

CBC sewer work underway

Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District is working on the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project in Sageglen, Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow I and II subdivisions. CBC-MUD residents should be aware that the phone numbers for the contractor on last month's notification insert were incorrect. The correct number to contact Nerie Construction is 281-996-5551. The fax number is 346-319-5172. District residents may call the MUD directly at 281-484-1562. The district apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

JFD band concert set

The Dobbie Longhorn Band spring concert and silent auction will take place Tuesday, May 21, in the school auditorium. Auction items include a football signed by three former Houston Texans. The silent auction will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m. For information, contact KRErickson@pasadenaisd.org.

Garcia meeting planned

Newly elected Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia will host a community meeting Tuesday, May 21, at the East Harris County Activity Center, 7340 Spencer Highway in Pasadena, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will focus on flooding and the environment.

Gulf Freeway closures set

There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. Sunday, June 30. At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

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

PIP to meet May 21

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker to be announced. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Saturday, May 25.

At least one outside lane on the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at SH 288 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, May 31.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, May 25.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, May 25.

At least one outside lane on the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, May 29.

Frazier's Shelton to retire

Becky Shelton is retiring from Frazier Elementary after 24 years as the school nurse. There will be a reception at Frazier Thursday, May 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. The community is invited to join Frazier in extending best wishes to her as she starts a new chapter in her life.

Cowboys cheer holds clinic

Sagemont Cowboys Cheer Team will host a one-day cheer clinic for children ages 5-14, on May 25, at Clear Lake City Sports and Recreation Complex, 16511 Diana Lane, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$38 until May 20, when it increases to \$45. It includes a T-shirt, cheer bow, pom poms and lunch. For additional information or to register, email Sagemont Cowgirls@gmail.com.

Knights sponsor blood drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive at St. Luke's social hall, 11011 Hall Road, on Sunday, May 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Val Comeaux at 713-582-5358.

Sageglen to meet May 20

The Sageglen Community Association's monthly meeting will be Monday, May 20, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 281-481-2160.

Heavy rains pound South Belt community

Extreme storms once again pounded the South Belt community on Thursday, May 9, causing local flooding and power outages.

According to Harris County officials, the rain gauge at the Beamer ditch Hughes Road recorded 4.72 inches of rainfall over a 24-hour period. The precipitation came just two days after another storm dumped 3.4 inches of rain at the same gauge on Tuesday, May 7.

As a precaution, the Pasadena Independent School District, the Clear Creek Independent

School District and the San Jacinto College District all canceled classes on Friday, May 10. San Jacinto College also postponed commencement ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, May 11. The ceremonies have been rescheduled for Friday, May 17, at NRG Stadium.

No make-up days will be required for either Pasadena ISD or Clear Creek ISD, as both districts have secured enough instructional minutes for the academic year.

Many parts of the community were left with-

out power for much of Thursday night and Friday morning. The power outage also forced several businesses to close.

At press time Wednesday, more storms were in the weekend forecast, with a predicted rainfall of approximately 1 inch.

Storms wreak havoc on area



Severe weather once again struck the South Belt community, delivering nearly 5 inches of rain. Heavy winds accompanied the storms, causing massive power outages throughout the area. Emergency crews are shown above restoring power in the Food Town parking lot at the intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer. Local schools were forced to cancel classes, and several businesses were also forced to close. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Swimming pools to open for summer

Summer is around the corner, and with it comes the opening of several area pools to help South Belters beat the heat.

All local pools will be open Saturday, May 25, through Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day weekend. They will then reopen on Friday, May 31, for the duration of the summer. All area pools will be closed for cleaning on Mondays (with the exceptions of Memorial Day and Labor Day).

The City of Houston's Sagemont and Beverly Hills swimming pools will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m.

Clear Brook Meadows' pool hours will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Sageglen pool hours will be from noon through 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

Both Riverstone Ranch pools will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on Sundays, when hours will be from noon to 8 p.m.

Ashley Pointe's pool hours will be from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Highland Meadows' pool hours are 3 to 8 p.m.

The splash pad at El Franco Lee Park will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. until October.

Leader offers Taylor-Sullivan correction

The story titled "Husband arrested in JFD grad murder" in last week's *Leader* contained multiple inaccuracies.

According to the family members, the victim's actual name is Jesika Taylor-Sullivan, rather than Jesika Taylor.

Contrary to the article's headline, while Taylor-Sullivan was raised in the South Belt community, she did not attend J. Frank Dobbie High School, and she was not a member of the campus's Lariaette dance team.

