

Holiday closures planned

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The *Leader* will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 9 a.m. Monday, July 7.

Clear Brook City MUD

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will close at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 3, and will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, July 7. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru side of the MUD building. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

Clear Brook City MUD residents who receive trash services on Friday will have normal pickup on Independence Day, July 4. All trash should be placed curbside no later than 6 a.m.

Leader seeks submissions

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* encourages local schools, groups and individuals to continue sending story ideas and photos they'd like to see included in the newspaper. Submissions have declined following the death of *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger in November. Contributions may be submitted to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Esparza benefit planned

A barbecue fundraiser to benefit South Belt resident Darla Esparza, who is battling cancer, will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 11202 Sagewind. Barbecue plates will be available for \$15, including a barbecue sandwich, two sides, a drink and cookie. All proceeds will go toward Esparza's medical expenses.

New Covenant feeds needy

Each month, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the events is to provide food to people in need. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

Kirkwood to meet June 30

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 30, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held for 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.

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.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Beltway closures planned

One outside lane of the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Beamer to Hughes Road/Sabo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through Wednesday, Sept. 3.

One outside lane of the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

One inside lane of the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Greenshadow to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Hughes/Sabo closures set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice. Westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads may also be intermittently closed at Hughes/Sabo until further notice. The closure is associated with an ongoing Houston Public Works project to replace a force water main at the intersection.

Sagemont to meet July 1

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

St. Luke commemorates 50th anniversary

Started in Thompson cafeteria, area parish looks to future at new campus

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church this past week celebrated its golden anniversary with a rare Tuesday Mass, with an elaborate gala planned to take place later in the year.

Parishioners gathered Tuesday, June 17, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the local church's first Mass held June 17, 1975.

What began in the cafeteria of Thompson Intermediate has now grown to include two campuses, the newest of which is located on a 20-acre piece of property in Pearland, where a new \$10+ million facility is being constructed.

An offspring of nearby St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, St. Luke was necessitated by the explosive growth of the South Belt community in the early 1970s, brought on largely by workforce associated with the newly opened Johnson Space Center.

The number of Catholics settling in Sagemont swelled the congregation of St. Frances Cabrini located across the Gulf Freeway.

The rapid growth made it obvious that it would soon be necessary to create a new parish to serve the Catholics living west of the Gulf Freeway. The diocese purchased five acres of land in Kirkwood South in anticipation of the split. The pastor and parish council at St. Frances began planning the division. Even before boundaries were drawn and a pastor appointed for the new parish, a Parish Split Committee was appointed by the

St. Frances Cabrini Parish Council, with instructions to formulate plans for a smooth transition.

On April 3, 1975, approximately 10 weeks before the official division, the committee presented its recommendations for the split. Within the next few weeks, the Rev. Jesse Judice was appointed pastor of the new parish. At Judice's request, an interim parish council was selected by the St. Frances Cabrini Parish Council.

Meetings were held on May 29 and June 12, where decisions were made on purchasing a rectory, acquiring facilities at Thompson Intermediate for Sunday liturgies and faith formation classes, setting Mass times, hiring a religious education coordinator and appointing a Finance Council chair.

At 7 a.m. June 17, 1975, more than 500 families were invited to St. Frances Cabrini to celebrate Mass and have a "birthday party" for the new church. At the party, all were given the opportunity to indicate their area of interest for participation in the new parish, and St. Luke the Evangelist was born.

Five decades later, the area parish has outgrown its current five-acre site on Hall Road and is expanding into the Pearland city limits with its new location at Riverstone Ranch.

This past April church officials officially broke ground on the new Family Life Center, to be located at the Pearland site. Plans had originally called for construction to begin sooner but had been placed on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019, the winter freeze in 2021 and Hurricane Beryl in 2024, church officials said.

The Family Life Center will be the second of five planned buildings to be erected at the site, situated across the street from South Belt Elementary and the new Thompson Intermediate campus.

Funding for the new Family Life Center's construction was made possible by a \$10 million loan from the archdiocese. To date, parishioners had contributed nearly \$2 million toward the project as part of the church's Capital Campaign.

According to St. Luke officials, once construction is complete, the parish will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

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Past, present clergy gathers



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church celebrated its 50th anniversary this past week with a special Tuesday Mass. The ceremony took place exactly 50 years after the church's first Mass held June 17, 1975. Clergy members past and present shown above at the event are, left to right, Deacon John S. Rapacki (current), the Rev. John J. Flores, the Rev. Kingsley Nwoko, the Rev. Douglas J. Guthrie (current), the Rev. Antonio Cisneros (current), the Rev. Xavier Bilavendiran and Deacon Filberto Cervantes (current). See related photos on Page 3.

Health officials warn of warm weather

Heat-related illness up 300+ percent in Harris County, officials warn

With the arrival of summer, warmer temperatures often mean more time spent outdoors – whether it's enjoying family gatherings, exercising, or heading out on vacation. But as outdoor activities and travel plans ramp up, so do the risks associated with extreme heat. Harris County Public Health (HCPH) urges community members to take extra precautions to stay safe and prevent heat-related illnesses.

"The summer heat in Harris County can be dangerous, even deadly, if we're not careful," said Dr. Ericka Brown, Local Health Authority for HCPH. "It's important that community members protect themselves and their loved ones by taking simple steps – like drinking water frequently, staying in air-conditioned buildings or shaded areas during peak heat hours, and applying sunscreen when outdoors. These small actions can make a big difference in preventing heat exhaustion or heat stroke."

According to recent data, Harris County experienced a 329-percent increase in heat-related illnesses between 2019 and 2023, with 80 confirmed deaths during that time. Many of these incidents occurred on days when temperatures exceeded 103 degrees F, a level deemed dangerous by the National Weather Service.

Vulnerable groups include infants and young children, older adults, individuals with chronic medical conditions, pregnant individuals and outdoor workers.

Heat safety tips

HCPH recommends the following safety measures to prevent heat-related illnesses:

– **Stay hydrated:** Drink water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid caffeine, alcohol and sugary drinks that can contribute to dehydration.

– **Limit outdoor activities:** Try to plan activities during cooler parts of the day.

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County offers mosquito-prevention tips

Residents urged to remember 3 T's – Tip, Toss, Take Action!

In honor of National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is joining health departments across the country to remind everyone how important mosquito control is for protecting public health.

Mosquitoes may be small, but the diseases they spread can be serious. HCPH's Mosquito and Vector Control (MVC) Division works year-round to monitor and reduce mosquito populations across Harris County, helping prevent the spread of viruses like West Nile, dengue, St.

Louis encephalitis, chikungunya, Zika and Eastern Equine encephalitis.

"National Mosquito Control Awareness Week is a great time to recognize the work our team does every day to protect people from mosquito-borne illnesses," said Dr. Courtney Standlee, interim director of the Mosquito and Vector Control Division. "For 60 years, we've been committed to preventing the spread of these diseases through science, surveillance, education and

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Former resident Alan Munz dies at 89

Munz was 1st local Little League president, appeared in 1st Leader edition

The former president of the Sagemont-Beverly Hill Little League during its early days transitioning to the then-Choate Road (now Dixie Farm Road) ball park died June 19, three weeks shy of his 89th birthday.

