

St. Luke festival on May 4

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will hold its 2024 International Spring Festival Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival will be held at the church's second campus, located at 1750 Riverstone Ranch in Pearland. The event will feature a wide variety of food and activities. The event will also feature a disc jockey, live performers, raffle prizes and a silent auction. Event parking will be at near South Belt Elementary, located at 1801 Riverstone Ranch. For additional information, visit www.slukesatholic.com/pages/2024-international-spring-festival.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday as part of the Coffee with the Constable series. The next event will be Thursday, April 25, with another event happening the following Thursday, May 2. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Local COVID cases reported

The number of reported COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community remains roughly on par with the previous week, according to Harris County health officials. As of Thursday, April 18, there were 279 active cases in 77089, up five from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week. In ZIP code 77075, there were six, up one from the previous week. To date, there have been 81 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week. In 77034, there were eight active cases, unchanged from the previous week. To date, 93 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week. Statistics are updated weekly 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 and one southbound main lanes and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Britany Bay to FM-519/Main Street daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice. The U-turn lane on the northbound Gulf Freeway frontage road (north to south) at FM-519/Main Street in La Marque will be closed until further notice. The U-turn lane on the southbound Gulf Freeway frontage road (south to north) at FM-519/Main Street in La Marque will also be closed until further notice. The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Beltway 8 closure planned

At least one northbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Spencer Highway continuously until further notice. No detour will be needed but drivers should expect delays. At least one southbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed from SH 225 to Pasadena Boulevard continuously until further notice. No detour will be needed but drivers should expect delays. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Ellington eRecycling set

The city of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, May 11, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonwaste.org or call 311.

New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, distributes food the second and fourth Saturday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out. The purpose is to provide food for community people in need. The next event is April 27. For information, call 281-484-4230.

Early voting, voting day for MUD, HCAD, CCISD set

Voters may need to vote in three different locations

Multiple local elections are scheduled to take place Saturday, May 4. Voters will decide who will fill several key board positions in the Harris County Appraisal District, Clear Creek ISD and area utility districts. Voters should be aware that despite the elections all being held the same day, each entity will be in charge of its own contest(s), requiring some residents to cast their ballots at three different locations.

HCAD

Approved by voters this past November, the inaugural HCAD board elections will be broken down into three separate contests. Candidates in the Place 1 contest include Ramsey Isa Ankar, Katherine Ballard Blueford-Daniels, Era N. Ford and William Reinhardt Frazier. Place 2 candidates include Jevon German, Janice W. Hines, Melissa Louise Noriega, Austin Ryan Pooley and Kyle Anthony Scott. Competing for the Place 3 position are Oluwapelumi Adebola Adeleke, James J. Bill, Melody Genneane Ellis, Mark V. Goloby, Amy Ngo Lacy and longtime South Belt resident Ericka Mc-

Crutcheon, who currently serves as president of the Kirkwood Civic Club.

Early voting is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, April 30. Nearby Election Day polling sites include the Harris County Scarsdale Annex, 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, and the Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint near Fuqua. (Residents should note that early voting sites are often different than Election Day polling sites.)

For additional information on the HCAD board election, or to see a complete list of polling places, visit harrisvotes.org.

Clear Creek ISD

In the Clear Creek ISD election, District 4 incumbent Jeff Larson is being challenged by Albert Wittliff. District 5 incumbent Jay Cunningham and At-Large Position A incumbent Jonathan Cottrell are both running unopposed.

Term limits are three years. To view the District 4 election boundaries, visit ccisd.net/elections/boundaries.

Pasadena ISD will not hold an election this cycle.

Early voting is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, April 30. Nearby Election Day polling sites include Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351 near Beamer in Friendswood. (Residents should note that early voting sites are often different than Election Day polling sites.)

For additional information on the Clear Creek ISD board election, or to see a complete list of

polling places, visit www.ccisd.net/elections.

Clear Brook City MUD

In the Clear Brook City MUD election, longtime board member Chris Clark – who currently serves as secretary – is being challenged by perennial candidate Yen Rabe.

David Flickinger and Chuck Tylka are both running. **Continued on Page 4**

Whitmire, BAHEP change meeting

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's general membership meeting which features Mayor John Whitmire has been changed from Thursday, April 25, to Thursday, May 2, at the same time, due to a conflict with the mayor's schedule. Whitmire will present "The Whitmire Agenda."

The event is scheduled from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. followed by a VIP reception with Whitmire in the second floor board room from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The program will be in the Heritage hangar at the Lone Star Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Ave., at Ellington Field.

PISD opens enrollment for 2024-2025

PISD sets Open Enrollment

The Pasadena Independent School District is now accepting applications for their Open Enrollment program. The program allows new students (never attended PISD), returning students (did not complete previous school year in PISD) or students from neighboring areas (transferring from other schools) to apply for enrollment in Pasadena ISD for the 2024-2025 school year.

Applications begin the approval process once all required documentation is received and will be contingent upon availability of campus and/or program space, and the student's educational history.

For more information to access the list of required documents and the Application, please visit

www1.pasadenaisd.org/enrollment. PISD has opened its 2024-25 Pre-K enrollment. Children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024 to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year.

Studies consistently show that children who attend quality preschool programs perform better academically and develop essential skills for life.

Pasadena ISD's Pre-K program offers full day classes, free breakfast and lunch, and zone transportation.

To learn more about the zoned school, eligibility or enrollment, visit: www1.pasadenaisd.org/prek, contact Brandi Johnson, Curriculum and Instruction at PISD, 713-740-0083 or Email: bjjohnson@pasadenaisd.org

Lower tax bills by taking exemptions

The Harris Central Appraisal District is encouraging homeowners to make sure they have the homestead exemptions to which they are entitled.

"One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower their property tax bill is to file a homestead exemption and apply for any other exemption they might be eligible for," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. "The state tax code mandates certain exemptions and many jurisdictions offer optional or additional percentage exemptions."

A homestead is generally the house and land

used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. Recent legislation allows a homeowner to apply for a residence homestead exemption the year they own and occupy the house as their principal residence. If they acquire property after Jan. 1, they are eligible to receive the exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year immediately on qualification if the previous owner did not receive the same exemption for the tax year.

"Homestead exemptions can reduce the ap-

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Pasadena male jumps from Beltway

A Pasadena man recently took his own life by jumping from the overpass located at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway.

The *Leader* received multiple inquiries about the investigation being conducted on the ground by deputies from Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office. As is customary with suicides, the victim's name was not released to the public.

This marked at least the second suicide to take place at this location, as another male – a Vietnamese national – also leaped from the overpass a few years back following an accident at the location

that left his wife critically injured.

This past year, a fugitive from the Houston Police Department was also killed near the site at ground level after he was struck by a vehicle while attempting to flee from police on foot across the Gulf Freeway.

Sagemont Church officials told the *Leader* in recent years that its massive cross statue located on church grounds near Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway has prevented at least one suicide, as a driver reportedly stopped at the peak of the overpass to jump to his death but had second thoughts after seeing the inspiring structure.

San Jac, LyondellBasell named Outstanding College Partnership

San Jacinto College and LyondellBasell were recognized on April 8 by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) with the Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership Award. The award was presented at the AACC Annual Convention in Louisville, Ky.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from the AACC, alongside our incredible partner, LyondellBasell," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "We have a longstanding partnership with LyondellBasell that focuses on training the next generation of workforce in a modern facility that was built

for industry, by industry. I thank the AACC for recognizing this work that is changing lives and changing the socio-economic mobility of our region, and I appreciate the collaboration we have with LyondellBasell, and all of our industry partners, that makes this possible."

The college and LyondellBasell were recognized by the AACC for their collaborative approach to student success. Together, through activities such as awarding \$2,500 scholarships to instrumentation and process technology students; employees serving on the college's Cur-

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More stormwater detention will be built in the South Belt area

Harris County is developing plans for additional stormwater detention to be located on Dixie Farm Road. The project, called the Friendswood Regional Stormwater Detention Basin is designed to reduce the impact of flooding by providing mitigation for future channel conveyance improvements in the area. The basin is anticipated to provide anywhere from 1,000 to 1,700 acre-feet in storage.

Between this project and the retention ponds located in the former subdivision of Southend, flooding incidents for the South Belt community should be much improved.

It is located on the south side of Dixie Farm and is technically located in the city limits of Friendswood.

Out-of-bank flooding along Clear Creek caused approximately 3,000 homes to flood

within the Harris County South Belt area and the adjoining Friendswood city limits during Hurricane Harvey. During the community engagement meetings prior to the 2018 bond election, city of Friendswood community members requested that the Flood Control District evaluate potential stormwater detention options along Clear Creek near the city of Friendswood.

As a result, the Flood Control District contracted with an engineering firm in 2019 to evaluate the potential locations for stormwater detention basins between Dixie Farm Road (FM 1959) and FM 528. Nine potential regional stormwater detention basin alternatives were evaluated in the area. Due to the characteristics of the watershed, the study found that none of the alternatives, without a broader plan for stormwa-

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More than a ton of trash collected



The cleanup committee headed by Mike Work recently received information regarding the amount of trash collected by community volunteers. The trash collected exceeded a ton, weighing in at 2,480 pounds of trash which exceeded the group's previous collection in October 2023 of approximately 700 pounds. Group organizers are thankful to all volunteers, especially the J. Frank Dobie students. The St. Luke Knights of Columbus fed the group lunch. Shown here are some of the volunteers and organizers. Left to right, are (front row, kneeling) John Work, Adrian Alonzo, (middle row) Rhonda Work, Susana Castillo, Jeff Turnipseed, Kay Barbour, Angela Solis, Silvia Valdez, Faye Guth, Alyta Harrel, Richard Valdez, (back row) Rob Work, Tony Martinez, Nick Cantalema, Val Comeaux, Seth Webb, Mike Work and Arthur Valdez. Another cleanup is scheduled for early October. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Meeting set for use of federal funds

A public informational meeting will be held by the Pasadena Independent School District on Wednesday, May 1, to seek public comments on the needs and use of federal funds within Titles I, II, III and IV.

The purpose of the meeting is to seek input on how the district can use funds to provide supple-

mental services and support to students, families, teachers, administrators, and other district staff.

