

MUD trash times may vary

Due to a major county construction project, trash collection times may vary in the coming weeks. Residents should have trash curbside no later than 6 a.m. Monday and Thursday, as collection crews will be working in coordination with construction crews and may arrive earlier than before.

All Texas Pride Disposal trucks have cameras for verification. This will continue until the project's completion.

A project of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, the massive undertaking will make street and traffic repairs to the majority of major roads in the Clear Brook City MUD.

Work has already begun in the Sagemeadow, Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow subdivisions. Work will soon begin in the Sageglen subdivision.

No Juneteenth trash pickup

In observance of Juneteenth, the city of Houston Solid Waste Management Department will not provide curbside trash, recycling or yard waste collection on Friday, June 19.

All Friday curbside collections will be delayed by one day and serviced Saturday, June 20.

All SWMD facilities and administrative offices (including Neighborhood Depositories) will be closed Friday, June 19, and reopen for normal Saturday hours June 20.

For additional information or to confirm one's specific collection schedule, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/holiday.html or call 311.

Court to hold games event

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 2292 will host its annual Games Party Saturday, June 27, at the St. Luke the Evangelist Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This year's event will celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

To purchase \$15 tickets to the event – which includes games, lunch, a drink and dessert – contact Ella Gauthier at 281-788-8692.

All proceeds will go toward the court's charitable projects. See related ad on Page 2.

Sagemeadow HOA to meet

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Meetings are typically held the third Thursday of each month. For meeting agenda, guest speaker or other additional information, visit hsmm.sites.townsq.io/.

Kirkwood to meet June 29

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 29, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

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

Sagemont Park to meet

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association will hold its annual homeowners meeting Thursday, June 18, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Agenda items include election of officers (board of directors) for the upcoming year, deed restriction violations, community improvement issues and the possible construction of a new warehouse. The meeting is open for all Sagemont Park homeowners and residents.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow Drive continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

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

CCISD announces Athletics Hall of Honor inductees

Class of 2026 includes 2 coaches, 7 student athletes, 3 district teams

Clear Creek ISD announced the inductees into the school district's Athletic Hall of Honor Class of 2026.

The ceremony will mark the 10th anniversary of the organization formed to recognize the school district's rich athletic history and icons from its past.

Selected by Clear Creek ISD's Athletic Hall of Honor Board of Directors, this year's class of inductees includes two coaches, seven students athletes and three teams.

The newest members of the Athletic Hall of Honor are elite and accomplished coaches, teams and athletes who represent Clear Creek ISD high schools between the years of 1948 and 2017.

The 2026 Athletic Hall of Honor inductees are to be honored at an induction ceremony scheduled to take place Saturday, Sept. 19, at the CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium Field-house.

Class of 2026 inductees include the following:

Coach honorees

– **Thomas Landgraf:** Clear Lake High School, 1985-2003 (swim and dive)

– **Karolyn Criado:** Clear Lake High School, 2004-2023 (golf)

Student athlete honorees

– **Annette Carney Propp:** Clear Lake High School, 1988 (volleyball, basketball, golf, track)

– **Brian Drew Williams:** Clear Lake High School, 1990 (basketball, track and field)

– **Meredith Phillips Thompson:** Clear Creek High School, 1996 (volleyball, basketball, soccer)

– **Deryell Patterson:** Clear Brook High School, 1999 (football, track and field)

– **Lauren Viel:** Clear Lake High School, 2007 (golf)

– **Brooke McCarty-Williams:** Clear Springs High School, 2014 (basketball)

– **Landon Etzel:** Clear Creek High School, 2016 (football, baseball, track and field)

Team honorees

– **Clear Creek High School Girls' Basketball:** 1964 (UIL 2A state runners-up)

– **Clear Lake High School Girls' Cross-Country:** 1988 (UIL 5A state champions)

– **Clear Lake High School Girls' Golf:** 2007 (UIL 5A state champions)

For information on how to support the Clear Creek ISD Athletic Hall of Honor or sponsor the induction ceremony, contact Athletic Hall of Honor Board President Dede MacPherson at dmacpherson13@comcast.net.

Sageyork under construction



A Harris County construction project is currently underway near Sagemeadow Park to make street improvements. Traffic on Sageyork is currently in one direction only, with traffic from the other direction being detoured to Sagebud. Similar projects – being spearheaded by Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia – are planned for the Highland Meadow, Wood Meadow and Sageglen subdivisions. Motorists are urged to use caution.

Photo by David Flickinger

Annual South Belt parade set for July 4

Parade to celebrate America's 250th anniversary

The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade is set to take place Saturday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

This year's event will be a celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

The parade will have two grand marshals this year, with both Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Sagemont Church Associate Pastor Emory Gadd taking on the job.

Event organizers said they plan to keep the same parade route as last year, which was originally introduced due to a construction project on Beltway 8. (The change marked the first time the route had been detoured in the event's 35-year history.)

Rather than beginning at Beverly Hills Intermediate (old Dobie campus) as in past years, the parade route will again begin at Sagemont Church on Hughes Road. The route will then travel down Beamer and still conclude at San Jacinto College South as in previous years.

Participants are encouraged to arrive an hour early for lineup.

All are welcome to participate in the event, including both commercial and noncommercial entries.

Community groups and nonprofit organizations may sign up for the parade at no charge,

while commercial/candidate entries must pay a \$50 fee to take part in the parade.

While it is not necessary to do so, participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles, trailers and floats. Prizes will be awarded to the most patriotic and most original entries in both commercial and noncommercial categories.

Due to the length of the route, walking is not permitted.

Entry forms are available by scanning the QR Code on Page 3, the *Leader* office at 11555 Beamer and on the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's website at www.southbeltchamber.com/freedom-250-4th-of-july-parade.

Check-in will begin at 9 a.m., with judging taking place at 9:30 a.m. The parade will start at 10 a.m.

For additional information, see related ad on Page 3 or visit www.southbeltchamber.com/freedom-250-4th-of-july-parade.

Fireworks

– **South Belt:** Once again this year, there will be no annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display at El Franco Lee Park.

Also an Independence Day tradition in the community in past years, the South Belt fireworks display has been placed on hold since 2020, as it was funded by the yearly South Belt

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HCFCD announces plans to protect federal funding

County commissioners approve measure to preserve Harvey-era flood projects

Harris County Commissioners Court on Thursday, June 11, approved a plan to protect federal disaster-recovery funding for Hurricane Harvey-era projects that is set to soon expire.

The vote came on the same day Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) Executive Director Dr. Tina Petersen announced her resignation, marking a significant leadership.

A coordinated effort between the HCFCD, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the Harris County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the approved plan was developed to protect more than \$322 million in federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding and keep major flood mitigation projects on track ahead of the February 2027 federal deadline.

The funding – allocated after Hurricane Harvey – supports dozens of drainage, channel, and subdivision-level improvements across the county.

Key points

The newly approved strategy is designed to solve a problem that has dogged Harris County for years: how to deliver large-scale flood-mitigation projects fast enough to meet federal spending deadlines while navigating complex state and federal oversight. The plan includes the following:

– Re-sequencing projects so that those eligible for CDBG-DR dollars can be completed before the 2027 deadline

– Shifting seven subdivision drainage projects from HCD's CDBG-MIT program into the CDBG-DR program, freeing up roughly \$125

million in mitigation funds

– Expanding the pipeline of eligible projects by adding planning studies and additional drainage improvements

– Coordinating more closely with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to streamline approvals and reduce administrative delays

County officials said the strategy is designed to stretch every remaining federal dollar while preventing any funds from being reclaimed by the federal government due to missed deadlines.

HCD Executive Director Thao Costis described the plan as “a structural fix to a structural problem,” noting that the county had been juggling two separate federal programs with different rules, timelines and oversight requirements.

“This is a clear win for Harris County and a strong example of agencies working together to solve a complex funding challenge and deliver real benefits for residents,” Costis said. “By coordinating across CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT programs, we can protect disaster recovery funding, keep committed projects moving, and create new opportunity for \$125 million in additional mitigation investments.”

Petersen resignation

Petersen, who has led the Flood Control District since 2022, will step down effective July 12. In her remarks, she thanked staff and partners, saying she was leaving to “focus on family” and “pursue new opportunities.” She added:

“I am proud of the work we've done together, and I remain confident that the team will continue delivering the flood-risk-reduction projects our communities deserve,” said Petersen.

Her departure follows months of scrutiny over project timelines and internal concerns about management. It also comes after sustained criticism from outgoing Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, who publicly stated she had “lost confidence” in Petersen's leadership and argued that new direction was needed to meet federal deadlines.

Hidalgo expressed her dissatisfaction at a Commissioners Court meeting last month:

“We cannot afford to lose hundreds of millions of dollars because of delays,” said Hidalgo. “We need leadership that can deliver these projects on time.”

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Criminal patrols continue along freeway

Pct. 2 deputies make multiple narcotics arrests

Precinct 2 deputies were actively patrolling the 8100 block of Easthaven Boulevard near the Gulf Freeway and Edgebrook, an area known for high criminal activity including drug trafficking and prostitution, when they observed a male identified as Joseph Morris, 36, who was known to have an active warrant out of the Harris County Sheriff's Office for assault causing bodily injury.

Morris was detained without incident. Upon further investigation, Morris was found to be in possession of a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine. The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted charges for possession of a controlled substance.

Morris was subsequently arrested and transported to the Harris County Jail.



J. Morris

Earlier in the week, Precinct 2 night shift deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7900 block of the Gulf Freeway after observing a vehicle commit multiple traffic violations while leaving an area known for narcotics activity.

Upon contact, the driver was identified as Konstantinos Angelakos, 62. During the investigation, deputies observed Angelakos making furtive movements toward his pockets in an apparent attempt to conceal contraband. He was detained, and a subsequent search revealed he was in possession of crack cocaine.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted charges for possession of a controlled substance. Angelakos was also arrested and booked into the Harris County Jail.



K. Angelakos



Dangerous wildlife spotted in area

The *Leader* has received multiple reports of dangerous wildlife being spotted in local areas frequented by residents. The venomous coral snake shown to the left was seen along the hike-and-bike trail near Blackhawk and Dixie Farm Road. A similar snake was discovered on the porch of a nearby residence. The sightings took place just weeks after a poisonous copperhead snake was witnessed on the same area trail. Across the street from the trail, there have been numerous reports of an alligator being seen in the pond located in the Amanda Glen subdivision.

