinking that for Christmas I would like a Lego space shuttle I am very ecited for your visit and I will leave you delicious cookies and milk. Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Jayden
My name is Dylend velasquez and I am 7 years old. I hope you are staying warm in the North Pole. I have been very good this year, and I have been thinking that for Christmas I would like a King boo, a video game, a lego Mario Playset, luigi mansion I.

I am very excited for your visit and Ileave you delicious cookies and milk Thank you so much Santa! Love,
Dyland
Amanda Brewton's class
Hello! My name is Daniel I am 7 years old. I have been good this year because I help my mom clen. I would like a PS5 for Christmas and a gcart. I can wait for you to visit what is your favorite kind of cookie? how many elds do you have?
Arianna C.
Hello! My name is Devin. I am 7 years old I have been this year because I hapt my sistr clen the dishes. I would like PS5 and a PC for Christmas. I cant wait for you to visit. What is your favorite kind of cookie? how many elds duw you hav.
Devin H
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Logan
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Victoria
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Meador 2nd-graders pen Santa letters

Second-grade students from Meador Elementary School wrote the following letters to Santa Claus.

Jill Hightower's class
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Renesmec Nanes
How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. May I have for Christmas a PS4, shous and a candtir. Love,
Kyanotol Mims
How are you doing? I have been good this year. May I have a LOL for Christmas. May I have a toy sroy for Christmas. Love,
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Tyler Nguyen
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Emani Austin
How are you doing? I have been good this year. May I have for Christmas iPhone then I wot a Tapit Then I wot a dog and cat. Then I wot a kit then I wot a cichn then I wot a book then I wot a Lin. Love,
Kia Jahonee Johnson
Hey, dear Santa. How are the reindeers? I have been good this year. May I have a bike please because I've been on a bike at Davids house and can I have a iPhone I'm 9 years old. Love,
Keyona Kelly
How are the reindeer? I have been good this year. May I have a tot gun for I can play and a tablet for I can play games. Love,
Francisco Robledo
How are you? I have been good. May I please have a puppy? and a megeanon fly ride parrot? indopt me? Please? Love,
Eleend Breighieith
How are the elves? I have been so good this year. May I have roller skats. I really want roller skats so I can Learn to skate. May I have a iPhone 11 so I can call my friends. Love,
Rosalie Longoria
How are you doing? I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like is bathboms, Kichen set with food supplis. Love,
Arianna McCallum
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Elijah Rodriguez
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Makenzie Smith
How are you doing? I have been good this year. May I have car. May I have foon. May I have a games. May I have tmoor. May I have tmoor Santa. May I have tmoor T-Rex. May I have a fox. Love,
Damyzea Mitchell
Jocelyn Webster's class
How are you? How is Miss Claws? What kind of cooiekos do you like? and do you like worm milk or cold milk? Santa can I have a rainbow corn and some paint. Some paint brushis and coloring pageis. Some slime cites a squashes cites some fun stickers. What I really want is to you to have a great Christmas! Love
Nathalie
How are you? How is ms. Closs in the elfs. What cookes do youlike? Mine is strawberry. In what is Ms Clows cold milk? Do you what hot cookes or wram cookes. In this is what I want. I want a doll siime toy makeup a big doll a Baby alive that elcs driks in talk Rinbow Pant Clors for the slnar. A hat-chamor scesh kits Slame kites. A Labtop. a IPon PS5 PS4 Xbox a Mine car.
Kemaury
Hi Santa how are you doing Do you like Milke and how is the Raindires and can I have a new Xbox PS4 and a new hat. The end. love you Santa. Hope you are OK.
Jamariyen
Ha Santa How you Ben How