Meetings are set at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Pasadena ISD Administration Building, 3920 Mickey Gilley Blvd., Pasadena TX, 77505, room #C102. For more information, contact the Pasadena ISD - Special Programs office at 713-740-0225.

Fatality at I-45 near Dixie investigated

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place around 12:50 a.m. Friday, April 19, in the 15900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959.

Badly burned in the fiery incident, the identity and gender of the dead driver was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department

officials, a Ford vehicle of unknown model was traveling north on the freeway at the above address when it struck the wall of the HOV lane entrance.

The vehicle became engulfed in flames and the driver was pronounced dead at the scene by responding Houston Fire Department paramedics.

The investigation was ongoing at press time.

Surprising Sally on 75 years



Jackie McCafferty (left) and Gail Donovan (right), sisters of South Belt's Sally Mitchell (center), pulled off a surprise gathering on Saturday, April 27, for Sally's 75th birthday. Her husband, Patrick Restivo, helped plan the event with great assistance from Rebecca Lilley and Judy Harrison. Jackie came in from Austin and Gail flew in from New York. Sally's best friend, Linda Neimann came in from Oklahoma. The event was held at the Villa Capri on the Lake. Sally was obviously very surprised, thinking she was headed for a surprise birthday party for Rick Rivera. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

In My Opinion

Flewellen thanks Freeway community

Again, we wanted to express our appreciation for all of the combined efforts in helping on the problem house with the homeless at 10131 Hinds.

Just wanted to give a quick up. Constable Jerry Garcia advised Ray Soto, with the civic club, that Jennifer had given her consent for the house to be boarded up. Ray and a group of volunteers will be at the house today and possibly tomorrow completing this part of the project. Residents have donated funds to help get this done to help Jennifer out. There is still a HAZMAT type of situation due to some rotting food and trash still there and the flies are horrendous.

FYI - we have been made aware that the ones that were in the house on Hinds have moved back into the homeless encampment in the woods on Hartsook, right across from the elementary school.

Channel 26 and Telemundo have both done coverage of this house. We are going to reach out to the other news stations because want all parties involved in this project to get the needed recognition.

If you are wanting to reach out to Ray Soto his cell number is 281-222-5811

We would also like to extend an invitation to you to attend our next civic club meeting on May 30 at 7 p.m. at the Bible Way Church that we have our meetings at.

Brenda Flewellen
Publisher's note: A story was also in the *South Belt Leader* issue of April 18.

Towey endorses Chris Clark for MUD

When St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church purchased property for its new facility on Riverstone Ranch Dr. in the City of Pearland, Pearland could not provide water and sewer service to them. Nothing could be built without someone's help.

Father Douglas Guthrie reached out to Chris Clark at Clear Brook City MUD for help. Chris found an equitable and affordable way for them to provide these essential services even though the proposed construction area was in another municipality.

Further, he developed a mechanism for St. Luke to reserve capacity in the Clear Brook City MUD system for future construction.

Chris has also gone far and above in his community commitment. He deserves to be re-elected to the Clear Brook City MUD Board of Directors.

Early voting is April 22 - 26, and April 29 and 30 from 10 am - 7 pm. Election Day is May 4 - 7 am - 7 pm.

Voting is lin your community at the Clear Brook City MUD building located at 11911 Blackhawk Blvd.

Jim Towey

Bowen backs Larson for CCISD

I am writing to urge readers to vote to re-elect Jeff Larson to the Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees, District 4. Competence matters in CCISD as well, and as a colleague of his on the board I confidently recommend him for another term.

Jeff is an electrical engineer by trade, now retired, and for many years worked as a certified flight controller in Mission Control at JSC. He has been a valuable member of our team since his election three years ago, and I have seen him bring his engineering mindset and practical approach to many challenges faced by the district. At every meeting, he can be counted on to bring forward new ideas and insight. Jeff's primary focus has always been on improving student achievement and giving students the opportunity to succeed, especially at the schools in the district that need the most help and attention. He was a key contributor to the hiring of Dr. Karen Engle as Superintendent and came up with many ideas that contributed to our achieving a balanced budget in the 2023-2024 school year, despite the lack of increase in state funding.

Jeff is well known for his strong support of student activities and achievements. As a parent of a CCISD graduate, he knows how important it is for athletics, fine arts, robotics, award ceremonies, and countless other events to be well-attended and exciting for students and staff alike, and he makes a point of attending as many as possible—if your child did something great in one of our schools, he was probably there to see it!

There could not be a greater contrast between Jeff and his challenger. In a recent forum, the candidate who filed against Jeff was unable to describe any history of his involvement with CCISD. His children have not attended CCISD, and to my knowledge he has never attended a board meeting, even after becoming a candidate. Jeff, through many years of involvement with CCISD, 38 years of living in the Heritage Park community, and his above-and-beyond service and participation as a school board member, has the knowledge base about the district and the people we serve to make difficult decisions in an empathetic and fair way, just as he has for his first term.

When this letter is published, early voting will be ongoing and will continue through April 30. Election Day is May 4. The closest location for South Belt residents will be Clear Brook High School. This is a separate ballot and separate location from the Clear Brook MUD race, so you will need to go to

both locations to vote! I wholeheartedly endorse a vote for Jeff Larson and I hope to serve with him again next year. There is a lot of work left to do.

Scott Bowen
Clear Creek ISD Trustee At-Large

Board unanimously endorses Clark

The Board of Directors at Sageglen Community Association has unanimously endorsed Mr. Chris Clark for re-election to the Clear Brook City MUD Board of Directors in the upcoming election. Mr. Clark has been a resident of our community for over 30 years and has devoted much time and effort by helping our area prosper through his active participation and support of our residents, community organizations and emergency services.

Some of his accomplishments are truly commendable and include:

1. Successfully lobbied state legislation to enable MUDs to hire Constables for enhanced safety for our community.
2. Responsible for the creation and design of our parks as well as the masonry walls throughout much of our community and major roadways.
3. Implemented a collaboration with our HOA and MUD to share the cost of annual sidewalk construction and repair.
4. Directed efforts to attract new businesses and amenities to our area as a four-time President of our Chamber of Commerce.
5. Led the CBC MUD bond sales for the acquisition of our new fire station and much needed response vehicles and equipment to enhance homeowner safety and emergency response.
6. Played a crucial role in enhancing our flood management system and continues to work to improve our storm water drainage.
7. Continues to work diligently to make our area safer, better and more family friendly at a reasonable cost.

Sam Weeke, president;
Dawn McDonald, vice-president;
Margie Adams, secretary;
David Cino and Chuck Tylka, directors

Mitchell recommends Clark

I would like to highly recommend Chris Clark for director on the Clear Brook City MUD Board. I had the pleasure of working closely with Chris when I was Executive Director of the South Belt Chamber for eight years. For decades he made endless contributions to this community in addition to his work as General Manager with the MUD. He retired and went on to serve on the board of directors.

First and foremost Chris has looked out for finances making sure the Mud District was financially secure. As a result, he has been able to stay current on infrastructure needs. Not many MUD districts can claim that. Probably my favorite is how he looks to the future. During Harvey when other districts were suffering with water problems etc. we weren't. He had the foresight to have backup generators. The only Houston district at that time that had backup generators.

I encourage you to go vote on May 4 for Chris Clark for director on the Clear Brook City MUD. We want to keep going forward.

Sally Mitchell

Window envelopes not good for checks

A couple of months ago, I wrote a check for about \$200 to my pool company for the monthly maintenance. It was a computer-generated check that I mailed in a window envelope, which made it apparent that a check was enclosed. After about 10 days, the check had still not cleared. I called the company and they said they had not received it. A couple of days later, the check cleared my bank twice, except the payee and the amount had been altered. Instead of being payable to my pool company for \$200, the check was shown to be payable to a company and a person I had never heard of and were for a total of over \$14,000.

Under the Uniform Commercial Code, the person that first accepts the forged signature must bear the loss. So, in my case, my bank had to replace the funds in my account and they, in turn, were made whole by the banks that originally accepted the forged checks.

But I still had to close the account and open a new account. That meant I had order to new checks and contact all of my auto payments and deposits. And because some of those do not act immediately, e.g., the Social Security Administration, I had to work with my bank to periodically transfer funds out of the closed account. In other words, it has been a royal pain in the you know what.

After doing some investigating, I discovered that what happened to me has become fairly common. The common element in many cases was that the checks had been sent in window envelopes. One law enforcement source I spoke to told me that they believe rouge postal workers are pocketing envelopes that are obviously checks and selling them to crime syndicates that are in the business of forging the checks. The Post Office maintains that most stolen checks are from thieves breaking into streetside mail drop-offs.

Bill King

Maricle seeks place on SagemeadowUD

There is an important election coming up for our community if you live in Kirkwood South, Lakes of Golfcrest or the Sagemeadow HOA which comprise Sagemeadow Utility District. The election is for two at-large positions on the board of directors. All voters in these three HOAs/subdivisions are eligible to vote in this election.

My name is Chuck Maricle, President of the Kirkwood South HOA, one of the three associations that make up the Sagemeadow utility district. Kirkwood South represents 808 homes a little over one third of the approximately 2200 homes of Sagemeadow utility district. I've been a resident of Kirkwood South and the utility district for 28 years.

Two of the board positions of Sagemeadow UD are held by the presidents of Sagemeadow and Lakes Of Golfcrest HOA (these are not up for election). Kirkwood South is not, as far as I am concerned, represented on the utility district board. It is my position that I, as president of Kirkwood South, ask you to elect me as part of the board to ensure Kirkwood South has a say in the Sagemeadow UD and how it affects our community. This will place all the presidents of the three HOAs on the boards each providing direct representation of their community for board decisions as duly elected members of the utility district board.

All of you this year, especially those over 65 saw a very large tax increase from the Sagemeadow utility district which in most cases you had to use the savings which you received in your Pasadena school tax

reduction to pay your increased utility district tax bill. This makes the Sagemeadow utility district your largest tax bill. We must continue to protect our seniors from being taxed out of their homes or being forced to defer taxes so their heirs will have the deal with the tax bill. This tax increase will even be larger next year because the exemption was further reduced which is going to add an average of \$250-\$300 to your tax bill for next year. Imagine how I felt as President of Kirkwood South when residents would come to our HOA meeting complaining about their tax bill which we do not control.

