

Easter egg hunts planned

Harris County

Harris County will hold its annual Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at El Franco Lee Park, 9500 Hall Road. Hosted by Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and Constable Jerry Garcia, the event will feature complimentary hot dogs, snow cones, drinks and popcorn.

H-E-B Blackhawk

H-E-B Blackhawk, 9828 Blackhawk at Beltway 8, will host a community Easter Egg hunt event Saturday April 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. Ages 1-4 will hunt eggs from 9 to 10 a.m.; ages 5-8 will hunt eggs from 10 to 11 a.m.; and ages 9-12 will hunt eggs from 11 a.m. to noon.

The event will take place outside the building on the produce side of the store.

CBCMUD holiday hours set

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Friday, April 7, in observance of Easter. They reopen Monday, April 10, 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.

CBCMUD residents who have trash pickup Tuesday/Friday will have service Good Friday, April 7. All trash should be curbside no later than 6 a.m. Residents missing this trash pickup will be serviced Tuesday, April 11. Residents with Monday/Thursday service are not affected.

St. Luke's holds fish fry

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host its Lent Fish Fry Friday, March 31, from 4 to 7 p.m., at St. Luke's Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, and via an outside drive-thru. Dinner includes fried fish, French fries, hushpuppies, ice tea and corn on the cob for \$15.

Local COVID cases reported

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community is roughly on par with the previous week, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, March 28, there were 169 active cases in 77089, up five from the previous week. To date, 137 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 138 deaths the previous week.)

In ZIP code 77075, there were 17 active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 82 deaths in the ZIP code. (Harris County reported 83 deaths the previous week.)

In 77034, there were 25 active cases, up five from the previous week. To date, 93 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

According to Harris County officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday, March 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

Two outside northbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from West Medical Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, May 5.

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, May 22. Two outside southbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Texas City Railroad to SH 6/SH 146 in La Marque nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

The northbound entrance ramps from both FM 519/Main Street and FM 1765/Texas Avenue in La Marque will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the next available northbound entrance ramp.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen I-45 from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Beltway closures planned

Two northbound and two southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, March 31. Delays are expected.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Lakes of Golfcrest to meet

Lakes of Golfcrest's annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Sagameadow MUD Building, 10755 Hall Road at Blackhawk. (Sign-in will begin at 6:50 p.m.)

City cuts ties with controversial water contractor

Inframark terminated in Kingwood; future of Southeast plant remains unclear

A controversial company reportedly under consideration to operate the city's Southeast Water Purification Plant has been terminated from an existing contract to operate a similar facility in Kingwood.

The City of Houston announced Wednesday, March 22, it was cutting ties with Inframark, a company currently under criminal investigation for alleged operational mishaps at the Greater

Julks joins Astros

It was learned at presstime Sageglen resident and Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Julks has been hired by the Astros and is expected to play in the March 30 game. (See Page 6.)

North East Houston Service Area system, which includes the Kingwood Central Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Despite multiple calls to the city for comment, it remained unclear at press time if Inframark was still under consideration to operate the Southeast plant.

As a result of the investigation initiated by Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin's District E office regarding operations at the Kingwood Central Wastewater Treatment Facility, the City of Houston has determined it is best to terminate its contract with Inframark, effective Friday, March 31, 2023.

The city's drinking water remains safe, Martin noted in a press release.

"We are committed to providing the highest quality water services to Houstonians and be-

lieve this is the best path forward for Houston water treatment operations," said Houston Public Works Director Carol Haddock.

Over the past two months, it became apparent that Inframark was in breach of its contract with the City of Houston to run the Greater North East system, Martin said.

The District E council member said he continues to appreciate the swift action and response of Houston Public Works. He looks forward to the conclusion of the ongoing criminal investigation.

The city has determined that it can best serve residents by having Houston Public Works operate its water treatment facilities in Kingwood, just as Houston Public Works safely and efficiently operates water treatment facilities every day throughout the Greater Houston area.

City of Houston officials look forward to assisting Inframark to facilitate a smooth transition over to the city-led management of the Greater North East Houston Service Area.

The recent announcement comes amid a criminal investigation into Inframark, alleging improper actions at the Kingwood treatment facility.

This past month, Houston police and environmental investigators with the Houston Police Department and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality searched the Kingwood Central Wastewater Treatment Plant for evidence that Inframark released inadequately treated sewage into Lake Houston, one of the city's largest drinking water sources, and concealed the problem by falsifying sample reports.

The inadequately treated wastewater released from the plant contained about 60 times the maximum E.coli bacteria allowed by the state, officials said.

Inframark is reportedly one of two contrac-

tors being considered to take over operations of the Southeast Water Purification Plant, as City of Houston officials mull privatizing the facility.

The Southeast Water Purification Plant – responsible for much of water used by South Belt residents – is one of the city's three main facilities for treating drinking water. According to officials, the plant treats approximately 200 million gallons of water per day, providing potable water for roughly one million people, about a quarter of the city's consumer base.

The City of Houston is joined by 10 other local entities on the operating advisory committee of the Southeast plant.

With a 37-percent stake of ownership, the city serves as managing partner of the facility. Other partners include City of Pasadena (25-percent ownership), Gulf Coast Water Authority, Clear Lake City Water Authority, City of Friendswood, City of South Houston, League City, La Porte, Baybrook Mall, Clear Brook City MUD and Harris County MUD 55. Any privatization plans must be approved by the majority of the committee.

The partners with the city invested in the Southeast plant's construction during the 1980s. City officials are reportedly exploring the option of privatizing the plant in an effort to be more efficient. As part of the city's exploration efforts, Inframark had been asked to submit its "best-and-final" offer on the proposal. A second contractor, Jacobs Engineering, was also reportedly in consideration for the job.

The Southeast Water Purification Plant currently has 35 city employees and operates on an annual budget of \$13.5 million.

At press time, it was unclear if the city and its partners were moving forward with any privatization plans.



South Belt Cleanup a success!

After months of planning, the South Belt Cleanup was a big success Saturday, March 25, as dozens of volunteers selflessly donated their time to help clean the community of trash and debris. The cleanup covered approximately 6.25-square miles in size, tackling the area from the Gulf Freeway to Blackhawk, east to west, and from Fuqua to FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road, north to south. Shown to the left are Knights of Columbus Council 9201 member Mike Work and Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour, who organized the event. They are hoping to make the South Belt Cleanup a biannual event.

Detention pond nears completion

Despite online rumors, site now deemed safe

As part of its ongoing improvement efforts to the Clear Creek watershed, Harris County Flood Control District announced that construction on the final phase, Phase 3, of the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin is now substantially complete.

To commemorate the completion of this project, a ribbon-cutting event was recently held by Harris County Precinct 2.

The basin is located on Mud Gully/Beamer Ditch, HCFCD Unit 120-00-00, near the intersection of Beamer Road and South Fork Boulevard. The property once housed the former South Bend subdivision. Adjacent to the infamous Brio Superfund Site, the subdivision was bulldozed in the 1980s and was as part of a class-action lawsuit. Despite online rumors to the contrary, soil sampling conducted by both Harris County and independent Brio Site Task Force have determined the site is now safe. (See related editorial on Page 2.) Occupying approximately 59 acres of land, construction on Phase 3 began in spring 2020 and was substantially complete in fall 2022. Previous phases of the project were completed in partnership with Galveston County in 2018 and 2019.

Clear Brook City MUD also contributed to the project by constructing a park around the pond for community use.

"Every step we take toward reducing chronic flooding is a stride in the right direction," said Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Gar-

cia. "I'm pleased the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin is now complete. Residents and property owners in this area can now breathe easier. Every completed flooding project helps reduce flooding risks and damages during heavy rain events."

Despite the recent improvements, Garcia said the county still has its work ahead of it moving forward in its flood-prevention efforts.

"There is much more work left to be done this year, but this project represents the kind of progress our residents deserve," Garcia said. "I will continue to work to ensure flood mitigation stays at the forefront of our countywide priorities, especially in Precinct 2."

Stormwater detention basins reduce flooding risks and damages during heavy rain events by safely storing excess stormwater and slowly releasing it back to the creek when the threat of flooding has passed. The South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin is designed to hold approximately 1,550 acre-feet, or 505 million gallons, of regional stormwater. This basin will help reduce existing flood levels and provides stormwater storage needed for mitigation of expected increases in stormwater flows resulting from channel improvements to Mud Gully (HCFCD Unit A120-00-00, also known as Beamer Ditch), Turkey Creek (HCFCD Unit 119-00-00) and other projects.

"The completion of the South Belt Stormwater

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Leader issues July 4 parade correction

The story titled *July 4 parade resumes after hiatus* that ran in the March 23 edition of the *Leader* contained an error.

The article stated that Donnie Cabrera was taking over as chair of the event from *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger, who had chaired

the event since its 1988 inception. In fact, Connie Cabrera will now take over as chair of the event, scheduled to take place Tuesday, July 4, following a three-year hiatus due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The *Leader* apologizes for any confusion.

Traffic stop leads to felony arrest

A traffic stop led to a felony arrest around 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, in the 1100 block of Edgebrook near the Gulf Freeway.

According to Precinct 8 officials, the incident began when Deputy Mitchell observed a black Mercedes sedan exit the main lanes of the freeway at a high rate of speed and change lanes without using its turn signal. Mitchell activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

Upon approaching the vehicle, Mitchell detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Mitchell made contact with the driver and identified him as 29-year-old Cesar Eloy Gonzalez Jr.

Gonzalez was directed to step out of the vehicle and was detained for further investigation. Mitchell proceeded to conduct a probable cause search of the vehicle and located a handgun, 5.7 pounds of marijuana, cocaine, a drug ledger and two stacks of U.S. currency. The amount of U.S. currency totaled \$9,409.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted felony possession of marijuana and unlawful carry of a weapon. The Asset Forfeiture Division was contacted and accepted the seizure of the U.S. currency. Gonzalez was taken into custody and transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center, where he was being held at press time awaiting arraignment.

Deputies combat spring break DWIs

At least 5 recent drivers to face charges

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office has been ramping up its DWI-prevention efforts in recent weeks, making at least six such arrests over the spring break holidays.

According to Precinct 2 officials, all six incidents began as traffic stops.

During the course of the traffic stops, in each instance, the driver was observed to be making signs of intoxication. Standard Field Sobriety Tests were administered on each suspect, and it was discovered they were intoxicated.

Each of the six suspects was arrested and booked into the Harris County Jail



Bobby Gosey



Jose Del Carmen

on charges of driving while intoxicated.

The following is a list of the alleged drunken drivers:

- Bobby Wayne Gosey Jr., 26.
- Jose Del Carmen, 48.
- Antwan G. Wroten, 32.
- Tony B. Bonner, 42.
- Robert Denson, age unknown.



Antwan Wroten

A similar crackdown took place last month, with Precinct 2 deputies making four DWI arrests in just four days between Feb. 16 and Feb. 19.

Two additional recent Precinct 2 traffic stops led to arrests for other charges.

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Tony Bonner

Police investigate fatal stabbing

Houston police are investigating the fatal stabbing of a man that took place around 8:45 p.m. Monday, March 20, in the 16300 block of El Camino Real near El Dorado Boulevard.

At press time, the identity of the victim, 32, was pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a call at an apartment complex at the above address and

found a man suffering from a stab wound.

Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the man dead at the scene.

The case remained under investigation at press time.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Pct. 8 seizes drugs, gun, cash



A traffic stop led to a felony arrest Wednesday, March 16, in the 1100 block of Edgebrook near the Gulf Freeway. A search of the driver's vehicle yielded nearly 6 pounds of marijuana, a handgun and \$9,409 in cash. Cesar Eloy Gonzalez, Jr., 29, was arrested and charged with felony marijuana possession and unlawful carry of a weapon. The Asset Forfeiture Division was contacted and accepted the seizure of the U.S. currency.

In My Opinion

Garcia enlightens community pre-election

I believe that every student in Pasadena has the potential to lead in their life and that education is the way to enable students to reach that potential. I believe that students need school board members who understand them, and can think like them. I believe this because this is exactly what has been needed since I sat in the classrooms of Pasadena Memorial High School wondering why I continually doubted my own abilities and felt like an outsider in a place that should be home.

Pasadena ISD gave so much to me. It was here that I learned to speak English, made my first friends, and was equipped with the basic tools for study at Columbia University. As a college graduate and not-too-distant product of Pasadena ISD, I see it as my responsibility to ensure that educational success stories of folks like me are the norm in our community. While much of our community is under-resourced and underserved, we have students whose lived experiences make them leaders in their own regard.

My parents immigrated to this country after having been born and raised by migrant workers—mis abuelos—who settled in distinct areas of the Texas-Mexico border. Opportunity is what drew and kept my family here. My brother and I both graduated from PISD schools, and we each charted our own path after—I studied Biomedical Engineering, and he entered the workforce and has taken it upon himself to learn a trade. Our story is emblematic of the dynamism in our community: the push-and-pull of further education or choosing to enter the workforce in our robust local economy. I want to be a part of that decision for the students of Pasadena ISD so that no student falls through the cracks, and so that all are able to create a meaningful life for themselves in whatever shape that

takes. Students in our community deserve a support network pushing them to aim high. For those who enter the workforce, we fail to work with union partners that can inform our students of the ways in which they, too, can obtain fair wages, great benefits, and a work environment where their voice matters. For too long, complacency has disguised board decisions that tie in personal political flavors to the choices that drive student success, and that's simply unacceptable. We can bring community apprenticeships, mentoring, and fellowship programs to the school district by tapping into our region's resources.

We can bring in national partners who have expertise in driving student success and who will work directly with them in our small pocket of the world. Ultimately, we can and should finally open up our school district to the world beyond Pasadena.

I look forward to being a local and vocal advocate for student success and progress in our community. Essential to my candidacy is your voice - I want to know what's working for your family and what worked for you, and where we need to do more, with the deepest honesty you can muster. Critique is essential to identifying weak points and remedying them, and it's needed for local advancement. With your support, we can work towards pushing Pasadena ISD further and mending past missteps. Students here, of all walks of life, depend on it. On May 6th, I hope I can count on your vote. Your neighbor,

Mariano Andres "Andy" Garcia
Publisher's comment: Andy, I must congratulate you on overcoming a difficult background and yet becoming a successful graduate of Columbia University. You are so right when you say, "Pasadena ISD gave so much to me." Congratulations to both you and Pasadena ISD.
Marie Flickinger

Publisher's Opinion

Retention pond, proposed rec area safe; toxic waste not a factor

The *Leader* wants to clarify some community misconceptions. There have been some comments in social media about toxicity around the new holding pond that Harris County Flood Control is finishing.

There are concerns about including a recreational area at the facility, blaming toxics from the Brio Site.

These concerns are unfounded. As some of you may remember, I worked many years fighting chemical companies and the Environmental Protection Agency to do differently than they planned with the remedy of Brio. While years ago, there was some dirt contamination in the subdivision area, during the remediation process, that area was incorporated into the Brio Site and made part of the remediated area.

The site where the pond is now was thoroughly tested by EPA, county and independent people.

If anyone has any real concerns on this, I would be glad to talk to them. My number is 281-948-2714.

Trust me, as much as I fought to get the right remedy for Brio, I would still fight it if anyone wanted to expose kids to toxics.

What many people are forgetting is, the toxic problem was in the air. The problem has been solved. It is, and has been, safe for years.

Publisher,
Marie Flickinger

Detention pond nears completion

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 Detention Basin is an important milestone," said Flood Control District Executive Director Dr. Tina Petersen. "This project delivers critical stormwater detention and mitigation by holding more than 500 million gallons of regional stormwater and reduces the

Risk Management Project, which is now in design. The Flood Control District works to reduce flooding across the region and is committed to keeping residents informed. For additional information on this project or other Flood Control District projects, visit www.hcfd.org/C-05.

Elected officials share their words

Alvarado on homestead exemption

March 22, the Texas Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 3 to provide a historic increase in the residential homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$70,000, subject to voters' approval in November.

Senator Carol Alvarado, chair of the Senate Democratic caucus, released the following: This increased exemption is anticipated to save homeowners \$341 on average. The accompanying joint resolution includes a "hold harmless" provision requiring the state to make

up any resulting funding decrease to school districts. This tax relief will continue only if the Legislature meets its ongoing obligation to make up this difference for our public schools.

All 31 Senators are authors of this legislation providing much-needed relief for homeowners. Senate Democrats have long advocated for a larger homestead exemption and would be supportive of additional increases to \$100,000 or more as many homeowners are struggling to make ends

meet in today's economy. Senate Democrats are committed to exploring solutions, including sales tax reduction and other tools, to provide financial relief to all Texans including renters and business owners who do not benefit from the homestead exemption.

We will continue to work with all colleagues to find solutions for issues facing Texans including strengthening our economy, the power grid, public schools and access to health care and equitable tax relief.

Voters may decide on daylight saving time

Sen. Paul Bettencourt files bill

Senator Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston) filed SB 2329 & SJR 86 to let Texans vote on eliminating Daylight Saving Time. If the voters approve, this would group Texas with Arizona and Hawaii, the only two states that do not currently observe Daylight Saving Time in the United States.

"When you think of hot-button public policy issues, what usually comes to mind are things such as property tax relief and school finance and pension reform. However, the issue of Daylight Saving Time has roused passions on both sides of the debate for over 100 years," said Senator Bettencourt. "Texans like me want to be on one time, and the Federal government doesn't give us the option to vote to remain on standard time. SJR 86 gives Texans the opportunity to vote on the issue and settle the debate once and for all in the Lone Star State!" He added.

SB 2329 & SJR 86 would apply to all portions of Texas using Central Standard Time and Mountain Standard Time. If passed, the bill would require a vote on the November 7, 2023, General Election, where Texas voters would decide whether or not to abolish Daylight Saving Time. If approved by the voters, the change would take effect in 2024. Daylight Saving Time was first enacted in the United States during World War I but was repealed in 1919 over the Veto of President Woodrow Wilson. It was restarted during World War II, but it was repealed again three weeks af-

ter the end of the war during the Truman Administration. A patchwork quilt remained until Congress passed the Uniform Time Act in 1966, which allows States to remain on standard time if they wish.

"Texans are tired of having to change their clocks and lose an hour's sleep for no reason," said Rep. Mike Schofield (R-Katy, Cypress), the House author of the bill (HB 417 & HJR 22.) "People would like to get home from work and play with their kids without it being dark half the time. There's no reason not to fix this."

One major justification given for Daylight Saving Time is that it reduces energy consumption. However, studies on the issue have been mixed, with a 2008 Department of Energy study finding that an extended Daylight Saving Time "saved about 0.5 percent (1.3 billion kilowatt hours) in total electricity per day" over a four-week extension. A University of California Santa Barbara study however found that when Indiana moved to a statewide system in 2006 it caused a 1% increase in residential electricity use. At the Federal level U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-Florida) reintroduced legislation to make Daylight Saving Time permanent and end the twice a year adjustment of clocks.

"Instead of fall back and spring forward, it would be a fall vote to stop a spring forward!" Concluded Senator Bettencourt.

Paul Bettencourt

Parker Williams library releases April schedule

The Parker Williams public library has issued its April 2023 schedule. Family storytime is set for Mondays at 11:15 a.m., all ages are welcome. Babies 'n' Books will be held Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m., and is recommended for ages 0-2 years old. Toddler Time is Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. (Recommended ages 2-4 years old.)

Classes are held Saturday for those interested in learning Vietnamese. Registration is required prior to attending, level 1 for kids is held from 10 to 11:15 a.m., level 1 for adults is from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information and to register, call or visit the library.

The ESL Conversation Club is held every Thursday at 10 a.m. This club allows more practice for those learning English.

On Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m. the library will hold the adult craft: Recycled Planters meeting. Anyone interested is encouraged to join in upcycling some plastic bottles into animal shaped plant pots. Bottles will be provided, or attendees may bring their own.

Help services in Vietnamese will be provided every Tuesday in April at 10 a.m. Speakers will assist those needing help filling out application forms, citizenship, green card renewal and job-seeking tips. This is a free service. Call or visit the library to make appointments.

Vietnamese basic computer classes are held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. These basic computer classes are offered to Vietnamese speakers who want to enhance their computer skills, learn how to better use their laptop for daily life and connect more easily to family

and friends, send emails, create word documents, pay bills online, use Zoom, use social media, search information on the internet etc. Registration is required to attend.

A family Easter party will be Wednesday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. Join Delaney Daly and Deanna Jones in for an "eggstra" special Easter-themed storytime and games. The party will wrap up with an egg hunt in the children's area.

Dungeons and Dragons sessions are set for Tuesday, April 11 and 25 at 3:30 p.m. This is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game where players create characters and form an adventuring party which explore fantasy worlds as they embark on quests. Those interested are encouraged to attend.

One-on-one technology aid and support is Wednesday, April 12 at 11 a.m.

An adult computer class, Resume Building will be Monday, April 17 at noon. This is a crash course in building a resume in Microsoft Office.

On Monday, April 17 at 5 p.m. the library will host game night. Those interested are encouraged to drop by for an video, board and VR gaming.

A 3D printer orientation will be Wednesday, April 19, at 6 p.m. in the PWL Innovation Lab. This orientation session introduces participants to the 3D printing services offered at the library. Those who complete orientation will be able to request supervised time to use a 3D printer at any HCPL branch that has one. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can use a 3D printer. The event is open to all ages. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by

Death

Henrietta (Hank) Leona Wayland



Henrietta (Hank) Leona Wayland passed to the Lord on March 28, 2023, of natural causes at the age of 95.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1927, to Emil and Annie Kutac in Sweet Home, Texas, and was married to Judge Howard Melvin Wayland for more than 53 years until his death in 2007.

Hank is survived by two children and a daughter-in-law, Howard Wayland Jr. (and wife Drenda) and Linda Wayland.

She has three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren

are H. Michael Wayland (wife Amber), Andrew Wayland (wife Ginna) and Janie Trask (husband Ryan). Hank loved her great-grandchildren Huckleberry, Leona, Jude and Seth Wayland and Abigail, Kaitlyn, Eleanor and Kensington Trask.

She is also survived by her sister and her husband Joyce and Milton Dittrich of Houston and brother-in-law Dwight and Betty Wayland of Pineville, Ark. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews who greatly loved her.

