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CBCMUD sets holiday hours

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. They will reopen Tuesday, May 30, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box at the drive-thru window. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

Clear Brook City MUD residents whose trash service falls on Monday will have regular trash service pickup Memorial Day, May 29. All trash should be placed at curbside no later than 6 a.m. Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Thursday, June 1. Residents with Tuesday/Friday service will not be affected.

Knights hold blood drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road, Sunday, May 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, visit www.com mitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/354744.

Beltway closed for repairs

All westbound Beltway 8 main lanes near the Gulf Freeway will be closed through Aug. 31 to make emergency repairs, according to Texas Department of Transportation officials.

All westbound traffic will be forced to exit the main lanes at SH 3/Old Galveston Road and be diverted to the Beltway 8 frontage road lanes. The westbound entrance ramps will be closed at SH 3/Old Galveston Road, Crenshaw and Genoa Red Bluff. The westbound main lanes will reopen at Beamer.

Eastbound Beltway 8 main lanes and all connector ramps to the Gulf Freeway will remain open.

TxDOT officials said the closures are necessary to make emergency repairs near the westbound Sabo exit, where the ground is sinking. The closures are expected to cause significant traffic delays.

Kirkwood to meet May 25

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutcheon at 281-989-9990.

Sagemeadow to meet May 18

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting Thursday, May 18, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. The monthly meetings will now begin at 7:15 p.m. rather than 7 p.m. All Sagemeadow residents are encouraged to attend. For general inquiries, email info@sagemeadow.org or call/text 832-377-0847. For additional information, visit sagemeadow.org.

Local COVID cases reported

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

As of Tuesday, May 16, there were 209 active cases in 77089, up two from the previous week. To date, 137 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, down four from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 14 active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 83 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 21 active cases, down two from the previous week. To date, 93 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

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

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 517 in League City to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Sailfish Street in Hitchcock daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

Confusion continues over erroneous water bills

City issues apology, will resume manual meter readings

The City of Houston has issued an apology to residents affected by the recent installation of digital meter readers that caused many bills to spike exponentially. The new system estimated usage and overcharged several residents, many by thousands of dollars.

The new readers estimated some residential usages as more than 100,000 gallons in just one day, compared to the average use of around 5,000 gallons per month. The incorrect estimates caused some bills to spike from around $30/month to $3,000/month.

"We apologize for the stress and confusion among customers who received these bills," said Houston Public Works Director Carol Haddock. "I want to reassure our customers that we are working proactively to directly contact those who have been impacted, and the department will make appropriate corrections to these accounts."

HPW is currently operating under a City Council-approved program to replace the meter reading devices in specific areas of the city where failure of the devices has occurred. This is not a citywide issue. Multiple residents in the Sagemont Park subdivision are known to be affected.

"Over the last several weeks, HPW installed new meter reading devices in neighborhoods where the previous ones were not working properly," a statement from Public Works read. "The old devices led to some accounts being estimated and charged incorrectly. Moving forward, bills will be generated based on actual readings."

Public Works officials said no action is required from residents.

"Again, HPW regrets the inconvenience this has caused to customers affected by this change," said Haddock. "These customers will be notified once their accounts are corrected and will not incur late fees or experience service interruptions. There is no action required by the customers, and they will be notified within five business days. If you have questions or believe you have been incorrectly charged, please reach out to the Customer Account Services team at 713-371-1400."

Man fatally shot outside apartments

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man that took place around 1:45 a.m. in the 12500 block of South Green Drive near Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the victim was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting call in the parking lot of the Parc at South Green apartment complex at the above address and found the male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

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

Investigators learned the victim and a male friend were walking to the friend's car when two armed suspects confronted them and demanded the car keys. The suspects then fired, striking the victim. The friend was not hurt. The suspects fled on foot. One suspect is described as a black male with slim build and wearing a dark hoodie. The other suspect is described as a Hispanic male with a slim build, also wearing a dark hoodie.

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

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.

The majority of local pools will be open Saturday, May 27, through Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day weekend. They will then reopen on Friday, June 2, 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).

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.

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

The swimming pool at Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek will be open from 10 a.m. 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.

At press time, the City of Houston had yet to announce its 2023 summer schedule, so the status of Sagemont and Beverly Hills swimming pools were both unknown. A future announcement from the city regarding dates and times is expected to be posted at www.houstontx.gov/parks/pools.html.

Garcia, MUD host movie night

Rainstorms briefly subsided Friday, May 12, allowing Clear Brook City MUD and Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's Movie in the Park event at Clear Brook City Park to go off without a hitch. The roughly 125-150 attendees were even treated to a double rainbow overhead as they viewed the screening of "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish." MUD officials said plans are in the works for similar events in the future.

Pct. 2 deputies rescue lost children

Children travel 1.2 miles from home in toy car

Precinct 2 deputies recently reunited two young siblings with their father after the children got lost on a toy car ride that took them more than a mile from home.

According to Precinct 2 officials, the incident began when a 7-year-old boy took his 4-year-old sister on a joy ride in his battery-powered vehicle. After driving approximately 1.2 miles from home, however, the boy got lost.

As Precinct 2 deputies took the children to search for their home, they left the child's car at the home of area resident Daniel Garza, as it would not fit in the patrol car. Garza had volunteered to take the children's vehicle to their house in his truck, but deputies asked him to remain at his house until they returned.

While the deputies were gone with the children, their father spotted the toy car in Garza's driveway while frantically searching for them.

"While waiting, a car was passing by in a fast pace and suddenly stopped where I was parked in my driveway," Garza recalled. "It was the father who was frantic and only stopped because he recognized the carriage in the bed of my truck. I asked if he was looking for his children, and with tears in his eyes, he said an emphatic 'yes!' I explained to him that the good constables were going to take them home and to wait here for them because they were going to lead me to his house.

Unable to locate the children's home, deputies returned to Garza's house, where the siblings were tearfully reunited with their father.

"All three patrol vehicles returned with the

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TSU approved for new Spaceport facility

60,000-square-foot facility to be used for training

The Houston Airport System recently announced Texas Southern University will be allowed to operate a new training facility at the Houston Spaceport located at Ellington Airport. On Wednesday, May 3, Houston City Council gave final approval and authorized a binding memorandum of agreement between HAS and Texas Southern University. The agreement will span five years and include the creation of an Aviation Education Facility at Ellington.

The 2-acre facility will include the following:

– 22,000-square-foot aircraft hangar.

– 20,000 square feet of aircraft apron.

– 7,200 square feet of office and training/classroom space.

– 12,000 gallon above-ground aviation fuel tank.

– Vehicle parking.

"The City of Houston is proud of its partnership with Texas Southern University, and we are excited to witness the aviation students' education and careers take flight. The air transportation industry in Houston and across the United States is growing and provides career opportunities for those with the skills needed to succeed," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "Earlier this year, the City provided $1 million in seed money to create a transformational health center at TSU. This project also will transform lives and help students prepare for the future."

More than 500 aviation and aerospace-related companies operate in Houston. More than 23,000 aerospace and aviation professionals call Houston home. Texas Southern University currently offers a program in aviation science and technology. Success and increased student interest are why TSU needs to expand its aviation training program. HAS is supporting TSU in realizing its goal, agreeing to plan, design and construct an aeronautical hangar.