It was fitting that Allen Munz volunteer for youth sports, seeing as he was the father of three sons. The oldest son, Kevin, graduated from Dobie in 1981. The other boys, Blaed and Derek, attended South Belt schools before moving to Pasadena and graduating from South Houston High, where their mother, Betty, was a math teacher. All of them survive him, along with his beloved six grandchildren. Even after they moved from Sagemont, the family remained active members of Sagemont Church.

Sporting a rare beard, Munz graces the front

page of the first edition of the South Belt Press in 1979. See related photo on this page. (The Press was later renamed the South Belt Ellington Leader.)

Allen Munz was a graduate of Texas A & M University (now Texas A & M Kingsville) with an engineering degree. At the time he was president of the SBH Little League, it was the largest Little League program in the state.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled to take place Wednesday, July 2, Pasadena Funeral Home, 2203 Pasadena Blvd. Family viewing will be from 9 to 10 a.m.; Visitation will take place from 10 to 11 a.m.; funeral service will take place from 11 a.m. to noon; and a reception will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m.

See obituary in next week's *Leader*.

South Belt community to celebrate July 4

Annual parade to take place; route changed due to construction

It's not too late to register to take part in the annual South Belt Fourth of July parade, set to take place Friday, July 4.

This will mark the third consecutive year for the parade to return following a three-year hiatus related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Begun in 1986, this will be the yearly parade's 35th time to roll through the South Belt community, as the event was rained out in 2018.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats as patriotically as possible, as prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Community and nonprofit groups may take

part in the parade for free (\$25 if they want to be eligible for a prize), but commercial entries must pay a \$50 fee to participate in the event.

Area residents should note that due to ongoing construction at Beltway 8 and Hughes Road/Sabo, the parade will be rerouted for the first time in the event's history. See related map on Page 7. Due to the length of the parade route, walking will not be permitted.

Entry forms are available on Page 3, online at www.southbeltleader.com/Parade_form_2025.pdf and the *Leader* office, located at 11555 Beamer and Beltway 8.

Fireworks regulations cause confusion

City, county, local MUDs all have unique rules, regulations

Independence Day is around the corner, and many South Belt residents are understandably confused as to the current regulations involving the sale and possession of fireworks.

Fireworks have long been forbidden within the Houston city limits, and both Clear Brook City and Sagemeadow MUDs have entered into strategic partnership agreements with the city, prohibiting the items.

Despite the partnerships, however, many South Belt residents may have noticed fireworks stands popping up in new locations where they traditionally haven't before, such as Beltway 8 and Blackhawk near Bracewell Library.

According to Clear Brook City MUD Manager Chris Clark, this is because the district has grown since the strategic partnership agreement was drafted more than 20 years ago.

Clark acknowledged, however, he was uncertain of the district's exact boundaries, noting a precise map would have to be obtained from the fire marshal or fire department.

To illustrate how confusing the MUD boundaries are, the *Leader* routinely receives inquiries from fireworks dealers asking for clarification.

While it was once illegal to even transport fireworks through the city, state law now allows the practice, provided the items are kept in a nonpassenger area of the vehicle, such as a trunk

or hatchback.

One must be at least 16 years old to purchase fireworks, and parents/guardians may be fined for the illegal use of fireworks by their children even if they are unaware of the offense. Fines range from \$500 to \$2,000 for each individual item.

While it is legal to sell/use fireworks in the unincorporated parts of Harris County, some restrictions still remain in place.

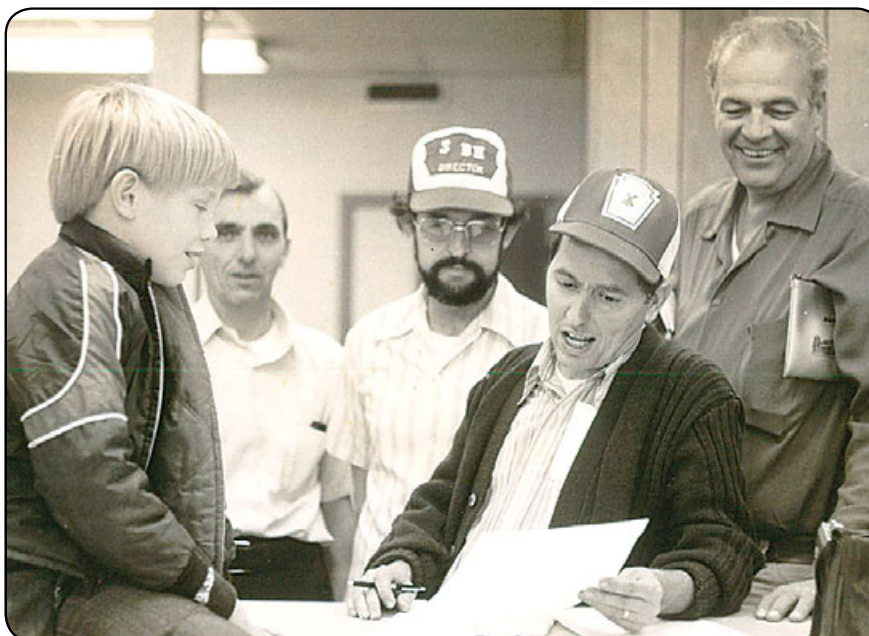
According to Harris County Fire Marshal's Office, it is illegal to shoot fireworks in the following locations:

- In or near a motor vehicle.
- Within 100 feet of a place where flammable liquids/compressed gases are stored/dispensed.
- Within 100 feet of a place where fireworks are stored or sold.
- Within 600 feet of a church, hospital or asylum.
- Within 600 feet of a licensed daycare.
- Within 600 feet of a public or private school without written consent from the organization.

While the sale of fireworks in Harris County has traditionally been limited to only July 4 and New Year's Eve, this past October, Commissioners Court unanimously approved sales from Oct. 25 to Nov. 1 in honor of the Diwali holiday season.

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1st Little League president dies



Former longtime South Belt resident Alan Munz died Thursday, June 19, at the age of 89. The father of three boys, Munz served as the first president of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League. Munz appeared on the very first cover of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* in 1976 – then known as the *South Belt Press*. Munz (rear center) was shown in the photo watching on as SBHLL official Miles Whittman (front right) was registering Chris Alan Roberts as the league's 1,000th player in 1976. Shown in the rear with Munz are U.S. Sports Association President Dan Muskie (left) and SBHLL Treasurer Van Davis.

Crews free trapped baby



Emergency personnel from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office and the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department are shown above coming to the rescue after a mother accidentally locked her eight-month-old infant in her vehicle before a morning Mass at St. Luke Catholic Church. Other parishioners helped keep the baby cool by using sun screens from their vehicles to block sunlight from entering the truck. The new mother immediately noticed her mistake, and the infant escaped without injury.