Hank was one of the last surviving "first responders" to the 1947 Texas City explosion where 581 people lost their lives and thousands were injured.

She helped treat many injured from the accident at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston from this explosion.

She graduated in 1947 as a registered nurse through St. Joseph's Hospital affiliation with the University of Houston.

Hank primarily worked as a labor and delivery nurse at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Hank gave great love and care to her family and friends.

She was always there for them. In lieu of flowers, send any donations to the Star of Hope Mission in Houston.

The viewing will be held on Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Peevey Funeral Home on Beamer Road.

The funeral will be held on Friday, March 31, also at Peevey Funeral Home on Beamer Road.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m.

David A. Riojas
 Longtime South Belt resident, David A. Riojas, 57, of League City passed away Friday, March 24, 2023.

As the obituary was not written by *Leader* press time, the family wanted friends to know time of the service. A visitation for David will be Saturday, April 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home, 6900 Lawndale followed by a funeral service from 7 to 8 p.m.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ForestParkLawndaleFH.com.

See next week's *Leader* for obituary.

Leader obituary policy

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

Laura Bush recognizes students

Laura Bush officials released names of students who earned special recognition during the third nine-weeks period of this school year.

Perfect attendance pre-K
 Bao Chung, Aliyah Correa and Alyssa Ponce.

Kindergarten
 Isabella Cuellar, Elijah Hernandez, Cassilda McHugh, Adrian Reyna and Alezander Sanchez.

First grade
 Julian Delamora, Bella Diaz, Othon Duron, Javier Garza, Mason Karsten, Jamila Lebron, Elizabeth Lozoya and Angela Martinez.

Second grade
 Diego Castillo, Luis Delcid, Michael Garza, Remy Knight, Ian Monterrubio, Abigail Tupa, Yessmin Yanes and Genesis De La Garza.

Third grade
 Quinn Battarbee, Matthew Bonilla, Ella Brown, Sophia Castellon, Sebastian Fabian, Santiago Garza, Katherine Lemos and Olivia Malone.

Fourth grade
 Channi Chanhayed, Harrison Do, Kyle Gomez, Camila Gaytan, Shannon Logan, David Luis and Vivian Montano.

Merit roll Kindergarten
 Heather De la Cruz, Milena Dias, Cateleya Jimenez, Athziri Leon, Darion Rangell-Puga, Mia Reyes, Rachel Rivas, Daniel Sarabia and Marcelo Vargas.

First grade
 Nicholas Flores, Emilie Gonzalez, Elizabeth Lozoya and Eliza Vargas.

Third grade
 Belgica Bautista, Isabelle Cisneros, Degar Gonzalez, Raul Jimenez, Olivia Malone, Jordan Ortiz, Kylie Ponce and Caleb Tapia.

Fourth grade
 Aubrey Brown, Emma Cantu, Yana Crockley, Harrison Do, Neveah Flores, Cristian Gallardo, Jenny Nguyen, Jacob Soto, Jancarlo Tiejada and Khloe Tran.

Ben Esparza, Kylie Gamez, Shannon Logan, Valerie Martinez, Cindy Nguyen, Nancy Phan and Amira Sosa.

Honor rolls Kindergarten
 Ximena Barba, Nerilin Garcia, Madison Garza, Luke Ingalls, Santiago Landaverde, Abner Mares, Chris Nguyen and Belen Palacios.

Ben Rodriguez, Sophia Rodriguez, Ella Saenz, Vida Santana, Luz Tinajero, Ethan Vazquez and Amber Vo.

First grade
 Emma Bettancourt, Emily Cantu, Vincent Cena, Julian Delamora, Laisha Garcia, Maximiliano Gonzalez, and Brayden Hurst.

Jamila Lebron, Angela Martinez, Bella Nguyen, Nicole Paez, Kayden Rodriguez, Scarlet Rojas, Taylor Thompson, Emmanuel Tinajero and Galilea Torres.

Second grade
 Renata Ledezma, Livi Reyes and Khanh Tran.

Third grade
 Quinn Battarbee, Mathew Bonilla, Larry Buell, Liliana Castillo, Sophia Castellon, Leonel Cuellar, Debanhi Flores, Veronica Galan, Andrea Garcia-Elizaldi, Santiago Garza and Itzel Gonzalez.

Juliana Hinojosa, Grace Ibarra, Mia Langellier, Katherine Lumus, Clarisse Melo, Ariana Orozco, Francisco Serrano, Kylie Tinajero, Juan Torres, Joshua Verner and Ezry Zuniga.

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 Aubrey Brown, Emma Cantu, Yana Crockley, Harrison Do, Neveah Flores, Cristian Gallardo, Jenny Nguyen, Jacob Soto, Jancarlo Tiejada and Khloe Tran.

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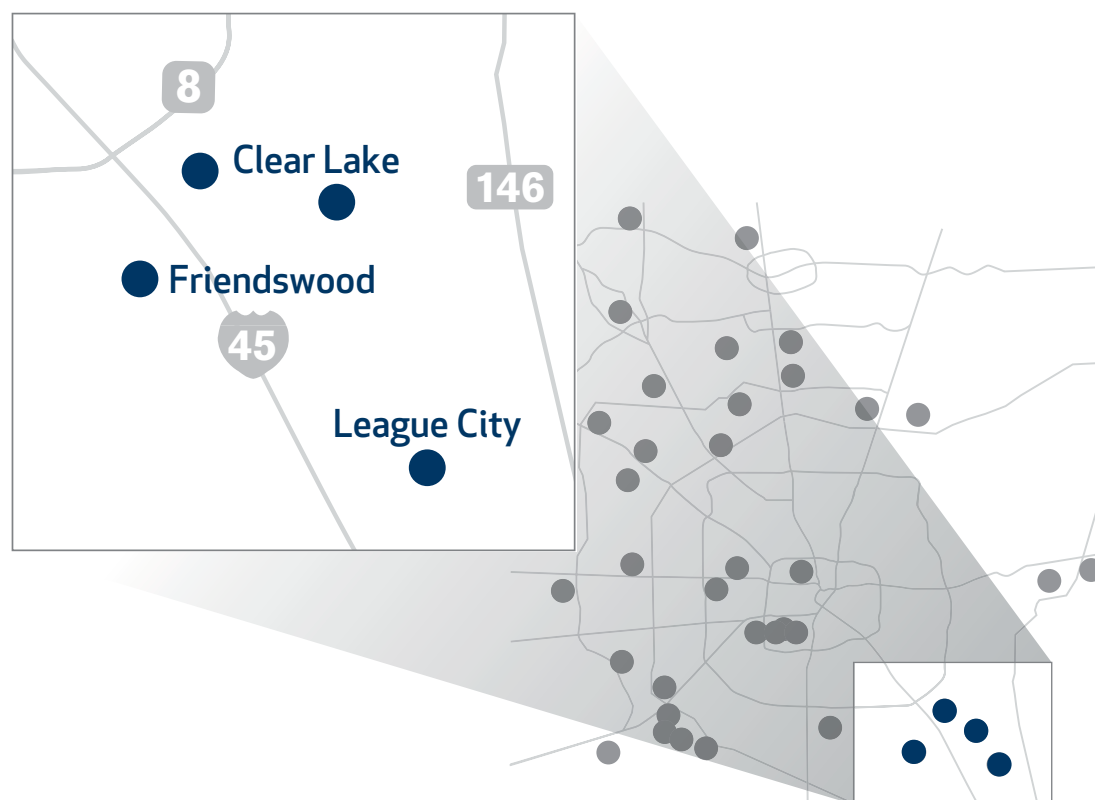


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J. Frank Dobie High School releases fourth six-weeks honor roll

J. Frank Dobie High School recently announced their honor roll students for the fourth six-weeks of the 2022-2023 school year. The list is continued from last week's issue.

10th grade
Gabriel Fulgado, Melody Galdamez, Jenny Gallardo, Freddy Gallegos, Michael Gama, Elna Gamez and Jayla Gantt.

Victoria Gomez, Daniela Gonzales, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Christian Gonzalez, Eduardo Gonzalez, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Lizette Gonzalez, Marcus Gore, Kristina Gravitt, Ke'myra Green and Emily Grimaldo.

Isabella Guajardo, Erik Guerrero, Jacob Guzman, Camille Haynes, Emily Henriquez, Ashley Hernandez, Isabella Hernandez, Kevin Hernandez, Leonel Hernandez, Moises Hernandez, Nathan Hernandez and Raymundo Hernandez.

Lillian Herte, Juan Hinojosa Vasquez, Ruben Hinojosa, Valerie Hinojosa, Sophia Ho, Lena Hoang, Shalaci Hollis, Miah Hypolite, Luis Ibarra, Jalissa Irvin, Heaven Jackson, Nia Jackson, Joelle Jagdeo and Gregorio Jaimas.

Zoey Janke, Melanie Jaramillo Zamora, Alicia Jasso, Euric Javier Hernandez, Marvin Jerezano, Genesis Jimenez, Tiara Johnson, Willard Joiner and Jake Joslin.

Isabel Juarez, Samantha Kaisler, Chloe Kelly, Iakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou, Maher Kothiya, Jaylon Lasker, Nathan Le, Morgan Leach, Karyme Leal, Dominick Leija and Dezire Lewis.

Isabella Liceaga, Gabriel Lopez, Pablo Lopez, Sebastian Lopez, Valeria Lopez, Alexa Loredo, Mia Lozano, Tatiana Luna, Kate Magana, Gil Manzano, Wilbert Martinez Gamez and Alexandria Martinez.

Leyla Martinez, Naomi Martinez, Priscilla Martinez, Rubi Martinez, Chloey Matthews, Zaniya McClain, Kiana McCombs, Quenton McCrae, Alexander Medina, Jose Mejia and Joy Menahem.

Daniela Mendoza, Joslyn

Miniel, Chanelle Mobley, Lucius Monarez, Isabella Monita, Diego Montelongo, Alisha Moore, Katherine Morales, Danilo Moran and Jeshua Moreno.

Gisele Morgan, Shazia Mustapha, Charles Nash, Janelle Navarrete, Abriana Neco, Jack Ngo, Paul Ngo, Peter Ngo, Riley Nguyen, To, Allen Nguyen, Anh Nguyen, Cindy Nguyen, Jenny Nguyen, Linda Nguyen, Nhi Nguyen and Nhu Nguyen.

Ryan Nguyen, Thien Nguyen, Thuy Nguyen, Trish Nguyen, Isaac Nunez Dorantes, Diego Nunez, Giovanni Nunez, Alfredo Ochoa Galicia, Dominic Ortiz, Hope Ortiz, Angel Padilla, Jabez Palma, Angelina Paquinto, Anya Parker, Sa'kai Patel, Diana Pena, Adam Perez, Carlos Perez, Cassandra Perez and Julianne Pham.

Michelle Pham, Khanh Phan, Tony Phan, Jamare Philbert, Jose Pineda Ordonez, Uriel Polito, Tahllon Provost, Madison Puente, Samantha Pulido, Tracy Quach and Mario Quilantan.

Jaden Quiroz, Adriana Ramirez, Nathaly Ramirez, Robert Ramirez, Ani Ran-

dolph, Isabella Rangel, Matthew Rangel, Andre Reyes, Daniel Reyes and Domingo Reyes.