"Houston Airports is honored to invest in and inspire the next generation of aviation professionals," said HAS Director of Aviation Mario Diaz. "The facility at Ellington Airport continues the illustrious story of Houston's aeronautical history. More than 100 years ago, farmers watched the U.S. Army carve runways through rice fields so the nation's first pilots could train for World War I. Decades later, NASA chose Ellington Airport to train for the Apollo Lunar landing. Soon, students at Texas Southern Uni-

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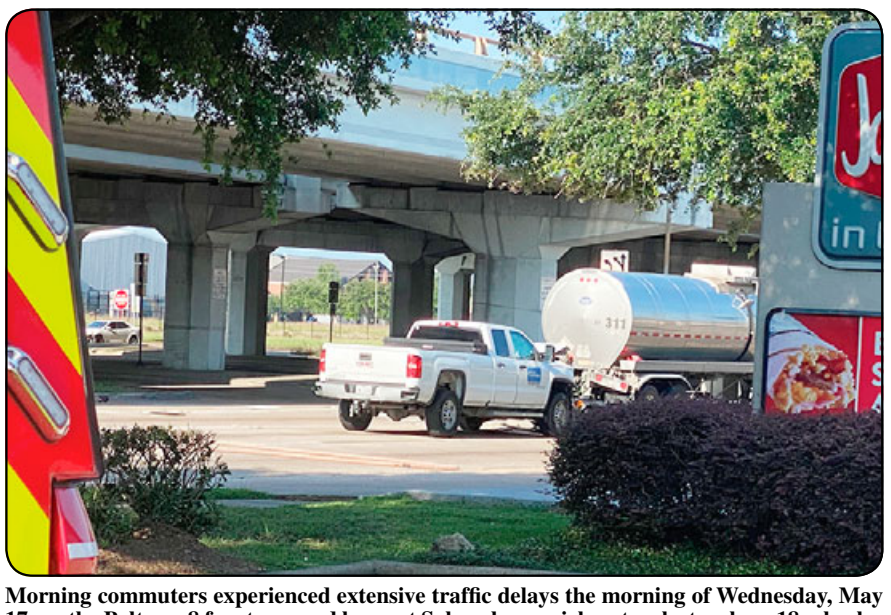
Hazardous liquids cause havoc



Morning commuters experienced extensive traffic delays the morning of Wednesday, May 17, on the Beltway 8 frontage road lanes at Sabo when a pickup truck struck an 18-wheeler transporting hazardous material. The westbound lanes were closed to traffic near the Kroger so that emergency crews could address the situation. The affected stretch of road was already experiencing traffic delays associated with ongoing repairs being made to Beltway 8 between the Gulf Freeway and Beamer. Those repairs are expected to last through August. *Photos by Marie Flickinger*

County offers mosquito safety tips

Residents urged to Tip, Toss, Take Action!

Mosquito season is approaching, and Harris County Public Health reminds residents to practice a few simple tips to reduce mosquito bites.

With temperatures on the rise, residents should expect to see more mosquitoes outside, increasing the likelihood for disease transmission.

Mosquitoes are present throughout the year; however, peak mosquito activity occurs in warmer weather, typically from May through October. Out of the 56 species of mosquitoes found in Harris County, only a handful transmit disease-causing viruses, such as West Nile (WNV), Saint Louis encephalitis (SLE), chikungunya (CHIKV), dengue (DENV) and Zika (ZIKV).

HCPH's Mosquito and Vector Control Division (MVCD) strives to ensure that residents are protected from mosquito-borne diseases year-round through countywide mosquito trapping, testing mosquito pools for viruses and treatment in neighborhoods where a virus is detected. Interactive maps of mosquito-borne disease activity, services and proposed treatment can be found at hcphtx.org/Mosquito Control.

In 2022, five cases of mosquito-borne viruses in humans – two persons with dengue, two with West Nile virus, and one with St. Louis encephalitis – were reported in Harris County. Out of the five cases,one person – a man in his 80s who resided in northeastern Harris County – died from WNV neurovascular disease. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reported a total of seven human deaths in the state last year due to mosquito-borne disease(specifically West Nile).

"Last summer, we had a relatively low pool of mosquito samples that tested positive for West Nile as compared to previous years," said new MVCD Director Maximea "Max" Vigilant. "However, we lost one member of our community last year who unfortunately passed away due to complications from West Nile disease. This reminds us how serious these types of mosquito-borne illnesses can be to our most vulnerable community members – especially young children, the elderly and those who are immunosuppressed."

"We have not tracked any positive mosquito samples from our surveillance and testing so far this year," Vigilant added. "However, as we have seen in the past, a sudden surge of a virus in a mosquito population can happen at any time and pose a threat to residents in our communities. We encourage everyone to take a few simple measures to protect themselves and their loved ones from mosquito bites this season, such as emptying stagnant water from containers outside their homes or applying

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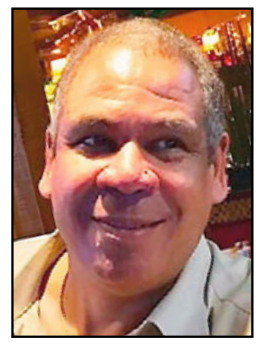
Former Dobie students honor their band director, Bill Brawn

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, members of the J. Frank Dobie High School band, under the direction of Bill Brawn (89 years young) had a reunion at Tom Bass Park. The reunion was attended by members of Brawn's bands from the 70s and 80s. There were 47 who gathered to relive unforgettable memories and to thank the man that has had the biggest influence on their lives. The sentiment held was that Brawn touched the students all in such a way, although they did not realize it at the time, that would help shape them into the successful adults all became. To this day former students are all still driven by the notion that they are capable of pushing themselves to achieve excellence. The accolades Brawn's bands received through the years are testament to his commitment to excellence. He brought that excellence out of each and every one of his students. Most of the band members brought their instruments and performed the "Dobie Fight Song," "The Horse," "Louie Louie," "You Really Got Me" and the "Dobie Alma Mater," once again under the direction of Brawn. The students say "Thank you, Mr. Bill Brawn, you are loved and will always have a special place in all of our hearts!" Brawn was elected into the Bandmasters Texas Hall of Fame. Attending the reunion at the park were, left to right, (first row) Robert Carlin, Billie Brawn Willbanks, Bill Brawn, (second row) Cathie Hawkins Orozco, Vicki Hunter Beason, Renée Edwards Dotson, Cheryl Robinson Flores, Trudie Moses Tilton, Robyn Prouse Tooley, Galynn Baylis Crow, Annemarie Sharpless Crowley, Lisa Stovall Dixon, Mary Ann Meuth, Kathy McKee Murphy, Jan Connolly, Byron Barnfield, Debbie Harp Jackson, Malcolm Jacobson, Cristi Pace, Ted Pace, (third row) Craig Collier, Ed Robinson, David Hoskins, Kevin Radabaugh, Troy Vuillemot, Joe Pouzar, Dino Agrella, Mike McKee, Michele Agrella, John (Rocky) Pfister, Leisa Hill Bailey, Joel West, Jimmie Melinder, Tommy Walko, Vince Oddo, Mark Agrella, (fourth row) Sharon Stetzel Wagner, Kurt Kays, Terry Shepard Martinez, Jessie Martinez, Fred Barnfield, Fayellen Shreck Russell, Dan Randolph, Stacey Henderson Tharalson, Tony Melinder, George King and Robbie Melinder.

Death

Marcus Errol Wheatfall



Marcus Errol Wheatfall was born Oct. 10, 1962, to Bobbie and Dorothy Wheatfall in Houston. He passed away May 5, 2023, at 60 years of age.

Marcus graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School, a school of which he was deeply proud. He then graduated with an associate's degree from Lee College. Marcus valued education and athletics, two things he made sure in which he succeeded.

He played basketball throughout his youth and into college. His love for the sport was a huge part of his life.

He loved coaching youth girls' basketball, and was a beloved coach for the Ametuer Athletics Union. As a fan of athletics of all kinds, he was passionate about playing many sports.

He played baseball, softball and basketball in recreational leagues for many years and coached his daughter's basketball, soccer, baseball and softball teams throughout her childhood.

Marcus was also an avid golfer and enjoyed golfing with his brother, friends and son-in-law.