is the elfs down so fowr Can I get a sprkl oshwong grille doll and a cesh Seta and a Baby shallr and Baby alif Doll and a joaret and shos and a makup sate, a joj soks and a Santa Bgamu and some eweg and a blak gakit and a pupymast.
Kyla
How are you Santa and how is Mrs. Clos doing. I want a PS5 and new iPad and iPhone 12, and a new game for the Xbox2 for the game. And a new book to read the story and a nice dice game to play with my friend and a new TV for the room and a new math read for the math treat for my friend so he can read.
Guadalupe
How are you doing? I have been good this year. How is Ms. Clos doing? do you like wrom cocky yes or no. Are you randers dowing good and your elfs to. I love chismos so muck I want a robow dog if you nowe that toy and I want a lil lis pet shops for me ples. You are amazing Santa.
Aleishmarie
How you bine. How are you dowing Santa. How are your deer. How do you brag eriziti? Do you ride the deers. Yiwe do you cirev the bag. Yiwe do you have that hat. I love you Santa. I wate a toy. I wate a PS5 and a cpe drve. I miss you Santa. I miss you so much. I wate a dog.
Martin
Hello, Santa. how are you? How is Ms. Claus? How are the elves? How are your reindeer? Marry Christmas. I hope you don't get COVID-19. Phillip How are you and s. clas and the randire. OK This is what I wate for crismis. This is your OMG girl Doll and I what a ring and a Chamand clos and shoe and I what to deona LeviM.
Genesis Gonzales
I wonder what it is like living at the North Pole? How the elfs doing? Is it hard to deliver presents. I would like for Christmas a brand new computer, a Galaxy 30S just Shapes and Beats game for Nintendo Switch, Hotwheels Ultamit, Garage and a small Christmas that.
Giovanni
Hi Santa How are the elfs. Well this what I want for cremso so I want is Miko 2 and a PS5 and I want OMG dolls and for some magical fowrs and a roly dog a vilin baby Aliv grow up doll and snow and a Cranr. Well thas all I want.
Azariah
How have you been i hope your safe what kind of cooikes do you like and do you like warm milk or do you like cold milk. All I want for Christmas. Anything you have. And that's all I want.
Alyssa
How r you dooweng. How aremeny kooe boo you lick id 20/4 ckooe. How ar you booweg. How is Mis clos.
Elizabeth
How r you down and how r your rander down. How your elf down and Ms. Clos down. I want Pls ons hor fig wwon and his top and grap grow iPhone and cap for crishshish. I want wres u and !! pog!! and hambres.
Ivan
How are you doing Santa? And how is Ms. Clos doing? And may I have a PS 5? or a LOL doll OMG! and what cookes do you like? and How is Rodof doing? and I am doing good at school! and can I have a Smtly book? and I now no my shapes! and I love you.
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District basketball races highlight 2021 start as locals excel

The local high school basketball races will no doubt intensify as 2021 dawns. **Dobie girls start strong** Quite expectedly, the

Dobie varsity girls' basketball team began District 22-6A action with convincing wins over Rayburn and South Houston, and until further no-

tion, should be a bonafide contender for the league championship.

The Lady Longhorns went up against Channelview after press time Dec. 18 and now have a pair of tough matchups in nondistrict play during the course of the holiday portion of the schedule with

nondistrict clashes against Summer Creek and Goose Creek Memorial, both on the road.

Dobie will then return to 22-6A action in 2021 by hosting Pasadena Jan. 5, and the locals could very well be 4-0 heading into a key Jan. 8 game at Deer Park.

JFD boys seek early run

Don't sleep on the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team due to its early 3-8 overall record. The Longhorns, featuring a tough schedule, have been competitive across the board no matter the outcome and should get reinforcements with the foot-

ball season now complete.

The Longhorns opened District 22-6A action Dec. 18 after press time against Channelview and will host Milby Dec. 29 and Cy-Lakes Jan. 2 before getting back to league play.

Dobie has an under-the-radar game coming Jan. 5 as Pasadena

is off to a 5-4 start under head coach Jason Pillow.

With the Eagles acting very much like a play-off contender, that Jan. 5 game against Dobie should be hotly contested.

The Longhorns will then go up against Deer Park at home Jan. 28 in a huge game.

Brook girls get win

A 24-15 run in the fourth quarter was enough to do the trick as the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball squad got off to a quick start in District 24-6A play with a 37-32 victory over Clear Lake.

Nalani Smith ripped down 10 rebounds, and Tamia Moody led the way with 14 points to lead the Lady Wolverines, who improved to 5-4 overall with the win.

Amanda Benjamin added 11 points for a Clear Brook team that still faces an uphill battle in league play.

The locals played at Clear Creek Dec. 21 after press time and then had a home nondistrict game against Kinkaid scheduled for Dec. 28.

Brook returns to league play Dec. 30 against Brazoswood and then plays at Dickinson Jan. 2 in another key game.

Wolverine boys solid

After advancing to the area playoff round a season ago and then returning all but one key performer, the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team figured to be solid this season.

How about a 10-0 start? Okay, well not even head coach Nathan Janak could have predicted such a push to open things, but he'll take it.

Now comes the race to the 24-6A crown. Perhaps most importantly is the desire to avoid state-ranked programs Atascocita and Summer Creek in the first round of the playoffs.