Photo by David Flickinger

Officials issue heat warnings

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ities during cooler parts of the day – early morning or evening hours.

– **Dress appropriately:** Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing to stay cool.

– **Use sun protection:** Apply sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher at least 30 minutes before going outdoors. Reapply every two hours. Use hats and sunglasses for added protection.

– **Seek shade and air conditioning:** Spend time in air-conditioned spaces like libraries, malls or cooling centers. If outside, use umbrellas

or tents to stay shaded.

– **Monitor for heat illness:** Watch for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke, such as dizziness, rapid heartbeat, headache, nausea, or confusion. Move to a cooler place and get help immediately if symptoms occur.

– **Check on vulnerable neighbors:** Keep in touch with older adults or family members and neighbors who have chronic medical conditions. Make sure they have access to cool environments and water.

– **Protect pets:** Bring pets indoors when possible. If they must stay outside, provide

ample shade and fresh water.

Walk pets early in the morning or late in the evening to avoid burns from hot pavement and heat exhaustion.

– **Never leave children or pets in parked cars:** A vehicle's interior can quickly become dangerously hot, even if windows are cracked open.

Staying alert and prepared can help prevent tragedy and keep our communities safe all summer.

For more information on heat safety, cooling centers or additional resources, visit www.hcphth.org and www.readyharris.org or follow @hcphth on social media.

Fireworks rules cause confusion

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Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is a religious holiday celebrated by more than 1 billion people worldwide including Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists.

The Commissioners Court vote followed the passage of a bill the state Legislature in 2023, which permitted counties to allow Diwali fireworks sales, should they choose to do so. Harris County was the first major county in the state to approve the measure.

Local subdivisions located within the city of Houston include Sagamore, Sagamore Park, Kirkwood, Genoa, Beverly Hills, Rainbow Valley, Eastridge Terrace, Sycamore Valley, Scarsdale and King's Place.

Subdivisions not within Houston city limits and under Harris County's control include Clear Brook Meadows, College Place, Riverstone Ranch, Woodmeadow I and II, Highland Meadow, Ashley Pointe, Blackhawk, Mead-

ows of Clear Creek, Sage-meadow, Estates of Green Tee, Sagelegen, Kirkmont and Kirkwood South.

The Bella Vita, Villa D'Este and Villa Verde subdivisions are located within the city of Pearland, which also prohibits fireworks.

To view a complete list of 2025 fireworks regulations from the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office, visit www.hcfmo.net/portals/15/Documents/Commonfireworkviolations.pdf.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, June 26, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL get lit summer 2025.

Thursday, June 26, 3 – 4 p.m. Open lab computer help. Registration required.

Thursday, June 26, 4 – 5 p.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.

Monday, June 30, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.

Monday, June 30, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL get lit summer 2025.

Tuesday, July 1, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL get lit summer 2025.

Wednesday, July 2, 1 – 5 p.m. HPL get lit summer 2025.

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

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

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Thursday, June 26, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Thursday, June 26, 4 – 5 p.m. Kids basic weaving.

Friday, June 27, 1 – 3 p.m. Diamond painting club for adults. Registration required.

Friday, June 27, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Lego club.

Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.

Monday, June 30, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.

Monday, June 30, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Cricut craft: color your own stickers.

Tuesday, July 1, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.

Tuesday, July 1, 4 – 5 p.m. String painting.

Wednesday, July 2, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

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

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

– Have a library card number and PIN handy.

– A pickup time and instructions will be given.

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

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

Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

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. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

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Thompson Intermediate releases final six-weeks honor roll

Officials of Thompson Intermediate have announced the sixth six-weeks honor roll for the 2024-2025 school year.

Seventh grade

Jay Addison Alanis, Jesus Alfaro, Isabella Ancheta Ruiz, Gianna Renae Andrade, Jeanine Guadalupe Armenta, Jose Roberto Barahona Gutierrez, Tristan Matthews Barlow, Eliana Marie Benavides, Oubrey Jessily Bermudez, Cecilia Scottie-Marie Bogany, Adam Ras Bowman, Broderick Glenn Braggs, Karrington Lebron Brown and Hannah Linh Bui.

Carlos Gabriel Cabrera, Altia Miamor Caldwell, Jorge Luis Cardenas, Elizabeth Ann Carling, Mariah Michelle Carter, Jason Alexander Castellano, Ruben Castillo, Sophia Castro, Sophia Catalina Chacon, Sofia Deon Charles, Curtis Nguyen Chau, Blakely Star Chavez, Melanie Alicia Chavez, Camila Cobos, Zariah Monet Coleman and Miguel Compean.

Mina Berlin Crake, Rachel Lynn Cummings, Jazlyn Jrew Daniels, Abigail Dalilah De Hoyos, Mia Del Bosque, Peyton Brook-Lynn Deleon, Jaselym Danna Enriquez, Zuriel Mariano Erguiza, Valeria Monserrat Espinoza, Zoe Rose Fernandez, Madelyn Isabel Figueroa, Mia Isabella Flores, Kinsley Lynn Freeman, Te'ryon Lamont Fulford and Viviana Gomez.

Levi Brayden Garcia, Adelyn Tania Garza, Christian Aldo Garza, Sophia Marie Garza, Cincere June Givens-Fontenot, Nicholas Lino Gomez, Daniella Reyna Gonzales, Emily D-Ann Gonzalez, David Gonzalez, Donald Ray Graham, Joshua Samuel Granados, Haylee Larae Grant, Aaron Grau, Edson Tadeo Guevara, Lillian Mai Hayden and Bella Alessandra Renee Hernandez.

Max Emiliano Hernandez, Anthony Paul Herrera, Julian Davis Herrera, Ethan Tyler Ho, Son Duc Hoang, Tristan Noel James, Joshua Oluwadamilare Jegede, Christian Jayden Jimenez, Tripp Vader Edward Jodway, Simone Elise Jones, Ace Antonio Juarez, Silas James Kelch, Cheyenne Lee Kelley, Anayah Ali Khan, Cathy Mong Khau and Jayleen Bao-Chau Lam.

Sophia Isabella Landaverte, Roland Alexander Lee, Felix Anderson Lopez, Yaxira Lopez, Emilee Nicole Lugo, Hannah Nguyen Luu, Marley Grace Manriquez, Bryan Clifton Martin, Saul Ernesto Martinez Ayala, Andrew Martinez, Ayden Elijah-Joseph Martinez, Damian Martinez, Emily Alexa Martinez, Jacob Alexander Martinez and Matthew Ismael Martinez.

Mia Pilar Martinez, Olivia Martinez, Jordan Alexander McCombs, Breanna Johana McNeal, Stephanie Yut Mendoza, Jayden Christian Miko, Bryson Jay Charles Mitchell, Nyla Elizabeth Mitchell, Allison Guadalupe Montez, Jayden Christian Miko, Braden Todd Motley, Aryan Nepal, David King Nguyen and Drake Khuongtrieu Nguyen.