Marcus' entrepreneurial spirit guided him to start his telecommunications business, Rocket City Communications, where he worked diligently and of which he was very proud. At the time of his passing, he was working as an insurance broker, and was employed by Triple Seal Insulation, LLC.

Marcus never met a stranger. He loved people and would always strive to learn as much as he could about others. He would always ask people about their lives and invite them to share their successes and struggles with him.

If someone needed help, he would be right there. He was a charmer with a huge smile and an infectious laugh. Everywhere he went he ran into people who recognized him and were happy to see him. Marcus made a positive impact on the lives of everyone he met.

Most of all, he shaped his daughter, Olivia's, life. He cherished her and was her biggest fan.

He cheered her on at every game and supported her at every concert. He taught her compassion, discipline and optimism in the face of adversity, among countless other things.

Marcus was also dearly loved by his circle of friends with whom he created many great memories.

He was such an integral part of their lives that several friends' children called him Uncle Marcus.

He supported so many kids in the community, whether they be his or not, and his legacy will live on in all of them.

He will be deeply missed by all those he knew and loved.

Marcus is survived by his parents, Bobbie and Dorothy Wheatfall; his brother and sister-in-law, Roderick and Alfiee Wheatfall; his daughter and son-in-law, Olivia and Ethan Miller; aunts and uncles Mary and James Staggers, Arlene and Odie McGill, Joyce and Rookie Robinson, and Bobbie Owens; as well as a host of cousins and dear friends.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. 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. Closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.

Visit https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events for more library events.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library or call 832-927-7870.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

– After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.

– Have a library card number and PIN handy.

– A pickup time and instructions will be given.

– Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.

– Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1– 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sundays. Visit https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library for details.

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Atkinson names faculty of the year

Atkinson Elementary recently named their teachers of the year. This included Jennifer Vann, ESL teacher, who was named Teacher of the Year.

Norma Flores, special education resource teacher was awarded New Teacher of the Year.

Claudia Trevino, bilingual instructional aide, was named Paraprofessional of the Year.

In My Opinion

PISD members thank South Belt

We want to take this moment to thank all of the voters in the South Belt community who participated in this school board election. Your dedication, commitment, and overwhelming turnout on Election Day, as well as throughout early voting, has been vital in helping to ensure that the most qualified and experienced candidates can continue the success of our school district. Your vote is a powerful way to ensure your voice is heard, appreciated, and respected. We are grateful for your faith in supporting us as Trustees of Pasadena ISD and for supporting our efforts to support over fifty thousand students who call Pasadena ISD home.

We have over 75 years of experience leading Pasadena ISD. We will continue to lean on this experience to deeply understand our district and community's history while maintaining a sense of continuity and stability, which is essential in today's chaotic world. We are committed to working tirelessly as a Board to serve our community with integrity, fairness, and transparency.

We know this election has been hard fought. Your willingness to stand up for what you believe is best for the students of PISD, as well as your dedication to upholding democracy and the democratic process, is something we all must take pride in. We are fortunate to live in a society where everyone's voice can be heard and valued. We do not take this lightly and will continue to seek your support and input as we work cooperatively as a Board to support Pasadena ISD.

We look forward to continuing the work that has our district on the right trajectory
and celebrating the successes of our students and staff right alongside each of you. A few of these successes include:

90.9% Graduation Rate

2,136 students enrolled in Early College High School with 931 Associate Degrees already earned.

4,525 Workforce Ready CTE Certifications earned last year

$61,563,832 in scholarships earned last year

Named one of the Best Communities for Music Education for the past 17 years.

Full Day PK at all campuses

Dual Language Program

Personalized Learning

You have entrusted the three of us, along with the current members of the Board of Trustees, to lead our school district into the future and support our students, teachers, administrators and community. We consider your vote for us invaluable, and we thank you for your commitment to our schools and the South Belt community.

Kenny Fernandez, Marshall Kendrick and Vickie Morgan

Bay Area Genealogy meets May 26

Friday, May 26, the Bay Area Genealogical Society will hold a general meeting at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Patti Smith. She will address the theme "Thrulines: Maximize Your Ancestry DNA Results." Thrulines is a powerful tool provided by Ancestry.com to help researchers use DNA matches to find common ancestors, explore matches in their family tree and confirm the relationship path to common ancestors. Understanding how to effectively use Thrulines can help individuals avoid common pitfalls such as the temptation of gathering unverified relatives to grow their family tree, contaminating the Ancestry database with unnecessary and incorrect data and trusting the accuracy of the family tree of DNA matches. Attendees will learn how to effectively use Thrulines to make ancestral connections with their DNA matches. This will be an online webinar; preregistration is required. Details will be posted on the Bay Area Genealogical Society Website. Visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org for more information, or email newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org.

St. Luke's supports Pct. 2 H.O.T.

Recently, members of the St. Luke Social Services Ministry delivered Welcome Home Packages, which contained items donated by parishioners of St. Luke to be given to homeless clients who will soon be placed in homes. St. Luke's was also able to give Sgt. Ramon Perez (leader of Homeless Outreach Team, H.O.T.) thirty-seven $25 gift cards (totalling $925), to be given to those he may encounter in the community experiencing homelessness. Money for the gift cards was collected at St. Luke's as alms during the Lenten season. St. Luke the Evangelist is committed to not only helping, but bringing healing to those in the community. Those involved in this endeavor are much appreciated in the community. To learn more about H.O.T., go to https://stlukescatholic.com/homeless-outreach-team-hot.

Shown, left to right, are Mark Wenglar, David Garcia, Pat Magee and Sgt. Ramon Perez, who participate in the endeavors of H.O.T.

Above, Garcia and Wenglar offload donations to be distributed through H.O.T.

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Mother's Day celebrated at Fred Roberts

Fred Roberts Middle School students were asked to invite a special female in their lives to celebrate an early Mother's Day for their Teas and Treats event. Different flavored H-tea-O teas as well as a variety of pastries were served for the event. They were also encouraged to dress up and wear hats and gloves. In addition to bath bombs for the moms, aunts, sisters and friends who attended with their student, there were also activities for them to complete. Shown above are, left to right, Mike Evans (counselor), Erin McBride (ELA coach), Karen Pena (assistant principal), Lali Guerrero (principal), Lyndsi Price (assistant principal), Crissy Higham (counselor) and Lashondra Evans (math coach).

Hilda Tate (left) and Zayden Telsaint participated in the event.

Isabella Rios (left) and Jessica Rios are both dressed up for the occasion.

Karrington Walter (left) and Tiana Willis donned hats for the occasion.

Xavier Ybanez (left) and his aunt Kimberly Ybanez enjoyed the morning as well.

Dobie Longhorn band excels, wins UIL Sweepstakes

The Dobie Longhorn band earned the coveted UIL Sweepstakes trophy for the 2022-23 school year. The trophy is only awarded to bands that earn superior ratings in UIL marching, concert and sight-reading evaluation competitions in a given school year. The band concluded their quest by competing in the UIL Region 19 Band Concert and Sight-Reading Evaluation hosted at Dobie High School, mid-April. The varsity wind ensemble earned unanimous superior ratings from all judges in both concert and sight-reading. The nonvarsity symphonic band took home an excellent rating in concert and a superior rating in sight-reading, while the sub nonvarsity ninth-grade symphonic winds took home excellent ratings in both concert and sight-reading. Posing with their hard-earned trophy are seniors from the Dobie wind ensemble, left to right, (front row) John Pozo, Ginessa Olvera, Dibanhi Hernandez, Ximena Sanchez, Rachel Torres, Isabella Lara, Kaitlyn Webb, Janet Armenta, (back row) Jacob Montez, David Pichardo, Travis Webb, Caleb Erickson, director Kevin Erickson, Noah Garcia, Jason Escobedo, Nathanael Chapa and Leonel Araiza. Performances for the Dobie bands included a performance by the wind ensemble Saturday, May 13, at the Moores Opera Center at the University of Houston. The jazz band performed Tuesday, May 16, in the Dobie High School auditorium. The Dobie bands spring concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, also in the Dobie High School auditorium. All listed performances are open to the public with free admission. For more information about the Dobie Band and how to support them, visit https://dobieband.com.