Abrianna Reynolds, Diego Rios, Juleny Rivera, Hilda Robles, Melanie Robles, Aniya Rodgers, Shanija Rodgers, Barbara Rodriguez Salas, Angelina Rodriguez, Derek Rodriguez, Jaylece Rodriguez and Sofia Rodriguez.

Sydney Rodriguez, April Rodriguez-Orellana, Alex Rostro, Leah Saavedra, Carlos Salazar, Joseph Salazar, Justin Salazar, Luis Salazar, Valerie Salinas and Brianna Sanchez.

Evelyn Sanchez, Heidi Sanchez, Isabella Sanchez, Kettia Sanchez, Yahir Sanchez, Rhema Sanni-Thomas, Rebecca Santana, Omar Santos Tuentes, Omar Serna, Lizbeth Serrano, Austin Silva, Daniel Silva, Mariangela Silva and Mckenzie Smith.

Pitou So, Nicholas Soza, Paris Spencer, Madison Stewart, Jocelyn Stringer, Cindy Su, Isabel Suarez, Tristan Sudario, Jason Ta, Vinh Ta, Jada Tayong, Jazmine Teissonnere, Julian Thomas, Lionel Thomas and Leonard Thumann.

Andres Tolentino, Jar-

ed Toro, Dayra Torres Zuniga, Cruz Torres, Jennifer Torres, Angelina Tran, Cardin Tran, Loi Tran, Nolan Tran, Philip Tran, Thi Tran, Tristan Tran, Sarah Trinh, Andrew Ullman, Casandra Vagliente, Julian Valencia and Jose Valladares.

Ariana Vargas, Maria Vazquez, Vivian Vega, Suzeth Velasquez, Kennedy Villafana, Anh Vu, Megan Vu, Sophia Vu, Cameron Walcott and Theodore Washington.

Mariel Watson, Ryan White, Isreal Whittaker, Karah Williams, Jonathan Willis, Carter Wright, Maddison Wright, Abigail Zamarripa, Kristian Zamora and Yuriana Zolcoffer.

11th grade
Ivan Acosta, Viviana Acosta, Aaron Aguilar, Maricela Aguilar, Rey Aguirre, Chelsea Akinloye, Hayden Alanis, Jeferson Aleman Gonsales, Francisco Aleman, Imaad Ali, Alyssa Allen, Tiara Allen, Sheylene Amaya, Eva Appelt, Manlio Arango and Layla Araujo.

Victoria Arnsworth, Samantha Arredondo, Michelle Avalos, Kevin Ayala, Houston Banda, Gianna Barreiro, Leonardo Barron Watson, Nancy Bazaldua, Jayla Betancourt, Katharina Ramirez, Jaydon Bonilla, Arianna Borrego and Derymi Bosquez.

Arianna Brown, Yvette Brown, Alan Bui, Alyssa Burgess, Brooklynn Bush, Tristan Calderon, Jorge Camacho, Kayden Campos, Jill Canales, Carolina Cantarero, Juan Carson, Marcus Carter, Maya Castellano, Elianny Castillo and Julian Cavazos.

Aryanna Chapa, Linh Chung, Leobardo Cobos, Braulio Colon Ortiz, Christopher Contreras, Amyiah Cotton, Christian Covarrubias, Ashley Cruz, Johnavon Cruz and Madison Cuyo.

Pham Dang, Tyler Dang, Jordan Davis, Daniel De La Rosa, Melanie De La Rosa, Emiliano De La Torre Carlos, Ayde Del Bosque Pena, Aaliah Delagarza, Andrew Deleon, Azalea Deleon, Maximiliano Delgado and Richard Diaz.

Anna Dinh, Loi Doan, Davio Dominguez, Roderrick Drumgo, Francisco Dunn, Vivian Duong, Brian Eraso, Jorge Escobar, Romario Escobar, Oscar Espinoza, Zoe Espinoza, Aubri Estes, Gizelle Flores and Jose Flores.

Kelly Flores, Jasmine Fonseca, Adriana Foreman,

Haylie Foster, Aly Frias, Amely Fuentes Gomez, Jesus Gamez Cepeda, Vanessa Garay, Fernando De Santiago, Hailey Garcia and Johanna Garcia.

Justice Garcia, Mariana Garcia, Mcklaus Garcia, Victor Garcia, Yahir Garcia, Ariana Garza, Daniela Garza, Eloy Garza, Yazmin Garza, Titus Giang, Surjume Givens-Fontenot and Lydia Golenko.

Alexia Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Diana Gonzales, Adrianna Gonzalez, Alexa Gonzalez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Sugey Gonzalez, Alana Goree, Manuel Grajales, Juan Gutierrez, Viridiana Guzman, Aysha Hasan and Alyssa Hernandez.

Andres Hernandez, Antonio Hernandez, Edward Hernandez, Ethan Hernandez, Javier Hernandez, Jazmin Hernandez, Jonathan Hernandez, Madeline Hernandez, Kalen Hicks, Ameer Hija, Duc Hoang, Kasie Hoang, Malachi Hobbs, Zara Hobson, Vincent Holcomb, Tyler Hudgens and Juan Huerta Garcia.

Kaleigh Hughes, Eric Huynh, Rössy Ibarra, Zainab Imran, Muhammad Iqbal, Jaylah Inobaptiste, A'kayla Johnson, Aidan Johnson, Danija Johnson, Jady Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Shalini Johnson and Takira Johnson.

Alyssa Jones, Liberty Jones, Scott Kay, Noah Keigley, Sebastian King, Jacob Kipp, Quynh Ky, Angel Lagunas, Emely Lazo, Andy Le, Rachael Le, Ryan Le, Tommy Le, Vy Le, Jordan Leahman, Naima Leblanc, Angel Limachi and Joan Loera Coronado.

Alejandro Lopez, Emmalee Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Joshua Lopez, Trinity Lopez, David Lozoya, Melanie Luengo Montano, Stephen Lukner, Atiana Luna, Kaleb Luna, Victoria Luna, Han Ly and Jennifer Ly.

Julie Machado, Santos Magana, Aidan Maldonado, Hailey Maldonado, Jazlyn Maldonado, Rylee Malveaux, Alana Mangum, Cesar Martinez, Daisy Martinez, Gabriel Martinez, Jazmyne Martinez and Jayzeon McDaniel.

Frida Mejia, Darianny Mercedes, Matthew Merlos, Ashley Mesta, Shaina Miles, Seth Miller, Matison Mitchell, Yousuf Mohamad, Roselynn Molina, Frida Montreal, Michael Montano, Jasmin Mooney and Carlos Morales.

Chloe Morales, Jazmin Morales, Gloria Moran Sabillon, Elia Moreno, Jesus Moreno, Kevin Navarro, Jessica Ngo, Linh Ngo, Tran Ngo, Tri Ngo, Alex Nguyen, Anh Nguyen, Cindy Nguyen and Crystal Nguyen.

Duyen Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Elexy-lyn Nguyen, George Nguyen, Hoang Nguyen, John Nguyen, Keny Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, My-an Nguyen, Nghi Nguyen and Peter Nguyen.

Quan Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Terry Nguyen, Troy Nguyen, Tuyet Nguyen, Tyler Nguyen, Malik Nguyen-Simmons, Cindy Ni, Aaryan Nizam, Orlandineasi Noble, Jackelyn Ochoa and Yulissa Oliva Lopez.

Axel Olmedo, Jennifer Olvera, Diego Orta, Ashlyn Otero, Adrian Pantoja, Abigail Panza, Prassidhi Pawani, Sabrina Pector, Brianna Pedraza, Mary Peleka-moyo, Alan Perez, Alexandra Perez and Eddie Perez.

Jazmin Perez, Belle Peridon, Andrew Pham, Linda Pham, Loan Pham, Vina Pham, Annie Phan, Ricardo Pichardo, Sariyah Pickens, Sophia Posey, Haley Precel-la and Valeria Quiroz.

Gael Ramos, Angelina Rapalo, Randy Reyes Chicas, Aylin Reyes, Emily Reyes, Joel Reyes, Ariznel-y Rivera, Jackie Rochin, Alexandra Rodriguez, Daniel Rodriguez and Jaretsy Rodriguez.

Jeovany Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Sophia Rodriguez, Itzel Romero, Damiano Rosas, Meadow Ross, Kaylee Ruiz, Melania Salazar, Valerie Salazar, Emily Salinas, Gustavo Salinas and Aliyah Sanchez.

Angelina Sanchez, Axel Sanchez, Jalyssa Sanchez, Katelyn Sanchez, Renz Sanchez, Jacklyn Santos, Daniel Saravia, Eunice Schwaab, Alyson Schwausch, Isabel Segovia, Madelyn Sepulveda, Anna Serpas and Melvin Serrano Aquino.

Malcolm Sherwood, Minza Siddiqui, Gabriel Smiley, Maddisyn Sockwell, Eric Solis, Nicolas Soto, Malakia Tapela, Maximo Tapia, Kenton Thai, Ian Thomas and Zeriah Thomas-Clark.

Ke'asia Thomas-Miller, Ja'mya Tompkins, Leyla Torres, Dulce Torres-Padilla, Evelyn Tran, Jimmy Tran, Kayla Tran, Kyle Tran, Nghia Tran, Ngoc Tran, Thomas Tran, Y Tran, Katelynn Trevino and Hannah Truong.

Blaine Turner, Abigail Unica, Darien Valdez, Fernando Valenzuela-garcia, Liam Vasquez, Richard Vasquez, Jasmin Villeda, Yihyen Visuet, Mai Vo, Misa Vo and Glory Vouffo.

Dillon Vu, Hallie Vu, Iveen Vu, Mathew Vu, Mia Vu, Teresa Vu, Thomas Vu, Trang Vu, Linh Vuong, Nachelle Walker and Ciara Williams.

Jakayla Willrich, Antwoine Wilson, Giselle Witenberg, Kayorie Wright, David Zelada, Leslie Zermeno and Denise Zuniga.

12th grade
Jordi Acosta, Ashley Aguirre, Evelyn Aguirre, Lizeth Aguirre, Valerie Akinloye, Joel Alanis, Kaylin Alexander Hamilton, Mia Alexander, Jose Alonso, Clarissa Alvarado, Carlos Alvarenga, Alize Alvarez and Xander Amier Amparado.

Troy Arevalo, Janet Armenta, Jorge Arredondo, Allison Arreola, Ruby Arriaga, Rabab Asif, Luke Auzenne, Giovanni Avila, Miguel Azua, Yael Azuara, Kennedy Baines, Lola Banks, Zoe Banks, Janelle Barreiro and Olivia Batres.

Houda Ben Achour, Jennifer Ben-Smith, Dynasti Benson, Gisele Bonilla, Jared Brock, Noah Brock, Hoa Bui, Theresa Burchfield, Belicia Burett, David Caballero, Evelyn Cabello, Jade Cabrera, Ernesto Calvillo and Dylan Campos.

Lorenzo Cantu, Sully Cantu, Yen Le Cao, Keishrah Carathers, Brenda Carcamo, Abigail Carreon, Jaiya Carrier, Linda Castelan, Gisselle Castillo, Jazlynn Castillo, Miriam Castillo, Samantha Cavazos-Ramirez and Kyra Cervantes.