Understandably the infrastructure upgrades of the Sagemeadow utility district is something that must be done and was something that was long ignored. However, that being said, my eye is towards long-term reduction of the debt and returning the exemptions to the taxpayers as soon as that could be reasonably accomplished. My second concern is making sure we figure out a way to protect our seniors with a taxation program that is more fair to their fixed income situations. My third position is to make sure that the mistakes that were made in the past which caused our current infrastructure crisis are never repeated. Finally I am 100% committed to make make sure that the south east volunteer fire department always has the resources it needs to maintain it either volunteer or full-time page staff to meet our community requirements.

Early voting starts last to April 30 at the Sagemeadow district community building (10755 Hall road corner of Blackhawk from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and election day is Saturday, May 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. I appreciate your support.

Chuck Maricle

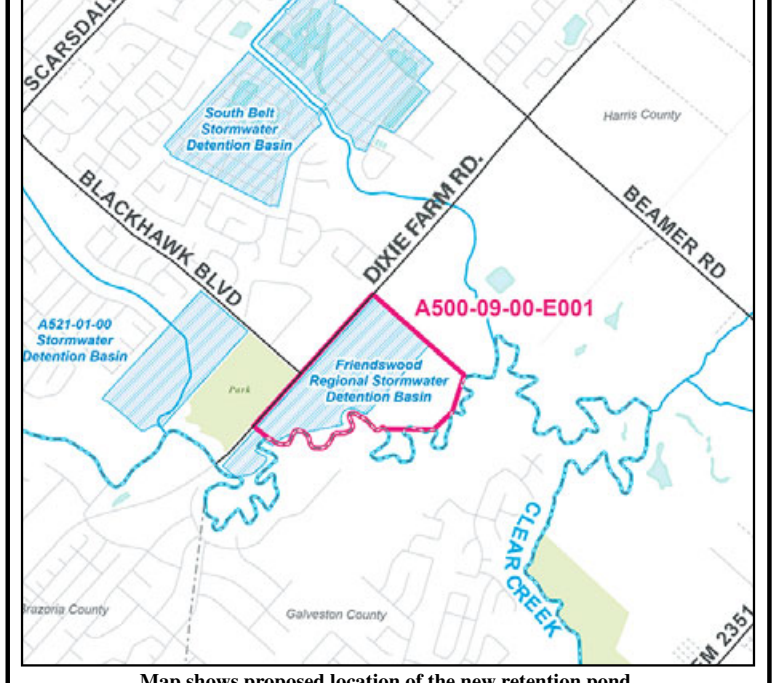
Stormwater detention coming

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ter management measures beyond just regional detention, were significantly beneficial, cost-effective, or sustainable.

The study was completed in February 2020. The basin will be located on an undeveloped 105-acre site along the Clear Creek overbank at FM 1959 and Blackhawk Boulevard.

This project is in the preliminary engineering stage. In this stage, engineers and environmental specialists develop and evaluate possible alternatives, prepare mitigation site plans, and project specifications and detailed cost estimates.

Bond ID: CI-62 is categorized as a Partnership 2018 Bond Program project. Total allocation for this project is approximately \$32.4 million, of which an estimated \$13.5 million is from bond funding. Additional contributions from partners include an estimated \$8 million from the city of Friendswood, \$7.5 million from Galveston County and \$3.5 million from the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District.



Map shows proposed location of the new retention pond.

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.

Bracewell Branch Library
Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Thursday, April 25, 3 - 4 p.m. Family story time.
Thursday, April 25, 3 - 4 p.m. Open Lab - computer class. Registration required.
Monday, April 29, 11 a.m. - noon. Open Lab - computer class. Registration required.
Tuesday, April 30, 4 - 5 p.m. Youth-board games. Registration required.
Tuesday, May 1, 6 - 7 p.m. Conversational Living English Lessons. Registration required. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Parker Williams Library
Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Thursday, April 25, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Conversation club.
Thursday, April 25, 10:15 - 10:45 p.m. Toddler time.
Thursday, April 25, 2 - 4 p.m. Tech help.
Friday, April 26, 1 - 6 p.m. Stuffed animal sleepover.
Friday, April 26, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Finding inner peace and calmness through meditation.
Monday, April 29, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Family story time.
Monday, April 29, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Book buddies.
Tuesday, April 30, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies' n' books.
Tuesday, April 30, 1 - 2 p.m. Citizenship 101.
Wednesday, May 1, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Laser cutter orientation.
Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Lo Fi study sech.
Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

San Jacinto College honored

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riculum Advisory and Chancellor Advisory committees; creating a scaled model glass distillation lab at the Lyondell-Basell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, & Technology; and supporting the College's Promise @ San Jac Scholarship as the title sponsor of the San Jac College Foundation bi-annual gala, LyondellBasell is demonstrating its commitment to San Jac students and its communities.

"LyondellBasell is incredibly proud of our ongoing partnership with San Jacinto since 2019," said Elizabeth Weiss, LyondellBasell senior manager, Global Corporate Citizenship. "One of the pillars of the Global Corporate Citizenship program, Advancing Good, focuses on strategic community initiatives and collaboration.

"This recognition is a testament to the positive impact of our work with San Jacinto College, enabling students to

continue exploring careers in the petrochemical industry."

The company's support of San Jac students includes monthly lunch and learns, plant tours, virtual interview trainings, resume workshops, and employees who are housed at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, & Technology who interact with students and faculty throughout the year, serving as resources in numerous capacities.

A memorial gathering will be held at Peevey Funeral Home, Saturday, April 27, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Interment is at Houston National Cemetery Tuesday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m.

Gilbert "Gibby" Villasenor



The beloved Gilbert Villasenor, 90, South Belt resident, was called to the Heavenly Father April 16, 2024.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Christine Martinez Villasenor, parents, Julius and Rebecca Villasenor, multiple brothers and sisters, and son, Gilbert Anthony Villasenor Jr.

He is survived by his children Debbie "Debita" Villasenor, Brenda Villasenor Lester and husband David Lester, Roland R. Villasenor and wife Melanie Villasenor; grandchildren Lisa Michelle Villasenor and husband John Cervantes, Gilbert Anthony Villasenor III, Christopher Charles Villasenor, Gregory Mark Villasenor, Ryan A. Villasenor, Haley Villasenor and Alina Grace Villasenor; great-granddaughter, Macie Michelle Cervantes, brother Arthur James Villasenor; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church with visitation one hour prior to the Mass.

Interment follows at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

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Deaths

Barbara Jean Breeden



Barbara Jean Breeden, age 91, of Houston, passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

She was born in Willis, Texas on April 15, 1932 to Olly Jeff Helton and Olive Owens Helton.

She was married to Robert C. Breeden for 66 years. Barbara moved to Houston from her small hometown in Willis in 1954.

She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone in what was the tallest building in Houston.

She put through the first transatlantic call, which was documented by her picture in the Houston Post.

In 1955, she met Bob Breeden on a blind date. True love, they married one month later.

They bought one of the first houses in Sagamore, where the first gathering for what would be Sagamore Church was held. Barbara loved singing in the choir and teaching the girls in G.A.'s.

She was an accomplished artist and would paint all night.

She was the first in Houston to decorate clothing, especially denim. Women would buy it right off her body.

She had a mighty golf swing and loved to play with the ladies at Baywood Country Club.

She was an amazing gardener with the greenest thumbs. She was an amazing Godly mother to her children.

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Bush Elementary posts third 9-weeks rolls

Bush Elementary school officials have released the third nine-weeks honor roll, merit roll and perfect attendance list for the 2023-2024 school year.

Kindergarten honor roll
Lian Aguirre, Aldo Cornejo, Aliyah Correa, Zayna Ghuneim, Emma Hernandez, Jose Herrera, Irena Hinojosa, Luis Jasso, Skylar Miller, Nicolas Negron, Alexander Pena, Nicolas Quintanilla, Madison Salazar, Jaime Santana and Camila Tamez.

First grade honor roll
Alyssa Benitez, Max Castillos, Jon Chavez, Heather De La Cruz, Xavier Delatorre, Noah Diaz, Emily Do, Madison Faith, Nerlin Garcia, Ryan Garcia, Madison Garcia, Elizeo Gonzalez, Luke Ingalls, Santiago Landaverde and Justin Le.

Second grade honor roll
Karinna Acatilin, Kevin Nguyen, Adalia Salazar and Izabella Sanchez.

Third grade honor roll
Anthony Contreras, Vincent Dang, Mia Diaz, Matteo Estrada, Weston Garcia, Matthew Garza, Michael Garza, Ngan Ngo, Levi Reyes, Abigail Tupa and Benjamin Varner.

Fourth grade honor roll
Eduardo Aguilar, Sofia Alvarez, Eli Bermudez, Krisna Blacknall, Larry Buell, Liliana Castillo, Sophia Castellon, Elizabeth Chavez, Brandon Enamorado Hernandez, Romeo

Flores, Juliana Hinojos, Calvin Le and Austin Martinez.

Kindergarten merit roll
Jake Alvarez, Kysen Barkor, Daniel Castro, Bao Chung, Cristian Cornejo, Damian Espinoza, Adonis Kennebrew, Peggy Le, Isabella Lozano, Ed Martinez, Arlo Reyes, Romina Rojas and Raul Vasquez.

First grade merit roll
Ximena Barba, Isabella Cuellar, Joshua Morales, Sophia Rodriguez, Naleen Soto, Ignatius Tupa and Ethan Vasquez.

Second grade merit roll
Brayden Hurst, Steven Nguyen, Paul Puente and Kayliana Rodriguez.

Third grade merit roll
Gael Aguirre, Sebastian Beltran, Max Buenrostro, Caleb Castellanos, Diego Castillo, Remy Knight, Renata Ledezma, Zeus Perez, Jacklyn Pham and Ian Vasquez.

Fourth grade merit roll
Quinn Battarbee, Veronica Galan, Itzel Gonzalez, Clarisse Melo, Annie Ninh, Angelina Pham and Matthew Vasquez.

Pre-K perfect attendance
Celeste Arellondo, Lucas Bonilla, Jeremiah Faison, Matteo Orozco and Adriel Sanchez.