Taylor-Sullivan, in fact, attended Clear Brook High School, before transferring to Westfield High School in North Houston. While at Westfield, Taylor-Sullivan was a member of the high school's drill team, similarly named the Lariettes. Taylor-Sullivan did, however, attend both

Moore Elementary and Thompson Intermediate, as reported.

The former resident was found dead at an apartment in Alvin on Wednesday, May 1. Investigators ruled the death a homicide.

Taylor-Sullivan's husband, Brandon Garrett, was subsequently arrested and charged with her murder. At press time, he remained in custody, being held on \$165,000 bond.

The victim left behind two daughters, who are now in the custody of her mother.

A GoFundMe account has been established to help the family defray funeral costs. To donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/jesika-taylor-sullivan-memorial-fund>.

The *Leader* staff apologizes for any confusion. See related obituary on Page 2A.

Chamber salutes local military

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's inaugural luncheon to honor local service members was a great success Thursday, May 9, as representatives from all military branches at Ellington Field met at the Lone Star Flight Museum in honor of Military Appreciation Month.

The brainchild of chamber board member Cynthia Hawk, the event recognized the Texas Air National Guard, U.S. Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marines Reserves and U.S. Navy Reserves, all of which are stationed at the Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base.

Sageglen resident and retired U.S. Marine Col. Joe McPhail, 97, was a special guest at the function. Born in 1921, McPhail earned his private pilot's certification during the summer of 1941, and on Dec. 4, 1941, he began his active duty just three days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

McPhail served the nation in both WWII and the Korean War, flying 240 combat missions. He has received multiple awards and honors, including two Distinguished Flying Crosses and 11 Air Medals.

McPhail now travels to different air shows,

where he shares his experiences and signs autographs.

Lt. Col. Andrew J. Camacho, vice commander, 147th Wing, Texas Air National Guard, served as guest speaker of the event.

A part of the 147th at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base since 2009, Camacho assumed his current role of vice wing commander on April 1 of this year.

In this role, he assists the commander in organizing, training, equipping and maintaining combat ready forces for rapid deployment and employment on wartime missions for 1,085 guardsmen in support of Joint Terminal Attack, MQ-9 Reaper, Surveillance and Reconnaissance and Expeditionary Combat Support missions.

Camacho discussed Ellington Field's changing role, and how in recent years – particularly after Hurricane Harvey – the mission of the military units stationed there has evolved from war craft to domestic operations or "dom ops."

Such operations include monitoring the border, battling narcotic trafficking and monitoring infrastructure during times of emergency.

Chamber officials said they intend to make the event an annual function in future years.

Land dispute heads to mediation

The owner of a controversial piece of property on Dixie Farm Road at Blackhawk and a developer who once planned to turn the spot into a shopping center have been ordered to mediation by a Harris County judge.

The order is aimed at expediting a county purchase of the land so that it may now be used for a flood control project. The 50-acre site was originally to be developed into a 60,000-square-foot retail center and restaurant, but the project came to a halt this past summer when it was de-

termined that it was approved utilizing outdated flood maps. Once the development came to a stop, Harris County offered to purchase the property for \$2.7 million, with plans to potentially construct a detention pond similar to the nearby South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin. While the property owner agreed to the deal, the developer filed a lawsuit, claiming to be entitled to 50 percent of the sale, leaving the offer in limbo. The two parties have 30 days from April 22, in which to reach an agreement in the lawsuit.

Pedestrian dies in Edgebrook crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred around 11 a.m. Friday, May 10, in the 11000 block of the Gulf Freeway service road near Edgebrook.

The identity of the male victim, 29, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, the victim and the driver of a green Jeep Liberty got into a domestic disturbance, in which the victim damaged the window of the Jeep. Both persons then drove to a glass repair shop at the above address to get the window fixed.

As the victim exited the Jeep and walked inside the business, the driver of the Jeep began

leaving the location. The victim then grabbed onto the Jeep and held on as the driver slowly drove southbound on the Gulf Freeway service road.

He then let go and began running behind the Jeep and was struck by a gray Nissan Altima traveling south on the Gulf Freeway service road.

Paramedics transported the victim to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the Nissan, who remained at the scene, was questioned and released.

No charges have been filed at this time, as the investigation is continuing.

County holds flood meeting May 30

The Harris County Flood Control District will hold a Community Engagement Meeting for the Dagg Road Stormwater Detention Basin from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, at the Tom Bass Community Center, located at 15108 Cullen Blvd.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform residents about the status of the Dagg Road Stormwater Detention Basin and share project information.