Photo by Amado Martinez

Pasadena ISD promotes college-prep programs

Dual credit, advanced placement, early college high school courses offered

By Jorly Thomas, Pasadena ISD

With more than \$42.8 million in scholarships earned across five high schools – Dobie, Memorial, South Houston, Rayburn, Pasadena, Career and Technical High School – this year's graduates are leaving with real opportunities in front of them.

At first glance, graduation may look the same as it always has, but many families are asking a bigger question: How has high school really changed? In Pasadena ISD, schools are being re-imagined to prepare students not just for graduation day, but for what comes next.

As workforce demands continue to evolve, the district is adapting to ensure students are ready for both the opportunities and the challenges ahead.

Recent graduation ceremonies highlighted that work in action, as more than 3,600 students crossed the stage across six ceremonies, representing the efforts of more than 7,500 employees who support students from pre-K through 12th grade. But this milestone also brings a hard

truth into focus: a high school diploma alone is no longer enough.

According to Good Report Houston's 2025 report, "Building the Future Workforce," while 88 percent of students graduate, only one in five go on to earn a living wage – around \$43,000 a year. The data shows a sharp drop after graduation: just 47 percent enroll in college within two years, and only 27 percent complete a degree or credential within six years. In other words, the diploma is no longer the finish line – it is the starting point.

In response, Pasadena ISD has expanded opportunities for students to get ahead while still in high school. Dual credit courses now allow students to take college-level classes and earn both high school and college credit at the same time, saving families time and money while helping students build confidence.

Nearly 600 students enrolled in dual credit in fall 2025, completing more than 3,200 college credit hours, followed by more than 2,800 additional hours in spring 2026.

For others, Early College High School programs offer an even deeper experience, allowing students to stay connected to their campus while completing significant college coursework – and in some cases, earning an associate degree. This year alone, 415 students graduated with an associate degree before finishing high school.

As a parent in the community, one might ask why all of this matters – why dual credit, AP classes or Early College should be considered when a student is just starting high school. The answer is simple: it changes the trajectory.

Students who start early build confidence, stay more engaged, and are more likely to complete a degree or credential after graduation, while also saving thousands of dollars along the way. But the reality is that path does not begin in high school – it starts much earlier. Families should begin thinking about these opportunities as early as fifth grade.

By that point, study habits are forming, confidence in learning is taking shape, and early decisions begin to influence

middle school pathways that lead to advanced coursework later. Waiting until high school often means trying to catch up, while starting early gives students more options and greater access to opportunity.

Behind these outcomes are teachers, counselors, and staff who work with students every day – helping them navigate challenging coursework,

build confidence, and stay on track toward their goals.

As Pasadena ISD continues to evolve, the focus remains clear: expand access, strengthen support, and create real-world opportunities for every student. Because in today's world, preparing students for life after high school is not optional – it is essential. Across this district, that work is happening every day.

July 4 parade nears

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Spectacular Cook-off (also held at El Franco Lee Park), which has been unable to secure proper permitting from Harris County to hold the event since the COVID-19 pandemic.

– **Sagemont Church:** Residents may still be able to enjoy fireworks, however, as part of Sagemont Church's annual Patriotic Celebration event, set to take place Sunday, June 28, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Like the July 4 parade, the event will celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

Patriotic Celebration is a free community night featuring live music, food trucks, inflatables and a fireworks show at dark.

Food trucks and inflatables will open at 5:30 p.m.. The program will begin at 7 p.m., followed by fireworks at approximately 9 p.m.

All are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair or a blanket, as seating will not be available.

For additional information, visit www.sagemontchurch.org/event-details/3372.

Francelle Robison Collins



Family members announce the passing of Francelle Robison Collins, who peacefully departed this world on June 7, 2026, at the age of 84. Born on May 29, 1942, in Kerrville, Francelle's life was a testament to love, dedication and community spirit.

Francelle was the cherished daughter of Julia and Charlie Robison and stepfather Bill Storms, all of whom preceded her in death. She shared a beautiful life with her devoted husband, Dennis Collins, whom she married on a warm summer day, July 25, 1963, in her hometown of Kerrville. Their 65-year union was a tapestry of love, laughter and shared adventures. Together, they lovingly raised two children, Kelli Collins and Chris Collins, and were blessed with three grandchildren, Elise, Garrett and Grant Collins. Francelle's nurturing spirit extended beyond her family to the numerous cats and dogs that found a welcoming haven in her home.

Francelle's educational journey began at Tivy High School in Kerrville, where she was a proud member of the Class of 1960. She furthered her studies at the University of Houston, a stepping stone that led her to a fulfilling career, teaching swimming lessons and working with a tutoring service. However, her most cherished role was that of a mother, where she devoted her energy and love to shaping the lives of her children.

A passionate advocate for her community, Francelle dedicated 27 years to the Kerr County Historical Commission, serving 15 of those years as the oral history chairman. Her commitment to preserving the stories of Kerr County's influential figures was a source of pride

and joy. Francelle was also an enthusiastic member of her high school class, maintaining close ties with her classmates throughout her life.

Francelle's heart was as expansive as her garden, where she spent countless hours nurturing her beloved roses and other flora. Her love for animals was profound, and she and Dennis shared their lives with a delightful menagerie of pets. The family ranch was her sanctuary, a place where she and Dennis poured their hearts into creating a serene and beautiful retreat.

Known for her warm smile and outgoing personality, Francelle never met a stranger. Her ability to connect with others transformed acquaintances into lifelong friends, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Francelle is survived by her husband, her children Kelli and Chris (Laura), her brother Gerald Robison, nieces Mimi (Craig) Nieschwietz and Robyn (John) Ludwig and nephew Bruce Robison. She was predeceased by her nephew Charlie Robison. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of her grandchildren, who will carry forward her spirit of kindness and joy.

As we celebrate Francelle's life, we invite you to remember her by contributing to causes close to her heart. Donations can be made to Freeman Fritts Vet Clinic & Shelter or Pets Alive! in her honor.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to all who have reached out with calls, texts, emails and especially prayers during this challenging time. The love and support have been a source of comfort and strength.

Francelle Robison Collins was a beacon of love and warmth, and her memory will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will remain forever in the hearts of her loved ones.

Robert Marl Hall Wills

Robert Marl Hall Wills, 55, of Pasadena, passed away of natural causes on Feb. 2, 2026, at his home. He was known best by his middle name, Marl, by family and friends. He will be remembered for his determined attitude, love of life, family, friends and many passions.

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He is survived by his parents, Peggy and Gary Wills; his brother, Michael Wills and wife, Amanda; their kids, Drew and Haleigh; his brother, Matt Wills and wife, Robyn and their kids, Jett and Layla; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

As Marl is remembered, the family is reminded of words from Yoda: "Death is a natural part of life. Rejoice for those around you who transform into the Force. Mourn them, do not. Miss them, do not."

Helen Chunda Kainer



Helen Chunda Kainer, 85, of Pearland, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2026, in The Woodlands.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 22, 2026, at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Pearland. A rosary will be recited at 9 a.m., to be followed with a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. and a reception afterward at Helena Hall.

On Tuesday, June 23, 2026, graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery in High Hill, (Schulenburg), directly behind St. Mary's Catholic Church in High Hill.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Helen's Catholic Church or a charity of their choice.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the Leader style.

HCFCD announces plans to protect federal funding

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Commissioners' responses
Commissioners did not dwell on the circumstances of Petersen's resignation but

emphasized the importance of continuity.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia praised Petersen's work on the funding

plan.

"This plan will help keep the promises we've made to communities, and I applaud Dr. Petersen and the Flood

Control District team for relentlessly working to get us here, which has been no easy task," said Garcia.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones stressed the stakes:

"In Harris County, we know it's just a matter of time before the next big storm hits," said Briones. "Our families deserve to be safe from the devastating impacts of repetitive flooding."

State response
Texas General Land Office Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., whose agency oversees the state's CDBG-DR funds, praised the collaboration but warned that Harris County must continue improving its processes.

"The Texas General Land Office continues to work side by side with Harris County Flood Control to find practical solutions for the challenges presented by federal deadlines," said Buckingham.

"However, this plan only works if Harris County leaders address systematic process improvements to expedite approvals and get projects moving

faster."

Federal rules require all CDBG-DR funds to be spent by Feb. 28, 2027, a deadline that has increasingly shaped county decision-making. Several commissioners noted that the county is now entering its most construction-intensive phase since Hurricane Harvey.

What comes next? Under the approved plan, HCFCD and HCD will begin immediately shifting project scopes, updating schedules and submitting revised documentation to the GLO and HUD. County officials said residents should expect to see more construction activity over the next 18 months as projects accelerate to meet the deadline.

Commissioners noted that all elements of the new plan remain subject to applicable HUD and GLO rules, regulations, reviews and approvals.

Petersen's resignation adds a new layer of transition as Harris County moves into this critical phase. At press time, the county had not yet announced interim leadership or next steps for the Flood Control District.

BHI names final six-weeks honor roll

Officials of Beverly Hills Intermediate have announced the sixth six-weeks honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seventh grade
Emiliano Javier Aguirre, Fajer Faisal Al Mezeini, Edwin Yusef Alvarez, Angelina Avila, Ashley Raquel Banegas, Secia Danahe Barahona Martinez, Oscar Bryan Barrera, Kassandra Nicole Berruete, Alexa Daliana Bonilla, Lilianna Amanda Bonilla, Skylar Anita Bowie-Simien, Halie Latrice Braxton, Daiera Daniyah Brown and Kaleb Anthony Buehne.

Karina Elizabeth Cabrera, Giselle Stella Cammack Alegria, Camilo Cano, Emma Rose Cantu, Ava Deshawna Carter, Zoe Thuy Carter, Adrian Armando Maximus Castaneda, Sophia Cavazos, David Khang Chavez, Sophia Yamileth Chayeb, Aizzell De Los Angeles Chirinos Guevara, Yana Carmen Cleckley and Citalli Celeste Cornejo Lule.

Aryanna Nayeli Cortez, Brandon Covarrubias Rodriguez, Debora Victoria Cruz Avelar, Monserrat De la Garza, Nathaniel Ivann Delgado, Harrison Manh Do, Nu Khanh Han Do, Maximus C. Doan, Nhat Minh Doan, Jace Jose Enriquez, Delilah Nevaeh Esparza, Mibel Fonseca, Cambrey Madelyn Fuentes and Matthew Aiden Garcia.