Kindergarten Perfect attendance
Jake Alvarez, Christian Barboza, Victor Caballero, Tayvon Chaney, Damian Espinoza, Loreangia Gomez, Jose Herrera, Adonis Kennebrew, Zaire Lee, Adelynn Lopez, Jayden

Lopez, Justin Nguyen, Alyssa Ponce, Nicolas Quintanilla, Arlo Reyes, Christopher Vazquez and Nathan Vu.

First grade Perfect attendance
Alyssa Benitez, Zain Bilal, Jon Chavez, Heather De La Cruz, Madison Faith, Gavin Faz, Maya Fuentes, Elizeo Gonzalez, De'Andre Henderson and Elijah Hernandez.

Second grade Perfect attendance
Aaron Benitez, Tayvon Cannon, Nathan Cantu, Julian Delamora, Owen Fabian, Javier Garza, Noah Lopez, Kevin Nguyen and Adalia Salazar.

Third grade Perfect attendance
Gael Aguirre, Samantha Arqueta, Javier Arredondo, Samuel Brown, Liam Cabrera, Diego Castillo, Frank Cavazos, Italia Cornejo, Vincent Dang, Matthew Garza, Michael Garza, Nina Holguin, Remy Knight, Wyatt Ledbetter, Jayden Mai, Justin Mai, Jonathan Maicher, Heidi Mejias, Tiara Navarro, Madison Obregon, Zeus Perez, Levi Reyes, Ethan Solorzano, Israel Triminio, Abigail Tupa, Ian Vasquez and Marjorie Vellejo.

Fourth grade Perfect attendance
Eddie Aguilar, Rayaan Bilal, Matthew Bonilla, Larry Buell, Liliana Castillo, Sophia Castellon, Genesis De La Garza, Jasiya Dedmon, Jacob Elizondo, Santiago Garza, Juliana Hinojos, Aubrey Jimenez, Cal-

vin Le, Katherine Lemus, Clarisse Melo, Mya Miller, Mario Moreno, Charlie Nguyen and Dylan Nguyen.

Perfect attendance
Annie Ninh, Jordan Ortiz, Itzyana Pena, Salvador Perez, Thea Pham, Kylie Ponce, Madison Rangel-Puga, Reign Reyes, Rivky Rivas, Isabella Rodriguez, Santiago Rojas, Francisco Serrano, Nathan Smith, Kylie Tinajero, Anna Tran, Aaron Trevino, Karim Vargas, Adriel Velazquez and Eyanna Wells.

Mission craft fair May 4

With Mother's Day, graduations and Father's Day coming up, the On a Mission Craft Fair, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 4 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 11456 Space Center Blvd., offers a variety of special items not otherwise available locally.

Shoppers will find jewelry and accessories from Nepal, embroidered and woven purses from China, clothing and tote bags from Africa, intricately cut pop-up cards from Vietnam and Cambodia, olive wood bowls and stuffed animals from Africa and crocheted animals from Uzbekistan, among many other items.

For the hungry, Open Door Mission will offer brisket tacos and pulled pork sliders.

The fair was created to increase awareness of mission groups.

For more information, contact the coordinator at 281-627-4581, the church at 281-479-7285 or the website at <https://www.stpauls-anglicanchurch.org/on-a-mission-craft-fair>.

Atkinson honor roll named

Atkinson Elementary school officials have announced the third nine-weeks honor roll and merit rolls.

Third grade Honor roll
Axel Castillo and Andrew Vuong.

Merit roll
Emma Cuevas, Benjamin Garcia, Martha Fajardo, Avah Montgomery and William Vu.

Fourth grade Honor roll
Shufeng Cao, Leilah Cisneros, Scarlett Cruz, Jacob Lainez, Jason Nguyen and Isabella Rieo.

Merit roll
Braylon Gutierrez, Jaycob Guzman, Adrian Manzanarez, Zane Martinez, Sebastian Nguyen, Gael Ramirez and David Sanchez.

Internships available

Harris County Precinct 2 Workforce Development Division has announced the opening of the online application for the 2024 Step-Up Internship Program.

The program will last nine to 10 weeks at \$15 per hour, 32 hours per week. The applicant must be a Precinct 2 resident, be 18 years old at the time of application and be a high school senior or currently enrolled in a college, university, or in a trade technical program. Applicants must pass a drug screen, background check and have reliable transportation.

Interested students apply at bit.ly/2024StepUp Internship. If one has questions, call 346-217-5297 or email, workforce@pct2.hctx.net.

South Belt Elementary selects April Super Steers

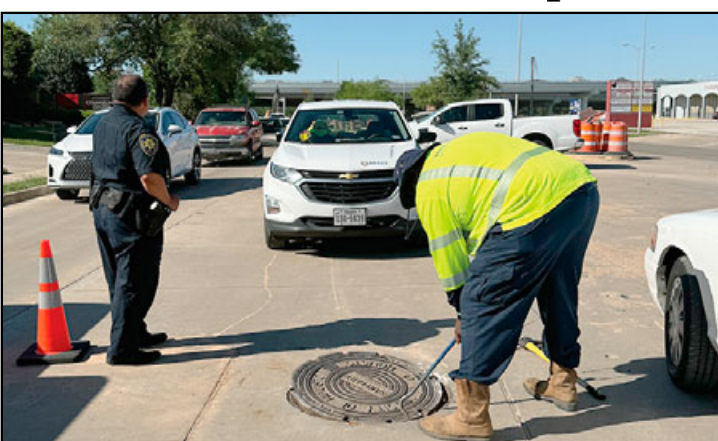


South Belt Elementary Super Steers for the month of April were selected for demonstrating growth mind set. Shown above are, left to right, (first row) Emma Rodriguez, Emerson Vong, Kyler Watson, Mateo Jimenez, Zander Lazo, Anthony Quintanilla, Aaron Morgan, Kamila Mathers, Sofia Flores, Juliana Gonzales, (second row) Leon Chea, Eli Sutton, Ruby Hoang, Ava Miller, Konner Le, Camila Tamez, Miranda Alvarez, (third row) Bentley Phan-Do,

Kase Elmore, Jonathan Delgado, Melanie Arreola, Cameron Padilla, Thiago Maldonado, (fourth row) Kenneth Hernandez, Rhyder Willis, Alice Duong, Jacob Medina, Elijah Alvarez, Luis Gamino, (fifth row) Aydan Flores, Adeline Torres, Emma Hernandez, Lucian Hickey-Jevas and Benjamin Pham. Not pictured are, Madelyn Rodriguez, Jet Saffary and Tyler Thomas.

Photo by Lakitha Thomas (counselor)

Andrico Henderson helps out



Andrico Henderson, from city of Houston Public Works shown in yellow, lent a hand replacing the manhole cover which came loose on Hughes Road last week. Leader publisher Marie Flickinger saw the potential hazard and reached the city employee asking him to replace the manhole before an accident occurred. He was aided by Officer Herrera who helped direct traffic.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

San Jac students win awards for research

San Jacinto College honors program students racked up accolades this spring statewide and regionally.

In early March 2024, the Texas State Historical Association presented C.M. Caldwell Awards for freshmen and sophomores statewide, three went to San Jacinto College honors students for their papers:

— First place: Victoria Gorton, "Elisabeth Ney: The Sculptress of Texas" (professor/mentor: Luis Reyes).

— Second place: Vanessa Maciel, "Ann Richards's Road to Governor" (professor/mentor: Dr. Eddie Weller).

— Third place: Tatum Dixon, "Frenchy's Chicken: Founding and Growth" (professor/mentor: Dr. Eddie Weller).

These students' papers may be published in the 42nd edition of the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society's journal, "Touchstone," in March 2025. This society is the Texas State Historical Association's college-level educational program.

The 41st edition of "Touchstone" — released this March — features seven articles, with four by San Jacinto College's 2023 C.M. Caldwell Award winners:

— Lana Tran, "The Legacy of Hurricane Ike on Galveston, Houston, and the Southeast Texas Coast."

— Tony Gamage, "What Provoked the Houston Riots of 1917? Who Was at Fault?"

— Annie Forte, "The Life and Career of LGBTQ+ Activist William Waybourn."

— Nancy Zamora, "The Immigration of Thousands of Jews Through the Galveston Movement."

In addition, the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society named the San Jacinto College South Campus Chapter, advised by Dr. Abbie Grubb, its Chapter of the Year.

Twenty San Jacinto College honors students presented their research at the Great Plains Honors Council conference March 22-24 at Oklahoma State University.

Competing against other community college and university students with under 60 credit hours, four students won John Britt Poster Awards in social sciences and STEM categories:

— Chloe Stegner, Denise Toledo, and Michaela Todd, "The Effect of Test-optional Policies on Undergraduate Applications, Enrollment and Students" (professor/mentor: Stephen Bonnette).

— Caroline Noonan, "Smell Ya Later (But Hopefully Not): Ammonia, Fish, and Their Toxic Relationship" (professor/mentor: Dr. Phuong Doan).

The Great Plains Honors Council serves higher education honors programs in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Partnering with the National Collegiate Honors Council, it promotes information sharing and professional growth.

"I thank faculty members, administrators, and our board of trustees for encouraging our honors students throughout the years," said Van A. Wigginton, San Jacinto Central campus provost. "Without that support, these accomplishments would have been impossible."

More than 1,000 students participate in honors classes at San Jacinto College.

Congressman Babin's staff on mobile office hours

Will Carter, chief of staff for Brian Babin's office, was at the South-Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce recently for three hours to promote the mobile office hours program. Shown, left to right, are (front row) Sonja Kelley (constituent affairs manager of Lumberton), Brittany Dennis (constituent affairs manager of Deer Park), (back row) Carter and Lisa Holbrook (chamber director).

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Volunteers judge cook-off



New Covenant Christian Church on Blackhawk held their annual spring cook-off Saturday, April 13. Assisting in the judging, shown above, left to right, are Sgt. Robert Sanchez, Capt. Zerick Guinn, Bishop Bill Hines, Oscar Salazar and Deputy Alvaro Rivas.

CB speech, debate team qualifies



At the annual District 24-6 Academic Meet, the Clear Brook Wolverine speech and debate team continued their list of wins. Shown above, left to right, are Elaina Joseph, Greg Stewart, Ariella Calili and Emily Joseph. In the event of Informative and Persuasive Extemporaneous Speaking, Elaina Joseph placed fourth and fifth respectively, Stewart took home the bronze, Calili seized the silver, and Emily Joseph placed second. Now all qualify for the upcoming regional competition.