Nathanael Chapa, Aaron Charles, Bella Cisneros, Alexis Cline, Kenneth Collins, Isaiiah Correa, Elizabeth Cowart, Madison Creekmore, Amy Cruz, Sofia Cruz, Mariana Cuevas, Talibah Curtis, Anh Dang, Colin Dang and Diana Dang.

Hieu Dang, Keiara Davis Hathorne, Darion Davis, Julian Del Valle, Jenieve Devora, Maria Diaz Ferrer, Dezarai Diaz, Nhi Dinh, Viet-joseph Dinh, Stefanie Djato, Tiffanie Djato, Binh Do, Jenny Do, Mai Doan, Brittany Duran and Ebu Edigin.

Carolina Elizalde, Abel Espinoza, Torey Falls, Alyssa Flores, Elyza Flores, Fernando Flores, Gisselle Flores, Iveth Flores, Lyz-beth Flores, Jeffery Floyd, Jocelyn Floyd, Camren Fowler, Kaylee Frank and Matia Franklin.

Megan Gallegos, Alejandro Gama, Justin Gansit, Gracie Garcia Turner, Brianna Garcia, Julissa Garcia, Kevin Garcia, Noah Garcia, Alysia Garcia-Garza, Alec Garza, Ashley Garza, Christina Garza, Gabriela Garza, Natalia Garza and Oscar Garza.

Michael Gaynor, Jacque Giron, Kameron Givens, Nicolas Gomez Silva, David Gonzales, Adrianna Gonzalez, Jade Gonzalez, Syomi Gonzalez, Vaneli Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez, Anthony Gracias, Ravin Harvey, Leila Henry, Annalisa Hernandez and Dibahni Hernandez.

Fernando Hernandez, Marianna Hernandez, Sandy Hernandez, Victor Hernandez, Victor Hernandez, Eleanne Herrera, Vanessa Hinojosa, William Ho, Trisha Hoang, Nevian Hulse, Ryan Humphrey, Ashley Huynh, Kim Huynh, Cassidy Idele, Gloria Immaculate and Victoria Jasso.

Leslie Jimenez, Yadira Jimenez, Christal Johnson,

lan Johnson, Justice Johnson, Ke'Von Johnson, Amarrion Jones, Shemora Lafleur, Isabella Lara, Douglas Lawson, Brandon Le, Hue Le, Thalia Le, Mauricio Leal, Juanmanuel Leon and Jenika Lim-Tom.

Greydi Logan, Hector Lopez, Ivan Lopez, Santiago Lopez, Aracely Loreto, Salet Lovo, Ivan Mariscal, Zaid Marqueeze, Bryant Martinez, Derrick Martinez, Melissa Martinez, Braxton Mayo, Ociana Means, Angelica Medina and Cindy Medina.

Julissa Melenciano, Kori Miller, Connor Mohwinkel, Genevieve Monarez, Maria Monge Hernandez, Marilyn Montalvo, Jacob Moore, Alexandra Moorman, Makayla Morales, Anthony Morin, Alexandra Moya and Isela Munoz.

Aubree Myers, Melody Nabi, Mia Naranjo, Isabel Nava, Nhi Ngo, Anh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Hong Nguyen, Huyhoang Nguyen, Jonathan Nguyen, Kelly Nguyen, Khoi Nguyen, Martin Nguyen and Mason Nguyen.

Nam Nguyen, Ngoc Nguyen, Nhan Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Thai Nguyen, Tyler Nguyen, Vivian Nguyen, Vy Nguyen, Carlie Nix, Khalid Nolley, Sergio Ochoa, Haley Olsen, Ju'dah Orobioyi, Perla Orozco, Steven Oviedo and Kim Paderal.

Ingrid Pasasin, Sydnee Pector, Jordan Peralez, Bella Perez, Erin Perez, Sophia Perez, Marisa Perla, An Pham, Kimberly Phan, Linh Phan, Vivian Phan, David Pichardo, Samuel Pineda, John Pozo, Kayley Puc, Linda Pulido, Sandra Quiroz-Catalan, Alissa Ramirez, Clarissa Ramirez and Fernando Renteria.

Felicity Resendez, Stephanie Resendez, Yoselin Rico, Ezequiel Rivera, Curtis Rivers, Dayan Rodriguez Juarez, Ronaldo Rodriguez Roman, Alejandro Rodriguez, Andre Rodriguez, Deanna Rodriguez and Fabian Rodriguez.

Lauren Rodriguez, Yarel Rodriguez, Dana Rojas, Jaylene Rojas, Emily Salazar, Leyla Salazar, Sarah Salazar, Elise Sampson, Nickia Sanchez Figueroa, Evelyn Sanchez, Nya Sanford, Cierra Santee, Josua Santiago, Rainy Sciba, Karina Serrano, Valeria Silva, Jaylene Smith, Brianna Solares and Christopher Soza.

Thai Starks-Glispie, Carriek Steans, Jesse Stringer, Emilee Sulak, Jessica Tan, Savannah Taplin, Alexis Taylor, Adriaanna Terry, Kennedy Thai, Yvonne Thai, Cornell Thompson, Trinh Tieu, Jade Tu Nguyen, Andres Torres, Daniel Torres and Irene Torres.

Karen Torres, Madeline Torres, Rachel Torres, Yarah Tovar, An Tran, Britney Tran, Carol Tran, Dominic Tran, Hien Tran, Johnny Tran, Khanh Tran, Khoa Tran, Martin Tran, Nhat Tran, Nhu Tran, Phuong Tran, Thang Tran and Tiffany Tran.

Vincent Tran, Adriana Tristan Ramirez, Tristan Turruartes, Jaeden Tyler, Alan Vargas, Katherine Villarreal, Roberto Villatoro Carrilan Vo, Jimmy Vo and Khang Vo.

Natalie Vo, Joseph Vu, Khoi Vu, Phu Vu, Kimberly Vuong, Joel Ward, Kaitlyn Webb, Travis Webb, Maria Wence, Evelyn Wheeler, Jacob White, Samantha Wilkerson, Ainsley Willis, Tyler Wygant, Shunia Young, Yaira Zavala and Emily Zuniga-Aguilera.

Clear Brook City MUD assists Easter egg hunt



The community is invited to attend the annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 1, at 1 p.m., at El Franco Lee Park, 9500 Hall Road. Approximately 20,000 eggs will be distributed. The community event will feature complimentary hot dogs, snow cones, drinks and popcorn, as long as supplies last. For the third year in a row, the Clear Brook City MUD donated 1,000 bags to the annual Easter egg hunt hosted by Judge Jo Ann Delgado and Constable Jerry Garcia. Shown are, left to right, Amber Longfellow, Jessica Reyes, Monica Ayala, Delgado, Carla Marin, Garcia, Kindra Green and Cecelia Ganje.

Remember When

45 years ago (1978)
South Belt area residents were being plagued with numerous types of garbage problems. Residents in the city were experiencing sporadic garbage collection as the city of Houston trucks were frequently breaking down, and repairs became a major problem throughout the city.

40 years ago (1983)
The family of Troy Erickson, a Dobie sophomore who was suspended from school for refusing to take off his earring, were looking into hiring a lawyer to challenge the school district's policy against boys wearing earrings.

35 years ago (1988)
A double suicide attempt took the life of 16-year-old Scott Shimek, while Jamie Ramirez, 19, was in good condition at John Sealy Hospital. Mason Miller, 62, who had shown no apparent signs of heart disease, collapsed in his Sagevale residence shortly after helping fellow firefighter and close friend Ed Baker set up the deck gun on top of a Southeast Volunteer Fire Department fire truck.

30 years ago (1993)
Plans for a six-league sports complex at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road were announced at opening ceremonies of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League. Youth sports playing fields would be constructed at the park site in four phases over a four-year period.

Two former Dobie High School students were to be defendants in two separate murder trials within the next month.

Southbend Properties Inc., via Judge Howard Wayland's JP court, filed eviction notices to 11 former Southbend homeowners who refused to vacate their residences by the date determined by the new owner, SPI.

25 years ago (1998)
The Clear Brook varsity cheerleading squad placed first in the Large Varsity Division of the Astroworld Cheerfest.

Jody Stevens, a South Belt resident, qualified as a contestant to win the right to ap-

pear on the Wheel of Fortune, which was shooting in Houston.

20 years ago (2003)
Traffic congestion concerns caused a change in the starting and dismissal times for South Belt area schools in the Pasadena Independent School District.

U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay addressed approximately 250 chamber members at the tri-chamber luncheon. At the event, DeLay recognized the state decathlon championship teams of J. Frank Dobie and Friendswood high schools.

15 years ago (2008)
The widening of Dixie Farm Road from Beamer to FM-518 was running ahead of schedule, according to Victor Vann, construction manager for the Texas Department of Transportation. Originally projected to be complete by January 2009, the project was thought to possibly be finished as early as November.

The South Belt-Ellington

Chamber of Commerce scheduled its Casino Night at The Gardens on April 25.

The Pasadena Independent School District incorporated several new technologies into its classrooms to help students learn both efficiently and safely.

The South Belt Spectacular Cook-off was set for April 17-19. The event would once again be held at Tom Bass I Park due to construction at El Franco Lee Park. The 12th annual event would be the only fundraiser for the Fourth of July fireworks at El Franco Lee Park.

Fred Roberts, who was seeking the GOP nomination for state representative, District 144, filed both civil actions and legal complaints against his opponent, Ken Legler, for the release of Roberts' Social Security number in a direct mail piece that was believed to have been mailed to more than 5,000 households.

10 years ago (2013)

A South Belt resident was killed in a bizarre automobile accident in the 12200 block of the Gulf Freeway near Alameda Mall. Olga Posada, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Posada was a passenger in a Toyota 4-Runner. When the male driver got out of the parked vehicle, Posada reportedly jumped in the driver's seat and asked him to teach her to drive. Police say she then released the hand brake and stepped on the accelerator, causing her to strike the wall of a furniture store before crashing into another vehicle, killing her instantly. Posada's 10-year-old son, who was also in the vehicle, was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in critical condition.

A pair of Seardsdale home invasions took place within a block of each other in a two-day time period. On Tuesday, March 26, at roughly 5:10 a.m., three armed suspects reportedly kicked in the side

door to a home in the 12600 block of Sandyhook. At the time of the incident, the house was occupied by a 53-year-old woman, a 23-year-old woman and a 10-year-old boy. Upon gaining entry, the crooks forced the residents into the master bedroom and demanded the older woman open a safe in the closet. When she was unable to do so, the men carried it outside, along with a Sony PlayStation gaming system. The suspects fled the residence in the homeowner's Toyota Tundra pickup truck, which was found undamaged a couple of blocks away in the 12700 block of Corning.

The following day on Wednesday, March 27, a woman was tied up and pistol-whipped during a brazen daylight home invasion in the 12800 block of Gotham. According to police, two teens knocked on the 44-year-old woman's door at roughly 11:30 a.m. asking for donations to help their basketball team.

When the woman declined, one of the teens sprayed mace in the woman's face, while the other pointed a pistol at her before striking her in the face with it. The two males then allegedly forced their way into the home, tied up the woman and rummaged the house for valuables. The men reportedly left the home with jewelry and electronics. No immediate arrests were made.