Hau Xuan Trung Nguyen, Nhan Trung Nguyen, Nina Anh Nguyen, Sharon Nguyen, Suri Ngoc Nguyen, Y. Thien Nguyen, Xara Rose Oddo,

Skye Andrei Buan Orsua, Brielle Nevaeh Ortega, Isaac Sebastian Ortiz, Annaelizabeth S. Pelekamoyo, Anyssa Cali Perez, Victoria Perez, Fernanda Pineda, Aaron Miguel Posadas and Maria De Jesus Ramirez Gloria.

Kyle Gabriel Dimalanta Ramos, Michael Andres Rentas, Brooklynn Sofia Reyes, Alejandro Daniel Rodriguez, Alexavier Jay Rodriguez, Georgia Grey Rodriguez, Kibee Madisyn Rodriguez, Viviana Rose Salazar, Dahlia Salinas, Aubree Sandino, Jocelyn Eliana Santos, Kyle Allen Ruger Sciba, Mallory Atheleen Serrano Aquino and Hailey Han Sichanh.

Robert James Solar, Isabella Marie Squier, Noah Joseph Stone, Zoie Gervacio Sudario, Elijah Sanil Thomas, Jadee Quynh Anh Tran, Tate Phat Tran, Carney Truong, Zylah Marie Vargas, Alessandra Vasquez, Haylie Elizabeth Villalta, Rueben Villarreal, Jacqueline Le Vo, Siyanna Monique Woodard, Evan Naofel Zaman, Andy Zamora and Christian Gerard Zelaya Juarez.

Eighth grade

Osama Emad Abdallah, Zayden Ray Aguilar, Mile Nicole Aguirre, Me'Shai Adeen Alexander, Jay Isaac Amaya, Mya Mercedes Andrepoint, Crystal Antunez Vargas, Nathalia Baca Cepeda, Fernando Javier Balanta, Jaila Alana Bandy, Samuel Alexander Barahona, Jonathan Joe-harris Barber, Samantha Bar-raza and Alexandra Adamari Betancourt.

Edmundo Ezekiel Bravo, Alexis Taylor Brown, Ne-

vaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Alexander Chai Buntaer, Gabriel Adan Campero, Maddison Campos, Adalyn Cantu, Giselle Marie Casas, Gabriel Nicholas Castillo, Addisyn Marie Castorena, Brandon Isaih Castro, Joseph Lee Castro, Li-na Isabella Castro-White, Sabrina Xitlaly Cavazos and Matthew Jacob Cenobio.

Daniel Alejandro Cerda, Felix Abraham Cervantes, Jaliyah Evette Coleman, Francine Desideria Borja Cooley, Brooklyn Arianna Coronado, Carissa Soleil Cortez, Julian Angel Cortez, Minh Duc Dang, Ernesto Davalos, Layla Isabella Davila, Keirah Joi Davis, Samantha Guadalupe De Luna, Jesse Gabriel Deleon, Rebecca Deleon and Gael Diaz.

Ashly Yolet Dominguez Gonzalez, Peyton Carly Dowell, Iris Grace Durette, Bryan Alexander Flores, Gisselle Sophia Flores-Galvan, Jay Von Edward Fortson, Gabriela Edith Franklin, Makayla Donielle Franklin, London Lashelle Freeman, Kimberly Maria Fuentes, Mariah Kamari Gair, Olivia Jaisel Gaitan-Williams and Nathaniel Aiden Cruzado Gansit.

Jacob Ilan Garces, Angel Daniel Garcia Herrera, Khloe Adazel Garcia, Myla Cassidy Garcia, Chelsea Denise Garza, Victoria Garza, Damari-Jude Metgot Leon Guerrero Godoy, Mia Alejandra Gonzalez, Mikayla Astrid Gonzalez, Jayden Fernando Grimaldo, Carlee Guerrero, Isabella Mia Guerrero, Pedro Guillen, Emma Gurusquietta, Waad Y. Harmouch and Hannah Jihad Harmouch. Ta'Raji Hasaana Hatcher,

Alexander Carlos Hernandez, Elijah Lee Hernandez, Santiago Hernandez, Durriyah Monae Hill, Noah James Holguin, Ngoc My Le Huynh, Isabel Lynn Irizarry, Daveyn Cartel Jackson Little, Kamalia Jad Allah-Miliarpova, Hazza Osman Jama Osman, Jordan Oluwasemilore Jegede, Adri-an Jimenez and Anevay Rosa Jimenez.

Bradley Zane Jones, Evangeline Josephine Kennedy, Alice Hong Lam, Jayda Rayne Lasker, Ronaldo Le, Kennedy Jeanette Livingston, Kimberly Isabella Lopez, Lola Penelope Scarlett Lopez, Pablo Lopez, Darwin Enrique Lossada Hernandez, Melahny Meilin Machado, Marlon Geovany Machuca Cedillo, Phuwadet Maingot and Aylinn Yaretzi Maldonado.

Alexander Josue Maravilla Cabrera, Emmanuel Martinez, Jake Anthony Martinez, Jesse Aidan Martinez, Maddox Derek Martinez, Melanie Martinez, Nathaniel John Martinez, Scarlett Ruby Martinez, Hiba Mateen, Joselyn Matos Duran, Chloe Isabella Maycott, Danica Kasey McDonough, Michelle Medrano, Kaynat Mian, Kayden Tyler Mitchell and Aliana Mondragon.

Erick Jesus Montejano, King Alexander Montesflores Silva, Isaiah Elias Morua, Demeco De'Yon Maurice Moses, Nathaniel Angel Musquiz, Angel Chau Nguyen, Annie Nguyen, Ethan Hoang Nguyen, Hillary Hien Vy Nguyen, Kate Ngoc Nguyen, Simon Ngoc Nguyen, Thu Hoang Anh Nguyen, Victoria Alejandra Obregon and Scarlett Rox-anna Ordenez.

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Amber Marie Rodriguez, Ethan David Rodriguez, Jade Marlene Rodriguez, Victoria Marie Rodriguez, Zoey Ruth Rogers, Stephanie Daniela Romero Romero, Gabriel Angel Sanchez, Valerie Itzel Sanchez, Brianna Jaelyn Scott, Julius Valentin Segura, Mateo Rafael Sema, Madison Michelle Silva, Iliana Molina Sorto, Malachi Steven Starks, Glispie and Maryam Tariq.

Zion Anthony Taylor, Jakob Dylan Tellez, Jocelyn Thanhlhien Thach, Nathan Torres, Zoey Jael Torres, Jayden Trihaq Tran, Lauren Toquyen Tran, Thinh Nguyen Tran, Travis Hoa Tran, Kallie Delight Troxlar, Lucas Matthew B. Tudul, Blake Walker Turnipseed, Alexander Vasquez, Ethan Eli Vega, Rey Jeremiah Vega, Brenda Esmeralda Villarreal and Emily Aime Villarreal.

Jocelyn Villarreal, Abisai Abdiel Visuet, Christina Ngoc Vu, Scott Ly Vu, Emmalyn Lila White, Kelvin James Wiley, Alexander James Wisburn Williams, Abriela Alazay Williamson, Ashton Keyshun Wilson, Jermiah Zentrelle Wortham-Moore, Joir'Dan Lee'Elle Kearnth Wyatt, Liliana Mary Yanez Resto and Zaire Alexander Zavala.