The Dagg Road Stormwater Detention Basin focuses on reducing the existing flood risks along Clear Creek by lowering peak flows and water surface elevations, enhancing existing aes-

thetic qualities of Adair Park and the Clear Creek watershed, developing opportunities for recreation within Harris County Precinct 1, and enhancing public safety within the proposed project site.

This project will be funded with bonds approved by Harris County voters on August 25, 2018. Community engagement is an important component of the Bond Program, and residents are invited to participate as the program is implemented.

For questions, contact the Flood Control District at 713-684-4000, or fill out the comment form online www.hcfdc.org/F03.

South Belters shine in Pearland election

The results from the May 4 Pearland Independent School District Board of Trustees election have been tallied, with two individuals with ties to the South Belt community coming out on top.

In the Position 6 race, incumbent Lance Botkin easily defeated challenger, IT engineer Joseph Say, receiving more than 70 percent of the vote.

A 1989 J. Frank Dobbie High School graduate, Botkin received 3,846 total votes to Say's 1,614 votes.

Originally elected to serve on the board in 2013, Botkin is a former Pearland High School teacher and football coach. He now works in outside sales.

In the Position 7 election, incumbent Jeff Barry handily defeated challengers, Houston Inde-

pendent School District special programs coordinator Al Lloyd and Carmine Petrillo, receiving 64.4 percent of the vote.

Barry received 3,534 total votes to Lloyd's 1,598 and Petrillo's 353.

Barry is president of Barry Insurance Group, an independent insurance agency with an office on Featherwood near Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway. His previous office was located adjacent to the *Leader* on Beamer near Beltway 8. He is a Green Tee resident.

In the last remaining Pearland ISD race, Position 5 incumbent Rebecca Decker easily defeated challenger, neurologist Dr. Dona Kim Murphy.

A trustee since 2010, Decker received 4,024 votes to Murphy's 1,524.

Flight museum welcomes military



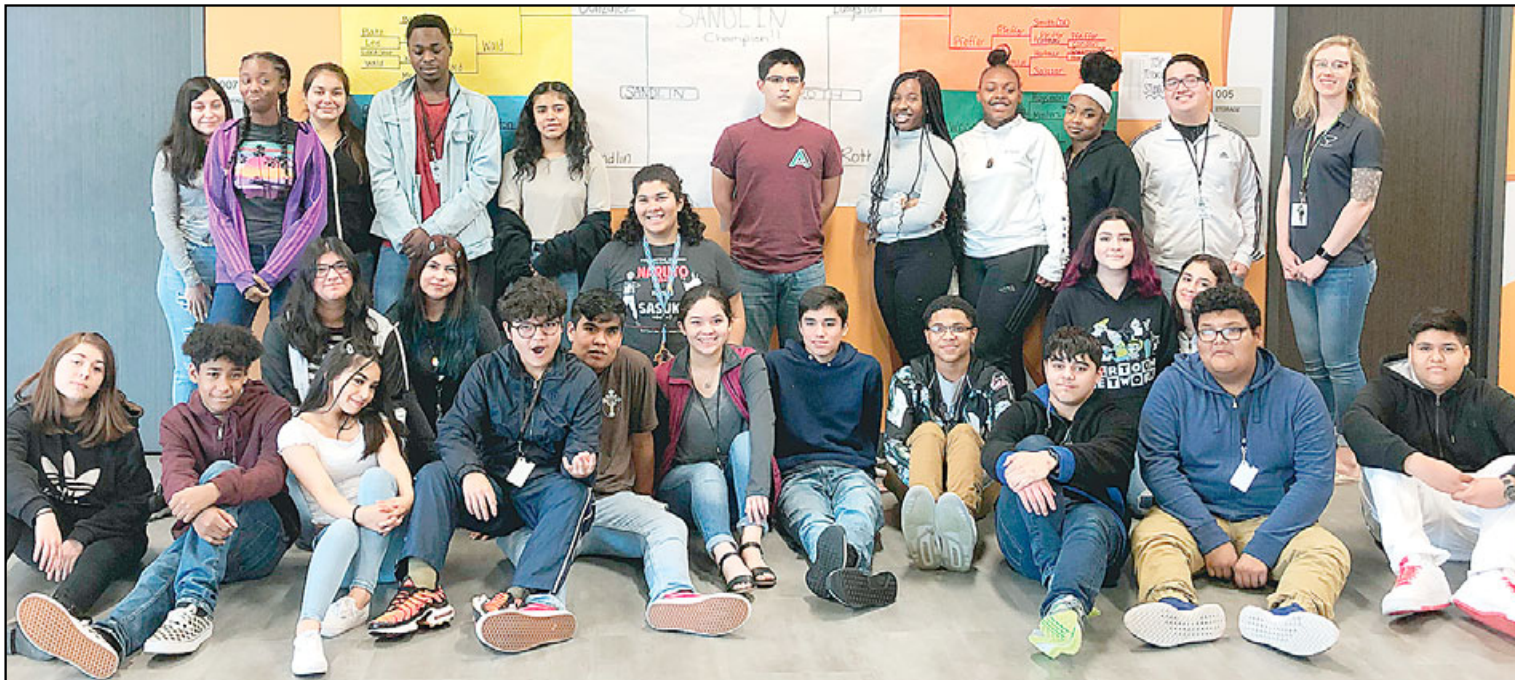
In honor of May being Military Appreciation Month, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon Thursday, May 9, at the Lone Star Flight Museum to recognize personnel from Ellington Field. Being honored were service members from the Texas Air National Guard, U.S. Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and U.S. Navy Reserves, all of whom are stationed at the Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base. The event was chaired by chamber board member Cynthia Hawk (center). Shown above with Hawk at the luncheon are Arturo Machuca, general manager, Ellington Airport and Houston Spaceport (left); and Lt. Col. Andrew J. Camacho, vice commander, 147th Wing, Texas Air National Guard, who served as guest speaker of the event. See related photo on Page 6A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Beverly Hills performs national anthem at Astros game