5 years ago (2018)
Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz deputies busted a prostitution ring operating out of a residence in the 11400 block of Gnarwood. Yahei Wang, 36, was arrested and charged with felony aggravated promotion of prostitution, while Bixiang Xu, 42, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor prostitution. A search warrant led to the seizure of U.S. currency, which was believed to be linked to prostitution. Deputies found evidence indicating the residents living inside were mak-

ing more than \$1,000 a day by providing prostitution services. Houston police arrested two men early Thursday, March 22, for attempting to steal an ATM from Texan Bank in the 12900 block of the Gulf Freeway. Police were notified of the incident around 2 a.m. when they received two separate alerts — one involving a stolen pickup truck that was used in the attempted heist and one from an alarm company stating the ATM had been disturbed. Using a GPS tracker, the owner of the stolen truck was able to locate his vehicle at the Texan Bank. Upon his arrival at the bank, the truck owner witnessed two men attempting to load the ATM into the truck using a front-end loader, also later determined to be stolen. Police arrived at the scene before the men were able to successfully load the ATM into the vehicle. The men attempted to flee the scene in the truck, and a short chase ensued. The pursuit came to a close when the truck smashed into a fence a short distance away. One of the suspects was apprehended immediately, while the second suspect fled on foot. With the help of a K-9 unit, the second suspect was found hiding in a nearby backyard and also apprehended. While the crooks were unsuccessful in their attempt to get any money from the machine, they managed to cause extensive damage to the bank. This marked the second time in less than three years that thieves targeted the ATM at Texan Bank, as there was another attempt in August 2015. The first attempt was also unsuccessful.

1 year ago (2022)
At its March 29 meeting, the Pasadena ISD board of trustees approved Demond Stafford as Dobie High School's new varsity football head coach. He became the 11th head football coach in the high school's 54-year history. Stafford replaced Kevin Berneath, who now serves as head coach at La Porte High School. Under Berneath's leadership, Dobie made the playoffs four consecutive years from 2018 to 2021. Most recently, Stafford was head coach at Sam Rayburn, where he had served since 2019. He previously served as an assistant coach at Dobie.



JUDY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent March 30 from friends and the Leader staff to **Judy Harrison**, former staff member at San Jacinto College.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CLINT!
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to former Precinct 2 Officer **Clint Brown** who celebrates a birthday Saturday, April 1, from friends and the Leader staff.

ROSE MARKS 86 YEARS
Rose Hardy, longtime resident of Sage-meadow and St. Luke's Catholic Church, is sent special blessings for her birthday April 2 from family and friends.

ELLIANA TURNS SIX!
Happy birthday wishes are sent April 4 to **Eliana Abarca** who turns six years old from parents **Natalie** and **Jose Abarca**; brothers **Kelvin Lopez** and **Noah** and sister **Isabella Abarca**; grandparents **David** and **Ellie Flickinger**; and great-grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 30 through April 5.

Atkinson Elementary
Special birthday greetings are sent to

Melissa Chapman April 2. **Frazier Elementary**
Birthday wishes go out to **Felicia Olivares** April 5.

Meador Elementary
Break out the cake and ice cream April 4 for a celebration for **Jenna Dollens**.

South Belt Elementary
Special birthday wishes go out to **Candy Howard**, South Belt principal, March 31.

Stuchbery Elementary
Remember to wish **Laurie Chmarney** a wonderful birthday April 3.

Fred Roberts Middle School
Maribel Delafuente enjoys a special birthday March 31. Happy birthday wishes go out to **Noah Boldt** April 1.

Melillo Middle School
Wanda Ortiz enjoys a birthday April 2. Birthday wishes go out to **Maria Barron** April 3. The day for a celebration for **Bertha Cantillo Salas** is April 5.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Brandon Bryant celebrates a birthday April 1.

Dobie High
Warm birthday greetings are sent to **Clarence McNeill** for his birthday April 2.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, March 30: **Marilynn Kiel, John Berlitz, Gina Escobar, Michelle Matzahn, Walter Luna and Kristin Baxter**; Friday, March 31: **Sabita Harnamji, Beth McDonald, Marsha Flournoy, Ami Havivy, Sabine Jones, Eric Schwab, Gilbert Marlowe, Cheryl Padora, Eliza Gillock, Gloria Bustamante and Sandy Cline**; Saturday, April 1: **Sharon Lay, Carol Baccaro, Charlie Heaton and Natasha Logan**; Sunday, April 2: **Raven Brooks, Minerva Segovia, Stephen Hooper, Mona Valerio, Suzette Corona, Yvette Cheatwood, Cathy White, Edward Gish and Lisa Bourque**; Monday, April 3: **Erika Saavedra, Lillian Lee, Aimee Salazar-Arroyo, Maria Keim and Sharon Rhoads**; Tuesday, April 4: **Debbie Pitre, Monika Sandridge, Jenn Copeland, Wendy Banh Nguyen, Travis Doe and Katie Burns**; and Wednesday, April 5: **Chris Gehring, Davis Borsché, Jennifer Smith, Teri Polluck, Debbie Trellue, Cindy Russell and Don Adam**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

JFD boys' soccer continues march

Two Region III powers met March 28 after press time in the varsity boys' soccer area playoff round as unbeaten Dobie (21-0-4) went up against Alief Elsik for a spot in the regional quarterfinals. The Longhorns, nine-time champion of District 22-6A, got two goals from Jordi Garcia and another from Victor Hernandez (at right, No. 7) in shutting out Humble 3-0 March 24 in the bidistrict playoff round at Charles Street Stadium in Humble. The Dobie/Elsik winner will face either Pearland or Kingwood in regional quarterfinals March 31.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Event is April 20 Astros' voice Bill Brown to emcee PISD hall eve

By Al Carter
PISD Hall of Fame
Bill Brown, whose 30-year career as announcer for the Houston Astros earned him wide acclaim



Bill Brown

from the baseball community and a spot in the Astros Hall of Fame, has accepted an invitation to serve as guest emcee for the 2023 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, set for April 20 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Brown follows in a long line of Hall of Fame celeb-

ity emcees that includes former Houston Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini, former Astros pitcher Larry Dierker and former University of Texas football coach David McWilliams. Former ABC Sports personality Dan Lovet served as emcee for the inaugural banquet in 2012.

"We are thrilled to have Bill Brown as our host for this year's ceremony," said Bill Barmore, chairman for the Hall of Fame committee. "He is an incredible role model for students and his presence will add an extra level of excitement and prestige to the event."

Eight individuals will be inducted at this year's banquet, including athletes John Eddie Williams (Pasadena High School, Class of 1972), Shane Nolen (Pasadena HS, Class of 1975), Steve Massey (Sam Rayburn HS, Class of 1976), Jeff Neal (South Houston HS, Class of 1986), Scott Lengefeld (Dobie HS, Class of 1995)

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Dobie tennis players take on 22-6A field

The Dobie varsity tennis program began its quest to earn Region III spring tournament berths as the District 22-6A Championships opened March 29, with final rounds coming March 30, with Deer Park playing host to the action. Players were seeded for the district tournament based largely on their performances at events this spring in boys' and girls' singles, boys' and girls' doubles.

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West Brook girls' soccer takes down Longhorns

The Beaumont West Brook varsity girls' soccer team ended Dobie's season with a 6-0 victory in the bidistrict playoff round March 24 in Anahuac. Dobie had delivered an 8-3-1 mark to capture the No. 3 playoff seed out of District 21-6A before going against the Bruins, who advanced to the re-

gional semifinals a season ago and have now gone 17-3-1 to this point in 2023.

The bidistrict playoff round was tough on the 22-6A contingent as Atascocita beat Deer Park 1-0, 21-6A champion Kingwood topped Pasadena 8-0 and Summer Creek bested Memorial 5-0.

Stellar pitching ignites Dobie baseball's quick start

As early as it might be, the Dobie Longhorns have set a tone in the District 22-6A varsity baseball race that cannot be overlooked. Getting another set of great starting pitching performances from Aiden Sanchez and Cruz Torres,

the Longhorns swept their league series against the Pasadena Eagles, winning the opener March 21 at Maguire Field by a 23-1 count and then coasting 12-1 March 24 at Dobie as Torres improved to 6-0 on the mound this season. Sanchez went to 3-1

this season as he went the five-inning distance at Maguire, fanning nine and allowing just a single walk and earned run.

Omar Serna went 3 for 5 as part of a huge evening with two doubles, three runs scored and four runs driven in.

Junior Orozco drove in four runs of his own, doubling and scoring a pair of runs.

Teacher Appreciation Day at Dobie March 24 went well as Torres went four frames, allowing just one run while striking out seven.

Daniel Delgado homered and drove in three runs, and Eduardo Loera had two hits and scored twice.

Juelz Martinez chipped in with two runs scored and two more driven in, and Ian Johnson scored three runs as the Longhorns cruised to the win.



Dobie sophomore left-hander Aiden Sanchez pitched exceptionally well in the District 22-6A opener despite the Longhorns falling in extra innings. He then

went five stellar innings March 21 in a 23-1 win over Pasadena. A subsequent 12-1 win over the Eagles gave Dobie a 3-1 start.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Wolverines win late over Brazoswood, start 24-6A play with two series splits

Santiago Leija pitched into the seventh inning for the win, and Clear Brook scored the go-ahead run on a pair of sixth-inning wild pitches as the Wolverines took a clutch 2-1 win over host Brazoswood March 24 in Lake Jackson. The Wolverines, now 2-2 through two series rounds in District 24-6A action, got little going March 21 in a 4-0 shut-out loss to the Bucs but bounced back on the road.

Jose Luccioni came on in relief in the bottom of the seventh as the Bucs got within 2-1 and had the potential tying run on third base with one out. From there, Luccioni was huge, getting a strike-out and groundout to earn the save.

Through two rounds prior to press time March 27, Clear Falls had opened with three wins in four games, with Clear Creek, Brook and Brazoswood at 2-2 for a second-place tie.

The Wolverines went up against Clear Lake March 28 after press time, with the series finale coming March 31 at Clear Brook High School beginning at 6 p.m.

Dickson, TAMU track sizzles

The Texas A&M women's track and field squad stood out at the Victor Lopez Invitational at the University of Houston as Clear Brook graduate and A&M freshman Camryn Dickson posted a personal best of 23.20 seconds to win the 200. She also joined teammates Jania Martin, Leeah Burr and Semira Kilbrew to win the 4x100 relay in a time of 44.10.

Gaitans shine at UH's Lopez

Marcus and Matthew Gaitan of the Lutheran South Academy track and field program competed at the Victor Lopez Invitational at the University of Houston, with Marcus Gaitan winning the 800 at 1 minute, 52.06 seconds and Matthew Gaitan fifth in the same event at 1:55.91. Marcus Gaitan's time is currently the state's best.



Miriam Castillo has smacked three home runs as she has done her part to pace a Dobie varsity softball team that has won 15 overall games and five of six in 22-6A play.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Longhorn softball improves to 5-1

All that truly remains in the District 22-6A varsity softball race is deciding the top two playoff seeds as Dobie, winners of five straight in league play, head to Deer Park March 31 to take on the unbeaten Deer.

Make no mistake, Deer Park and Dobie are far and away the best of the

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Dobie tennis players aim to advance at 22-6A championships

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doubles and mixed doubles draws.