Emily Alejandra Garza, Ka' Lia Geona Gill, Carlina Rose Gonzales, Genesis Marie Gonzales, Ethan Alexander Gonzalez, Kristin Jade Gonzalez, Delilah Gizabelle Guadiana, Paula Sabine Guevara-Gonzalez, Jude Michael Gutierrez, Sofia Guzman, Aubrey Mia Haywood, Marc Alexander Hernandez and Valerie Hernandez.

Alex Iram Herrera, Axel Ivan Herrera, Tyler Huynh Hoang, Alayah Madison Holmes, Kimberly Jazmin Ibarra Lopez, Bryan Jaime, Alaina Janelle King, Aranza Jose Labrador Lucena, Thienkim Hoang Le, Bryce Lee-Jones, Luis Felipe Lopez De la Cruz, Ginhaya Dennise Lopez Herrera and Gael Lopez.

Nathalie Sang-Nhi Mai, Alvaro Andres Marron, Jo-

selyn Adelene Martinez, Madeline Michelle Martinez, Pablo Esteban Martinez, Valerie Martinez, Paige Mae McMullen, Allen Junior Mejia, Joshua Raphael Menahem, Emma Mendoza, Ky'Anta Sherman Mims and Vivian Iliana Montano.

Quan Minh Ngo, An Thanh Nguyen, Christlyn Nguyen, Cindy Tran Nguyen, Jenny Quang Nguyen, Thi Kim Phuong Nguyen, Tommy Dac Nguyen, Tyler Le Nguyen, Rouis-Rich Bacay Ong, Gissele Ortega Garcia, Emmy Reyna Ortiz and Trenton Perignon Palomino.

Nancy Thi Phan, Mikaela Anai Portillo, Ashley Samantha Quijada, Rashidul Hasan Rahat, Ximena Alessandra Ramirez Caraza, Adrian Isaiyah Ramirez, Libby Lynn Ramirez, Isaiahs Gabriel Regalado Orellana, Gabriella Rose Renteria, Robert Anthony Reyna, Alayna Noel Rice and Alyssa Mary Rios.

Aldo Daniel Riveria, Jose Noel Rodriguez-Marquez, Ozzie Cro Romero, Maddox Sanchez, Aleida Verence Segovia, Isaiyah Jermaine Shepherd, Everett Matthew John Short, David Solis, Amira Sophia Sosa, Khloe Minh-Phuong Tran and Seraphina Hong Tran.

Daniella Nicole Valdez, Alejandro Vargas Mejia, Brian Vazquez, Rosalynn Amaris Vega, Sofia Vega, Isabella Villalobos, Ariel Jayde Villanueva, Adolfo Villarreal, Adrian Villarreal, Rooney Vu, A'Maya Faye White, Spencer Charles Williams, Javona Cardella Willis and Ayleen Gianly Zavala.

Eighth grade
Abigail Grace Acatitlan, Camiyah Dallas Adams, Robert James Aguilar, Jafet Adonai Aguirre, Pablo Alexander Alvarenga Pineda, Diana Paola Alvarez, Sofia Elizabeth Amaya Tome, Jakayah Ayira Amos, Paulina Arredondo, Evelyn Arzate, Robin Chigoize Azinge, Aya Raed Bahar, Rylan Nicholas Barker and Noah Christian Barrios.

Sofia Lily Barrios, Damian Alexander Belman, Lailah Nevaeh Berruete, Ashley Daniela Bonilla Alvarez, Alani Lee Bravo,

Dean Lamar Brewer, Alanah Janay Calzada, Jeremy Bryce Ceasar, Jayden Jahir Cevallos Mejia, Huy Cat Gia Chung, Dalen Jamar Copeland, Timothy David Lee Craig, Julieta Fernanda Cruz and Isabella Ho Dam.

David Dang, Julissa Aliyah Davis, Myrion Davis, Arturo Eduardo De Hoyos, Anthony Cecilio Del Campo, Ruizhi Deng, Henry Hung Do, Luis Ernesto Escobar Gonzalez, Ethan David Espinoza, Ximena Lizbeth Espinoza, Nathan Alexander Esquivel, Ashton Markell Farris, Isabella Ferrufino and Fabian Alexander Figueroa.

Diego Alberto Flores, Rafael Ernesto Flores, Sebastian Flores, Jordan Manuel Franco, Christopher Jacob Gaffney, Don Kentrell Gaines, Tatiana Esther Gamboa, Nicolas Garcia, Arianna Marai Garcia-Campos, Mekhi Christian Gill Royal, Skylar Cheyenne Glayzer, Blake Andrew Gonzalez, Natalie Ann Graff and Morgan Toni Green.

Layla Leticia Guerra, Andres Amado Gutierrez, Regina Daniela Guzman Guzman, Ellis Ramon Guzman, Jaythan Elian Guzman, Lilly Heng, Arlen Siup Hernandez, Cesar Fabian Hernandez, Hannah Lily Hernandez, Jozelyn Celsy Hernandez, Noah Marley Hodgson, Aria Rose Holcomb, Huy Hoang Huynh and Khloe Lynn Thi Huynh.

Shae Avery Ibarra, Jayden Micah Jackson, Omar Anthony Jimenez, Marlee Alyssa Johnson, Zeniah Monae Johnson, Makayla Lakail Laurie, Minh Thu Le, Kinley Louanne Lerche-Fowler, Noah Michael Lewis, Za'Coria Chanel Lewis, Lailani Gisella Liandro, Natali Analeah Lievanos, Ayden Alexander Lima and Fernando Lomas.

Emma Rose Lopez, Kyla Elaine Low, Roland John Luna, Minh Ngoc Luong, Ngoc Tri Luu, Alfredo Adair Maldonado, Arleny Gisel Maldonado, Ethan Edward Mancillas, Robert Angelo Mares, Isabella Martinez, Luke Jimmy Martinez, Serenity Faith Martinez, Valeria Martinez, Ibrahim Ali Masoom and Jasirah Esperanza Ann Mendez.

Elise Ava Mendiola, Michael Saul Mendoza, Madison Michelle Menefer, Kenneth Ray Montalvo, Sethareh Dannace Montes, Adysun Zoi Montgomery, Epona Kasey Moore, Aubri Michele Moran, Diego Moreno, Alejandro Gomez Nevarez, Angelina Tien Nguyen and Duy Minh Nguyen.

Kha Le Nguyen, Ky Dang Minh Nguyen, Phillip Dinh Nguyen, Allan R. Nunez-Lozano, Skylar Casey O'Rourke, Grace Marie Olea, Rodolfo Olvera Rodriguez, Abigail Layla Orozco, Delilah Jolie Parra, Liv Rosalyn Pastrana, Mia Belinda Pastrana, Andrew Donovan Perez and Isaac Yohany Perla.

David Allen Perry, Kenneth James Perry, Katelyn Uyennhi Pham, Tyler Long Pham, Miguel Julian Pineda Teissonniere, Logan Xavier Pineda, Leah Eileen Ponce, Sophia Makayla Ramos, Daniel Reyes, Jonas Gabriel Reyes, Melanie Rico, Isabella Rena Rios, Alice Rodrigues De Souza Castro and Abigail Sofia Rodriguez.

Samantha Abigail Rodriguez, Julieta Rodriguez-Sotho, Xavi Enrique Romero Chevez, Elysa Isys Rubins, Aiden Joel Ruiz, Briana Nathaly Saenz Garcia, Aaron Salas, Julio Salazar, Jacobo Ray Salinas, Nicole Santiago, T'nyia Charlene Senegal, Leslie Serrano, Roger Orin Smith, Adyleen Solache and Emiliano Solis.

Josiah Van-Son Sonnen, Miia Soto, Izaih Scott Taylor, Sophia Jamileth Tellez, Devon Michael Thompson, Kai Dejean Tillman, Lilliana Isabella Torres, Sebastian Ray Torres, Bryan Huan Tran, Michael Duc Tran, Quy Phu Tran, Ryan Quang Tien Tran and Julian Andres Trevino.

Thanh Uyen Truong, Lyric Michelle Turner, Noemi Yadira Vallejo Ramirez, Giovanni Alexander Venturella, Anthony Rey Vides, Juan Gustavo Villalta Andrade, Jazlyn Analize Ville-da, Mina Huynh Vo, Sa Kim Vu, Mia Washington, Xayvier Jalen West, Siyanna Monique Woodard, Gabriel Laird Wotkins, Kimberley Yerena, Maylen Virginia Zambrano and Braidan Anderson Zamora.

Hometown Heroes Park hosts free ballroom dance

A free ballroom dance is held every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level.

The dance is casual dress, and the purpose is to have fun, get some mental and physical exercise and make friends. A variety of rhythms are provided by Neva and Bill Schroder, including foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, tango, Viennese waltz, swing, West Coast swing and several popular Latin dances.

Several dancers have attended regularly since the dance began in 2012. Lasting friendship is a bonus of this weekly event. Walk-ins are welcome to share in the fun.

The ballroom has a large floating hardwood floor and natural light from many windows and a wall of mirrors.

While this regular dance is provided free by volunteers, there is a fee for age-dependent non-residents and nonsenior residents. The fees are handled entirely by the front office at Hometown Heroes Park. Information is available by calling 281-554-1185.

AARP Webster sets meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 invites one to join at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook 77586. They meet in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. Everyone is invited to come to the regular monthly meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies, and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month they have entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors, followed by a social activity.

Thursday, July 9, The program and social activity will be a patriotic theme in honor of the United States 250th anniversary.

AARP Chapter also organizes day trips for our AARP Chapter 199 members by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next bus trip will be on Tuesday, July 21, to Holocaust Museum in Houston. The Holocaust Museum is dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and educating the public on the dangers of prejudice. Trip price is \$19, plus lunch at Treebeards. Members may register and pay for this trip at the Thursday, July 9, monthly meeting. One must be a member of our Chapter 199 to participate in bus trips.