County offers tips for upcoming mosquito season

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EPA-registered mosquito repellents as directed."

As temperatures rise, so do mosquito populations. HCPH wants residents to remember the three T's to mosquito control – Tip, Toss,Take Action.

Tip

Heavy rains during the summer months in the Houston region can create a "perfect storm" for mosquitoes to breed. Follow these simple tips to prevent mosquito breeding sites around your home, especially right after a weather event:

– Tip or empty standing water from pet bowls, flowerpots, tires, buckets and other containers.

– If one has a birdbath, change its water every three to five days.

Toss

Mosquitoes are also able to breed in small spots where stagnant water might be hidden from the human eye. Practice the following tips to reduce mosquito breeding in those covered spots:

– Toss out debris, trash and other unwanted items around your home.

– Clean out clogged drain gutters.

– Keep outdoor trash bins closed and avoid overfilling them.

– Do not sweep lawn clippings, leaves or litter into storm drains as this will prevent water from flowing, creating ideal mosquito-breeding sites.

– Minimize opportunities for standing water to accumulate by emptying stagnant water from flowers pots, buckets, tires or any other water-collecting objects.

Take Action

There are also a number of ways to take action and reduce mosquito populations.

When using mosquito repellent, keep these points in mind:

– Use as directed by the label instructions on the product.

– Do not use insect repellents on babies younger than 2 months of age.

– Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol on children younger than 3 years of age.

– Apply an EPA-registered repellent on oneself when outdoors.

– When possible, wear long sleeves, pants and socks.

– Treat standing water with larvicides in areas where water cannot be covered, emptied, or removed and will not be used for drinking. Larvicides are a type of pesticide that is applied to kill mosquitoes in their early stages of development (larvae) before they become biting adults. They are sold in forms of liquid, tablets, pellets, granules and briquettes and available in most hardware stores. Larvicides are safe to use for the environment. Follow the instructions of the particular larvicide product you are using.

– Make sure to completely turn off outdoor faucets to prevent leaks; fix any faucets that are constantly leaking.

– Keep tight-fitting screens on doors and windows. For other mosquito prevention tips and resources, visithcphtx.org/MCVDResources.

Texas Southern OKs Spaceport

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versity will apply the crucial lessons learned at Ellington Airport to revolutionize the aviation industry."

HAS will invest up to $5 million to build the facility. It will be constructed on approximately two acres of land that is accessible to an existing taxi-lane connector at Ellington Airport. Because TSU is an accredited university, the Federal Aviation Administration allows HAS to charge a reduced annual rent of $60,000 to lease the facilities. If the lease is extended beyond the initial five-year period, full market rate rent shall be charged. There is no impact to the City of Houston's fiscal budget.

"The Aviation Science Management program at Texas Southern University is thankful for this investment the City of Houston and Houston Airports are making in our students and in the future of aviation" said Executive Director of Aviation Dr. Terance Fontaine. "Likewise, we appreciate the unwavering support our program has received from President Lesia Crumpton-Young, Regent James Benham and the entire board of regents to get us to this point. We are honored to be the first tenants in this new lease space. This opportunity provides an enhanced environment for student learning opportunities as we work to address our nation's critical aviation needs. Furthermore, it provides space for our fleet of eight aircraft to be housed inside and protected from weather conditions, thus allowing us to preserve them for extended use."

Deputies rescue kids

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children intact to my house because they could not locate their home," said Garza. "The father ran to them tearfully and embraced them. The constables then were able to calm dad, asked for his ID and recognized with the reunion that these were his children and left."

A social worker by profession, Garza said he was impressed with how the deputies handled the situation.

"Precinct 2 deputies Leal, Esparza and Carbajal did an amazing job in handling the situation," said Garza.

"As a social worker, I was impressed on how these deputies handled the situation with compassion and reassurance. Constable Jerry Garcia can rest assure that he has hired the right men and woman for this job."

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Remember When

45 years ago (1978)

Scott Alan Gernander, the Beverly Hills Intermediate basketball coach, was promoted to the head basketball coaching job at South Houston High School.

Kirkwood Civic Club announced its officers with Toni Mendez as president, Lawrence Mancuso as vice president, Gail Bowles as treasurer, Mary Flores as secretary, Kay Williams as corresponding secretary and Jim Skinner as parliamentarian.

40 years ago (1983)

Approximately $15,000 for private security was collected by the Sagemont Civic Club.

The Rev. John Keller was announced as St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church's pastor.

Pasadena school trustees levied a 15 percent penalty on taxpayers who had not paid the previous year's taxes.

35 years ago (1988)

According to planners of the annual event, attendance at the Project Graduation party for Dobie seniors was expected to break 500.

District scores for the year's TEAMS were to be presented to the Pasadena ISD board of trustees at the next regular session meeting.

30 years ago (1993)

The Dobie High School softball team won the state championship in Austin, which then sports editor Steven Thomson of the *Leader* called, "the pinncale fo Texas high school softball." Actor Kevin Costner paid a visit to the team, and was only struckout during the game by pitching ace Christa Williams.

The South Belt area was a hotbed for homebuilding, with construction taking place in the Sagemeadow, Southbridge and Scarsdale neighborhoods.

25 years ago (1998)

South Belt resident Sean Patrick Horrigan was ordained a Catholic priest.

Clear Brook's girls' track team won the 4A state title with a total of 58 team points. Dobie's Ras Bowman was awarded a gold medal for winning the 800 meters at the state 5A track meet.

20 years ago (2003)

A new fellowship hall and education wing for Cokesbury United Methodist Church was included in a $1.4 million addition approved by the church's membership.

A Sagemeadow burglary was the worst of five burglaries of homes in the South Belt area for the month. According to police, the burglars used a screwdriver to enter the residence and then used pillowcases to remove the property. Rifles, shotguns, jewelry and a television were among the property stolen.

15 years ago (2008)

The Pasadena Independent School District was named a National Model School District for 2008 by the International Center for Leadership in Education. The ICLE cited as evidence of its achievement the significant improvement on TAKS over the previous four years, the decrease in high school failure rates, the decrease in dropout rates and the increase in student attendance after only one full year of implementation.

Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner El Franco Lee announced that additional units from the sheriff's department would patrol the unincorporated portions of the South Belt area. Patrolled primarily by deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office, the South Belt community had grown considerably over the previous decade without a corresponding increase in police manpower in the area. The majority of new homes were in the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District. There was a 66 percent increase in calls for service in 1999.

10 years ago (2013)

A 14-year-old female Thompson student reported that she had been abducted and assaulted after getting off the school bus in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. The incident was allegedly a fabrication, according to officials from the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The incident, which was covered extensively in the local media, created a deluge of concern from the community, with an unprecedented number of Facebook comments and messages being sent to the *Leader*. From the onset, investigators said there were inconsistencies in the student's story, but Pasadena Independent School District officials felt obligated to notify parents of the possible incident.

5 years ago (2018)

The Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence once again named San Jacinto College as one of 10 finalists for the prestigious 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's preeminent recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. Awarded every two years since 2011 by the Aspen Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based educational and policy studies organization, the prize recognizes institutions that achieve high student outcomes, and improve those outcomes. The Aspen Prize recognizes community colleges with exceptional achievements in the following four areas: student learning; certificate and degree completion; employment and earnings rates after graduation; and access for and success of minority and low-income students.

1 year ago (2022)

Axiom Space broke ground on a new state-of-the-art headquarters at Ellington Airport, home of the future Houston Spaceport. There, Axiom Space – which is developing Axiom Station, the world's first commercial space station – will construct a campus containing employee offices, astronaut training and mission control facilities. The station will also contain engineering development, testing labs and a high bay production facility to house Axiom's space station modules under construction.