Some South Belt community members were surprised but happy to see the Beverly Hills Intermediate choir, band and orchestra perform "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Houston Astros game on Thursday, April 25. Although the Astros did not prevail in the subsequent game, the students performed well. Photo by Steven Thomson

Sandlin's class claims victory in Dobie9 March Madness



Students at Dobie9 High School recently participated in a campus-wide "March Madness" tutoring incentive. Students earned points for their fourth-period class by attending tutorials during mega lunch. After six weeks of competition, Early College teacher Miranda Sandlin's fourth-period world geography class came out on top as the Dobie9 March Madness champions with 413 tutoring attendance points. Shown are the students in that class, left to right, (front row) Celeste Spiller, Tre Villanueva, Angelina Luis, Alexandra Luna, Angelica Rubio, Jimmy Le, Gabriel Barbosa, Leslie Gonzalez, Cristian Sepulveda, Xavier Malone, Estevan Guzman, Amber Webster, Brianna Vasquez, Ramiro Garcia, Alexander Torres, (back row) Natalie Contreras, Shayla Morrison, Natalie Zeledon, Travis Small-Jones, Maya Salinas, Paris Saldarriaga, Nathan Delagarza, Boston McAfee, Ashley Brown-Klawuhn, Jaelan Sherman, David Maldonado and Sandlin. Photo submitted

Meador recognizes Noon Optimist recipients, staff



Meador Elementary recognized this year's Pasadena Noon Optimist award winners. Shown are the Noon Optimist recipients, above left, left to right, Tara Merida, counselor; Annette Stubbs, peer facilitator recipient; Alyssa Rodriguez, third-grade recipient; Beverly Bolton, principal; Jillian Mikusky, fourth-grade recipient; and Amy Clowers, assistant principal. Meador also recognized Cecilia Stewart, clerical aide/art



liaison, on her 30 years of service in PISD and Kim Cowan, first-grade teacher, for 25 years of service. Joycelyn Woodard was also named Teacher of the Year. Shown above right are Stewart (left) and Bolton. Shown below left are, Cowan (left) and Bolton. Shown below right are Bolton (left) and Woodard.

Photos by Tara Merida



Chamber honors McPhail



Sageglen resident and retired U.S. Marine Corps Col. Joe McPhail, 97, was a special guest of honor at a recent luncheon at the Lone Star Flight Museum to honor local military stationed at Ellington Field. Hosted by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the event was held in recognition of May being Military Appreciation Month. Recognized at the function were the Texas Air National Guard, U.S. Army National Guard, U.S. Army Reserves, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marines Reserves and U.S. Navy Reserves, all of whom are stationed at the Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base. A veteran of both WWII and the Korean War, McPhail flew 240 combat missions. See related story and photo on Page 1A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Bill endorsed by organizations

Continued from Page 3A
and its implementation are the purview of the federal government and should not be carried out by local and state law enforcement.

On top of that, this program is costing local county governments millions of dollars that would be better spent lifting up, not locking up, the community," said Johnson.

"Programs that enable state and local law enforcement agents to assume federal immigration enforcement responsibilities will increase racial profiling, undermine public safety, and exact undue suffering on immigrant communities. Our legislation would prevent the fraudulent use of local taxpayer funds to convert local police agencies into extensions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement who effectively tear families apart and terrorize law-abiding, hardworking families. Our communities don't need more enforcement, they need investments in education, access to affordable health care, and jobs," said Garcia.