If anyone is interested in joining our AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show their current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact president Veronica Stanford at 409-256-1195 or veronica_stfrd46@yahoo.com.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Library:

Thursday, June 18, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL Get LIT 2026.
Monday, June 22, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.
Monday, June 22, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL Get LIT 2026.
Monday, June 22, 2 – 3 p.m. Scales, feathers and fossils: Live animal show. Registration required
Tuesday, June 23, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL Get LIT 2026.
Tuesday, June 23, 4 – 5 p.m. Family craft adventure. Registration required
Wednesday, June 24, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL Get LIT 2026.
Wednesday, June 24, 6 – 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required.
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for more information. One can also visit social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library:

Thursday, June 18, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.
Saturday, June 20, 3 – 4:30 p.m. Korean language music class. Registration required.
Monday, June 22, Noon – 1:30 p.m. Adult computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.
Monday, June 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.
Monday, June 22, 4 – 5 p.m. Cricut sublimation orientation. Registration required.
Monday, June 22, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
Tuesday, June 23, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.
Tuesday, June 23, 4 – 5 p.m. Dino masks craft.
Wednesday, June 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Leaf stamp jewelry bowl craft for adults.
Wednesday, June 24, 4 – 5 p.m. Dino tails craft.
Wednesday, June 24, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

Online services

– Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
– Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
– Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
– Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
– Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
– Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
– Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.
Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card.
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J. Frank Dobie High School announces sixth six-weeks honor roll

Officials of J. Frank Dobie High School have announced the sixth six-weeks honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

Ninth grade

Osama Emad Abdallah, Sophia Isabel Acatilan, Leslie Patricia Aguilar, Zayden Ray Aguilar, Julian Alcantara, Me'Shai Adeen Alexander, Samuel Breese Alexander, Za'Kari Jalil Allmon-Jackson, Abdulrahman Yousef Alnaasan, Evannie Lizbeth Alonso, Andrew Xavier Alvarado, Andrew Amezcua and Crystal Antunez Vargas.

Angel Arango Ramirez, Kimber Araujo, Jade Nicole Arceneaux, Helen Yamileth Argueta, Adrian Arredondo, Rick Chidubem Azinge, Nathalia Baca Cepeda, Jaila Alana Bandy, Samuel Alexander Barahona, Jonathan Joeharris Barber, Matthew Antonio Barragan, Samantha Barraza, Vince Marcelino Barron and Natalie Ariel Bazan.

Liliana Bermudez, Tahj Jesus Bernardez, Alexandra Adamari Betancourt, Jeremy Alberto Beteta, Ameer Ahmed Bilal, Samuel Alexander Bravilla, Edmundo Ezekiel Bruno, Camila Aime Bruno, Vy Nguyen Thao Bui, Nevaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Alexander Chai Buntaer, Joshua Robert Byron and Noel Alejandro Caballero.

Maddison Campos, Samantha Carbajal Moreno, Giselle Marie Casas, Valery Yesenia Casillas, Daziel Favian Castillo, Jasmine Ava Castro, Sabrina Xitlaly Cavazos, Felix Abraham Cervantes, Kaitlyn Cervantes, Trevion Darael Charles, Isabelle Soleil Chavez, Mia Gabrelle Chavez, Nathaniel Chavez and Duyen Cach Chung.

Nicole Churchwell, Isabella Giada Cisneros, Kayla Alyssa Cisneros, Sophia Elizabeth Claros Mendoza, Lila Grace Collazos, Natalia Contreras, Brooklyn Arianna Coronado, Carissa Soleil Cortez, Johnathan Cruz-Garcia, Kiet Tuan Dang, Minh Duc Dang, Taylor Patricia Daniels, Layla Isabella Davila and Leshay Ra'Liyah Davison.

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Faizan and Noah Nathaniel Fernandez.

Alessandro Ferrufino, Jonathan Noah Fonseca, Jay'von Edward Fortson, Elisa Jhene Francis, Gabriella Edith Franklin, London Lashelle Freeman, Olivia Jaisel Gaitan-Williams, Nathaniel Aiden Cruzado Gansit, Elida Sarahi Garcia, Layla Maribel Garcia, Myla Cassidy Garcia, Matteo Ason Garciduenas, Anasofia Garibay and Carlos Eduardo Garza.

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Kennady Denise Grice, Jayden Fernando Grimaldo, Melanie Guerrero, Alexa Yumari Guevara, Emma Gurusquieta, Yoansy Francisco Hernandez Ramos, Antonio Hernandez, Valeria Marlen Hernandez, Durriyah Monae Hill, Anna Hoang, Antonio Juan Holguin, Noah James Holguin, Ngoc My Le Huynh and Daveyn Cartel Jackson Little.

Ramon Jaramillo, Alaya M. Jasso, Isela Nicole Jimenez, Bradley Zane Jones, Kenberly De'Asia Jones, Evangeline Josephine Kennedy, Malina Janae King, Bjork Ichel Klimowicz, Alice Hong Lam, Jayda Rayne Lasker, Regina Guadalupe Leal Garza, Alex Enrique Leon, Frida Fernandez Leon, Jonathan Leon and Emma Lomeli.

Lola Penelope Scarlett Lopez, Pablo Lopez, Melahny Meilin Machado, Keyla Jake-line Macias, Veronica Madrid, Phuwadet Maingot, Diego Nicholas Majano, Delfino Maldonado, Alexander Jose Maravilla Cabrera, Rahul Santiago Marroquin, Devany Elizabeth Martinez Mata, Anthony Martinez Risco and Abigail Marie Martinez.

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Brandon Gerardo Carcamo, Roland Cardoza, Sakura Sky Carrasco, Diego Matias Carson, Aaliyah Monae Carter, Alonah Renae Carter, Ramon Anthony Carter, Yuridia Yuvanna Cazares, Sebastian Andres Cedillos, Barbara Alana Chapa, Biley Rae'Lynn Charles, Tuyen Kim Chau, Jayvian Brayan Chavez and Redric Luke Alberto Colanogoy.

Ashlyn Mariah Coleman, Lyla Marie Coleman, Andres Valentino Cortes, Leslie Maria Costa, Cardia Jameson Craig, Lyla Raquel Craque, Abraham Cruz, Elyanna Rosalyn Cruz, Kaitelin Dang, Nhi Thai Dang, Thy Thanh Dang, Raimery De La Cruz De Gracia, Uriah

Ryne Deleon, Stephanie Delgado and Dekaylen Jerrym Dewberry.

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Ngan Hoang Kim Nguyen, Ngoc Ha Bich Nguyen, Ngoc Kim Hong Nguyen, Nicholas Trieu Khang Nguyen, Quan Vu Le Nguyen, Toby Tang Nguyen, Tuan Tran Anh Nguyen, Vincent Viet Nguyen, Jeremiah De'Wayne O'Neal, Louisa Safor Obah, Karla Lynette Ocampo, Lily Irene Oliva and Estefani Alexandra Orellana Ramirez.

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Vincent Pham, Minh Nhat Phan, Guillermo Piedra Miranda, Alissa Amberlynn Pittman, Andrew Lee Posey, Prince Nelson Corpus Rabang, Amelie Eliaette Ramirez, Fabian Jessiah Ramirez, Melanie Jade Ramirez, Mia Nevaeh Ramirez, Kendrick Dimalanta Ramos, Jazalynn Faith Randall and Nicolas Alexander Rangel.

Brandon Dewanye Ray, Olivia Margaret Razo, Pablo Jesus Reyes, Aldo Sebastian Reyna, Adelyn Rincon, Marco Antonio Rincon, Elizabeth Vega Rios, Evolet Rivera Chairez, Gloria Ann Robin, Robert John Robinson, Kaylee Denise Robles, Magaly Saray Rodriguez De Lucio, Ana Sofia Rodriguez and Aubree Elle Rodriguez.

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South Belt July 4th Parade

The parade will begin at Sagemont Church (11300 S. Sam Houston Pkwy. E.) Parking Lot K off Hughes Road at 10 a.m. The parade will end at San Jacinto College South Campus on Beamer. Lineup starts at 9 a.m. Judging for trophies will be at 9:30 a.m. Individuals, groups and businesses are encouraged to build floats, decorate vehicles and participate.

Entry fees MUST be paid by June 29th to participate in the parade. Adult supervision is mandatory! Due to the length, NO WALKING ALLOWED IN THE PARADE. For everyone's safety, NO alcohol or glass containers, water balloons or water guns are allowed. This is a celebration of the 250th Birthday of America! Only United States of America, Texas and U.S. military flags are allowed.

Candy, small trinkets, beads, etc. to toss from your float or vehicle to spectators is encouraged.

For more information, contact the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* at 281-481-5656.

Please scan the QR code for online entry form.

2026 South Belt 4th of July Parade Route

TO CELEBRATE FREEDOM **250** A SOUTH BELT-ELLINGTON EVENT

Kids' Backporch Productions presents summer double feature

Kids' Backporch Productions invites the community to enjoy a special summer musical double feature: "Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS" and "Into the Woods Jr." The shows will be performed together, with "Winnie the Pooh KIDS" as the first act and "Into the Woods Jr." following intermission.

Founded in Pearland in 2005, Kids' Backporch Productions is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational arts organization serving students and families throughout the Pearland area. The group provides young performers with opportunities to grow through theater, including productions, internships, stage management and other educational experiences.

In "Winnie the Pooh KIDS," audiences will travel to the Hundred Acre Wood with Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, Rabbit, Owl and friends in a family-friendly story full of friendship and imagination. After intermission, "Into the Woods Jr." brings together familiar fairy-tale characters in a clever musical adventure about wishes, choices and the search for "happily ever after."

Performances will be held at Shadycrest Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall, 3017 Yost Blvd., Pearland, TX 77581, on: Friday, June 26 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 27 at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday June 28 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65+ and \$10 for children 18 and under. The production is directed by Lisa Maxwell.

Families are encouraged to come support local youth theater and enjoy an afternoon or evening of music, laughter and storytelling. Tickets and additional information are available at kidsbackporchproductions.org.



Shown at left, are "Winnie the Pooh KIDS" cast, left to right, Pyka Bliss, Adele Marchand, Christopher Guy, Zachary Schmid, Mack Cole, Julianna Sutphin, Presley Fatter and Wesley Eubanks.



"Into the Woods Jr." cast members are, left to right Mabree Cole, Nolan Eubanks, Raley Perez, Sofia Salazar, Roman Salazar, Lorelai Peel, Thomas Guy and JJ McDowell in the woods background. "Into the Woods Jr." production will follow the Winnie the Pooh musical.