Weber Elementary volunteer Melissa Page was named Clear Creek ISD's Volunteer of the Year for the school district's entire elementary level. Page had volunteered at the area school for eight years and supported the teachers and Weber community by leading various events including donation drives and teacher appreciation activities.

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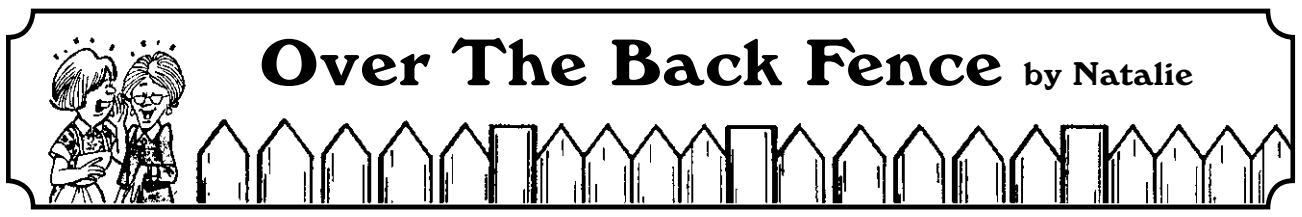

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JACLYN!

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to former *Leader* staffer **Jaclyn Tremont** May 20 from her friends, family and the *Leader* staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COURTNEY!

Courtney Durham celebrates a happy birthday May 20. Best wishes are sent to her from husband **Chris** and children **Abigail**, **Jackson** and **Penelope Durham**; parents **Fred** and **Leslie Flickinger**; sister **Kimberly** and husband **Matt Lipina**; uncle **David** (*Leader* president) and his wife **Ellie Flickinger**; grandmother **Olive Falkowski**; grandfather **John Fairchild**; grandparents **Marie** (*Leader* publisher) and **David Flickinger**; and friends and the *Leader* staff.

JACKSON TURNS 7!

Best wishes for a happy seventh birthday May 21 are sent to **Jackson Durham** from parents **Courtney** and **Chris Durham**, sisters **Abigail** and **Penelope**; aunt **Kimberly** and husband **Matt Lipina**; grandparents **Fred** and **Leslie Flickinger**; great-grandmother **Olive Falkowski**; great-grandfather **John Fairchild**; great-grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**; and great-uncle **David Flickinger** (*Leader* president) and his wife **Ellie**.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 18 through May 24.

Frazier Elementary

Break out the birthday cake and ice cream May 18 for **Susan Blue**. **Mayra Villarreal** enjoys a birthday May 24.

Meador Elementary

Send a happy birthday greeting May 18 to **Nereyda Lerma**. Special birthday greetings are in order for **Stephanie Bounds** on May 21.

South Belt Elementary

Madelyn Maxwell enjoys a birthday May 18. **Jennifer Christen** and **Kelly Kimball** celebrate birthdays May 22.

Roberts Middle School

Daniel Alarcon enjoys a birthday May 19. Light the candles on a triple-layer cake May 20 for **Denise Gourley**, **Prescila Lozano** and **Charlya Mason**. **Tatiana Munoz** celebrates a birthday May 23.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Send a happy birthday greeting May 18 to **Heather Anders**. The day for a party for **Daniel Jacobs** is May 19. Birthday wishes go out to **Micah Strickland** May 21. Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Curtis Occhionero** and **Marianella Tyler** May 23.

Dobie High

Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Tyler Ruberg** May 18. **Lisa Barrett** enjoys a memorable birthday May 24.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, May 18: **Melody Tanner**, **Brian Conn, Sheila Neal, Jessica Ramirez De La Cruz, Alondra Cristina** and **Rachel Mooney**; Friday, May 19: **Melanie Martin**, **Tanya Williams, Jonathan Pearson, Robby Asbury, Leah Poirrer and Laura Scott**; Saturday, May 20: **Norma Pruneda, Joey Martinez, Mike Freeman, Juan Cruz, Tami Richardson, Kathy Swift** and **Al Carter**; Sunday, May 21: **Vance Britt, Shelly Woodin, and Kimberly Garza**; Monday, May 22: **Felicia Ayala, Kevin Dalley, Bill Mondy** and **Becki Withers**; Tuesday, May 23: **Damon Holt**, **David Cino** and **Nicole Wiens**; and Wednesday, May 24: **Barbara Gorman**, **Claudia Gonzalez**, **Cathy Greene, Dana Long** and **Richard McGinty**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Springs sweeps past Dobie baseball

Clear Springs first rallied from a 4-0 first-game deficit and then came up with a shutout in the clincher to end Dobie's postseason with a series sweep in the Class 6A area baseball playoffs May 12-13 at Deer Park's Kethan Field.

Dobie, which won its first district title in 14 years during the regular season, ended 2023 with 23 total wins against eight losses and two tournament season ties.

Clear Springs, the three-way co-champion of District 24-6A, will play in the regional quarterfinals against Kingwood, which eliminated Strake Jesuit in a sweep in the area round.

The Longhorns came into the area series against the Chargers having won 13 of 14 overall games.

Using Omar Serna's three-run bomb in the first inning and a run scored from Juelz Martinez in the second inning, Dobie built an early 4-0 lead.

But Springs plated three runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth against Longhorn sophomore starter Aiden Sanchez and held on for the game one win.

Shifting to game two May 13, Springs scored three in the first inning, then scored solo runs in the second and third frames to lead 5-0. A three-run sixth inning punctuated the shutout as the Chargers advanced to the regional quarterfinal round.

Leading his program to the District 22-6A varsity baseball championship at 11-1, Miguel Torres of Dobie guided the Longhorns to a bidistrict sweep of West Brook. Dobie (23-8-2) then lost the area round series in a sweep against Clear Springs, the 24-6A three-way co-champion. *Photo by Donna Alsdorf*

Brook's Thompson wins state bronze in discus

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Kennedy Thompson is quick to praise the victories and accomplishments of others, so it was extra special for "Team Thompson" to set off a celebration of its own after the Clear Brook senior topped her high school career by winning a state bronze medal in Austin.

Able to perform at her best at each stop in getting to state, Thompson brought home a bronze medal for her discus throw of 146 feet, 8 inches as the University Interscholastic League's Class 6A State Track and Field Championships played out May 13 on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Lewisville Marcus' Emma Sralia was dominant in the event as she repeated as the 6A girls' discus state champion with a best of 184-00. Midland Lee's Leah Acosta was the silver medalist at 159-07, while Thompson's lifetime best of 146-8 was good for bronze.

Neither satisfied just to reach state nor fazed

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With a third personal record throw this postseason, this one 146 feet, 8 inches, Clear Brook senior Kennedy Thompson (third from left) won a 6A bronze medal in the discus at the University Interscholastic League's State Track and Field Championships May 13 in Austin. Those with her celebrating post-meet included, left to right, Brook assistant coach Kyelah Hodges, Nick Capuano of All-American Throwers, Brook head coach Erica Alexander and Brook assistant coach Chelsea Pratt.

JFD strength/conditioning

The Dobie coaching staff is encouraging student athletes to register as soon as possible for the free strength and conditioning program that will run Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students entering the 10th through 12th grades as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend from 8 to 10 a.m. each day, with incoming freshmen to follow from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Visit www.dobiepride.com for additional information and to complete the registration process.

Dobie youth FB camp May 31

The Dobie High School football coaching staff is planning the Lil' Horn and Future Horn Football Camp 2023, set for May 31 through June 1 at the school's main campus.

Students entering the third through eighth grades as of the 2023-2024 school year are eligible to take part from 8 to 10 a.m. each day. Registration deadline is May 25, and the cost is $25 per participant.