"With limited time and resources, local and state law enforcement should be focused on keeping their communities safe and pursuing serious threats, not acting as ICE agents," Sen. Cory Booker said. "Immigration enforcement should be the job of the federal government and it's time we revoke ICE's authority to deputize our local police officers."

The bill is endorsed by the American Civil Liberties Union, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, the Asian-Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, Detention Watch Network, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, Hispanic Federation, the Immigration Hub, Indivisible, National Council of Jewish Women, the National Immigrant Justice Center and United We Dream.

"This legislation is a crucial step toward halting ICE's destructive ensnare-

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LSA baseball to final; seeking another title

Sophomore Luke Harrison took the mound in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II state baseball championship game May 15, after press time, as the Pioneers sought a second straight state title.

The Pioneers took on Fort Worth Christian in the final after downing Corpus Christi Incarnate Word in the semifinals at Crosby High School May 14.

In that semifinal, the Pioneers' Treva Morse fired a two-hit, complete-game shutout, striking out nine along the way.

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Alvin softball eliminates Lady Horns

A five-run second inning was enough to propel Alvin to a 9-1 win in the second and deciding game of a regional quarterfinal softball playoff series as Dobie saw its deepest playoff run since 2012 come to a close.

The two teams, looking to avoid wet weather in Houston, traveled to Mumford High School in Bryan May 9 for what could have been a doubleheader.

Instead, Alvin erupted for 17 hits, 16 of them singles, to take the series two games to none after rallying for a 6-5 win in the opener May 6 at Manvel High School.

Alvin now moves on to the Region III semifinals to take on Katy, with Deer Park and Tompkins meeting in the other semifinal.

Dobie's loss brought a close to the incredible high school career of Taylor Pleasants, who had two of her team's five hits in her final game.

Her career has come to a close, but Dobie's Taylor Pleasants (17) very well can be considered the program's best-ever offensive player after a four-year standout career loaded with accomplishments.

Photo by Jade Wise



Gators close out Horns

Poised with a chance to eliminate a district champion for the second straight series and advance farther than any team since the 1990s, the Dobie varsity baseball team fell a bit short as Dickinson won the decisive third game 5-2 at Crosby High School.

The Longhorns won the first game of the series 4-3 on May 10 in Galveston, but then watched as the Gators, co-champions of District 24-6A, evened the series with a 4-0 win.

The following day, persistent rain forced teams from across the city to scramble for dry playing conditions. Crosby wound up hosting the crucial third game that saw Dobie take an early 2-0 lead before the Gators rallied for the win.

Dickinson advances to take on Kingwood in the regional quarterfinals, while Dobie's solid run has ended with the team at 22-11 overall this season.

The Longhorns had to be brimming with confidence following a game one win as Damien Lopez went 4 1/3 innings for the win and the locals scored the go-ahead run in the sixth inning with the help of two Dickinson errors.

With three-year starter and first team all-district pitcher Daniel Garza set to go in the second game, the Longhorns appeared to be in good shape.

Garza did his part, going the distance and allowing just two earned runs while fanning five. However, the Gators' Nathan Ingram was a bit better, striking out five and scattering five hits in a complete-game shutout.

In the winner-take-all third game, Dickinson's Connor Greer out-dued two Longhorn pitchers as the Gators went on to the 5-2 win.

Greer went 6 2/3 in-

JFD baseball sets Mantle tryouts

The Dobie High School baseball staff will host Mickey Mantle summer league tryouts for incoming freshmen as of the 2019-2020 school year Tuesday, May 21, at Longhorn Field.

The tryouts will begin at 4:30 p.m., and those who wish to participate are required to bring their own bat, glove, cleats, etc. and be ready to compete promptly at the designated start time.

The Dobie Mickey Mantle League team will play games against teams from neighboring programs this summer both at Dobie as well as other locations. Current academic eligibility is required.

Clear Brook, Dobie to host spring games

Supporters of both the Clear Brook and Dobie football programs will get an early look at what things could look like on the field later this fall as the respective groups prepare to host their final scrimmages to commence spring workouts.

The Wolverines, coming off a 4-6 campaign in 2018, will host their scrimmage Wednesday, May 22, on campus at 3:45 p.m. as head coach Lupe Florez puts the Wolverines through the paces.

Dobie, meanwhile, will host its spring game after school Tuesday, May 21, as head coach Kevin Bernethy takes a look at both returning and first-year possibilities heading into the 2019 offseason.