South Belt Elementary selects March Super Steers



South Belt Elementary Super Steers for the month of March were selected for demonstrating empathy. Shown above, left to right, are (first row) Alan Posadas, Joel Guevara, Liam Almanza, Grace Okwuonu, Leah Hernandez, Evan Rodriguez, Samuel Munoz, (second row) Analia Posadas, Felix Medrano, Abigail Pina, Nicholas Gutierrez, Cesar Campos, Kaii Wallace, Abby Hernandez, (third row) Royanne Montoya, Taelynn Davis, Ava Granados, Max Leal,

Jolene Pineda, Jasmine Guevara, Avery Pavlock (fourth row) Romie Glass, Liam Hernandez, Carlos Rivera, Eric De La Garza, Sergio De Robles, Skyla Duncan, Carlisle Rangel, (fifth row) Avery Thomas, Kennedy Watson, Eduardo Hernandez, Raymond Strong and Nathan Nunez. Not pictured are Madeline Espinoza, Allison Faudoa, Alex Urias and Aiden Williams.

Photo by Lakitha Thomas (counselor)

Easter egg hunt successful



Alex Dokhani, president of the South Belt Youth Soccer Club held his grandchildren, Mason Dokhani and Ezra Dolhani while attending the annual Easter egg hunt at El Franco Lee Park. Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia is at left.

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Breaking into seafood cafe



Thieves broke into the Lone Star Seafood cafe at 10990 Fuqua Tuesday, April 16, early in the morning. To break in, it is believed they shot out the door. The thieves then broke into the safe and stole the contents. The owner of the business is hoping to press charges. City of Houston police are investigating.

Save money; take tax deductions

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praised value of your home, and as a result, could lower your property taxes," Altinger said.

Available homestead exemptions include:

School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$100,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.

Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 years of age or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$100,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for the \$10,000 homestead exemption. They qualify as soon as they turn age 65 or become disabled.

Local option exemption: Taxing units may offer an exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

Partial exemption for disabled veterans: Texas law provides partial exemptions for

any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

One hundred percent residence homestead exemption for disabled veterans: A disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployment from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead.

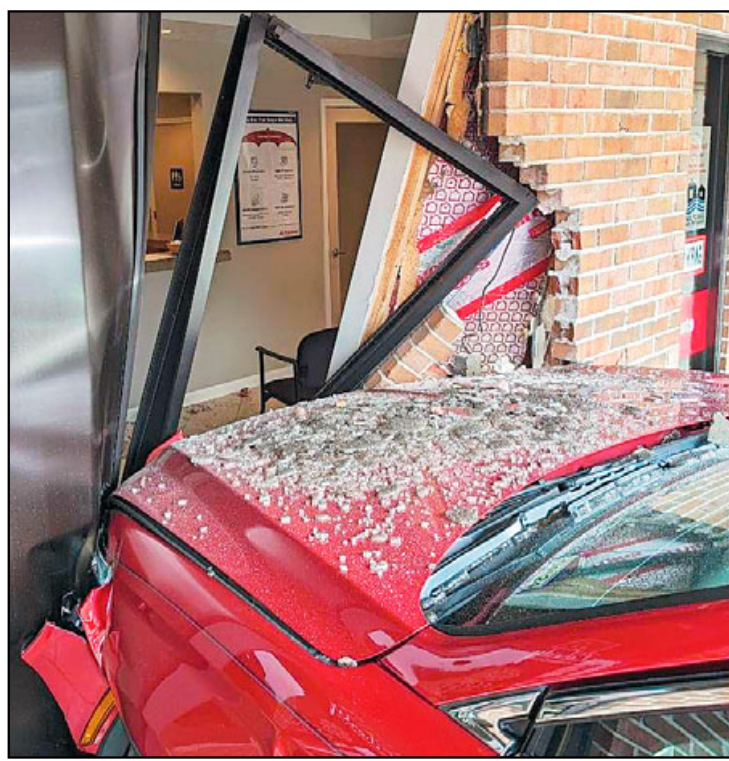
Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been in effect at the time of the veteran's death are also

eligible with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed. Surviving spouses of members of the U.S. Armed Services killed in the line of duty: The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is allowed a 100 percent property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed services member.

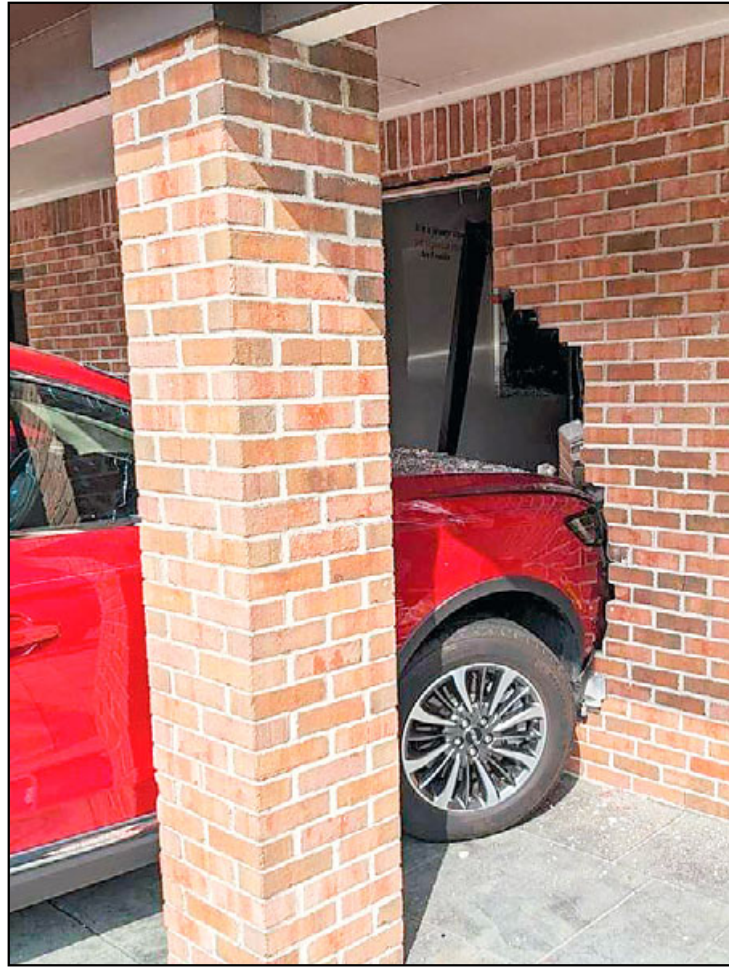
Surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty: The eligible surviving spouse of a first responder killed in the line of duty is allowed a 100 percent property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder.

For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Harris Central Appraisal District at 713-957-7800 or by web form at www.head.org > ABOUT > Contact Us. Property owners may obtain an application online at www.head.org under "Forms."

Unexpected guest at Steve Spikes



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Thompson Intermediate names honor roll

Thompson Intermediate School officials announce fifth six-weeks honor rolls for the 2023-2024 school year.

Seventh grade

Osama Emad Abdallah, Salma Emad Abdallah, Zainab Abrar, Zayden Ray Aguilari, Me'shai Adeen Alexander, Kamalia Allah-Miliariopova, Jay Isaac Amaya, Christ Emmanuel Eyram Anaglate, Mya Mercedes Andrepont, Crystal Antunez Vargas and Alexandra Gabrielle Anne Arnes.

Nathalia Baca Cepeda, Mason Thomas Baca, Jaiila Alana Bandy, Jonathan Joeharris Barber, Samantha Barraza, Louis Betancourt Mejia, Alexandra Adamari Betancourt, Edmundo Ezekiel Bravo, Alexis Taylor Brown, Nevaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Alexander Chai Buntaer, Maddison Campos and Xavier Joel Cantu.

Brandon Isaiiah Castro, Sabrina Xitlaly Cavazos, Felix Abraham Cervantes, Francine Desideria Borja Cooley, Brooklyn Arianna Coronado, Carissa Soleil Cortez, Julian Angel Cortez, Katherine Di Vu Dao, Layla Isabella Davila, Keirah Joi Davis, Emilio De La Garza and Delilah Aryana Deleon.

Jesse Gabriel Deleon, Gael Diaz, Peyton Carly Dowell, Shaikh Ashbar Faizan, Bryan Alexander Flores, Gisselle Sophia Flores-Galvan, Gabriella Edith Franklin, Makayla Dionelle Franklin, Nathaniel Aiden Cruzado Gansit, Chelsea Denise Garza, Mia Alejandra Gonzalez and Mikayla Astrid Gonzalez.

Emma Gurrusquieta, Han-

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Mia Abigail Linares, Marlon Edgardo Lopez Anariba and Nina Avani Lowtan.

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Not a place to park



Christian Haley was a little upset, as were presumably others as they tried hiking on the hike and bike trail this past weekend. Christian sent this picture to the Leader, with the caption, "Really? on a beautiful Sunday @ Bishop Park." What seemed like a thoughtless thing to do, ended up having a bigger story. As Paul Harvey use to say, "and now for the rest of the story." The equipment belongs to a contractor for Harris County. Apparently someone tried to steal the equipment and it died on them right in the middle of the hiking trail. The good news is, the individual trying to steal it, was unsuccessful. The bad news is a lot of walkers were inconvenienced. This incident should be a one-time event.

Early voting gets underway for 2 MUDs, CCISD, HCAD

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ning unopposed. For additional information on the Clear Brook City MUD board election, visit www.cbcmud.com/resources/transparency/#elections. **Sagemeadow MUD**

In the Sagemeadow MUD election, candidates Chuck Miracle and Rene Benavides filed to challenge incumbents David Montgomery and Glenn Williams. Unlike the Clear Brook City MUD, candi-

dates in the Sagemeadow election don't challenge a specific incumbent, as the two open positions will go to the two candidates who receive the most votes.

In the Sagemeadow MUD election, both ear-

ly voting and Election Day voting will take place at the Sagemeadow MUD building, located at 10755 Hall Road at Blackhawk.

For additional information on the Sagemeadow MUD election, visit www.sagemeadowud.org/about/elections. There will be no Kirkmont MUD election this cycle, as longtime incumbents Lonnie Piquiet and Jean Ann Williams are also running unopposed.