Thompson Intermediate School names final six-weeks honor roll

Officials of Thompson Intermediate have announced the sixth six-weeks honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seventh grade
Eduardo Rafael Acosta Aguilar, Martin Daniel Acosta, Qurat Ul Ain Adeel, Alfonso Martin Aguilar, Lucas Xavier Aguilar, Ava Danae Ahmad, Usman Kamran Alceem, Mahim Ashaun Alexander, Natalie Noemi Alfaro, Qamar Yousef Alnaasan, Adiana Alvarez, Tristan Kaleb Alvarez and Austine James Arce.

Jocelyn Clara Arredondo Diosdado, Jacob Jarrett Ariola, Samantha Olea Arriola, Zyon Zyerina Babin, Ava Caridad Baeza, Eleny Carmen Balderas, Emery Gary Banda, Allison Michelle Barahona, Aubrey Daniella Barajas, Melina Ascucena Barrera, Yahir Barron and Nathalia Blanc Candelaria.

Christie Alexa Bradley, Madiynn Rose Brioso, Aubrey Rene Brown, Torrie Lorraine Caniff, Leilyn Crysthal Castillo Munoz, Ava Rae Castro, Victoria Chapa, Cullen Nguyen Chau, Alezea Alia Chavez, Nathan Myles Chavez, Gabriella Marie Christensen, Jovani King Cisneros and Quelwin Seth Alberto Colangoy.

Miranda Star Coronado, Abigail Giselle Covarrubias, Isabelle Marie Covarrubias, Sofia Crow Tascon, Isabella Audrey Cruz, Isabel Marie Cubos, Angel Marquez Davila, Kason Kane Dillard, Benedict Duncan, Andrew Son Duong, Naomi Kieu-Nga Duong, Alena Edna-Renee Duresseau and Camila Fernandez.

Natalia Lizbeth Flores, Neveah Isabella Flores, Sophia Marcella Franklin, Logan Neo Fritsch, Zuleigh Berniece G-

ona, Evelyn Jolene Garcia, Gabriel Angel Garcia, Kourtney Camille Cooper Gibson, Liam Hailey Goffney, Anabel Alejandra Gomez and Arianna Magdalena Gomez.

Jacob Gabino Gomez, Jacob Joseph Leo Gonzales, Adalynn Gonzalez, Ariana Jaelyn Gracia, Hayla Larae Grant, Mae Elizabeth Green, Mariana Guajardo, Sophia Grace Guerrero, Adelyn Faith Guillen, Mia Amairany Gutierrez, Neveah Faith Gutierrez and Olivia Ann Gutierrez.

Gwendolyn Ann Heitman, Arianna Marie Hernandez, Gael Hernandez, Joshua Hernandez, Kelsey Emma Hernandez, Julie Alejandro Herrera, Kourtney Marie Hinojosa, Eleora Zafora Hunt, Miranda Marie Ibarra, Luke Macelli Irizarry and Zayan Ali Jafri.

Idalia Marie Jaramillo, Paulette Jimenez, Charlotte Laurel Kearbey, Kayden Dilan Leal, Camila Mar Licon, Miguel Angel Lopez, Izabella Lucero, Yahaira Esperanza Lujan, Soraya Yvonne Lungs, Aliyanna Belen Machado, Arielle Elena Maldonado, Jennifer Love Marquez and Reyna Michelle Martinez Lazo.

Gabriel Alejandro Martinez, Leyana Michelle Mathis, Eduardo Mazariogoz, Adalynn Faith McMullin, Presley Paige McMurry, Alaina Melchor, Marleen Adamaris Melendez, Shaun Edward Mijares, Madison Katherine Monford, Arianna Nicole Moreno, Daniel Javier Moreno and Caiden Xavier Morgan Leauvano.

Londyn Tre'Ne Moses, Samantha Yue Ngoc Nghiem, Abriella Quynh Linh Nguyen, Dannie Nguyen, Giselle

Velazquez and Brooklyn Rose Veltman.

Liliana Kareli Vilches, Madison Analyze Villatoro, Stephany Lizbeth Villatoro, Tina Huynh Vo, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Kim Vu, Minh Cong Vu, Allison Elizabeth Walker, Aniyah Elizabeth Walker, Jaylen Walker, Christopher Jamal Wickliff, Courtney Georgeanna Williams, Jaela Elle Williams, Amaya Jaecana Duenas Wilson, Lily S. Yam and Xamira Evellett Zambrano.

Julian Devery Acevedo, Leonela Aguilu, Anderson Manuel Aguilar, Lorenzo Armando Aguirre, Kayla Joan Akinfenwa, Sural Alessandra Alcantara, Jalynn Cole Alix, Erik Lenin Alvarado, Jaiden James

Alvarez, Leovanni Angel Alvarez, Nathalia Amy Andrade, Jaire Jesean Andrews, Paloma Arguello-Contreras and Carlos Enrique Argueta.

Diana Armenta, Avian Alexander Arredondo, Kendall Rae Ashworth, Lahnay Aileen Avendano, Ivan Emmanuel Ayala, Mikalya Amerie Bain, Mikalya Elizabeth Ballard St. Romain, Blue Jakob Banda, Piper Fallon Batarbee, Nathaniel Ryan Belleville, Suheyela Isabella Belman and Arihanna Larissa Berrones.

Ethan Jordan Blandon, Tanner Van Bo, Diana Abigail Bonilla, Makhera Darnacia Brantley, Jeremiah Don'Ye Briscoe, Jordyn Aniya Brown, Megan Van Bui, Isabella Ni-

cole Byron, Victoria Isabella Caballero, Julian Alejandro Calderon Vargas, Allen Elias Campos, Araceli Renee Campos, Kylie Lauren Campos and Nicole Alexis Campos.

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

parza, Chloe Delilah Estes, Cooper James Estes, Kamilah Estrada, Daisy Jaslene Evans, Norman Esteban Fabian Alba, Diana Ayleen Figueroa-Maldonado, Gavin Adam Flores, Izeabela Morae Flores, Jorge Pantaleon Flores and Valentin Eloy Flores.

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Ethan Xavier Gomez, Leon Armando Gomez, Sofia Isabel

Hailey Sunshine Cubos, Aidan Lee Dang, Christina Dang, Isaac Toan Song Dao, Leila Danielle Necesito Davila, Lila Rain Davis, Katelyn Michelle De Leon, Jordan Lt. De Robles, Dinah Delilah Dean, Ivette Del Toro, Daphney Ayannah Deleon, Gregory Luis Deleon, Josselyn Maria Delgado, Julie Delgado and Aiden Diaz.

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Remember When

50 years ago (1976)
Attempts were made to close off the "road which isn't a road" between the subdivision of Sagemeadow and Green Tee Terrace.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department ordered a \$56,000 1976 Pierce fire truck with the capacity of pumping 1,000 gallons of water per minute and a 750-gallon water storage tank.

45 years ago (1981)
The median age of South Belt area residents was 37, and the median annual salary was \$35,000, according to a marketing survey by Texas Commerce Bank-South Belt.

The director of the Harris County Flood Control District told a large crowd at the Sagemont Civic Club meeting that he felt \$25 million would be needed to make the improvements necessary to alleviate the South Belt area flooding problems.

40 years ago (1986)
Steve "Ace" Cummings, a 1982 Dobie graduate, was drafted in the second round of the summer draft by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Toxic waste cleanup of the Southeast Water Purification Plant site added \$1 million to \$2 million to the projected plant project cost of \$72 million.

35 years ago (1991)
Two burglary suspects backed a truck into a garage in an attempt to load it with stolen household goods. An alert neighbor called Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office to report the suspicious activity. Deputies captured the two men after a brief struggle in the garage.

Emmy nominee Scott Fults, a former Sagemeadow resident, came to Houston and started as Eugene Morris Jerome in the semi-autobiographical play at Chris Wilson's Actors Theatre of Houston.

30 years ago (1996)
San Jacinto College set up information booths at Baybrook and Pasadena Town Square malls.

Beamer Towers, the skeleton structure located near the Brio Toxic Superfund Site,

was tentatively scheduled for demolition.

25 years ago (2001)
The city of Houston and Harris County, with assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, began spraying the mosquitoes which inundated the South Belt area after Tropical Storm Allison.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to a mutual aid house fire call in Green Tee.

Firemen fought the fire standing in waist-deep water using jet skis to transport hoses, tools and personnel.

20 years ago (2006)
Nationally recognized

hurricane expert Bill King was the guest speaker at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

What appeared to have been a language misunderstanding resulted in the homicide of Erik Garcia, 16, behind his Beverly Hills home. Four suspects were being sought by police.

15 years ago (2011)
Construction began on the Harris County portion of the Hughes Road/Barry Rose expansion into Pearland. The work was expected to take six months and cost \$1,704,505. Plans called for an elevated bridge just west of Blackhawk to go above

the existing hike-and-bike trail. Plans also called for the installation of stop signs at the Sageorchard intersection as well as a cautionary traffic light in front of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department station.

The U.S. Coast Guard's Air Station Houston had a change-of-command ceremony at Ellington Field.

Incoming Cmdr. Eric Gleason replaced outgoing Cmdr. Christopher Moss as commanding officer.

10 years ago (2016)
A Pearland police officer was killed June 12 when he was involved in a head-on collision at the intersection of

Broadway and Country Club Drive. The accident occurred when Officer Endy Ekpanya was en route to a non-emergency call when he was struck by a gray Chrysler SRT, driven by Amber Willemson, who had reportedly veered out of her lane. Both vehicles suffered extensive damage, and both drivers had to be extricated by emergency crews. Ekpanya, 30, was transported by Life Flight to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead. Willemson, 38, was also transported to the hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Williamson, a former assistant principal with the Clear Creek Independent School District, was charged with intoxication manslaughter of a peace officer, a first-degree felony. Records show she was out on bond at the time of the crash for drug possession and had a previous DUI charge from 2012. The fatal crash marked the first time a Pearland officer had died in the line of duty in 40 years.

5 years ago (2021)
Philanthropist and author MacKenzie Scott and her husband Dan Jewett were revealed to have been the secret donors responsible for donating \$30 million to San

Jacinto College, allowing the area school to provide free tuition to all graduating students in its taxing district. The donation was the largest private gift in the college's history. Scott is the former wife of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos. Scott made the announcement Tuesday, June 15, in a blog post, donating more than \$2.7 billion to 286 organizations throughout the country. In her post she says, "Higher education is a proven pathway to opportunity, so we looked for two- and four-year institutions successfully educating students who come from communities that have been chronically underserved."