Harris County offers mosquito-prevention tips

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community partnerships. Our work helps save lives."

HCPH uses a combination of surveillance, laboratory testing and mosquito treatment to identify areas of concern and take appropriate action. In 2024 alone, the MVC team found 680 mosquito samples to have tested positive for West Nile virus. The department uses quantitative real-time qPCR testing technology to detect viruses more accurately and faster than ever before, leading to quicker responses.

The three T's

While HCPH works year-round to control mosquitoes, the community plays a vital role, especially during warmer months. As temperatures rise, so do mosquito populations. HCPH wants residents

to remember the three T's to mosquito control – Tip, Toss, Take Action.

Tip

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

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

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

Toss

Mosquitoes are also able to breed in small spots where stagnant water might be hidden from the human eye. Practice the following tips to

reduce mosquito breeding in those covered spots:

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

– Clean out clogged drain gutters.

– Keep outdoor trash bins closed and avoid overflowing them.

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

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

Take Action

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

– When using mosquito repellent, keep these points in mind:

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

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

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

– Apply an EPA-registered repellent on yourself and your loved ones when outdoors.

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

– Treat standing water with larvicides in areas where water cannot be covered, emptied, or removed and will not be used for drinking. Lar-

vicides are a type of pesticide that is applied to kill mosquitoes in their early stages of development (larvae) before they become biting adults. They are sold in forms of liquid, tablets, pellets, granules and briquettes and available in most hardware stores. Larvicides are safe to use for the environment. Follow the instructions of the particular larvicide product you are using.

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

– Keep tight-fitting screens on doors and windows. For other mosquito prevention tips and resources, visit hcphth.org/MC VDRsources.

For additional mosquito-prevention tips, visit www.hcphth.org/MC. MVC milestones

This year marks the 60th anniversary for the Mosqui-

to and Vector Control milestones: Since 1965, HCPL's Mosquito and Vector Control Division has led the way in mosquito surveillance and disease prevention in Harris County. The following is a list of some of the division's key milestones:

– 1965: MVC was formed in response to a St. Louis encephalitis virus outbreak.

– 1985: MVC became the first mosquito control agency in the U.S. to establish its own virology lab.

– 2002: MVC detected the first West Nile virus in Harris County.

– 2013: MVC expanded testing to include dengue and chikungunya viruses.

– 2016: MVC increased vector surveillance throughout the county.

– 2024: MVC upgraded its virology testing to qPCR, improving how viruses are detected in mosquito samples.



Harrison sworn into office

Newly elected San Jacinto College board member Judy Harrison (left) was recently sworn into office at the area school. A former longtime San Jacinto College professor/coach Harrison will assume Position 3 trustee seat formerly held by leader co-founder Marie Flickinger – a close personal friend of Harrison's. Also a longtime supporter of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Harrison narrowly defeated Salvador Serrano Jr. in a June 7 runoff election, after neither candidate received at least 50 percent of the vote in the May 3 general election. Harrison is being sworn in by Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado.

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St. Luke Catholic Church celebrates 50th anniversary

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struction of the new Family Life Center is complete, the church will be able to completely move from its existing Hall Road campus.

Plans call for the new Pearlant site to eventually feature five buildings, including an education center, a social hall, youth center, administration building and church. See related map on Page 3.

The first building to be constructed at the Riverstone site was a 10,000-square-foot structure dubbed the Cenacle Learning Center, officially christened May 24, 2014, by Bishop George A. Sheltz, auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

The groundbreaking for that building was held Dec. 12, 2012. (A groundbreaking scheduled for Sept. 1, 2012, was postponed due to heavy rains.)

The Pearlant property, however, had been acquired approximately a decade earlier.

The Cenacle Learning Center currently serves as a meeting/multipurpose space but will eventually be designated as the Adult Ministry building once the entire campus has been completed, church officials said.

Golden Jubilee Gala

In celebration of St. Luke the Evangelist's 50th anniversary, the local parish will hold its Golden Jubilee Gala Oct. 11, with an event at the Star Reception Hall, located at 10190 Kingspoint. All proceeds from this event will benefit the construction of the Family Life Center.

The gala will feature dining, music, dancing, a live auction and prize drawings.

The event will also recognize the elders, who have been with the church since the early days at Thompson and continue to be active members of the parish.

St. Luke elders to be recognized at the 50th anniversary celebration include Gilbert and Helen Aguilar; Eloy and Irma Becho; Al and San-

dra Becker; Agnes Bell (Perry); Harris and Adriana Beyer; Elaine Bischof; George and Diane Bishop; Cecilia Browder; Davey and Eileen Buratti; Larrol and Eleanor Burleigh; Larry Calp; Norma Calhoun; Dottie and Dominic Cantalamessa; Mary O. Chavez; Lupe Cisneros; Jan Connolly; Juliet Connolly; Anna Corazzato; Tom Dimicelli; Gilbert and Yolanda DeLeon; Milton and Joyce Ditttrich; Joe and Yolanda Dominguez; Mary Ellen Evans; David A. Flickinger; Mary Flores; Greg Fotorny; Mary Garza; James and Ella Gauthier; Theresa Gilmore; Don and Rosa Graham; Shannon Hamby; Angie Haneiko; Sam and Rosemary Hardin; Rose Hardy; Peter and Irene Hoth; Marlon and Arleen Hulin; Loretta Keough; Ronald and Laura LaJaunie; Tom LaLonde; Tena Lummus; Glyn and Sherry LeBlanc; Wayne Maxwell; Natalie Meza; Linda Naguit; Eileen Nicholas; Edward and Sue Olivier; Frances Pascoe;

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and Rebecca Segura; Jim and Fran Sharpless; Phillis Smith; Jeanne Spears; Hilda Sustaita; Kathleen Taylor; Jessie and Linda Tollett; Rita Tomabe-

ne; Abel and Tina Torres; Joe and Juanita Tristan; Basilio Valdez; Mary Martha Valdez (Ramos); Josephine Valenti; Anthony and Elizabeth Vir-

gadamo; Glenn and Leda Williams; Craig Williams; Rosario Wilson; Mike and Rhonda Work; Raul and Margie Zepe-da; and Tony and Mary Zucha.

A group photo of the elders is to be submitted to the *Leader* and *Texas Catholic Herald* for publication.

For additional infor-

mation about St. Luke's Golden Jubilee Gala, visit www.stlukesatholic.com/events/2025-golden-jubilee-gala/2025-10-11.



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church celebrated its 50th anniversary this past week. Begun in the cafeteria of old Thompson Intermediate, the church has now grown to include two campuses, including one in Pearlant. Early parishioners are shown above at the five-acre site on Hall Road

that would become the church's first campus. Additional photos show the campus under construction, while another shows a map of the church's new Riverstone Ranch campus currently under construction near the new Thompson Intermediate. See related photo on Page 1.