Remember When

45 years ago (1979)

Tina Jones, daughter of Geraldine and Theodore Jones, was named Beauty Queen of the Junior Miss Division at the Strawberry Festival.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new Texas Commerce Bank, South Belt.

40 years ago (1984)

Members of the Scarsdale Civic Association agreed to establish a Scarsdale crime hotline.

Padadena Jaycees named Ron Shafer, a fourth-grade teacher at Frazier Elementary School, Teacher of the Year.

35 years ago (1989)

Four former employees of companies that operated at the Brio Superfund toxic waste site acknowledged the dumping of waste materials from the site onto nearby fields which became an area sandpit.

South Belt resident Robert Alcala, 23, was severely injured in a motorcycle accident near Windmill Lakes apartments that left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

30 years ago (1994)

Drive-by shootings occurred in Sageglen and Kirkmont subdivisions the same night.

After a year and a half of operation, the Parker Williams Library on Scarsdale at Beamer received its sign.

25 years ago (1999)

At the state Junior Classical League Convention, Dobie High School's Latin Club finished in second place, behind Clear Brook High School's Latin Club.

A warrant sweep conducted by the office of Constable Gary Freeman resulted in 31 arrests and cleared a total of 89 warrants.

According to city officials, construction of two motels that residents believed were connected with sexually-oriented businesses would not be halted by city officials. Approximately 200 residents including church members, civic leaders and parents of children attended a meeting at the Christian Temple on Alameda, which followed a recent protest march in front of one of the motel sites then under construction.

The third annual South Belt Cook-off netted approximately \$4,000 for the July Fourth fireworks and provided festivities for many area residents.

20 years ago (2004)

Padadena Independent School District's future facilities committee was considering the

construction of a sixth high school west of Highway 3 to accommodate increasing enrollment.

Blues Brothers Barbecue won top overall honors at the eighth annual South Belt Barbecue Cook-off held at El Franco Lee Park.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce announced a benefit program for its members that would pool their electricity usage to obtain the best pricing and contract terms.

The Clear Creek Independent School District canceled its board of trustees election because the two open positions were unopposed.

Dan Martin, CEO of Memorial Hermann Southeast

Hospital changed positions and would assume the vice president of community initiatives job.

15 years ago (2009)

The University Interscholastic League postponed all high school competitions due to the outbreak of swine flu in the state. The move suspended all baseball and softball games, as well as regional track championships and musical and academic competitions and out-of-state trips.

Pablo Aguirre and Steve Delbello retired from the Houston Fire Department's Station 70 on Beamer Road. The pair had a combined 67 plus years on the force. The men had worked together for 28 years and had been at the

Station 70 location on Beamer since it opened its doors in 1985.

A former Dobie student was killed in a traffic accident at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway. Nayeli Gonzalez, 17, was a passenger in a Chevrolet Equinox northbound on the Gulf Freeway service road when the vehicle was struck by a Ford F-150 pickup truck traveling east on the Beltway 8 service road. After colliding with the Ford, the Equinox struck a traffic pole at the northeast corner of the intersection, and Gonzalez was ejected from the back seat. She was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

10 years ago (2014)

A judge ruled in favor of the Pasadena Independent School District's at-large election process. A group of Hispanic leaders had filed a suit against PISD in September 2012, claiming its lack of single-member voting districts violated federal laws that protect minority voters. The court said, however, that Hispanics, who make up roughly 66 percent of the district's population, still had a voting advantage even in at-large races.

In the trial of Justice of the Peace George Risner against the Harris County Republican Party, a judge ruled that GOP challenger Leonila Olivares-Salazar had one more week to collect the 250 sig-

natures necessary to appear on the November ballot. The candidate was required to collect the signatures because the original ones submitted, as required by state election law, were determined by Judge Robert Burgess to likely be fraudulent.

5 years ago (2019)

Twin brothers were simultaneously arrested on DWI charges Saturday, April 20, following a crash on Highway 3 at Beltway 8. The brothers were each driving separate vehicles. Joseph Bramlet was charged with felony DWI since he had a child in his vehicle, while James Bramlet was charged with misdemeanor DWI and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

1 year ago (2023)

Precinct 2 deputies arrested a DWI suspect Sunday, April 16, following a crash and short police chase on Beltway 8.

Deputies with the Precinct 2 Toll Road Division responded to a call from a reporter who was following a vehicle that had crashed into him and fled the scene. The caller advised the driver of the vehicle was possibly intoxicated.

The driver was identified as 28-year-old Alexis Ibarra, who had recently been convicted of a prior DWI, making this her second DWI offense.

The driver was taken into custody and charged with felony DWI (second offense) and failure to stop and render aid following an accident.

Clear Creek ISD hoped to expand its tuition-based pre-kindergarten program, according to district officials.

The school district's goal is to offer pre-kindergarten to any family in search of a quality early education by 2030.



Over The Back Fence by Natalie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAY!

Best wishes are sent April 27 for a wonderful birthday to former Leader staffer, Dobie and UT graduate Jay Do from friends and the Leader staff.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 25 through May 1.

Atkinson Elementary

Birthday greetings go out to Jessica Kidd on April 25.

Frazier Elementary

Blow out the candles April 30 for Bertha Guevara.

Genoa Elementary

Join in the birthday celebration April 26 for Portia Alvore.

Mauro Elementary

Send a happy birthday greeting April 25 to Dee Dee Pitts.

South Belt Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for Roseann Herte April 26.

Happy birthday wishes are sent April 27 to Iris Montemayor.

Melillo Middle School

The day for a birthday celebration for Jacqueline Carmona is April 27.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Break out the cake and ice cream April 27 for Lancey Graves.

Thompson Intermediate

Light the candles April 29 for a special celebration for Nicole Horne-Sherman.

Dobie High

A double-layer birthday cake April 30 is in order for Erica Moreno and Mathew Ortiz.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, April 25: Steve Jones, Misty Kuehn and Liana Pena; Friday, April 26: Traci Thompson, Stephen Brady and Dan Fortson; Saturday, April 27: Emily

Walker, Amber Allan and Penelope Villeda; Sunday, April 28: Ralph Jackson, Kelly Schwell, Jason Stonestreet, Monica Rasmussen and Carrie Ramirez; Monday, April 29: Kevin James, Jonathan Ellis, Ben Bryant and Melissa Rahman; Tuesday, April 30: Walter Trojanowsky, Norma Partida, Cindy Munoz, Diana Guzman, Scott Koplin and Mathew Ortiz; and Wednesday, May 1: Jacob De La Rosa, Kenneth Zermeno, Ladonna Alvarez, John Anderson, Elizabeth Lastovica, Vareck Herrera, David Payne, Shanna Mounce, Clint Simmons and Stephanie Sirt.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Clear Brook's McLaurin headed to state track

Kamryn McLaurin has added her name to the both lengthy and impressive list of state track and field qualifiers as the junior high jumper earned the wild-card ninth and final spot in the 6A field following the completion of the statewide regional



Clear Brook junior Kamryn McLaurin was third for a bronze medal in the 6A Region III high jump, clearing the 5-foot, 8-inch mark April 20 at Turner Stadium as she earned a wild-card entry to the state meet May 4 in Austin.

rounds. The University Interscholastic League's all classifications State Track and Field Championships will be held in Austin May 2-4 at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.

McLaurin, also a three-year varsity girls' basketball standout with the Wolverines, believes she can win it all in Austin.

"If I maintain my determination and stick to my routine, I believe I can win," she said. "As I reviewed my jump at regionals (5 feet, 8 inches for a bronze medal) I cleared the bar by two inches. I think I was a bit intimidated at the start, but I know what the possibilities are if I am at my best."

"I'm excited. I'm proud to be representing our team at state. And now that I'm going to state, my goal is to come away with the win."

McLaurin ultimately boasted the Wolverines' lone hardware at regionals as the Region III event was yet again very competitive across all events.

With the Region III high jump the last of the state's four regions to finish statewide, the Clear Brook contingent knew McLaurin was in at 5-8. She will head to Austin tied for the second-best qualifying height.

As for the 6A Region III state qualifiers in

the high jump, Summer Creek's Brianna Rivers and Kingwood's Savannah Byers both cleared 5-10 to reach state, with Rivers the Region III champion and Byers the runner-up.

With McLaurin now headed to state, the Clear Brook girls' program has now had a state qualifier in five straight seasons not including the COVID year that ended the season early.

"We are proud of Kamryn, and also proud of the program that we have had here," Clear Brook girls' head coach Erica Alexander said.

"Obviously, Kamryn

can excel on athletic ability but we believe there is more in the tank. We may work on her approach to the bar to fully take advantage of her abilities, but the most important thing is for Kamryn to feel comfortable in her routine."

"Kamryn is the first Clear Creek ISD athlete to advance to state in the high jump, so it's a huge accomplishment."

"We will have only two or three hard workouts and then just go for it from there. We are excited for Kamryn."

Elsewhere, a memorable season for the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity

track and field programs came to a close April 19-20 at the Class 5A/Class 6A Region III Track and Field Championships at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium.

While the Wolverines were poised with several realistic opportunities in the talented 6A field, a state berth eluded the locals with one top-three medal claimed.

Clear Brook junior Darwin Bolden also made a bid for state in the discus as his top toss of 163-7 was fourth-best.

Deer Park senior Jacob Marichalar won the gold

6A State High Jump Qualifiers

Athlete	School	Height
Brianna Rivers	Summer Creek	5-10
Savannah Byers	Kingwood	5-10
Kamryn McLaurin	Clear Brook	5-8
NyKaela Mays	Keller Fossil Ridge	5-8
Mackenzie Dargosa	S.A. Reagan	5-8
Keona Benford	Austin Vandegrift	5-7
Grace Bettencourt	Flower Mound	5-7
McCarley Gite	Oak Ridge	5-4
Tessa DelGrosso	Rockwall Heath	5-4

UIL State Championships May 2-4, Austin Texas' Mike A. Myers Stadium 6A High Jump: May 4

At left, the Brook girls' 4x400 relay squad wound up 11th overall in the preliminaries at 4 minutes, 1.67 seconds as that foursome included, left to right, Azayla Smith, Inayah Caldera, Patricia Barnes and Jizzale Davis. Davis also made the final in the girls' 100, taking seventh in a time of 12.23 seconds. The Wolverine boys' team had several competitors at the regional meet, with discus thrower Darwin Bolden and 100 sprinter Jaylon Owens both fourth.