1 year ago (2025)
Former longtime San Jacinto College professor/coach Judy Harrison will now serve on the school's board of directors, narrowly defeating incumbent Salvador Serrano Jr. in a June 7 runoff election.

Also a longtime supporter of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Harrison received 51 percent of the vote (3,577 total votes) to Serrano's 49 percent (3,380 votes).

The contest was to determine who would fill the SJC Position 3 trustee seat formerly held by Leader co-founder Marie Flickinger - a close personal friend of Harrison's.

Flickinger retired from the position just weeks before her death in November 2024 after serving the district for nearly 30 years. Serrano was appointed to serve the remainder of Flickinger's term following her passing.

In the May 3 general election, Serrano had edged out Harrison, receiving 41.4 percent of the vote to her 41.1 percent. With no candidate in the four-person race receiving 50 percent of the vote, however, a subsequent runoff election was required.

Longtime Position 4 incumbent Larry Wilson avoided a runoff election, handily defeating challenger Oscar Del Toro in the May 3 election, receiving 61 percent of the vote to his opponent's 39 percent.

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Brook grad McLaurin transfers to UTRGV women's basketball

UT Rio Grande Valley University's addition of Kamryn McLaurin to the Vaquero women's basketball team courtesy of the NCAA transfer portal may not have gotten much attention, but there is little doubt locally that UTRGV is adding a tremendous talent to an already strong roster.

It wasn't that long ago that McLaurin was a four-year star with the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball program, winning multiple postseason individual honors for her play on both ends of the floor for the Wolverines.

After graduation, McLaurin joined the Houston Christian University women's basketball program and went on to capture a weekly player of the week honor during her brief stay. Now, she will call the Rio Grande Valley her new home.

Upon announcing her transfer intentions through the portal, McLaurin said she had upward of 15 programs interested in potentially adding her services on the court. Ironically, the Vaqueros got the first crack adding McLaurin to the program, and all it took was a short visit for the talented sophomore to be sure in her heart that with the Vaqueros is where she belongs.

"It was very important to me to join the program that looks at me as more than just a number, a program that views me as a valuable contributor and

realistically a member of the basketball family.

"I was able to get that feeling pretty quickly with UTRGV. I'm already here working out with the other players within the program, and it really is a family-like atmosphere and a situation where everyone is pulling in the same direction and wants to help each other for the good of the program.

"That's really all I was looking for, but at the same time that was something that I felt was a must for me. Everyone wants to feel like they are wanted within a program, and I certainly feel that with UTRGV. I'm very much looking forward to getting started in the preseason and helping to do my part and getting this program into a better position than it already is."

Clear Brook graduates within other sports, namely track and field, have previously joined UT Rio Grande Valley, which competes rather successfully within the Southland Conference.

McLaurin will be the first former Wolverine basketball player to join the Vaqueros, and there should be little doubt that she will be able to add a tremendous amount of both talent and leadership.

More than once a defensive player of the year in the 24-6A ranks during her career with the Wolverines, McLaurin has also developed into a more than capable stat-sheet-stuffer on the offensive end.

To that goal, McLaurin said she has been working to improve both her outside shot and ball handling with an emphasis on being able to help out at any of the one through four positions on the floor.

"I love the sport, and I think that I am the type of driven individual who can improve my game from here on out," said McLaurin, who plans to study civil engineering at UT RGV. I want to become the best possible basketball player that I can. At the same time, it is very important to

me to be able to be a good teammate, a good leader and someone within a program who can be counted on both when times are good and not so good. "I am viewing this as a tremendous opportunity to advance myself both individually and from a team standpoint. Obviously, we have not taken the floor yet as a team, but I believe this team finished third in the conference last season, and I don't see any reason why we cannot have the same success or even better moving forward."

Last year at this time, McLaurin and teammates Chardel Terrell and Rezia Castillo were celebrating their recent graduation from Clear Brook High School after having played key roles in one of the greatest stretches of success within Wolverine program history.

With head coach Mileka Loydrake leading the way, the Wolverines put together a total of 105 victories and captured a pair of district championships with identical 12-0 records. During the 2021-2022 season, the

trio, including McLaurin, set a single-season record for victories.

Loydrake is a Clear Springs High School graduate and former high school and collegiate basketball standout in her own right. She joined the Clear Brook program as the top varsity assistant to begin the 2021-2022 season and has now been the head coach for three seasons.

McLaurin came to Clear Brook via Westbrook Intermediate. "Kamryn has the physical tools and also just an unbelievable desire to get better, which she did," Loydrake told the *Leader* last year.

Both McLaurin and Terrell began their freshman season with Loydrake at the junior varsity level that first year, while Castillo immediately began making a contribution in a big way at the varsity level.

It wasn't all that long before the three players were all at the varsity level.

"With Kamryn, she came in as a freshman with great length and the ability to play tremendous defense, and her coordination for a freshman while growing was equally as special," Loydrake said.

When McLaurin joined Houston Christian following her High School graduation, she told the *Leader*, "You have to be willing to give it your all on the defensive end of the floor, and I really enjoy playing tough defense and trying to get into the minds of players from the offense

again. At the same time, I feel like my offensive game has improved each season. This past year, I did a very much better job of shooting the ball but also getting to the basket and scoring at the rim."

As a junior, McLaurin also reached the state meet in the high jump and put it all together in her final season as a freshman on the basketball court. She averaged more than 19 points, 4.3 steals, 3.7 rebounds and 1.4 assists.

She was also an all-academic team honoree each of her four seasons in athletics.

The UTRGV women's team is coming off a historic season, winning more than 20 games for the first time in program history and becoming the winningest program along the way, going 21-14 overall and returning to the postseason for the first time in seven years.

Along the way, the Vaqueros set or tied 19 single-game and single-season program records and was the only team in the conference with two first team All-Conference performers.

Selected to compete in the women's national invitational tournament, the Vaqueros traveled to Austin Peay in the first round and battled a spread of flu among the team at the same time.

Despite the setback the Vaqueros rolled to a 71-59 victory.

Now the Vaqueros will add a player with across-the-board talent in McLaurin, and things should only get better.

"I'm so excited to be part of this team, McLaurin said. "Like I said, you feel like a family when you are there with your teammates and the coaching staff, so I'm so excited to get started when the real games begin."

JFD cross-country training runs

The Dobie cross-country coaching staff will host a summer training camp for incoming freshmen through seniors as of the 2026-2027 school year for several weeks this month and in July. The sessions will be held each morning from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. Athletes will meet at the Dobie main campus field house each morning for training sessions June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 6-7, July 9, July 13-14, July 20-23, and July 27-30. The Longhorns' cross-country program is riding a huge wave of success in recent years and is always looking to add additional talent to the teams. Those participating in the training sessions must have a current physical on file as well as required Rank One paperwork completed.

JFD football host

The Dobie football coaching staff will host a free one-day Matt Bergeron football camp for students entering kindergarten through the eighth grade as of the 2026-2027 school year June 26 on the main campus from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Students will receive instruction in all phases of the game and be able to hone their skills for the upcoming 2026 season. The camp is open to both boys and girls. Coaches within the Sagemont Cowboys organization will also lend a hand in the camp. The QR code to register for the camp is located on the Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls Facebook page, reference June 8.

UIL takes serious look at flag football

Girls flag football at the high school level is riding a large wave of momentum thanks to tremendous popularity from the contestants as well as coaches across the state, and the University Interscholastic League is taking notes. Following a June 10 meeting to discuss the sport possibly gaining official sanctioning, and acknowledging tremendous advocacy from the Houston Texans, Dallas Cowboys and school district leaders statewide, the UIL is moving forward as staff will develop an implementation plan for adding the sport. There are plenty of issues to consider along the way, including but not limited to funding as well as scheduling, but the support appears to be plentiful as the flag football surge of momentum continues. Officials with the UIL will provide additional information this summer as it becomes available.



Kamryn McLaurin will take her full court game to the University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley as she joins a Vaqueros program that is coming off its best season in a long while.

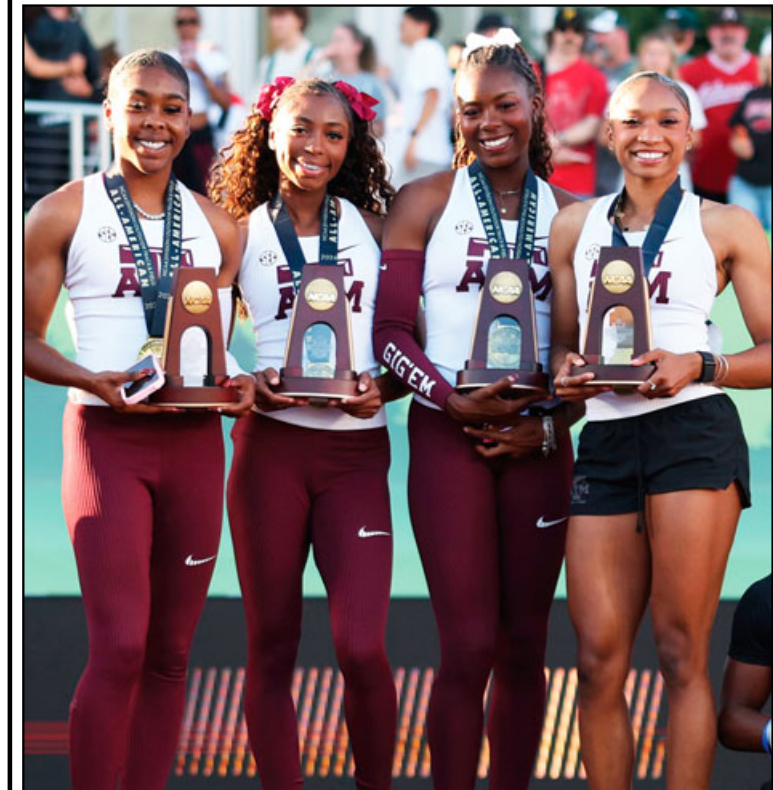


Kylar Joseph, a Dobie Class of 2026 graduate, was a two-sport standout for the Longhorns during an exceptional and successful athletics career. As a senior, Joseph was named both the top offensive player and most improved player on the volleyball court and then went on to excel both on the track and in the long jump during the track season. Joseph will next attend the University of New Orleans, where she will be part of the women's track and field program. See her story on Page 8.