The Longhorns have high hopes moving forward after a 7-4 campaign in which the locals advanced to the postseason 2015.

Spring Scrimmages
Dobie - May 21
Clear Brook - May 22

Dickson eighth at state track

At right, Clear Brook freshman sprinter Camryn Dickson (left) is shown with Lady Wolverine legend Erica Alexander during the University Interscholastic League's State Track and Field Championships May 11 at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin. Dickson clocked in at 11.88 seconds to finish eighth in the 100 dash final, with Summer Creek's Tiana Rande grabbing gold at 11.51 seconds.

Pleasants, who now assists with the sprinters at Clear Brook, won six gold medals at state in the same stadium during her illustrious career with the Lady Wolverines.

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San Jac College softball down to must-wins

Sixth-ranked Tyler moved into prime position at the Region XIV Softball Championships May 14, handing San Jacinto a 10-0 loss in a winner's bracket game.

With the win, Tyler has advanced to one of the winner's bracket positions, set to take on host Angelina May 15, after press time.

The Region XIV tournament winner as well as the tournament finalist will advance to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I JUCO World Series later this month in St. George, Utah.

The tournament was delayed in Lufkin by weather. When play did get underway, San Jacinto opened things with an easy 8-0 shutout victory over Bossier Parish.

In the subsequent, winner's bracket game, Tyler handed San Jacinto a 10-0 by mercy rule after five innings. Coming into the event, both Tyler (55-7, ranked fifth nationally) and Angelina (39-9, ranked No. 16 in the nation) were considered the favorites to move on to nationals.

San Jacinto was set to take on Kilgore in an elimination game May 15, after press time. Visit www.njcaa.org for more.

Region XIV Softball
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Lions' seventh-grade soccer wins PISD



The Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade boys' soccer team closed out what was a dominating athletics season for the Lions during the 2018-2019 school year. In winning the Pasadena ISD soccer championship game at the seventh-grade level, the Lions completed a season that saw the school win a total of three football championships, three more in basketball and another in soccer. Members of the Lions' seventh-grade championship

soccer team are, left to right, (front row) Darien Valdez, Ivan Sanchez, Joshua Lopez, Simon Sepulveda, Anthony Turner, Juan Rodriguez, (back row) coach Daniel Merillas, Jesus Gamez, Mark Quilanton, Eliud Garcia, Daniel Saravia, ElRey Quintanina, Damian Rosales, Randy Reyes, Oscar Huerta, Daniel Campero, Daniel Martinez, David Miranda and coach Daniel Sawyer.

Krush 8-under softball wins at Deer Park



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under Krush softball team completed their season in style, capturing first place in the Deer Park End of the Season Bash. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Chloe Bizzarri, Sophia Robinson,

Adriana Robinson, Camila Padua, Mayra Lira, (middle row) Molly Castaneda, Bella Guerra, Cecilia Velasquez, Mia Gonzalez, Mikaela Torres, Anelee Williams, (back row) coaches Jonathan Williams, Carlos Padua and Sal Castaneda.

JFD boys' soccer players land TASCO postseason honors



Dobie senior Illsen Urrutia (3), the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player as the glue to the team's defense this season, was a Region III first team selection by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. Urrutia was also a Dobie team captain this season.



Bryan Nava was a TASCO first team all-region pick the program's all-time leading goal scorer. He was the District 22-6A Offensive Player of the Year.

Photos by Jade Wise



At left, three-year letterman Alberto Chavez (2) was a key contributor to the Longhorns this season in a variety of areas as he was a first team all-22-6A pick. After the season, Chavez was also a second team all-region pick by Texas Association of Soccer Coaches representatives.

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At right, Christian Saldivar, having continued the success of Saldivar brothers within the Dobie boys' soccer program, was a TASCO second team selection this season and was also a District 22-6A first team pick. His brothers, Hector and Edwin, both previously played for the Longhorns.



Local players enter postseason softball

Fun times are indeed ahead for three former Dobie High School varsity softball players who have either begun or will begin collegiate postseason play soon.

Former District 22-6A Most Valuable Player and current Texas Tech University freshman outfielder Yvonne Whaley will be in the lineup as the Lady Red Raiders take part in the Baton Rouge Regionals beginning May 17.

Texas Tech, which finished the regular season at 39-14 after being ranked in the top 10 nationally at one point, will play in the double elimination tournament along with host Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech and Monmouth.

Whaley, who started 33 games and appeared in 41 total during the regular season, hit .291 this season with four doubles. She has 23 hits to this point in the season as the Lady Red Raiders look to advance to the Super Regional level and beyond.