Lutheran South tracksters headed to TAPPS regionals

One big step remains toward the ultimate goal as Lutheran South Academy qualifiers will compete in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 4A/5A South

Regional Championships April 25 at Matador Stadium in Seguin.

The Pioneers, part of the 5A mix, will be aiming to reach the TAPPS 4A/5A/6A state champi-

onship round May 3-4 at Midway ISD's Panther Stadium in Hewitt. The top four finishers in each event from the North and South regions will move on to state.

Lutheran South delivered an impressive performance in the first round of the postseason, which was the 5A District 5 Championships April 12 on the LSA campus at Glassel Stadium.

The Pioneer boys wound up winning the district championship, while the LSA girls were third as a team.

Senior Wilson Klein was among the many stars on the boys' side of things as he surpassed the school record in the pole vault, getting over the 15 feet, 5 inch mark for the gold medal in the event.

Perhaps the most competitive boys' event

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Dobie softball draws Atascocita

The Dobie and Atascocita varsity softball programs are set to meet in a best-of-three bidistrict playoff round series as 22-6A second-seeded Dobie meets the 21-6A third-seeded Eagles.

April 20 to get to 19-12 overall for the season.

Atascocita, which finished third in District 21-6A behind champion Kingwood and runner-up Summer Creek, finished

the regular season at 17-13 overall, including 10-4 in league play.

Both teams will enter the bidistrict playoffs riding six-game winning streaks.

Bidistrict Softball Dobie vs. Atascocita (Best-of-three series)

Game 1: April 25 at Atascocita

Game 2: April 26 at San Jac South

*Game 3: April 27 at San Jac South

*(If necessary)

All games start at 6:30 p.m.

Atascocita will host the series opener April 25 before things shift to San Jacinto College South for the middle game April 26.

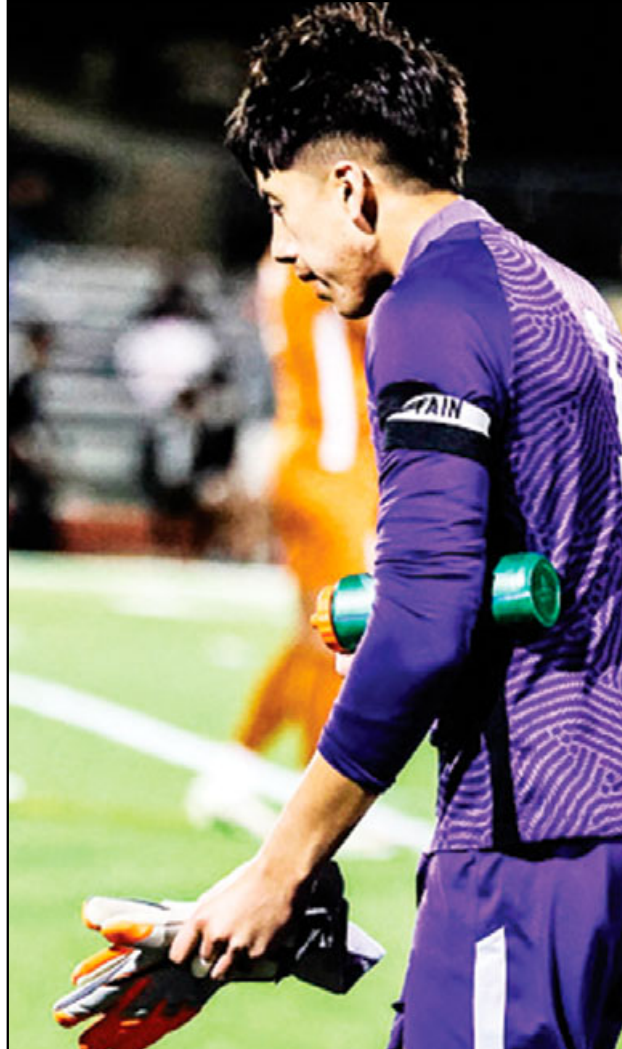
A third and deciding game, if necessary, will also be contested on the SJC South campus April 27, with each game set to start at 6:30 p.m.

Dobie, which went 10-2 within District 22-6A to finish second to eventual champion Deer Park for the fourth straight season, defeated Ridge Point 8-1 in a playoff tune-up game

Escobar, Arango lead JFD's soccer honors



Dobie boys' soccer senior co-captain Alex Escobar (8) was named the District 22-6A Offensive Most Valuable Player following an outstanding final season that saw him lead the district champions with 15 goals scored. A three-year varsity performer, Escobar ranks fourth all-time with 39 career goals. He added six assists this season for 36 total points.



Dobie co-captain Geo Arango (1) was the easy choice for Goalkeeper of the Year in the District 22-6A boys' soccer ranks as he allowed 0.57 goals per match as the last line of defense for the league champions. Arango had 13 shutouts in his final season as a senior. See additional All-District picks on Page 8.

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Perez enjoys breakout game at McNeese



McNeese State University freshman Bella Perez drove in a season-best five runs as she led the Cowboys to an 8-0 run-rule victory over Houston Christian April 19 in Lake Charles, La. Perez, a Class of 2023 Dobie graduate and four-year varsity starter, went 3 for 3 with a double as part of her big game as McNeese improved to 15-1 in Southland Conference play. Houston Christian junior pitcher Ronni Grofman, who played her first two seasons at San Jacinto College, was the losing pitcher. Perez has played in 24 total games for the Cowboys with 20 starts, hitting .346 with a pair of homers and 15 runs batted in. McNeese is 35-15 overall.

Barba starring at Galveston College

Dobie High School graduate Karlie Barba has put together an impressive sophomore season for the Galveston College Whitecaps as she and her teammates look to close out the regular season on a high note ahead of next month's Region 14 postseason tournament. Barba is one of the nation's leaders in home runs through April 19 play with 22 and has driven in 56 runs to go with 50 runs scored. Barba's 22 home runs rank fifth nationally. The left-handed swinging Barba, who put together one of the top offensive careers in program history over four seasons at Dobie, was also hitting .388 through 43 games. The sophomore is also 10-4 in the circle for the Whitecaps, who were No. 17 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division I rankings. Conference champions a season ago, Galveston College is chasing first-place San Jacinto College at present but will close the regular season April 29 at home with a pair of games against the Ravens.

Dobie's Harris long jumps at regionals

At right, Dobie junior Stacie Harris put the finishing touches on her third varsity track and field season as she competed in the high jump event at the Region III Championships April 19-20 at Turner Stadium in Humble. Harris was 12th overall in the long jump as she went 17-5 3/4 to complete her fine season. At the 22-6A meet, Harris was the district champion in the 400 and was part of Dobie's 4x400 relay squad that won gold medals. She also competed in the 100. Dobie senior Roderick Drumgo (not pictured) also competed at regionals in the shot, finishing 12th at 48-1/4.



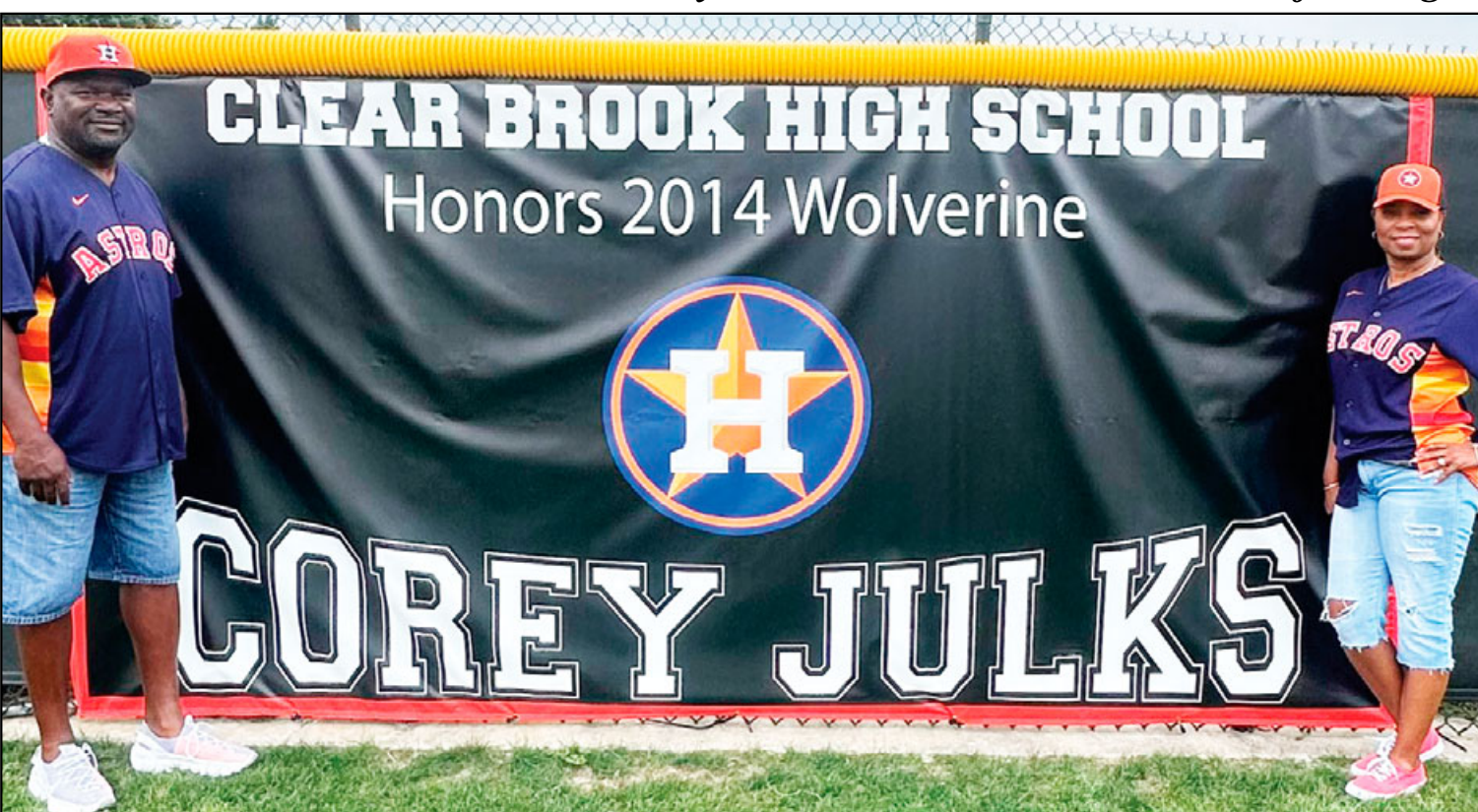
Brook, Dobie track at RIIs

Continued from Page 5 medal and a state invite with a throw of 171-10, while Katy Paetow's Joseph Otu Ugwu was the silver medalist at 167-4. Senior sprinter Jaylon Owens finished in the 100 and 200 events, taking fourth in the 100 with a time of 10.62 seconds, and his clocking of 21.71 was seventh-best. Clear Brook's Jizzale Davis made the final in the girls' 100, taking seventh in a time of 12.23. Sophomore Joshua Shelton of Clear Brook was in the 400 for a second straight season, and his time of 48.79 in the