Host Deer Park drew the top seedings in four of the five draws as players from across the District 22-6A ranks aim to reach the championship round, which would guarantee a regional tournament berth next month.

"We always expect to get a player or players to

regionals," Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said. "Obviously the key will be to play well against players from Deer Park. Hopefully, some of our kids can play their best tennis of the season and advance."

Dobie's Hailey Maldonado is seeded third in the girls' singles draw, while Tiffany Tran and Natalie Vo are seeded third in

girls' doubles. The Dobie girls' doubles duo of Leena Pham and Kayla Tran is seeded fourth entering play.

Dobie's Ashley Huynh and William Ho earned a No. 2 seed in the mixed doubles draw, while Leslie Figueroa and Dominic Ortiz are seeded fourth.

As for the boys' doubles, the Longhorns' Ryan Le and Tang Tran

are seeded third. Aaron Charles will play boys' singles, and Amalia Reyes will play girls' singles. Bracket championship finals and playback matches are March 30.

Deer Park, which also won the team tennis

league title in the fall, is favored to advance in each of the five draws. For the most part, it will take a huge effort to advance.

The Region III tournament will return to Deer Park High School April 11-12, and Moreno is

counting on being more than a casual observer.

"Making it to the second day is the key," Moreno said. "Our kids always compete and give their all, so we will see how it all plays out. I know our kids will be ready."

Wolverine boys run at Rockholds; Felton, Owens pace locals' effort

The Clear Brook varsity boys' track and field team was in the mix at the Goose Creek ISD Rockhold Relays at Baytown Lee High School March 24 as sprinters Jaylon Owens and Raymond Felton starred for the Wolverines.

Felton won gold in the 200 as he was first to the finish line at 21.53 seconds, with Owens second for a silver medal at 21.58.

In the 100, it was Owens grabbing a silver medal for second place in a time of 11.03, with Felton in at 11.16 for fourth place.

Both Owens and Felton were in the mix along with Josh Akinola and Christian Wright as the Wolverines snagged 20 team points and gold medals for the victory at 1 minute, 27.64 seconds.

Junior Joseph Trevino stood out in the distance runs. At the 3,200 length, Trevino was in at 9:52.31 for sixth place, while his clocking of 4:40.72 was seventh-best in the 1,600 run.

Joshua Shelton took fourth with a time of 50.30 in the 400, and the Wolverines' 4x400 relay squad was fourth in the event with a time of 3:27.90.

JFD track tests talented King mix; Lobo captures gold in 1,600 event

With the District 22-6A track and field meet set for April at Pasadena ISD's Auxiliary Stadium, the Dobie program stepped up to challenge a talented field at the Panther Relays March 23 at C.E. King High School.

Dobie, vying against King and North Shore programs that will be at the District 21-6A/District 22-6A Area Championships the third week of

April, fared well this time around.

The Dobie girls posted 55 points as a team, with Kyla Lobo winning a gold medal in the 1,600 run with a time of 5 minutes, 54 seconds.

Stacie Harris also excelled for the Dobie girls as she was second in a time of 26.4 seconds for silver in the 200 and cleared 16 feet, 8 inches for third in the long jump. Harris was

also sixth at 13.27 in the 100.

Dobie's Bre'yanna Williams placed fourth in the long jump with an effort of 16-0 1/2, and Lauren Garza was in at 13:49.15 in the 3,200 for fourth place. Mia Sanchez's 400 time of 26.65 placed her fourth.

The Dobie boys were led by sophomore Cameron Mathews as his time of 26.65 in the 200 delivered third place.



With her team aiming to make a final push at the 22-6A top spot, Dobie catcher Bella Perez has been an all-around force, hitting .557 with 13 extra-base hits and 21 runs batted in.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Dobie softball improves to 5-1; Deer Park rematch March 31

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league and will be the top two playoff seeds next month.

Dobie surrendered eight runs over two innings and eventually lost 10-7 to the Deer Feb. 28 in the 22-6A opener for both programs.

Since that time, the Longhorns have won five consecutive games prior

to press time March 27 and stand at 15-7-1 overall with the second round of league play starting March 31 at Deer Park.

Dobie returned from an 11-day break March 21 and showed no rust in a 12-2 win over Sam Rayburn by five-inning run rule.

Bella Perez homered

and drove in two runs, and Brianna Garcia, Sandra Quiroz and Marisa Perla all drove in two runs.

Against South Houston, March 24, Dobie took a 23-0 win in just three frames as Perla drove in four and Emily Delgado knocked in three of her own, getting the Longhorns to 15 wins.

Lutheran South Academy track competes at Under the Lights

Lutheran South Academy held a second Night Under the Lights track and field meet at Glassel Stadium March 21.

Senior Alec Salerno took gold in the 300 hurdles with a time of 43.06, and Noah Robert's time of 44.97 was fourth-best. Robert also arrived at the medal stand as his time of 17.45 was second in the 110 hurdles.

Senior Jaylin Lowery challenged the leaders in the 200, taking fourth in a time of 23.44 seconds. At 20-02 3/4, Lowery grabbed a silver medal for second place in the long jump.

Lutheran South scored key points in the triple

jump as Jacob Howard (37-01 3/4), Devin Arce-neaux (36-07 1/4) and Ben Edwards (35-10 1/4) were 2-3-4.

A pair of freshmen paced LSA at the 800 distance, with Reid Toner taking a silver medal at 2 minutes, 07.05 seconds, and teammate Case Noack third with his clocking of 2:08.55. At 5:04.59, Toner took sixth in the 1,600.

Junior Ian Bell was fourth with a time of 11:49.05 in the 3,200, with LSA's Sam Hergenrader sixth in a time of 12:25.30. School record holder Wilson Klein went 14-0 for the gold medal in the pole vault, and Cole Noack threw the discus 118-3 for silver.

Kris St. Clair won the shot event with a best effort of 41-03 1/2.

The LSA girls also came up with a great effort in the meet.

The Pioneers scored 40 key team points in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays with wins in both, going 52.71 for the gold in the 4x100 and posting 1:54.22 for more gold in the 4x200.

Elisabeth Hergenrader won individual gold at the 3,200 distance with her

clocking of 14:07.16, and teammate Jemma Reikert was in at 14:37.47 for second place and a silver medal.

Hergenrader and Reikert also challenged the 1,600 field, with Hergenrader's time of 6:34.77 good for fourth and Reikert in at 6:40.57 for fifth place.

Lydia Ward clocked in at 2:36.58 for fourth in the 800, and Lanie Ward was in at 55.26 for fourth place in the 300 hurdles and 19.11 in the 100 hurdles for fifth.

Malorie McGee pocketed gold in the triple jump as she led a huge Lutheran South effort in the event with the win at 34-5 1/4.

At 30-6 1/4, Hergenrader took fifth place, and teammate Caroline Schepmann was sixth with her effort of 30-5 3/4.

Lutheran South's Alma Martin grabbed a silver for second place in the pole vault at 10-6, while teammate Lanie Ward went 7-6 for third place.

A shot put best of 31-3 was good for a bronze medal and third-place finish for Makynna Robbins.

Sophia DeOre paced Lutheran South in the long jump as her finish of 15-0 1/4 was fourth-best, with Mia Fulton fifth at 14-7 3/4 and Jojo Miles at 12-9 3/4 for eighth place in the event.

Emma Schepmann claimed third place in the high jump with a best of 4-6, and teammate Elli Stoekel was in at 4-4 for sixth.

Seventh place went to LSA's Remy Keller at a height of 4-2. A time of 4:50.05 was fifth-best for the Pioneers in the 4x400 relay.

Smith named Big East Player of the Week



Lutheran South Academy graduate Shelby Smith, now a senior two-way standout with the Seton Hall University softball program, was named Big East Player of the Week after previously being named as the conference's Pitcher of the Week March 6. Smith was stellar both in the circle and at the plate during the Pirates' three-game sweep at Creighton March 24-26. She went 6-for-11 (.545) at the dish with two runs batted in and two runs scored while also pitching all seven innings and allowing just two earned runs and striking out seven in the circle March 25. Smith entered the season as a 2022 Big East second-team performer and three-time All-Big East All-Academic honoree.

Brook girls compete at Lopez meet; locals in form as 24-6A approaches

Kennedy Thompson, Kamryn McLaurin and Chardel Terrell led the charge for the Clear Brook varsity girls' track and field squad at the Prairie View A&M Invitational March 25 in Houston.

Thompson, a senior and Mississippi College signee, continued her push toward the 24-6A championships as she won the discus event and was second in the shot at Prairie View.

A best of 119 feet, 8

inches earned Thompson a gold medal for the top spot in the event, and her toss of 36-1 was second for a silver medal in that event.

McLaurin, who a week earlier became the program record holder in the high jump at 5-6, this time cleared 5-4 at Prairie View for second place and a silver medal.

Sophomore Chardel Terrell, who earlier this season became the school's all-time best at the 1,600 distance, was a

silver medalist at Prairie View in the event with a time of 5 minutes, 34.71 seconds.

Kyra Freeman was at 33-5 1/2 for eighth place in the triple jump.

A time of 2:24.58 in the 800 was good enough for Azayla Smith to take fourth at the 800 distance.

Also for Brook, Inayah Caldera grabbed eighth overall in the 300 hurdles at 51.56, and teammate Smith placed ninth in the 400 at 1:00.38.

"Brownie" to emcee hall of fame event

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and Charla Moore (Sam Rayburn HS, Class of 1997).

Longtime Dobie softball and track coach Rhonda Foster will be inducted.

Also, Ben Meador, founder of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament will be inducted for meritorious community service. Rounding out the induction list will be the 1981 state championship track team from Dobie.

Brown, a University of Missouri graduate, joined the Astros as play-by-play announcer for radio and TV in 1987.

He famously earned the nickname "Brownie" from his broadcast partner, former Astros catcher Alan Ashby.

One of his career highlights came in 2007 when he was at the microphone for Craig Biggio's 3,000th career hit. Brown retired in 2016 but has returned to the booth in a substitute role on several occasions since. He continues to work for the Astros in a community outreach capacity. He is a member of the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame.