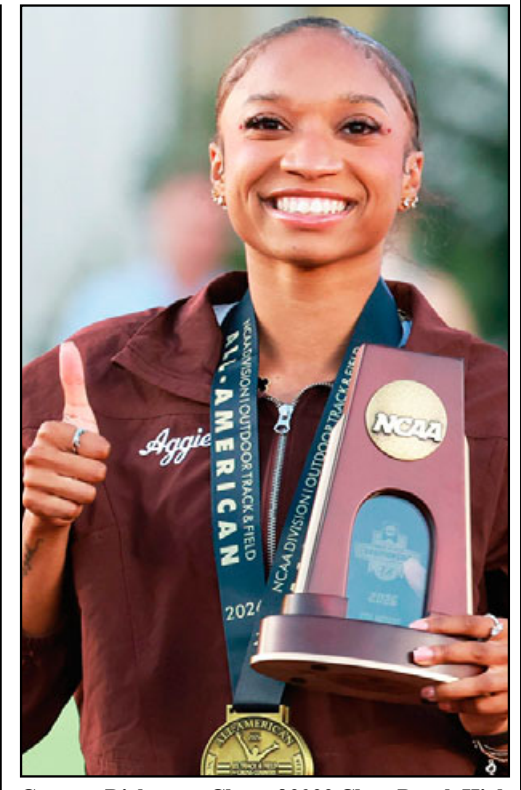


From left, Sariah Albert Mottley, De'Aiziah Foster and Chloe Barnes celebrated together during the South Houston flag football team's special send-off June 11 prior to traveling to the She's Next State Tournament at North Texas University. The Trojans entered the tournament undefeated and handed El Paso Eastwood a defeat before eventually losing to that same Eastwood squad during the final day of action. South Houston was the regular season and postseason local champions and represented the Houston Texans at the state tournament.

Dickson, Texas A&M women's track medal at nationals



The Texas A&M women's 4x100 relay team broke a school record in the event at the NCAA outdoor championships June 13 at Hayward Field on the campus of the University of Oregon. From left, Jasmine Montgomery, Anya Jackson, Aysha Shaheed and Camryn Dickson clocked in at 42.34 to break a school record that has stood for 17 years. In doing so, the group earned first team All-American status while finishing fourth in the event.



Camryn Dickson, a Class of 2022 Clear Brook High School graduate, was Texas A&M's top scorer for the women's team at the NCAA outdoor Nationals as she placed third at 22.18 in the 200, earning first team All-American accolades for the third time in the meet and for the 15th time during her illustrious career with the Aggies.

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Washington family tradition will continue at Prairie View A&M

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Imagine the pride the Washington family must have been feeling at the time. Tomishia and Charles Washington had first met on campus at

Prairie View A&M University more than 20 years ago and were now visiting the campus as part of freshman orientation along with their son Clayton.

A 2026 Dobie High

School graduate and three-sport standout, Clayton Washington has made the decision to follow his parents on the path to a college education at Prairie View, where he plans to study mechanical engineering.

Charles Washington, who as a senior in 1999 guided the Dobie High School varsity football team to a 12-1 overall record before choosing to continue his education and playing career with the Panthers, has spent nearly the entirety of his professional career as an educator/coach with the Longhorns.

Currently the Longhorns' assistant head coach and offensive coordinator as well as the girls' track and field head coach, Charles Washington has, like dozens of others, graduated from Dobie and then become a lifelong Longhorn as a staff member. Having had the opportunity to drive to

At left, Dobie senior defensive back Clayton Washington was a second team All-District selection after the 2025 season and will now walk on at Prairie View A&M University as he looks to join the Panthers program for 2026 and beyond.
Photo by Donna Alsdrorf

school alongside his son, Clayton, for much of the previous four years, the father admitted that he and his wife are very excited to see what the future holds for Clayton.

"During the process of finding a college, we never pushed the idea of Prairie View A&M on him," Charles Washington said.

"We have always wanted it to be his decision because it's his path. Even while coaching at Dobie High School with him in the athletic program, I've never really made it a big deal that he is my son. It's always been important to us for him to chart his own path.

"With that said, Clayton did comment during the freshman orientation at Prairie View that he feels as though he definitely made the right decision, so as a family we can't be any prouder for both him and ourselves."

Obviously, Clayton has grown up knowing full well that his father is an educator/coach at Dobie High School and that one day he would more than likely have the opportunity to compete with his father having an up close and personal look at his experiences on the playing fields. However, both admit that the father-son relationship has its place separately at home and on campus.

"Pretty much when we are not at school, we don't talk about Dobie athletics and what's going on day to day on the field, on the court or out there on the track," Clayton said.

"I think we have both done a great job at maintaining a basic father-son relationship to where we can keep those things separate.

"There's no doubt that having a father with that much experience and knowledge in various athletic programs has been a benefit. He understands the ups and downs that come with any competitive sport, so obviously we have those conversations. But for the most part when we're away from school, we're just together as a family doing family things along with my mother. I'm going to miss it all to be honest, but I'm also excited to see what the future holds at Prairie View."

Clayton says that he plans to walk on in an attempt to make the Panthers' roster heading into the upcoming season. A second team All-District defensive back with the Longhorns as a senior, Clayton certainly feels his skills can translate to the next level. While he has attempted to stay out of his son's way for the most part, Charles Washington did admit that he

has spoken to coaching staff members at Prairie View and is certainly hoping that his son gets a fair opportunity to compete for the Panthers when the time comes.

As for his education, Clayton will enter the mechanical engineering major. He also will keep an open mind toward possibly joining the coaching field. "Coaching is certainly a fallback plan for me," Clayton said. "I have seen the positive differences that my dad has been able to make at Dobie, and it certainly is a great profession to be a part of. For now I do want to study mechanical engineering, but you never know when I will catch the coaching bug."

For now, Dad said he hopes his son sticks to his original plan. "I love coaching and it has always been a part of my life, but again, it's not something that I have ever tried to steer my son toward," Charles Washington said.

"There are a lot of hours involved with coaching, and like a lot of other professions you have to make sacrifices with your time and sometimes with your family, if it's something that he truly wants to do in terms of coaching, well then so be it, but we certainly hope that he gives mechanical engineering first dibs right now."



The father-son relationship extended to the varsity football field as Clayton Washington (left) and his father, Dobie varsity football offensive coordinator Charles Washington, were able to share plenty of special moments on the field over the past four years.

Clear Brook's Williams headed to Southern-Shreveport JUCO basketball

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Morgan Williams built herself quite the impressive high school resume on the basketball court during a four-year varsity girls' basketball run at Clear Brook High School.

Now, the Class of 2026 graduate has been work-

ing hard to refurbish her game as she makes the jump to the collegiate ranks.

Williams earlier this month signed to continue her education and playing career at Southern University at Shreveport, a National Junior College Athletic Association two-

year program.

There, Williams knows she will need to exhibit improved shooting as well as greater ball-handling skills in order to adapt to the collegiate game at her height, but it's a challenge that Williams is more than ready to accept.

Moving into the Clear

Creek ISD ranks as an eighth-grade student from Fort Bend ISD, it didn't take Williams long to establish herself as a rugged inside presence with a defense-first mindset on the hardwood.

At the time, first-year Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball head coach Mileka Loydrake had a squad centered around the sophomore talents of Rezia Castillo, Kamryn McLaurin and Chardel Terrell, but it was easy to see that Williams belonged at the varsity level early on in her career.

"It was a big adjustment for me as a freshman, but even though it took a little bit of an adjustment time for me, I was always used to playing with teammates who were older than me, so it really wasn't that big of a deal," Williams said.

Williams went on to earn All-District accolades as a freshman and was consistently one of the top performers in the District 24-6A ranks during her playing career.

Williams is far from the 20-point, 10-rebound, 5-assist performer. Few players are. Instead, her playing style has always lent itself best on the defensive end of the floor, where she has been able to use her strength, footwork and balance to control things in the paint.

"I will have to improve my shooting at the college level, and even my free throw shooting," Williams said.

"I know that at my height, I am going to have to become a better shooter to be on the floor regu-

larly at the college level. I'm always going to be a tough-minded, physical player who likes to contribute on the defensive end, but I also know that as I progress in the game at the college level, I will have to improve some of

my offensive shooting and ball-handling skills."

As the recruiting process played out, Williams had some opportunities available to her in terms of four-year programs, but ultimately decided to join Southern-Shreveport, a

two-year program, in order to establish herself at the next level and to open some eyes for increased opportunities at the four-year level.

In the classroom, Williams says she is leaning toward the chemistry/biology program and will pour plenty of her efforts into her long-term future.

Still, on the basketball court, Williams believes she still has much more to show.

"I've never been afraid of a challenge," Williams said. "Obviously, there are a lot of graduates in my class like myself who have dreamed of play-

ing college basketball and seeing how far we can take our talents in the game. I think I have what it takes to contribute to a winning program at the college level.

"We did a lot of great things at Clear Brook that I am very proud of, but I don't think I'm finished in the sport. I'm looking forward to this opportunity at Southern-Shreveport. They sound excited to get me, and I'm ready to get there, meet some of my teammates and get busy on the court.

"I'll do whatever it takes both individually and from a team standpoint to be successful. I'm just excited to see what is next for me in the game."



Morgan Williams was a physical, defensive-minded performer who was a multi-time All-District selection on the basketball court at Clear Brook. She will now take her game to Southern University at Shreveport.



As a freshman, Clear Brook forward Morgan Williams (32) joined an already stacked lineup for the Wolverines and began what would become an exceptionally successful four-year run within the program.



Dobie sophomore-to-be Robert Pheister (left) and his doubles partner, Sebastian Zavala of Allen High School combined to win the Texas Slam Boys' 16U State Doubles Championship following a terrific performance in the event. Pheister had a tremendous debut freshman season with the Longhorns' cross-country and track and field teams; and also plays violin in the schools chamber orchestra, which qualified for regionals. He currently ranks third out of 829 students in his grade class. Zavala was the 2025-2026 6A boys singles state champion representing Allen.

Mejia, Estes earn HTA honors



Dobie graduating seniors and four-year Longhorn tennis standouts Dulce Mejia (left) and Chloe Estes were two of 20 Houston-area tennis players selected to receive college scholarships from the Houston Tennis Association. Both received their grants at a luncheon held at Becks Prime at Memorial Park.