Marissa Longoria, now a junior catcher at UH-Victoria, drove in a

run with a squeeze bunt as the Jaguars opened play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Opening Round Softball Championships with a 6-1 win over Bellevue May 13 in Dodge City, Kan.

UH-Victoria then scored one of its biggest wins ever, defeating defending national champion University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma 1-0 as senior pitcher Peyton Branham tossed a shutout for the locals.

UH-Victoria is bidding for a spot in the NAIA World Series May 23-29.

Former Dobie shortstop and current Stephen F. Austin senior Emily Wolfe will be in play as the Ladyjacks go up against UT-Arlington in first-round play at the Postseason National Invitational Softball Championship.

Stephen F. Austin will host the Nacogdoches Regional along with UT-Arlington, McNeese and Middle Tennessee.

Wolfe has started 55 of 56 games this season, helping SFA to a 35-21 overall record. She has 34 hits in 12 at-bats.

SJC's Rutledge, Acker pace all-region picks

San Jacinto College right-hander Jackson Rutledge and lefty Dane Acker were the top two picks by the league's coaches as the Region 14 honorees were announced.

Rutledge, perhaps the most dominating right-hander across JUCO baseball this season, pitched to an earned run average of 0.88, allowing just eight earned runs all season.

In going 9-2 overall, Rutledge registered 134 strikeouts in 82 2/3 innings.

The University of Arkansas transfer has signed with the University of Kentucky but very well

could sign professionally following next month's MLB June Amateur Draft.

Considered the top JUCO prospect in years by several baseball social media sites, Rutledge is projected to be a sure-fire first round selection next month.

Acker has signed to play at the University of Oklahoma next season but could also be drafted professionally this season.

In his one season at San Jacinto College, Acker was 10-0 as a starter, fanning 97 hitters in 76 1/3 innings of work. He wound up with an ERA of 2.37.

Dobie baseball falls

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season. Dobie went 22-11 this season overall, losing out on the opportunity to play at least six nondistrict/tournament games due to rain.

The Longhorns locked up the fourth playoff seed behind district champion Kingwood, second-place Atascocita and Summer Creek, which wound up third.

Kingwood and Atascocita are involved in regional quarterfinal action, while Summer Creek and Dobie

were knocked out in the area round.

Finishing fourth, Dobie drew District 21-6A champion La Porte in the bidistrict series and largely controlled the action over both games, sweeping the series 7-4 and 8-1.

Garza will return as a fourth-year starting pitcher and infielder.

Other key returnees for next season within the Dobie program will include Dom Martinez, Christian Cleckley, Alan Lopez, Justin Blogg, Miguel Torres and Noah Torres.

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Longtime softball rivals clash in regional quarterfinals; Alvin advances to final four

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The Lady Longhorns had hoped to bounce back from that difficult 6-5 loss in the series opener, but

the Yellowjackets came away with the five-run second inning to seize control in the eventual clincher at Mumford High School. Clarissa Barron, who

tied the series opener in the bottom of the seventh with a bases-clearing triple, went 3 for 4 in the second game to help her team in a big way.

Alvin junior Jodie Aguirre, who has been the pitcher of record in all 34 of her team's wins, allowed five singles and a run in the game.

Camryn Wincher, Dobie's leading RBI producer this season and one of the area's top returning offensive players for 2020, had a hit and drove in the

Lady Longhorns' lone run in the game. Dobie finished the season with 26 wins, putting together a great final stretch that included grab-

bing the No. 2 playoff seed in a play-in series against Atascocita and Memorial. Pleasants' softball career at Dobie is complete, but what a memorable

four years it was. She had a grand slam in the postseason in 2018 and came up with multiple home runs in this postseason.

As for the future, it's now up to Wincher and her teammates to begin preparation for what should be another terrific run in 2020.

Pasadena High School's 1958 state football semifinalists honored

PASADENA ISD ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME



Many players from the 1958 Pasadena High School varsity football state finalist team reunited last month as the team was inducted into the Pasadena ISD Hall of Fame at Phillips Field House. To this day, the Eagles' 1958 team is the first and only PISD football program to reach the state championship game. That season, the team went 9-1 in the regular sea-

son and then won three playoff games, including a 7-6 defeat of Corpus Christi Miller in the state semifinals, to reach the title game. Although the Eagles then lost 48-6 to Wichita Falls, the team wound up ranked within the top five in the state that season, finishing at 12-1 overall.

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A strong first season of play at the varsity level behind her, junior-to-be Jasmin Benitez (2) is one of many key starters set to return in 2020 as the Lady Longhorns look to again advance deep into the playoffs.