Visit www.dobiepride.com for additional information and to complete the registration process.

Dobie volleyball youth clinics

Dobie High School volleyball coaching staff is offering a variety of summer camps for youth players of all ages and skill levels this summer.

The purpose of these camps is to improve the skills of each girl by enhancing strengths and correcting weaknesses. The basic rules and strategies of the game will be taught along with the skills of the game. These skills include passing, setting, hitting, serving, blocking, offense, and defense.

Girls entering the third through eighth grades as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend the camp July 18-20, with those entering the third- through sixth grades attending each day from 9 to 11 a.m., and seventh- and eighth-grade students attending from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at $50 per student.

Girls entering the ninth grade as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend the camp July 24-26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at $60 per student.

Girls entering the 10th through 12th grades as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend the camp July 24-26 from 9 a.m. to noon at $60 per student.

To register for any of the camps: CashApp: $DobieVBBooster (make sure participants name is in the note section).

For additional camp details or aide with registration, direct email to Dobie head volleyball coach Dawn Sexton at dsexton@pasadenaisd.org.

San Jacinto College softball falls at regionals

Bossier Parish's Piper Garcia led her team to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Softball National Championship May 16, blasting a key 3-run homer to lift the Cavaliers to a 12-3 win over San Jacinto College in the Region XIV second-place game.

Garcia's line-drive shot over the left field wall off San Jacinto College starter Christin Haygood highlighted a four-run bottom of the fourth inning as Bossier Parish turned a 2-2 tie into a 6-2 advantage through four innings.

Angelina went unbeaten to win the Region XIV postseason tournament and will join Bossier Parish at nationals May 23-27 in Oxford, Ala.

Taking advantage of an error at first base by Bossier Parish in the top of the third inning, San Jacinto struck for two runs to jump ahead early on.

San Jac's Emily Garcia reached on that error with one out and raced home as Arianna Wright rocketed a run-scoring double to right center field. Wright then scored for a 2-0 lead as Ella Casas smacked a single to left field.

The locals' lead was short-lived, however, as Garcia hammered an RBI double to the fence in right field and came in to score on the play via an error for a 2-2 tie.

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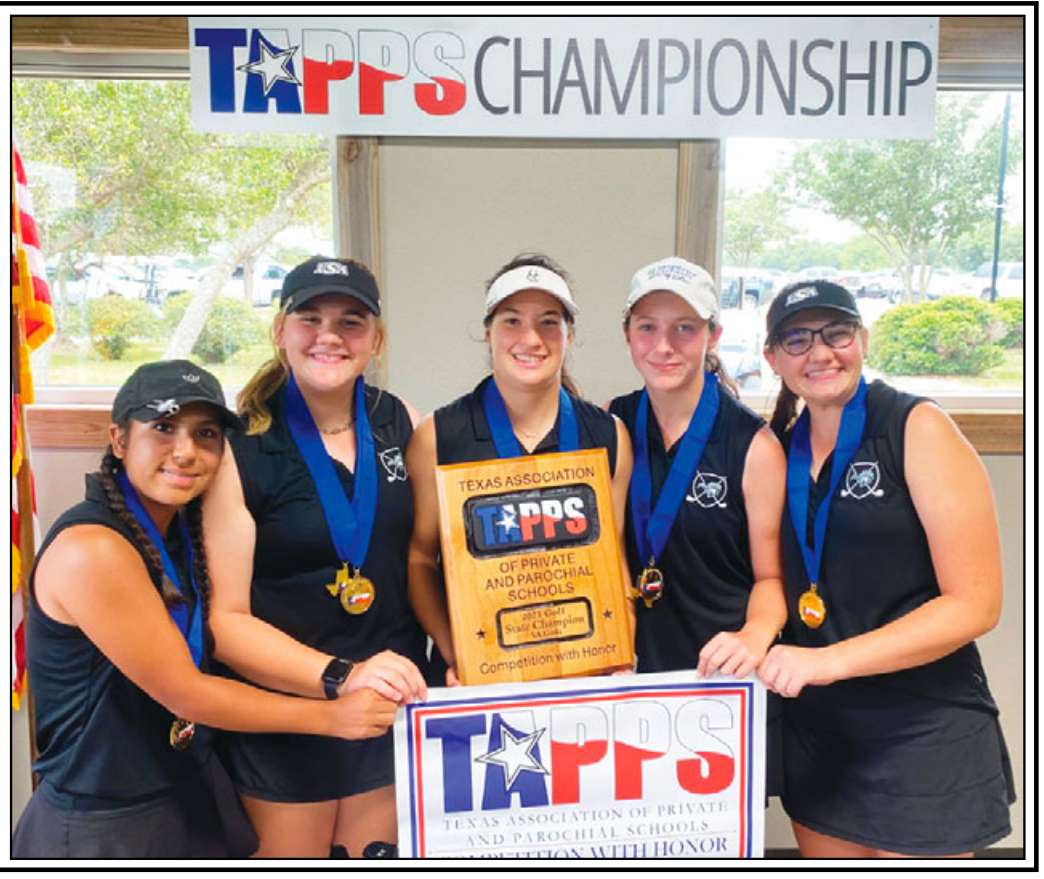
Pleasants leads LSU into NCAAs

At left, Dobie graduate and current Louisiana State University star shortstop Taylor Pleasants (17) will lead the Tigers into action at the NCAA Division I Women's Softball Baton Rouge Regional May 19-21 as regional top seed LSU goes against Prairie View May 19 at Tiger Park, beginning at 5 p.m. Omaha and Louisiana-Lafayette will meet in the other May 19 opening day game at 2 p.m. The double elimination tournament concludes May 21 as the winner will move on to Super Regional play May 26-28. Pleasants is currently hitting .331 with nine doubles, eight home runs and 48 runs batted in. An All-SEC second team selection for 2023, Pleasants also made the All-SEC Defensive Team.

LSA golf wins TAPPS 5A state title

At right, the Lutheran South Academy girls' golf team captured the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A state championship over 36 holes and two rounds at the Squaw Valley Golf Club May 8-9 in Glen Rose, Texas. Winning the second state crown in program history, the Pioneers fired a two-round total of 689, five shots clear of second place. Members of the team are, left to right, Olivia Rivas, Emma Poffinbarger (162 for ninth place overall), Lucia DeLuca, Addison Trahan (160 for eighth place overall) and Audra Poffinbarger. Emma Poffinbarger and Trahan were named to the TAPPS 5A All-State team.



Dobie leads TASCO stars to 1-0 win

At right, Region III varsity boys' soccer finalist Dobie was well-represented at the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches Organization All-Star Game in San Antonio as Longhorns' head coach Justo Manrique (far left) guided the 6A Region III team to a 1-0 win over Region IV. The Longhorns playing for the Region III squad included Victor Hernandez (District 22-6A Most Valuable Player), Jordi Garcia (District 22-6A Offensive Player of the Year) and Daniel Blanco (22-6A first team All-District). Dobie, the nine-time district champion, was 24-1-4 during the 2023 season.

At right, Dobie varsity boys' soccer coach Justo Manrique (center), who led the Region III team in the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches Organization All-Star Game May 13 in San Antonio, visits with Dobie graduate and longtime Dobie High School faculty member Amber Brannen Allan (left), and her son John Allan (right). John Allan, a Class of 2023 Friendswood High School senior, was a three-year varsity performer, was the Mustangs' Most Valuable Player as a senior and garnered first team All-District and Academic All-District honors.

Ravens' regional comeback ends

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San Jacinto College was flat in its May 12 tournament debut, losing 6-0 to Trinity Valley as Alessandra Borjas of Trinity Valley blanked the locals on six hits.

Facing elimination early in the event, the Ravens rallied for a 9-8 win over Blinn as Wright homered and doubled, driving in five in the game.