Pasadena ISD leaders attend TEPSA conference



Pasadena ISD leaders and supervisors who recently attended the week-long Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) Summer Conference included, left to right, (first row) Gus Morales, Michelle Andrus, Jennifer Chavez, Karen Garza, Amy McClellan, Erica Fernandez, Solmaria Benavides, (second row) Melissa Istre, Melissa Hickman, Jae Lee, Erica Lilly, Lorena Carrasco, Veronica Sandoval, Erica Moreno, Sara Cooper, Blanca Martinez, (third row) Adriana Lopez, Karina Diaz, Karyn Johnson, Kimberly Villarreal, Jennifer Condado, Amber Morris (fourth row) Michael VanLonen, Ryan Pavone and Enrique Garza.

Memorial High School names sixth-six weeks honor roll

Officials of Pasadena Memorial High School have announced the sixth six-weeks honor roll for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ninth grade

Amy Acevedo, Anjelika Lynn Acosta, Kristian Alexander Acosta, Edosa Christian Agimien, Alexa Arianna Aguilera, Fernanda Aguirre, Jesus Aguirre, Romeo Adriel Alcocer, Amir Tajuddin Ali, Jaidia Marie Allen, Brianna Nelly Alonzo, Madelyn Marie Alvarez Reyes, Emiliano Alvarez, Daniel Anaya and Kevin Arana.

Vanessa Gisselle Araniya, Zoie Harper Arcentales, Yamila Arguello, Aliah Aidez Avitia, Keira Lillian Azuara, Anessah Hussein Azzam, Dasha Nicole Balderas, Sofia Del Pilar Barrantes, Deamely Barrera, Jaime Abiel Barre-ra, Marisol Nikkole Bautista, Giarlis Esther Beas Rodriguez, Audrey Jade Bell, Benet Joseph Benson, Bryan Alexander Bermea and Korbin Braffett.

Deshawn Ray Branch, Sandy Bravo, David Paul Brown, Catalina Isabella Bujanda, Ambrianna Honesty Bustos, Juliana Giselle Caceres, Zuhely Victoria Cain, Lia Elena Campos, Giselle Campasano Rodriguez, Cae-din Gabriel Canals, Yeri-el Cante, Sergio Alejandro

Cantu Gomez, Makayla Vy Cao, Jose Juan Cardenas and Adam Joshua Castillo. Adelaida Evelyn Castillo, Diego Armando Castillo, Mark Anthony Castillo, Arianna Castorena-Cano, Miranda Castruita, Elizabeth Gracie Cervantes, Anahi Vanessa Chavez, Melanie Isabel Chavez, Esteban Andres Consuegra Peralta, Kathya Contreras, Michael Logan Contreras, Evan Christopher Cooper, Isaac Cortez and Brenda Karen Coyotecatl.

Heylin Yamileth Cruz, Kimberly Diana Cruz, Karla Cuevas, Elaina Tiney Daniel, Brian Nguyen Dao, Paulina Davila, Yazmin Davila, Everardo De La Cerda, Yulenny Cristal De La Rosa Castillo, Imsaal Kashif Dean, Carmen Alejandra Del Angel, Vianca Delao, Edgar Emiliano Donjuan, Madalynn Grace Duke, Kha Nhi Duong, Zaria Gillian Edgar and Helio Elizondo.

Ariana Lee Enciso, Camille Isabella Escobar, Edwin Daniel Escobar-Hernandez, Jocelyne Esparza Bejarano, Ismahia Espinal Lara, Cristian Josue Espinoza Rodriguez, Adalli Zulema Estrella, Antonio Elias Fajardo, Joeray Farias, Sarai Fernandez, Arianna Margarita Flores, Edgar Emmanuel Flores, Ivette Flores, Nadya Giselle Flores and Yannah Doris Flores.

Yelitza Junnueth Flores, Hajile Ehcapa Naidni Foster, Avigail Franco, Ryan Mark De La Pena Galang, Cesia Jurid Galeano, Genesis Michel Galeano, Francisco Uzziel Gallegos, Mayreli Garcia Adame, Aidan Anthony Sandoval Garcia, Austin Amalio Garcia, Carlos Christopher Garcia, Desiree Sinai Garcia, Geovanny Jared Garcia, Karla Rose Garcia and Sarahi Garcia.

Victoria Garcia, Yanira Marie Garcia, Flint Lee Gardner, Evan Alejandro Garza, Jorge Garcia, Natalia Alicia Garza, Italia Daniela Gomez Espana, Natalia Sarahi Gomez, Valeria Sophia Gonzalez Pargra, Adrianna Abigail Gonzalez, Bella Rose Gonzalez, Mariann Gonzalez, Nailea Valeria Gonzalez, Natalie Nevaeh Gonzalez and Angel Gabriel Granados.

Cambria Elise Gribbin, Natalie Lynn Griffin, Shaylie Natalia Guardado, Jesse Gianni Gudino, Angel Gabriel Guerra, Devland Allen Guillory, Julieta Gutierrez Ballesteros, Felix Gutierrez, Arlette Hernandez, Daniel Esteban Hernandez, Fabiola Nicole Hernandez, Faith Nevaeh Hernandez, Lexi Rae Hernandez, Marcos Andres Hernandez and Mateo Alonso Hernandez.

Myranda Hernandez, Bryan Hernandez-Perez, Sara

Valeria Hernandez-Viveros, Taven Khanh Hoang, Leonardo Ibarra, Brandon Lee Ingersoll, Brandon Jasso, Keren Esther Jimenez Fino, Santiago Jimenez, Aaliyah Isabella Jones, Armani Da'Ne Jones, Nasir Marcus Jones, Camila Sofia Juarez, Daniel Alexander Kauffman and Andrew Josue Landaverde.

Jonathan James Larue, Ludvic William Lay, Linh Thuy Le, Madalynn Nicole Leal, Madison Elizabeth Lee, Keylin Alexa Leonzo Melendez, Christian Alexander Lezcano, Wendi Li, Eva Yurin Licon, Ethan Ryan Lind, Mateo Elias Lopez Najera, Andrew James Lopez, Damian Lopez, Erick Andrey Lopez, Hector Alejandro Lopez and Leyla Nicole Lopez.

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Janelle Mason, Xochilt Mata, Bri'Nijah Joe'Lee Mathis, Levi Jerad Matlock, Shianne Isabella Matlock, Jeremy Alberto Mazariego, Mateo Mazon Pineda, Kacey Danielle Meier and Diego David Mejia.

Celeste Valentina Mendez, Luis Roberto Mendez, Victoria Mendoza Luna, Janai Yazil Mercado, Coree Taylor Merida, Mike Anthony Meza, Mathias William Middleton, Aniya Chalise Milton, Abigail Lexi Molinar, Samuel Wolfgang Montes, Madelyn Lissett Montoya Rojas, Martha Itzel Morales, Sophia Lorayne Morales, Aliver Jesus Moreno and Samuel Achilles Moreno.