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Robinson, Onozie lead Lady Horns' AD picks



Dobie junior KeKe Robinson (4) landed District 22-6A Blocker of the Year honors after helping to guide the Lady Longhorns to a 10-2 second-place finish in league play. The multi-sport standout had more than 130 kills and 85 total blocks this season.



Natalie Onozie (6) of Dobie had an outstanding all-around junior season on her way to being named District 22-6A's Setter of the Year as she turned in 330 assists, 227 digs, 83 kills and 44 aces while keeping the team's offense running from the setter position in 2020.

Photos by John Bechtle

Dobie VB's terrific 22-6A run brings all-district, academics

Dobie juniors Natalie Onozie and KeKe Robinson shone brightest for a Lady Longhorns' varsity volleyball team that ultimately grabbed second place in the District 22-6A standings.

For their efforts, the pair were two of the league's individual award winners as the 22-6A head coaches met virtually to award all-district accolades.

Robinson, also a 22-5A All-District first-team pick for the second consecutive season, had 130 kills and 85 total blocks as key

points of an impressive stat line as she was named the league's Blocker of the Year.

As for Onozie, she turned in an impressive all-around junior campaign plenty strong enough to earn herself Setter of the Year honors within 22-6A.

The second-year varsity performer had a team-leading 330 assists to go with 227 digs, 83 kills and 44 aces as she contributed well in all phases of the game. She was also a 22-6A first team pick for her efforts.

Senior Victoria Thomas led Dobie in kills for the second straight season, coming up with 229 in her final season to score first team All-District honors

for a second time. For her career, Thomas wound up with more than 450 kills.

Senior Abby Duron, who made a smooth transition to libero this season for the Lady Longhorns, was also a first-team nominee.

Duron turned in a stellar season for the Lady Longhorns while also enjoying a solid season on cross-country courses for the Lady Longhorns.

On the volleyball court, Duron had a team-high 288 digs from her libero spot to earn that 22-6A first-team designation.

The Lady Longhorns' second team all-district picks included senior Alayna Gonzalez, who had 125 kills; senior setter

Cadie Masterson with her 267 assists; junior Maya Scott with her 86 kills and freshman Ariana Garza, who logged 82 kills.

Casey Junkin, a senior, and sophomore Bella Perez were honorable mention selections.

The Lady Longhorns also excelled in the classroom as 11 players in all were honored on the 22-6A All-Academic for holding an overall grade average of 94 or better.

Those honorees included junior Monserrat Alba, Duron, Garza, sophomore Alexa Gonzalez, Junkin, Masterson, senior Precious Oko, Perez, Scott, junior Marisa Soto and Thomas.

The Lady Longhorns went 15-10 overall during the 2020 pandemic-affected season, losing only twice in District 22-6A action to league champion Deer Park.

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Second-grade Moore Elementary students write Santa letters

Moore Elementary second-grade students penned letters to Santa Claus.

Shelly Blair's class
This year for Christmas I want a Miss Mase Onesie and a PrentPats and a LOL OMG doll and an arctic fox. I want to ask a pashin. How era yre elfs doin and how era you. Love,
Elyssa Gutierrez

This year for Christmas I would like. New Christmas pajamas, present pet, Among us, teddy bear, sweater, backpack, doll, reindeer, Shopkins. Wut does the Elf do? Love,
Camilla

This year for Christmas I would like a headset Pleasa and a Ps5 Pleasa and a Vz Pleasa and how do you no if we are good ro bad? Thank you.
Tristan Alvarez

This year for Christmas I would like a puppy please and a LOL doll and a toy and How do your elf spy on us?...and I want a Among us sweater and a pink bunny hat and some more stuff and a lot of fake nails please and some LED lights thank you.
Athena Hernandez
I want a X-Box and a PS5 and a puppe and a Among TD Baer and lomilen robux and a Nerf gun and a new bakpake.
Joseph Lopez

This year for Christmas I would like a iPhone 12 and a PlayStation 4 and a VR and a Among us and a VBucks card. Santa I now I ben a bad boy but please Santa Okey I done good bye. PS and Santa you are the best and Santa tell the Elf on the Shelf to stop looking at me.
Joseph Lopez

Thank you, **Noah Canales**
My name is Tracy. This year for Christmas I would like a 100,000 Robux Ryan world egg X-Box pet dog slime kit toy bear pj Mack. Plaease Santa you are the best. How is the Reindeer going. Thank you.
Tracy Tran
1. Please give my a lol doll. 2. I will love a doll. 3. and a Pool. Please give a new e sorehas taru for the Prezes bot hal dwo odat wer a sep.
Violette Vargas