prelims left him ninth best and one spot outside of the final. The Wolverines' 4x100 boys' relay team was 10th overall in the prelims at 41.90 as Thurston Roberson, Owens, Shelton and Joshua Akinola closed out a strong season. The Brook girls' 4x400 relay squad wound up 11th overall in the preliminaries at 4:01.67 as that foursome included Caldera, Jizzale Davis, Azayla Smith and Patricia Barnes. Clear Brook sophomore Aailslyn Blanks competed in the shot, ultimately finishing eighth in the region with a toss of 129-6.

Dobie junior Stacie Harris was 12th overall in the long jump as she went 17-5 3/4 to complete her fine season. Houston Memorial's Indya Dotson (19-5 1/2) was the gold medalist, with teammate Cate Bryant also reaching Austin at 19-2 1/2. Meanwhile, Dobie senior Roderick Drumgo wrapped up his terrific season by placing 12th overall in the shot as his top throw went 48-1/4. Katy's Adam Carter was the gold medalist at 59-4 1/4, with teammate Tyler Willis second for silver at 56-2 1/2 as the Tigers' duo advanced.

Wolverines honor baseball star Corey Julks with commemorative outfield sign



The Clear Brook baseball program honored Class of 2014 graduate and Wolverine baseball standout Corey Julks (not pictured) with a commemorative sign on the outfield wall in recognition of Julks' 2023 Major League Baseball appearance with the Houston Astros. At left is Julks' father Daren Julks, who

threw out the ceremonial first pitch prior to the Wolverines' game against Clear Springs April 16. At right is Daren Julks' wife, Tracy Palmer Julks. Corey Julks is playing with the Astros' AAA affiliate, the Sugar Land Space Cowboys, and was unable to attend the ceremony.

Pioneer track and field to compete at regionals April 25

Continued from Page 5 in the entire boys' meet came in the 800 as four athletes dashed toward the tape. Senior Matthew Gaitan took the gold in a time of 1 minute, 59.24 seconds, with twin brother Marcus Gaitan in for the silver medal. Jeremy Gaitan, a freshman, also advanced to regionals in the event as he was fourth in the 800 in a time of 1:59.83. Kristopher St. Clair of Lutheran South was dominant for a gold medal in the discus with a throw of 149-6, and his top toss of

49-10 1/2 had him advancing to regionals with a silver medal. Cole Noack also advanced to regionals in both events as he took second (136-0) in the discus and fourth (36-1) in the shot. Marcus Gaitan went for it in the 400 as his time of 49.76 earned him a silver medal and regional berth, while teammates John LeBlanc (third at 22.60) and Jonah Weber (fourth at 22.66) both qualified at the 200 distance. Matthew Gaitan was at the front for a gold medal at 4:24.57 in the 1,600, with sophomore teammate

Reid Toner the silver medalist in a time of 4:28.25. Jeremy Gaitan's fourth-place clocking of 4:37.09 also earned him a regional invitation. Toner has also reached regionals in the 3,200 after he took second for a silver medal in a time of 9:52.12. Lutheran South sophomore Case Noack was second in the 300 hurdles in a time of 42.85, while junior teammate Shamon Madison advanced in the 110 hurdles, third at 17.23. Lutheran South's Kai Conerly tied for second place and took a silver medal in the high jump at

6-0, while teammate Ben Hughes went 21-6 for a silver medal in the long jump. Hughes went one better as the gold medalist in the triple jump at 42-2 3/4, and teammate Ben Edwards was fourth at 39-1 1/2 to reach regionals. While Klein was the gold medalist in the pole vault, senior teammate Evan Rockett cleared 10-6, advancing to regionals as the fourth-place finisher. The Pioneers scored big points toward the eventual team championship, winning a gold and a pair of

silver medals in the relays for 52 points. Junior Cassidy Pfeiffer and sophomore teammate Lanie Ward reached regionals in the 100 hurdles, with Pfeiffer third (17.25) and Ward fourth (17.36). Pfeiffer also was in at 55.15 for the fourth-place spot in the 300 hurdles. Lutheran South's Emma Schepman cleared 4-8 for second place in the high jump, with teammate Elli Stoeckel third at 4-6. Schepman also moved on to regionals in the long jump as she was at 16-8 1/2 for a bronze medal. Ward and teammate

Alma Martin both cleared 10-6 in the pole vault, with Ward taking second via fewer tries and Martin third for a bronze. Senior Makynna Robbins came up with a personal best of 112-11 in the discus to reach regionals as the district silver medalist, with teammate Chidere Anagbogu fourth at 86-5 to advance. At 36-7 1/4, Robbins was third in the shot. With just one step, albeit the longest, remaining to reach the state championships, several Pioneers have kept the dream alive thus far.

San Jacinto College softball still tops Region 14 South standings



The San Jacinto College softball team swept past Alvin 4-0 and 12-0 April 22 to push its winning streak to seven games. At 35-19 overall, the Ravens are atop the Region 14 South standings at 15-3. Above, sophomore Maggie Evans (6) has sparked the offense, hitting .381 with 35 runs driven in.



Ravens' freshman pitcher Ashleigh Heiderscheidt (23) has stepped into a key role in the circle for the locals, winning five overall games with an earned run average of 4.04. San Jacinto College hosts Blinn April 27 then plays at Galveston April 29.

Dobie seniors celebrate with 11-1 win over Trojans; Torres sets strikeout mark

At right, the Dobie baseball program celebrated Senior Day April 16 at the main campus as the Longhorns' varsity team cruised past South Houston 11-1. The Longhorn seniors included, left to right, (standing) Michael Montano, (19), Ian Thomas (27), co-captain Junior Orozco (1), Liam Vasquez (36), Santos Mangana (77), co-captain A.J. Hernandez (42), Eduardo Loera (21), Austin Gonzalez (5) and Kevin Pino (18). Kneeling at front is Longhorns' head coach Miguel Torres. In the 11-1 win over the Trojans, Loera went 3 for 3 with a run scored and a run driven in while junior right-hander Cruz Torres set a new single-game strikeout mark with 14. Isaiah Jones was 3 for 3 with three runs batted in and two runs scored.



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7:30 a.m. **AA - "Breakfast With Bill,"** Hope Community United Methodist, 2838 Lily St., Pasadena. 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 online on Zoom. Visitors are welcome. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce calendar or call 281-485-3634.
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 tours.
Noon **AA - Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill,"** See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
7:30 a.m. **AA - "Breakfast With Bill,"** See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, 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.

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1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 beforehand.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
SUNDAY, APRIL 28
8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has a worship and Bible study programs at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. 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. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - Meets at CrossRoads UMC 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, APRIL 29
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill,"** See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA - Imperfect Nooners**, 1:30 - 3 p.m. 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Volunteers will teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.
7 p.m. **AA - St. Luke's 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 Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First

Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
TUESDAY, APRIL 30
7:30 a.m. **AA - "Breakfast With Bill,"** See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Noon **AA - Imperfect Nooners**. See Thursday noon notice.
6:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - Club #05324194 meets in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit seahouston.toastmastersclub.org or call 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
7:30 a.m. **AA - "Breakfast With Bill,"** See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA - Imperfect Nooners**. See Thursday's notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Casual ballroom dancing offered. Call 281-554-1180.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
THURSDAY, MAY 2
7:30 a.m. **AA - "Breakfast With Bill,"** Hope United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St., Pasadena. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, online on Zoom or call 281-485-3634.
9:30 a.m. **NASA Aglow Community Light house** - 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. Speaker evangelist Betty Jones will be there. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. Call 281-910-1971 or visit aglow.net.
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22-6A Dobie boys' soccer champions earn All-District accolades



Dobie senior defender Andres Hernandez (4) was honored as a 22-6A first team All-District selection as he came up big time after time, contributing to a Longhorn defense that allowed the fewest goals leaguewide.



Senior defender Fernando Garcia (3) was chosen as a 22-6A first team All-District selection as he helped the back line for Dobie's varsity boys' soccer team en



Dobie senior forward Jahir Arias (9) had three goals and four assists as he was a first team All-District selection within the 22-6A ranks. *Courtesy photo*



Dobie varsity boys' soccer senior Kevin Dominguez (10) tied the single-season program record for assists with 15 and added six goals on his way to a first team All-District honor.



The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team will again go through a bit of an overhaul in the offseason via senior graduation, but freshman Gabriel Martinez (18) will be a key returnee after a terrific debut season with the Longhorns that saw Martinez named the 22-6A Newcomer of the Year as well as a 22-6A first team All-District selection. Martinez added a pair of goals.



The District 22-6A Senior of the Year was Dobie's J.P. Rodriguez, a team co-captain who scored four goals and dished out seven assists to help lead the Longhorns to the league title for a 10th straight season. He was also a first team All-District selection.



Jeferson Aleman (7) of Dobie scored 12 goals and dealt three assists a one of the Longhorns' leading scorers this season as he earned a 22-6A first team All-District selection for his outstanding play during the 2024 season.

All-District 22-6A Second Team – Dobie

- Axel Olmedo, defender*
- Daniel Campero, defender*
- Pavel Gonzalez, defender*
- Gael Pineda, forward*
- Brandon Perez, midfielder*

22-6A Honorable Mention

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