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2025 South Belt 4th of July Parade Entry Form

Parade lineup will be at 9 a.m. at Sagemont Church, 11300 S Sam Houston Pkwy E.

The parade will begin at Sagemont Church at 10 a.m. and will end at San Jacinto College on Beamer Road. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to build floats and participate in the parade.

NO WATER BALLOONS, WATER GUNS, ETC.

For more information, contact South Belt-Ellington Leader at 281-481-5656 or email mynews@southbeltleader.com.

All entries must be received by July 2.

Name of entry _____

Name of Organization or Business _____

Person to Contact _____

Email _____

Phone _____

☐ Truck (2 axle) ☐ Car ☐ Float Truck (3 axle) ☐ Other

Due to the length of this parade, we request participants do not attempt to walk. All entries for community and nonprofit groups are free of charge—unless those participants wish to be eligible for a trophy in the judging contest. These contest entries require a \$25 entry fee.

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS.

All entries for business require a \$50 entry fee. Commercial float: \$50
Noncommercial for trophy: \$25 Noncommercial, not competing: no charge

* Each entrant is liable for the entry & participants involved with their entry.
Adult supervision is a must!

Please complete this entry form & email or drop off at South Belt-Ellington Leader office (11555 Beamer) before July 2nd.

See new Parade route map on Page 7.

Pasadena Memorial High School announces last six-weeks honor roll

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Perez, Jebraska Isabella Perez, Tran Nguyen Bao Pham, Jonathan Lu Phann, Karla Pineda Garfias, Angelina Andreeh Pino, Liliana Elizabeth Pizana, Ileen Sophia Portillo, Anthony Quiroga and Analy Gabriela Ramirez Esquivel.

Ariel Amada Ramirez, Axel Ramirez, Diana Lizeth Ramirez, Diego Eduardo Ramirez, Jerald David Ramirez, Madeline Marie Ramirez, Mario Luis Ramos, Alexander Leeroy Rangel, Da'Mari Lee Rankin, Riley Grace Reeves, Aniyah Madison Resendez, Daniel Jacob Revilla, Ivis Josue Reyes Mencia, Gizel Rios and Kamila Anaid Rios.

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Adrian Jesus Soriano, Ethan Nathaniel Soriano, Hector Sosa, Santos Oziel Soto, Camilla Soto-Azcona, Eleno Suarez, Qurratulayn Fatima Suleman, Kimberly G. Tamez, Ruby Tamez, Mariah Kenise Thompson, Christian Daniel Thumann, Christopher Aurelio Torres, Layla Isabell Torres, Duc Long Tran, Emma Yen Tran, Quang Phat Tran and Freddy Trejo.

Matthew Trevino, Noah Perez Trevino, America Noraly Valdez, Yaretzi Jacqueline Valdivia, Allison Valenciano Hernandez, Cortez Armand Vallejo, Nguyen Kim Van, Rianzu Viet Van, Mark Daniel Vasquez, Ava Maria Vega, Carlos Damian Vega, Jasmine Alejandra Vides, Luka Toni Vilchis and Julian Anthony Villagran.

Christopher Abelino Villanueva, Angel Vo, Chacoya Ashary West, Amyah Larrell Whitfield, Marcus K'Eon Williams, Maxwell Edward Williams, Xiomara Alexia Ya-

nez Castillo, Audrey Megan Zamudio, Monserrat Isabella Zapien, Joshua Aaron Zavala and Alexa Nicole Zepeda.

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Angel Adean Trevino, Aysha Renee Trevino, Ovidio Daniel Trevino, Conrad Bradley Tsend, Noahmiah Zhen Urrabazo, Alejandro Urrutia, Sonia Yamileth Valdez Aguilera, Analia Valencia, Mayleen Alexa Vasquez, Oscar Gael Vasquez, Stephanie Alondra Vasquez, Alexander Yael Vega, Eduardo Vela, Eduardo Haziel Velazquez, Mario Velazquez and Daniel Enrique Vigil.

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11th grade
Isabella Abrego Soriano, Yessenia Acevedo, Helen Acosta, Aiden Michael Adams, Javier Joshua Aguilar Oliveros, Amanda Aguilar, Andrea Aguilar, Estrella Aguilar, Nathaniel Jeddiah Alaniz, Barbara Alessandra Allen Perez, Rocco Channing Allen-Smith, Gael Alvarado, Gwendalynn Fay Alvarado, Andres Gregorio Aponte Arrieche and Jair Alexander Araujo.

Camila Arguello, Edgar Arredondo, Gabriel Jose Arredondo, Jewels Artega, Alexandra Guadalupe Avalos, Kyel Ieda Ayala, Camille Patricia Barahona, Sonia Joann Barraza, Kayleen Basurto, Luciana Bayer Rivas, Aileen Amari Becerra, Mariah Renay Begay, Laila Marie Benford, Veronica Guadalupe Berrones, Isabella Susan Bisso and Xavier Alfredo Blanco.

Breana Arleth Borja, Kaitlyn Emily Breen, Colton Anthony Broussard, Elizabeth Tamnhi Bui, Tran Thi Huyen

Bui, Camden Stephen Butcher, Joaquin Santos Caballero, Lucas Daniel Calderon, Daniela Alexandra Camarillo, Michell Campos, Valerie Yolanda Campos, Angie Dayana Canenguez Flores, Hazel Melany Canenguez Flores, Christian Cantu and Dafne Sofia Carmona.

Alec Michael Carranza, Israel Valentin Carrascal, Angelique Guadalupe Carrasco, Marlin Bell Carter, Christopher Obed Castillo, Mariah Zada Castro, Edwin Jesus Catalan, Max Enrico Cazares, Vanessa Cedillo, Joshua Josiah Cerda, Jaslyne Chapa, Angelina Chavez, Leah Lynn Chavez, Victoria Denisa Chieoreanu and Kylie Marie Christiansen.

Aidan Abraham Cisneros, Nathan Cisneros, Ava Elizabeth Condado, Jesse Contreras, Casey Elizabeth Crawford, Edelmiro Cruz, Isabella Giselle Cruz, Adrian Cuevas, Camila Monserrat Davila, Jacob Andrew Davis, Liliyana Samantha Davis, Alberto De Jesus De Alba, Jalisa Sandra De Bose, Matthew Aaron De La Garza, Isaac Raul De La O and Daniella De Leon.

Gilberto De Los Santos, Alysabeth Katherine Deleon, Lilian Gracie Delgado, Ja'Niya Norie Denmon, Israel Diaz, Addelyn Elizabeth Dinsdale, Calla Renee Dockery, Esiah Jesus Duenes, Sofia Isabella Duffey, Kimberly Duran, Fabian Eloy Elizondo, Nathan Samuel Escamilla, Adarius Christian Evans, Evelyn Jennifer Fernandez and Jennifer Fernandez.

Kenzie Diana Fernandez, Angie Belen Flores, Luis Jesus Flores, Xavier Alexander Franco, Landon Douglas French, Harold Yair Funez, Estefani Gamero-Reyna, Lia Sofia Garcia Colacho, Larissa Garcia, Lauren Elisabeth Garcia, Marco Polo Garcia, Caleb Kordell Gardner, Damian Guadalupe Garza, Galilea Giselle Garza and Julian Ivan Garza.