San Jacinto then ended Galveston's season with a 4-0 win, then tripped Trinity Valley 1-0 in elimination games to reach the winner-take-all game against tournament host Bossier Parish.

In denying San Jacinto's bid for a third consecutive trip to nationals, the Cavaliers got a sixth-inning grand slam from Serena Hopkins to extend the lead to 12-2.

San Jacinto finished fourth nationally two seasons ago and then lost consecutive early games in 2022, both in Yuma, Ariz.

Reaching nationals for the first time in program history, Bossier Parish has won 12 of 13 overall games.

Barba's Caps fall

Dobie Class of 2022 graduate Karlie Barba had a tremendous freshman season at Galveston College as she helped lead the Whitecaps to the South Conference title at 19-5.

However, the Whitecaps stumbled in the Region XIV postseason tournament with consecutive losses to Angelina (11-4) and San Jacinto (4-0).

Galveston had a breakout 2023 campaign, holding a national ranking for much of the campaign before winding up at 40-11 overall.

Barba provided the Galveston bunch with a two-way punch, hitting .341 with 16 doubles, 11 home runs and 54 runs batted in.

In the circle, Barba was 14-3 with a save and a 3.41 earned run average.

Thompson finishes career with bronze

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by the enormity of the moment, Thompson delivered her third personal best of the postseason to win the bronze in Austin.

The 2022 gold medalist for District 24-6A in the discus at 109-1, Thompson this year repeated as the league champion with a throw of 122-8.

At the 23-6A/24-6A Area Championships, Thompson was the gold medalist with a personal record of 136-9.

Fast forward to the Region III meet in Humble, where Thompson won a silver medal and qualified for her state as she delivered a PR of 138-6. Now,

Thompson is a state bronze medalist who will graduate from Clear Brook May 27 and later this fall begin her collegiate throwing career at Mississippi College in Oxford, Miss.

Seeded eighth among the state qualifiers based on regional performance,

Thompson instead took things to another level in Austin to win a medal. She's quick to praise others, and now it's time to honor Thompson's greatness.

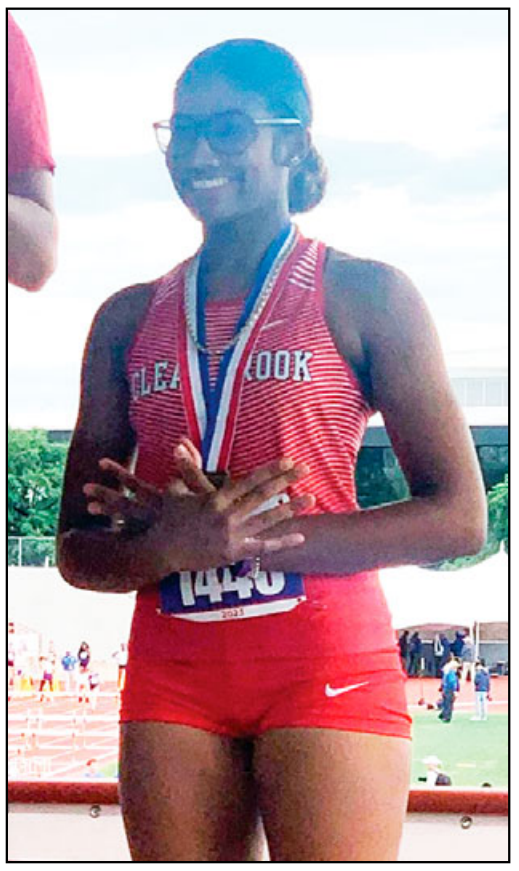
Roughly 30 hours following her bronze win in Austin, Thompson said it still felt amazing and a bit "surreal" to have earned a medal.

And to have her Clear Brook coaches, Nick Capuano of All-American Throwers and her mother, Joy Thompson, all there to celebrate the moment was as rewarding as anything else.

"In the moment, I just tried to clear my mind, trust my process and perform to the best of my abilities," she said. "To be able to come up with a personal best at state is special because you are there to compete and be at your best.

"My mom is my biggest fan and has made sure that I get everywhere I need to be for practices, meets, etc. This medal is for her.

"I appreciate all of the support and encouragement I have received during this journey. It all paid off, and now I'm ready for the next steps in my journey."



Delivering personal best throws three different times in the track and field postseason, Clear Brook senior Kennedy Thompson was a state bronze medalist.

J. Frank Dobie High School recognizes honor roll students

J. Frank Dobie High School officials recently released the names of their honor roll students for the fifth six-weeks period of the 2022-2023 school year.

Ninth grade

Aubrey Adler, Leonela Aguila, Anderson Aguilar, Lorenzo Aguirre, Kayla Akinfenwa, Blessing Akinloye, Sureal Alcorta, Jalynn Alix, Daniela Alonso Valtier, Jaiden Alvarez, Angel Amador and Evan Amezcua.

Paloma Arguello-Contreras, Karla Argueta De Leon, Hussai Arias, Jasmine Arreola, Sean Arroyo, Kendall Ashworth, Lahnay Avendano, Ivan Ayala, Mikalya Bain, Kaitlyn Baines and Makayla Ballard St. Romain.

Blue Banda, Piper Battarbee, Nathaniel Belleville, Suheylee Belman, Tanner Bo, Katia Boardman, Diana Bonilla, Keily Bonilla, Jordyn Brown, Megan Bui, Isabella Byron and Victoria Caballero.

Julian Calderon Vargas, Nicole Campos, Anthony Cancel, Amber Cao, Sophia Carbajal, Sofia Careaga, Antonio Castillo, Kimberly Castillo, Ramon Ceja, Alonzo Chapman and Daniel Chavez.

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Daphney Deleon, Josselyn Delgado, Julie Delgado, Jossiah Depaul, Aiden Diaz, An Do, Hayden Do, Jeulis Domingo, Anthony Dominguez, David Ekong, Diego Esparza, Chloe Estes and Cooper Estes.

Kamilah Estrada, Cheyenne Evans, Norman Fabian Alba, Gavin Flores, Valentin Flores, Savannah Flores-Lewis, Linnea Fonseca, Essence Gabriel, Reynol Galvan, Ethan Garay and David Garcia.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 18

7 a.m. **AA** – "Breakfast With Bill," at, Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. 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, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.

Noon **AA –** Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

6 p.m. **Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** – A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

1 - 3 p.m. **Parker Williams Genealogy Group** – meets at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Meetings are free and open to the public. Email erootrot@usa.net.

3:30 – 6:30 p.m. **Bay Area Singles Club** – VFW Lodge Post 6378, 5204 Hwy. 3. All area singles invited to attend. Bring party snacks to share. $8 for members; $10 for nonmembers. Call 281-470-2750 or 281-337-3112.

7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** – All services are live and Zoom online. For details concerning services, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA) –** Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** – meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **AA** – meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

7:30 a.m. **AA** – "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** – See Friday's notice.

11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** – For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787 or visit https://www.houstonalanon.org/.

1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 beforehand.

Jam-3:30/ Bands-6:30 p.m. **Bay Area Bluegrass Association** – bluegrass music show and jam session at Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. Pickers may come early. Visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – has worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd. in the back of a medical/retail community. Call 281-479-7285.

2 p.m. **Grief Support Group –** Meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. 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 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.

8 p.m. **AA** – meeting at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, MAY 22

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for tours of exhibits.

Noon **AA –** Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

1:30 – 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance –** at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Volunteers teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** – Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923.

7 p.m. **AA –** St. Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg., room 4, 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 –** See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7 a.m. **AA** – "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – See Monday's notice.

9 a.m. **American Begonia Society** – Houston Satellite meets at Helen Hall Library, 300 W. Walker. Call 281-481-2458.

11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – See Sunday's notice.

Noon **AA –** Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** – Club #05324194 meets in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit, sehouston.toastmasterclubs.org, or 832-722-9061.