JFD volleyball camps coming

Dobie varsity volleyball coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will offer a pair of summer camps designed to both help younger players develop their skills within the sport as well as prepare incoming high school aged players for the upcoming 2026 season. Students entering the first through eighth grades are invited to attend the Longhorns' developmental camp July 20-22 at Dobie main. Incoming first- through sixth-grade students will attend the camp from 9 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$50 per participant. Incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students will attend from noon to 2 p.m. also at a cost of \$50 per participant. Players ages 14 through 18 may attend the Longhorns July 28-30 camp, to be at Dobie main at \$60 per participant. Dawn Sexton and other experienced volleyball coaches will direct participants in skill development, team building exercises, strategy sessions, fitness and conditioning drills as well as friendly match play. Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors will attend the camp from 9 a.m. to noon, while incoming freshmen will attend from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit the Dobie High School website-issued link. To register, visit the link at <https://forms.gle/LJWWD46foPXud7> to register for either camp. For any questions, direct email to Sexton at dsexton@pasadenaisd.org.

Bears host summer open gym

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff has announced open weight room dates for the summer. Each of the sessions will be from 10 a.m. to noon, including June 30-July 2, July 14-16, July 21-22 and July 28-30.

Any students currently playing football or planning to play, may also attend the Dobie Head-Start football camp July 28-30. The on-campus, back-to-school camps for both volleyball and football will be held Aug. 4-6, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each day.

Dobie strength/conditioning

The Dobie High School coaching staff has planned dates for the summer strength and conditioning program at the main campus.

These sessions will run from 8-10 a.m. daily, with sport-specific sessions to follow from 10-11 a.m. each day. The dates include June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 6-9 and July 13-16.

Lions' strength/conditioning

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff will host strength and conditioning sessions for both boys and girls throughout the summer. Each of the sessions will run from 9-11 a.m. each day. The dates include June 22-25, July 6-9 and July 13-16.

The Lions football camp will be held July 20-23, from 9-11 a.m. each day at a cost of \$40 per student. Additional information and or adjustments to the above information will be provided as needed. As required by the state, all students must have a current athletic physical on file and have had completed required Rank One paperwork.

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7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

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

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at Cross Roads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Friday, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

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

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.

5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.

7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.

7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - Chapter #0683 Friendswood meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

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

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

10 a.m. Join Wise Owls on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For companionship and games at, United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings Dr. in Houston. Call Shirley at 713-449-9959.

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

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org and in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for information.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.

Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - casual ballroom dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office (281-554-1180) for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.

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

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

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JFD's Joseph ready to deliver her best at University of New Orleans

A postseason double-award winner on the volleyball court and a regional qualifier in the long jump, Kylar Joseph is out to prove that she is much more than a standout high school athlete.

Joseph, a Class of 2026 Dobie High School graduate and multiyear varsity contributor on the volleyball court and outdoors on the track in the jumps, will definitely get a chance to prove she has what it takes to compete at the collegiate level as she joins the University of New Orleans women's track and field program.

A single visit to the Big Easy this spring was all it took to convince Joseph that New Orleans very well could be the best place for her as she begins both her collegiate education and track and field career.

"Admittedly, I wasn't so sure about the city of New Orleans at first, but I looked at the University of New Orleans roster, and they have other athletes from local high schools like Dawson, Atascocita and others, so they are definitely pulling in other top athletes from the Houston area," Joseph said.

"I took a visit, met the coaching staff and some of the other athletes in the program, and I really think it will be a great

place for me. I am getting a partial scholarship now, and the coaches said that if I can reach the conference championships, for instance, in the long jump, I have the chance to earn a full scholarship. That's my goal - to not only do my very best individually and as a teammate, but also prove my value to the program.

"I have competed in the triple jump and high jump before this season and also ran in the 100 in addition to the relays. I am going to compete in the long jump at New Orleans and also run in the 100. I will compete in the relays wherever they need me, so really I am just looking forward to the opportunity to help out anywhere that I can go in the next season."

Joseph for two seasons was also a varsity volleyball standout for the Longhorns under the guidance of head coach Dawn Sexton. Competing in one of the most competitive districts in the region certainly within the top of the standings, Dobie has delivered a pair of .500 or so seasons in the standings.

Coming into the 2025 season, the Longhorns needed additional offensive output from Joseph, and she did just that.

Delivering 81 kills as a junior, Joseph improved dramatically in the scoring department as a senior with a team-high 200 kills to go with more than 70 digs and more than 50 blocks. A second team All-District selection, Joseph at the postseason banquet was honored as both the top offensive player and most improved player overall.

"I am proud to be able to say that I won those awards for my contributions on the

volleyball court," Joseph said. "When I came to Dobie, my idea was to earn a college scholarship to play volleyball. Coming into my senior year, I still had that idea in my head but also figured I could try to earn a scholarship in track and field. Thankfully, I feel like I was able to go out there and have a pretty good season in both sports, so I am proud and thankful to be in the position that I am today heading to the University of New Orleans."

Having competed in both the triple jump and high jump coming into her final season, Joseph said she approached varsity girls' track and field head coach Charles Washington and proposed a switch to the long jump.

Looking to give his athletes an opportunity to excel out there on the track and in the field events, Washington said he was open to the idea.

"If you know Kylar, she has a terrific competitive spirit and is willing to give her all in any space to be able to help out her team and to improve individually as an athlete," Washington said.

"She wanted to give the long jump a try, and as coaches we owe it to our athletes to give them an opportunity. At the end of the day, she went out

there and had a fantastic season in the long jump in addition to helping us out in both the 100 as well as the relays. There was really no limit to what Kylar was able to contribute to our program not just this year but all throughout her career. She has certainly earned the opportunity to compete at the college level."

Joseph was fifth in the 100 at the 21-6A/22-6A area meet, missing the regional championships by the slimmest of margins. She made up for it by qualifying for the regionals in the long jump and had a season best of 18 feet, 9 inches in the event.

Having made her way well past the 18-foot mark, Joseph said she quickly began to see several college opportunities crop up, she reached out on social media to the folks at the University of New Orleans and ultimately received an invitation to visit the campus. Joseph said she also seriously considered another in-state Division 1 program, but is thrilled with her choice of New Orleans.

"I like everything about the college and the program," said Joseph, who plans to study radiology/ultrasound with the idea of working with infants and small children in the future medically.

In his mind, Washington believes Joseph will have plenty of opportunities in front of her at the college level to take full advantage of them.

"Just knowing Kylar's go-get-them personality, she is going to do very well. Not only is she a tremendous competitor and a great teammate both on and off the court or the track and field programs, but she is willing to push for an opportunity."

"Knowing Kylar and the way she carries herself, she is going to be just fine at the University of New Orleans. She is somebody who pushes herself to improve and to be at her best, so I have no doubt that she will do very well."

"The University of New Orleans is getting somebody who will compete hard, accept coaching and do whatever it takes to make a difference in the program," added Joseph.

"But there is still more that I want to do in the sport. I want to challenge myself every day to be at my best. The time is coming soon for me to show what I can do at the next level, and I'm excited to show out."



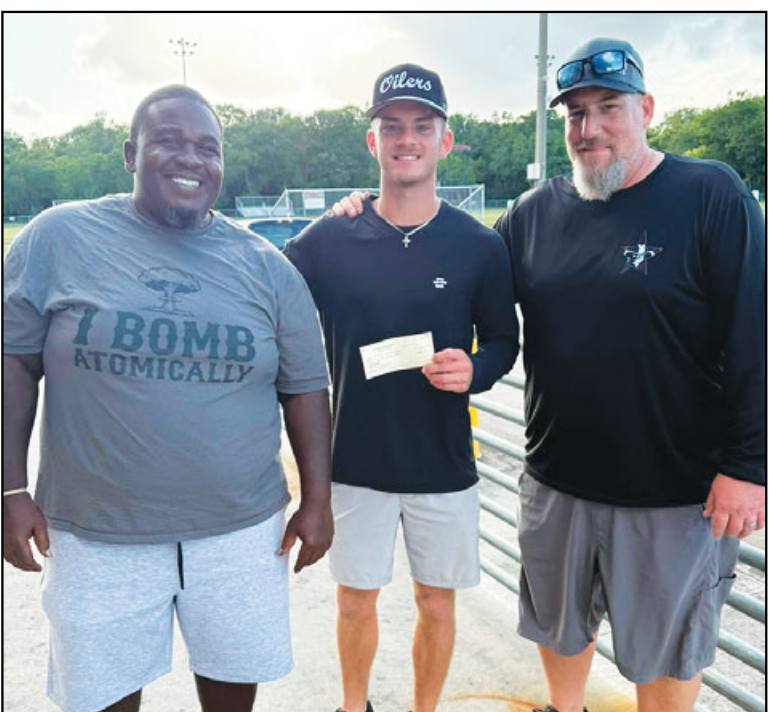
A single visit to the Big Easy this spring was all it took to convince Kylar Joseph that New Orleans very well could be the best place for her as she begins both her collegiate education and track and field career.

SJC's Perez earns NJCAA honors



Maddie Perez, a San Jacinto College outgoing sophomore softball star, continued to collect postseason accolades following the completion of the 2026 season after having led the Ravens to the Division 1 World Series. Earlier this month, Perez was named a National Junior College Athletic Association first team All-American selection as she put together one of the best offensive regular seasons in San Jacinto College program history. Perez also previously collected first team All-American honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Playing in 62 total games, Perez hit .536, scoring 75 runs, knocking in 72 and collecting 105 total hits. Perez had 46 extra-base hits, including 25 doubles, nine triples and 12 home runs.

Hernandez receives Fitzmorris scholarship



The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls youth football organization honored former longtime Cowboys' player Jordan Hernandez (center) with the 2026 Mary Beth and Tom Fitzmorris Memorial Scholarship. The Fitzmorris, parents of Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris, were supporters of the Cowboys organization and the fund has annually gifted academic scholarship monies to deserving former Cowboys and Cowgirls participants. Hernandez played for the Cowboys for many years and then attended Thompson Intermediate before taking his talents to Pearland High School, where he was a multiyear All-District receiver for the Oilers. Hernandez has signed to continue his football career at Mary Hardin-Baylor. Those with Hernandez at the signing were a pair of his former Cowboys coaches, including Tony Smith (left) and Denny Wranich Jr.

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