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Brook sets strength, conditioning

Clear Brook varsity football head coach Lupe Florez and varsity girls' soccer coach Jamie Scott will codirect the school's annual strength and conditioning workouts.

The workouts will be held on Mondays through Thursdays, from June 3 through July 26.

Incoming seventh-through 12th-grade students are encouraged to attend the voluntary workouts. The cost is \$100 per student, which includes 10 weeks of training as well as a Wolverines' strength

and conditioning T-shirt.

Students entering the 10th through 12th grades as of next school year will attend weight room activities from 7 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. each day, with outdoor training to follow from 8 to 8:55 a.m.

All female students will work in the weight room from 8 to 8:55 a.m., and work outdoors from 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m., which ends the training each day.

Seventh- through ninth-grade boys will work out in the weight room at 9 a.m., with outside work

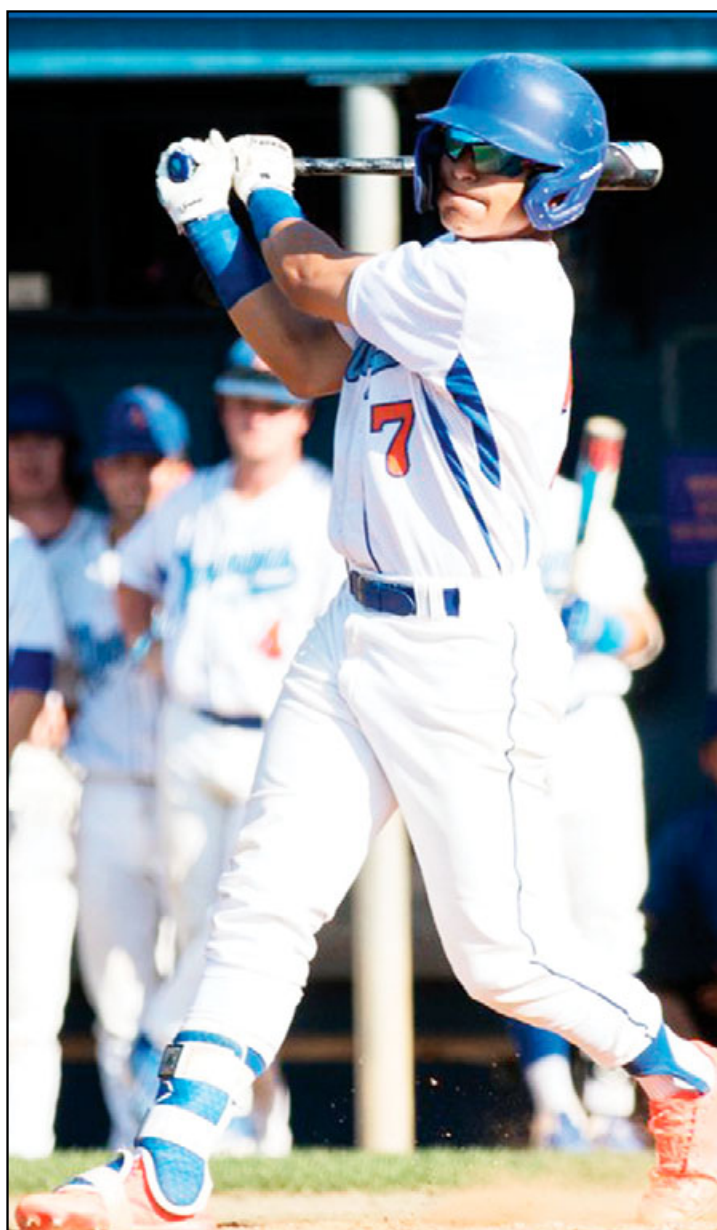
running from 9 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

The outdoor training sessions will consist of agility drills and other speed drills on a grass surface, so cleats are recommended but not required.

Preregistration, which guaranteed a T-shirt, will run through May 24. Payments will be accepted via money order or cash. No checks will be accepted.

For additional information, direct email to Florez at GFlorez@ccisd.net or to Scott at JaScott@ccisd.net.

Diaz named all-conference first team



Euro Diaz Jr., a 2017 Dobie graduate and currently a sophomore at Angelina College in Lufkin, was named to the Region 14 All-Conference first team in the East Zone following the completion of the regular season. He hit .302 during the regular season with 51 total hits, seven doubles, four triples and 26 runs batted in. In the Region XIV postseason tournament, Diaz homered during a 3-1 win over Wharton as Angelina advanced, but Blinn ended Aneglina's season with a 706 win late May 14. As for Diaz, he has committed to playing baseball next season at the University of Texas A&M at Corpus Christi.