Earlier this year, it was announced that Brown will be inducted into the

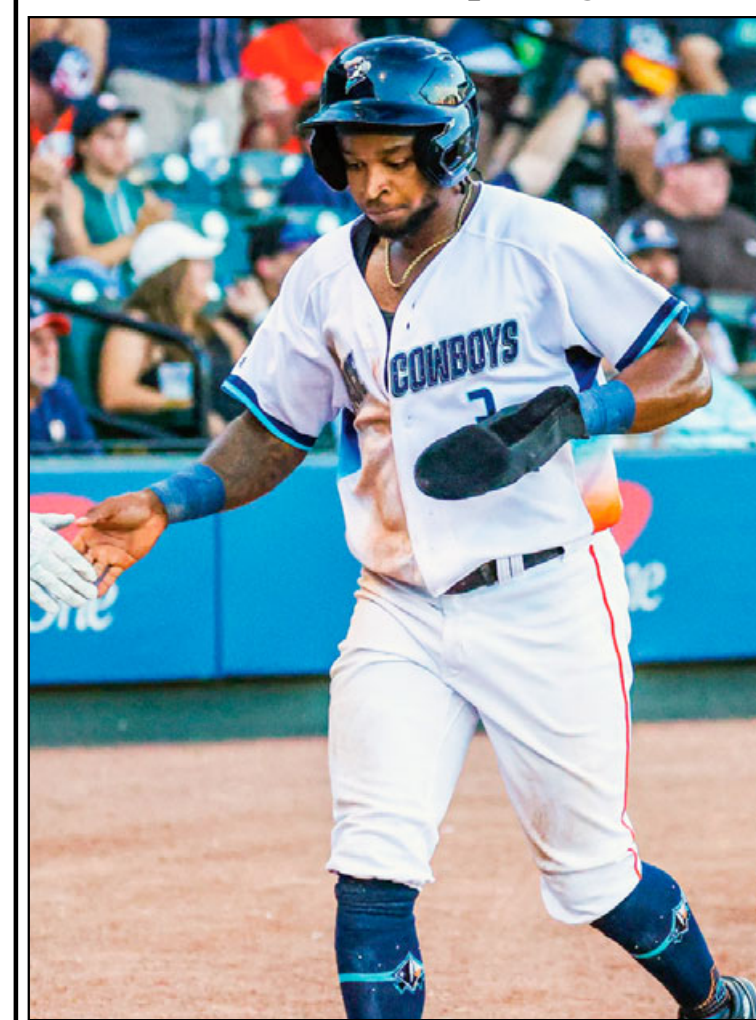
Astros Hall of Fame as part of its 2023 class.

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Dobie soccer advances

Unbeaten Dobie blanked Alief Elsik 1-0 March 28 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium, reaching the boys' soccer regional quarterfinal round for the first time since 2018. The Longhorns will next meet Pearland March 31 at The Rig in Pearland. Match time is 7:30 p.m., as a Region III final four berth is at stake.

Julks makes Astros' opening roster



Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Julks will see his dream of taking the field at Minute Maid Park as a member of the Houston Astros come true as he has made the team's 2023 opening day roster. Julks, a former Sagelegen resident, starred at Clear Brook and the University of Houston before the Astros selected him in the eighth round of the 2017 draft. He hit 31 home runs and drove in 89 runs with the AAA Sugar Land Space Cowboys a season ago.

CB's Felton signs letter with Aces

At right, Clear Brook High School's Raymond Felton has signed a letter of intent to continue his education and track and field career at the University of Evansville in Evansville, Ind., where he will compete in the 100, 200 and sprint relays for the Aces in the Missouri Valley Conference. Felton, also a 24-6A All-District second-team varsity basketball stand-out, was named to the All Academic team in the sport of basketball. He plans to study civil engineering at Evansville beginning this fall.



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7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce calendar or call 281-485-3634.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
FRIDAY, MARCH 31
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. Bay Area Genealogical Society - Allison Singleton will be speaker, this meeting is online. Virtual attendees need to register for each webinar session. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and on Zoom. For details, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
8 p.m. Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, APRIL 1
7:30 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and Zoom online. For details visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
11 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict.

Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, drop in or visit https://www.houstonalananon.org/.
1 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.
SUNDAY, APRIL 2
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Meets Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 713-944-9186.
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.
8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, APRIL 3
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.
6 p.m. New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meets for a potluck dinner at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. Call 832-715-9658.
6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Call 281-488-2923.
7 p.m. AA - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, APRIL 4
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Monday's notice.
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
11:30 a.m. Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call 713-253-2521.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Southeast Houston Toastmasters - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club meets virtually. Visit south-easthouston.toastmastersclub.org or call 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meet at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real. Call 713-444-6744.
9:30 a.m. Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets at Covenant United Methodist Church 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call 832-298-9480.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's noon notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573. Casual ballroom dancing. Call 281-554-1180.
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.

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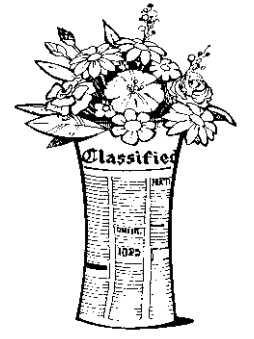
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Brook's Thomas, Young earn 24-6A All-District hoops honors



Clear Brook's Broderick Jackson came up big again and again during the 2022-2023 season, earning 24-6A All-District first-team honors as the Wolverines' leading scorer.

Photos by Andy Tolbert



Ja'Michael Young (3) was a proven scoring option for the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball as he was a 24-6A All-District first-team selection.

Vipers' 10-under goes undefeated at Spring Fling



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 10-under Vipers went undefeated March 10-12 at the Spring Fling Tournament in South Houston. The Vipers won a total of six games and came out on top with a combined score of 25 runs to 5 runs. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Amber Saldana, Janelle Augurson, Victoria Del Angel, Olivia Gutierrez, Kelsie Bolling, (middle row) Olivia Bailey, Victoria Perez, Abigail Orozco, Patricia Longoria, Jesselyn Vargas, (back row) assistant coaches Johnny Orozco and Robert Bolling, head coach Daniel Del Angel and assistant coach Jessie Vargas.

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District 24-6A Basketball Boys' All-District Selections

Most Valuable Player

Orlando Horton Jr., Clear Falls

Co-Offensive Players of the Year

Qasim Boyd, Dickinson

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Defensive Player of the Year

Armani Reese, Clear Lake

Newcomer of the Year

David Chong, Dickinson

Coach of the Year

Bryan Shelton, Clear Falls

First-Team Honorees

Corey Kelly, Clear Falls

David Emelife, Clear Springs

Jerrick Guidry, Clear Lake

Broderick Jackson, Clear Brook

Christian Umana, Clear Creek

Josh Moore, Clear Falls

Ethan Landers, Clear Lake

Alec Belter, Clear Springs

Ja'Michael Young, Clear Brook

Colton Naquin, Brazoswood

Vernon Glover, Dickinson

Second-Team Honorees

Javon Murray, Clear Falls

Ricky Young, Clear Springs

Eric Villarreal, Clear Lake

Raymond Felton, Clear Brook

Allen Moody, Clear Creek

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Tristan Lisbony, Clear Brook

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Tristan Lisbony

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Joseph Trevino

Brook grad Berry is co-Freshman of the Year at Hill

At right, Hill College women's basketball freshman Alyssa Berry, a Class of 2022 Clear Brook High School graduate, has been named the co-Freshman of the Year in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region VII ranks after leading the conference in scoring at 17.4 points per game and finishing second in the conference in assists per game. Berry, who helped lead Clear Brook to the 2021-2022 District 24-6A crown, shot 39.8 percent on two-point field goals and 33.9 percent on three-point field goals.



First event is April 29

Lajaunie tennis events still taking registration

The Darren Lajaunie Scholarship Fund Tennis Tournament will celebrate its 12th year with an exciting new format for 2023 that includes three doubles jamboree mixer events as organizers continue to raise funds for youth tennis and graduating senior class educational scholarships.

As the sponsorship efforts continue for 2023 and beyond, various sponsorship levels are available to individuals or businesses at DLTennisScholarships.com, where the "Be A Sponsor" tab may then

be selected.

For students applying for the tennis camp and college scholarships on the same site, deadline for submissions is April 7, 2023.

The scholarships will be awarded to all honorees in the latter part of April.

Dobie seniors who wish to apply for the college scholarships may do so by visiting the Lajaunie website or by picking up a packet in the school's counseling office.

The deadline for Dobie senior scholarship submissions is April 6, 2023.

The scholarship fund is named in honor of Lajaunie, a Dobie High School graduate and lifelong tennis enthusiast who died in 2011 after a lengthy cancer battle.

Over the years, the fund has provided dozens of youth tennis scholarships

and college education scholarships to deserving players.

The three jamboree series events will be held at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena, with as many as 60 players (30 doubles teams) competing during the April 29, Aug. 19 and Dec. 2 events.

Individual players who would like to register without a predetermined playing partner will be paired with another player prior to the start of the first of the three jamborees.

Players/teams will earn points for performance during each jamboree segment, with an emphasis placed on competing in each of the three three-hour Saturday events.

The first segment - April 29 - will include an April Fools theme. Players may register at DLTennisScholarships.com.

Foster, leader of many state champions, headed into PISD Athletics Hall of Fame

Editor's Note: The following is the sixth of nine weekly features recognizing the Class of 2023 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame inductees.

In the April 6 issue of the *Leader*, longtime Pasadena businessman Ben Meador will be featured.

By Al Carter
PISD Hall of Fame For Rhonda Foster, coaching was like a king-size box

of chocolates. Assorted. Multi-layered. And delicious.

Not that Foster knew what to expect when she started her Dobie coaching career in the fall of 1983.

What coach could have anticipated directing teams in six different sports in programs designed for both boys and girls?

What person could have

hoped to develop a coaching expertise in events staged on rectangles, diamonds, ovals and along the meandering terrain of parks and pastures?

Moreover, what coach could hope to claim a legacy that includes two state championships, two individual state champions and a truckload of district titles?

That would be Rhonda

Foster, Dobie's Renaissance coach.

Foster will be one of eight individuals inducted into the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame at a gala banquet on April 20 at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Dobie High's 1981 state champion track team will also be honored.

Foster's greatest coaching achievement represented a return to her roots. As a collegian, she played first base and served as a softball captain for Sam Houston State.

With Foster in the lineup, the Lady Bearkats twice won national titles.

In 1995, she took over the coaching reins of a Dobie softball team that had won a state title two years earlier.

Within three years, Foster had two state softball titles to call her own.

She led her first Lady Longhorn team to an unbeaten record. Paced by pitcher Christa Williams, destined to win two Olympic gold medals, Dobie swept aside 35 opponents in claiming the state crown.

Two years later, without Williams, Foster's team blossomed after a third-place district finish to win the state title again.

In a rarity for a Class 5A school, her softball assignment ran concurrent with duties as head coach of Dobie's boys cross-country team and as coach of the Longhorns' distance runners in boys track.

Often in the spring, she would supervise her distance runners at the same time she conducted softball practice.

Moonlighting seemed

to bring out her best. In addition to her softball success, her cross-country teams won four district titles in five years (from 1994 to 1998) - and six district titles during her coaching tenure.

She qualified teams for the state meet three years in a row (from 1999 to 2001) and teams for regional competition 12 years in a row (from 1991 to 2004).

One of her runners, Brian McKinstry, won the state title in 2001, going unbeaten in all 10 of his meets. Foster's cousin, Scott Lengefeld, was another of her state qualifiers.

Both runners went on to compete at Texas A&M, where Lengefeld earned All-America honors. The prize pupil of her work with the track team, Raz Bowman, won the state 800 meters in 1998.

Foster's first assignment at Dobie was head coach of the girls cross-country and track teams.

In 1984, in just her second season at the helm, her cross-country team qualified for state.

Foster also started the girls soccer program at Dobie in 1985. Her 1988 team reached the regional semifinals.

She left the high-school ranks in 2007 to teach physical education at the elementary school level. She now works as a P.E. aide in Round Rock.

For details on tickets and other last-minute news, contact Kathy Richardson at the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation office, by phone: 713-740-0246, or email: KRRichardson@pasadenaisd.org.



Rhonda Foster coached two state championship softball programs at Dobie and also led three different boys' cross-country programs to the state meet during an illustrious career with the Longhorns. In all, she head coached six different boys' and girls' programs from 1983 to 2007.

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