For Christmas I want a Air-Force and a Dreamhouse iPhone 11 purple. How do you go in de chimney? Love,
Alexa Lara
For Christmas I want a Barbie house and luggage pink and a dog house but real. for my new and cute little puppy. ?Because other reindeer laughed Rudolph noose? Love,
Amy Badillo
How do you fly end one night. I want yellow shoes/I want iroh mah toy. Love,
Santiago Cuevas
For Christmas I want books end shoes end a capovro. ?You like cookies? Love,
Secia Barahona

And o Among us game. How do you dgo down chimneys if they don't have one? Love,
Chelsea Umahzor
For Christmas I want a Air-Force and a Dreamhouse iPhone 11 purple. How do you go in de chimney? Love,
Alexa Lara
For Christmas I want a Barbie house and luggage pink and a dog house but real. for my new and cute little puppy. ?Because other reindeer laughed Rudolph noose? Love,
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For Christmas hoy want any geim for my Nintendo swich. Santa how do you come fast noe nait. Santa hoy want air pods. Love, **David Colon**
For Christmas I want aboooc and a LOLO amd a cookies. How do you kom down the chimney? Love,
Fernanda Perez
Can u say hi to rudaf for me. How do you go down chema-ny's? For Christmas I want a Nentendo and Slaime and a robot and jart pillow. Love,
Kiara Arrendond

I can wait until you come I am leavin cookies for you M Tell Santa you going to leave out food. blu jay want lil my mom is goyg to be so mad I nede an xbox and PS5 an skates.
Alex Ballest
I can wait until you come. Santa I am going to leave out food. For Christmas I want makeup slime and a living dog not a toy. This year I have been

very good. Who is your favor-its reindeer? Did Mrs. Claus make your hat? What type of coolie do you like so I know what kind of cookie to put out. Love,
Lily Bonilla
I can wait until you come. Who is your favorite reindeer? Do you have a 100 Elves? Can I see your reindeer? Do you have a pet fox and reindeer. Can I have a skatiPod? Your friend,
Leah Carmona

I can wait until you come. What you like for Christmas. Who is your favorite reindeer? I have been good. You have a good day Santa. I want to leave out food for you Santa. I want a lef Santa. Who help you Santa. Have you been good Santa? Your Friend, **Ava Carter**
I wut unicon. I wut tars. I wut cutie cars. I wut crayons. I wut fire man. I wut snowflake. I wut Shopkins. I wut ABC order. I wut squishy tree. I wut

rayndow.
Logan Frisch
I can wait until you come. Please put me on the nice list and I want a iPhone 2 Nintendo and a orange Among us Plusny and a blue d and bird wood. Love **Ulysses Garcia**
I can wait until you come. Did you have a good day? Did you have a good day with your reindeers? I hope you did. Have I been on the nauty list? I hope not. Your friend,
Joshua Manahem

I want a new PS5 and a computer and some new shoes Please and thank you. I cant wait until you come. I will remember to give you cookies and carrits for you and the reindeer.
Ruben Puente
I can wait until you come. Have you had a good day? What is your favorite prezet? Who is your favorite reindeer? One thing I want for Christmas is a green among us Plusny. Your friend, **Felix Rivera**
Sara Saxon's class

I am in 2nd grade. For Christmas I want you to bring me a S&S and a swich slig. Your favorite reindeer?
Antonio Herrera
Can you bring me a big white teddy bear and a grey night stand and a white sheet form my bed it is a twin bed. A puppy a rug a plane white t-shirt and white and black pillows.
Aryanna

For Christmas I want a nintendo swich, Makeup table, LOL doll, PJ's, Dress, Baby Alive. Can you bring my pre-sants early.
Giselle Cerda
I want a stuffed animal and a barbil doll house kitchen station and mor stuffed animals. Wht do you like cook?
Carla Cartwright
For Christmas ay want a Hoverboard for my bretner and ay want a new Minecraff toy and a dog man bol ave glove game and a Galexi and a Galexi Ga ket ant a Galexi glove and a cat kid comic clab

and a snow man book and a Galexi Pantse thats anday for you so you like cookies.
Ivan RaPalo
Can you bring me a toy t-rex and a iPad? Who is your favorite reindeer?
Justin Nguyen
For Christmas I want LOL, hoverboard, Nintendo, Switch, Nintendo Switch Game, OMG doll, won is your favorite reindeer.
Zoe Carter
Can you bring me a nyife gun?
Samuel
And for this Christmas is some new shoes and a Ninentendo switch please? And a Apple Pen? Love,
Lyann Tran