7 p.m. **NA –** See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7 a.m. **AA** – "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

Noon **AA –** Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance –** at Hometown Heroes Park. Casual ballroom dancing. Call 281-554-1180.

7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – See Sunday's notice.

7 p.m. **NA –** See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **AA** – See Friday's notice.

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Lutheran South Academy track and field standouts collect TAPPS state medals

The Lutheran South Academy boys' squad rode a trio of gold-medal performances to a fifth place team finish, collecting 62 points at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 5A State Track and Field Championships May 5-6 at Panther Stadium in Hewitt, Texas.

Marcus Gaitan was one of those LSA gold medalists for the Lutheran South boys, going stride-for-stride with his brother and teammate, Matthew Gaitan in the 800.

At 1:55.05, Marcus Gaitan captured the gold medal, while Matthew Gaitan was the silver medalist at 1:56.67.

Wilson Klein grabbed gold for his 5A state championship as he cleared 13 feet in the pole vault.

The Pioneers claimed gold medals in the 4x400 relay as a time of 3:23.76 also bettered the program's record in the event with Jonah Weber, Matthew Gaitan, Case Noack and Marcus Gaitan teaming.

Alma Martin starred for the Lutheran South girls as she cleared 10-6 in the pole vault win the gold medal for a state championship.

As a team, LSA was 12th in the 5A scoring.

At 120-9, Rachel Bell was the silver medalist for second place in the discus.

The Pioneers' Alec Salerno was eighth in the 110 hurdles in a time of 15.75, and a throw of 43-7 1/4 placed Lutheran South's Kris St. Claire sixth in the state final.

St. Clair joined LSA teammate Cole Noack in the discus event.

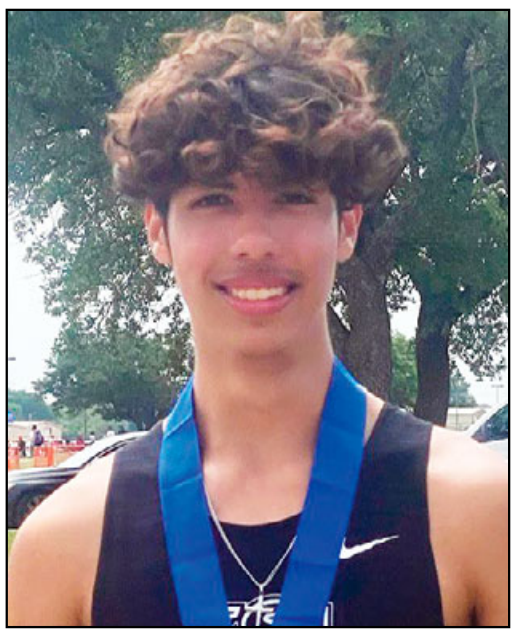
There, Noack came up with a best of 132-5 for fifth place, with St. Clair seventh with a throw of 130-1.

The Pioneers' Ben Hughes wound up fifth overall in the long jump at 21-1 3/4.

For the LSA girls, the 4x200 relay team clocked in at 1:50.62 for fifth place.

The 4x200 group included Cassidy Pfeiffer, Mia Fulton, Sophia Deore and Anna Schepmann.

Lydia Ward's time of 2:33.68 in the 800 distance placed her eighth as she contributed to LSA's effort.



Lutheran South Academy junior Marcus Gaitan grabbed a pair of golds at the TAPPS state championship meet in Waco, winning the 800 and joining the school's first-place 4x400 relay.

Alma Martin starred for the Lutheran South Academy girls as she cleared 10 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault to win the gold medal for a state championship in the TAPPS 5A division.

Lutheran South Academy's Wilson Klein cleared the 13-foot mark to win the Texas Association of Private and Parochial School's 5A state pole vault championship at Waco's Midway High School.

The Lutheran South Academy boys' 4x400 relay squad set the school record in the event at 3 minutes, 23.76 seconds while winning a TAPPS 5A state gold medal May 6 in Waco. The Pioneers' foursome included, left to right, Matthew Gaitan, Jonah Weber, Case Noack and Marcus Gaitan.

Alumni, Friends Invitational set

Alumni and Friends Golf
June 22, 2023
www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org

The Clear Creek Education Foundation is in full swing while planning its 8th Annual Clear Creek ISD Alumni and Friends Topgolf Invitational.

This year's tournament will be on June 22, with plenty of fun-filled competitions in the works.

Event organizers will host a 19th Hole Par-Tee at the "Caddy Shack" from 3 to 7 p.m., and there will be plenty of games, drinks, toss a tee and a raffle during the event.

Registration and sponsorships are available now, and with limited bays remaining, quick action is encouraged. Visit https://www.clearcreekeducationfoundation.org/alumni-topgolf/ for more information.

Last year's tournament raised more than $50,000 for CCISD teachers and staff.

All funds raised from the event go toward inspiring educational excellence within CCISD through CCEF's programs that include educational grants for both teachers and students, supporting Clear Horizon Early College High School and underwriting the costs for teachers to obtain National Board Teacher certification.

Since its founding in 1992, CCEF has been a nonprofit dedicated to building public education in Clear Creek ISD through grants and programs that empower every student to achieve academic and personal success. CCEF has contributed over $5 million to CCISD for innovative programs in the classroom.

Dobie basketball sets youth camp

Registration is now open for the Dobie Longhorns Basketball Skills Camp to be held June 27-29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at the Dobie High School main campus.

The skills camp is open to any male of female students entering the first through ninth grades as of the 2023-2024 school year, with first- through fifth-grade participants attending from 8 to 10 a.m.

Sixth- through ninth-grade students will attend the camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost of the camp is $50 per student, payable with cash in person or online payment only.

Dobie basketball coaching staff members will direct the camp, with volunteer coaches assisting in some of the drills including shooting, ball-handling, rebounding and passing fundamentals.

There will also be 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 games and a Hot Shot competition included.

Registration must be completed by May 19 to ensure a camp T-shirt.

Direct any questions about registration or other camp details to Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman at jhartman@pasadenaisd.org.

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Vicki Dailey and Dusti Baldwin, owners of Best Friends Boutique would like to thank their customers and the community for allowing them to love and care for your four-legged family for the last 38 years. At this time, they are announcing that they have decided to close Best Friends Boutique. This was not a decision that was made lightly. The shopping center, where they are located, is going in a new direction and Vicki and Dusti cannot imagine Best Friends Boutique being in any other community.

Vicki opened the shop on Monday, August 5, 1985. The news was so exciting to the entire family. A shared memory was coming home from Garner State Park on the Saturday before the grand opening and stopping in the early morning hours to look at the brand new sign that was installed while they were gone. Vicki worked the shop alone six days a week opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m. each day, until the spring of '86. Vicki then began hiring employees to keep up with demand. That summer, Dusti began working at the shop. Dusti continued to work at the shop during school holidays and vacations until she graduated Dobie High School in 1989. She also continued to work while attending college to become a teacher. Dusti left during the fall of 1995 to be a schoolteacher. She taught for 16 years until Vicki was ready to retire in 2011. Dusti returned and began running the shop. The business was put into Dusti's control in 2013. Dusti will, unfortunately, be forced to close the shop on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Once again, Vicki and Dusti want to thank the community for trusting Best Friends Boutique with your furry family members. As they go forward to August, they will begin only opening four days a week (Wednesday – Saturday), keeping their normal hours 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. This change will begin the week of May 29, 2023, and continue through August 5, 2023. They will continue to board pets until July 12, 2023. Please give them a call to set up grooming for your pet at least one more time at 281-484-9655.

Best Friends Boutique's motto is "Pets leave paw prints on our hearts." Your pets have forever left paw prints on Vicki's and Dusti's hearts.

Thank you for a wonderful 38 years.