Can you bring me Minecraff, five or Nintendo games LOLs, OMG, Amongus mask Among Us things, Alime, LOH things, OMG things, all of the Dork diaries Books, a Petora Sister or Brother, Elf on the Shelf, a lot of Robox? Can we be friends? Love, **Ava Ahmad**

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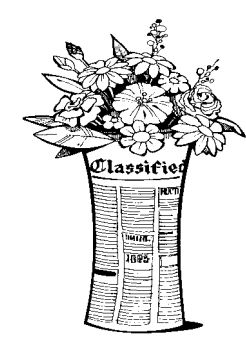
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I Miss Ashley!

CALENDAR

NEW YEAR'S EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7).

Noon

AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

7 p.m.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Community Center (new location), 11507 Hughes Road. For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, at First Presbyterian Church in the youth building. For more information, call 713-661-4200.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous - See Monday's Vigilance notice.

8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - at CrossRoads UMC. See Sunday's notice.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2
7:30 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
8 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous - at CrossRoads UMC. See Sunday's notice.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4
Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 is virtual at <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. To be a guest, select "contact us" button on the toastmasters' home page to obtain access to the virtual platform. Contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 for details.

7 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

Narcotics Anonymous - See Monday's Vigilance notice.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

Noon

AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous - See Monday's Vigilance notice.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

Noon

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7 p.m.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 5
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday.

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 for information. Visitors may attend two meetings free.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous - See Monday's Vigilance notice.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous - See Monday's Vigilance notice.

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8 p.m.

Dobie students, faculty involved in annual DECA competition



Shown at left, are Dobie DECA advisers (principal) Franklin Moses, Deanjanae Williams; Jeff McKnight, Amber Allan, Lanita Simmons and Matt Park in front of the well-decorated Dobie Christmas tree. Students who participated in the DECA competition, but not shown, are Jahir Reyes, Kathy Tran, Sebastian Cruz and Michael De La Garza. At right is Sindy Puerto who participated as a junior first-year DECA competitor in the Hotel & Lodging individual Series.

Photos submitted



J. Frank Dobie competes in annual DECA competition

Continued from Page 2 this year, I said, "absolutely," Allan remarked.

by McKnight. "He (Moses) and I both know what a positive experience it is for our students."

McKnight said. "This year's students were so eager to succeed it made the group an easy one to prepare. We had several

challenges, but we rode the wave of energy our students provided and figured it all out."

Several members of the Pasadena ISD community have volunteered to be DECA virtual judges this year, including Lanita Simmons, Dobie CTE department head; Joy Johnson, South Houston assistant principal; and Nadia Garcia, former Dobie DECA president. Toby Castro, Gale-

na Park CTE coordinator, also served as a judge. Results will be announced Jan. 11. The *Leader* will provide an update on results of students who qualify to participate in the state competition.

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Continued from Page 1 sor of Statistics at Rice University and incoming president-elect of the American Statistical Association.

"Along with tracking virus spread, the survey will provide insight on how much antibodies were made and how long they last over a 4-month interval (short-term duration) in blood circulation. In addition, the survey may help identify short-term immunity after infection," said Dr. Pedro Piedra, professor of molecular virology and microbiology at

Baylor College of Medicine. "We used two labs to verify results and we are confident this data gives us reliable new information on the extent of the spread of this virus in our community," said Dr. Loren Hopkins, chief environmental science officer for the Houston Health Department.

The survey was conducted Sept. 8-19 when teams from the health department and Houston Fire Department visited 420 randomly selected Houston households where 678 people voluntarily gave a blood sample.

"This antibody testing investigation is a wonderful example of a partnership between academics and a local health department to answer key questions together about a pandemic that is poorly understood," said Dr. Elaine Symanski professor in the Center for Precision Environmental Health and Department of

Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. "It would not have been possible without the critical involvement of Houstonians who agreed to participate. We owe them a great deal of thanks."

Survey teams will conduct phase two of the survey in January when people who participated in phase one will be retested to measure the number of antibodies remaining in their blood.

Teams will also visit 420 new random Houston homes to ask for voluntary blood samples. Only homes approached by the teams are eligible to participate, and participation is voluntary. The teams will be identifiable by their "Better Together" shirts.

This survey is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more information, visit HoustonEmergency.org.



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Friday, December 25 de diciembre

12:00am: Midnight Mass (English/Ingles)
10:00am: Multilingual Mass/Misa Multilingüe

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