Melissa Marie Garza, Brissa Colette Gaytan Montemayor, Madelyn Lea Gerber, Ashley Jhanaly Gomez, Jayden Daniel Gomez, Karley Amor Gomez, Michaelangeles Logan Gomez, Osiel Gomez, Anthony Aeron Gonzales, Alexa Gonzalez, Arlene Gonzalez, Mia Elizabeth Gonzalez, Vanessa Jolynn Gonzalez, Victoria Sofia Gonzalez and Bryan Alexander Goytortua.

Kaydence Breann Green, Alexae Nevaeh Gudino, Maria Guadalupe Guerra, Sofia Danielle Guerra, Henrik Guerrero, Asha Abigail Guerrero, Jennifer Carolina Guevara, Alexander Gutierrez Ballesteros, Magaly Sughey Guzman, Rangel Scott Guzman, Americo Jeffrey Hernandez, Cameron Hernandez, Diego Sebastian Hernandez and Eduardo Alexander Hernandez.

Kamila Hernandez, Kaylyn Marie Hurst, Ricardo Daniel Islas Coronado, Matthew Blake Izaguirre, Cadie Nevaeh Jones, Elena Biani Juarez, Phoebe Ann Kaatz, Prithish Mangesh Kurade, Austin Max

Lares, Rayne Lea-Anne Larson, Hailey Marie Leiber, Ellen Jackelyn Licona, Victor Daniel Lopez Carmona, Maria Fernanda Lopez Hernandez and Dalilah Lopez.

Eliuth Ezequiel Lopez, Karen Lopez, Evanne Lizbeth Lovos, Elizabeth Lozano, Katalina Lozoya, Tyler Jordan Lucas, Ace Anh-Thuan Ly, Natalia Macias, Alexis Madrid, Arely Duran Maldonado, Daniel Esau Mancia Mendoza, Israel Darius Margenau, Nayelly Betzaire Marquez, Eloy Martinez Avila, David Martinez Prestegui and Angel Gabriel Martinez.

Jaylin Martinez, Kevin Alexander Martinez, Osbaldo Salvador Martinez, Vanessa Martinez, Damhailey Medel, Jose Junior Mejia Murcia, Leilaine Menendez, Dylan Javier Merced, Charles Weldon Mitchell, Amirah Fazia Mohammed, Jonathan Mojica, Rosalynn Gallegos Molina, Andrew Luis Molinar, Aura Alexandra Monge and Adam Alexander Monreal.

Alfa Alejandra Montalvo, Eric Javier Montemayor, Savannah Aliana Montes, Camila Yutzil Montoya, Kailey Elizabeth Montoya, Dalia Jacobed Morales, Delylah Jazlyne Morales, Devani Miranda Morales, Leonardo Javier Morales, Juliet Jazmin Moreno, Mark Alexander Motal, Alexis Rae Munoz, Jayden Michael Munoz and Yatziri Paola Najera.

Mariangel Navarro, Victoria Elizabeth Navarro, Anh Ngoc Ngo, Delayla Phuc Nhi Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Tuan Minh Nguyen, Karina Elizabeth Nino, Samantha Anne Nix, Alex Bernardo Nunez-Hernandez, Melanni Ochoa Flores, Alana Naomi Oliver, Karla Giselle Omelas, Lindsey Grace Orocio, Brodie James Ortiz Cantu and Ignacio Ortiz.

Jennifer Dominique Ortiz, Marcus Ignacio Ortiz, Monserrat Osorio, Joshua Fabian Oviedo, Katerina Pankova, Lina Alexandra Parada, Kera Renee Peavy, Ethan Julian Perez, Victoria Anne Prado, Anya Caitlyn Quezada, Camila Isabel Quintanilla-Lainez, Priscilla Monique Quiroga, Sophia Raab, David Ramirez, Maynor Andre Ramirez and Mikaela Mariana Ramirez.

Luis Angel Rangel, Natalie Yvette Rangel, Dayami Michelle Reyes, Dilan Yeraih Reyes, Rebecca Gail Reyes, Ximena Dalylth Rios, Jacob Jaiden Rivera, Devan Robert Robison, Gracie Mae Robles, Aynae Laelle Rodgers, Isabel Cristina Rodriguez Rodriguez, America Lilyann De Jesus Rodriguez, Ashly Marely Rodriguez and Daniella Michelle Rodriguez.

Davian Rodriguez, Emma Savanah Rodriguez, Jacklyn Dalila Rodriguez, Grace Camilla Romano, Ryan Alekzander Roque, Karen Julianna Rozon Santos, Abigail Ilene Rubio, Avril Ruiz, Sophia Guadalupe Sagastizado, Isa-

bella Salas, Melanie Itzel Salcedo-Molina, Andrea Nicole Salinas, Camila Sanchez, Julian Geronimo Sanchez and Sarai Crystal Sanchez.

Marlenie Sandoval, Emilia Anabel Schneider, Dianey Serna, Alejandro Serrano, Tomas Hernan Serrano, Carizella Izbelle Sifuentes, Christian James Slattery, Abigail Anna Lydia Smith, Braden Alexander Smith, Yulieth Daniela Soler Carrascal, Sebastian Solis, Michele Terese Soto, Sydney Marie Stewart, Hailey Alise Tate, Janie Merced Tepox and Khanh Linh To.

Dominic Jay Torres, Mario Alberto Torres, John Hoang Tran, Nicole Anh Tran, Rachel Linh Tran, Tin Duc Tran, Jolie Mont Trejo, Samantha Anahi Trevino, Sainy Georgeette Turcio, Ethan Lane Tyro, Rodrigo Valdez Gonzalez, Jasllynn Marie Valenzuela, Manuel Alejandro Valladares Morales, Sofia Elise Vallejo, Arturo Garza, Yanneli Myranda Garza, Karen Liliana Gil and Iveth Gomez.

Elanya Guadalupe Vasquez, Luna Ixchel Vazquez, Annette Sarai Vela, Joshua Villanueva, Lucas Autra Villareal, Daniela Itzel Villarreal, Jaxon Cade Villareal, Valdo Villarreal, Joshua Connors Washington, Piper Leigh Wellborn, Jayden Christopher Williams, Vanessa Wu, Alexia Janeth Zamora Manrique, Juan Jacob Zamora, Nora Jocelyn Zapata Oyer-vides and Karen Nicole Zuniga.

12th grade
Joel Acosta, Leila Emralino Alfleje, David Aguilar, Kelly Stephanie Agustín, Abigail Ake, Hephzibah Gabriela Alaniz, Idaly Alarcon-Reyes, Perla Giselle Aleman, Dashiell Stone Allen-Smith, Jaime Yara Alvarez, Kimberly Amador, Joselyn Paulina Amaro, Raquell Elizabeth Amaya, Wilmer Steven Amaya, Kemora Neshae Andrade and Keiley Erin Anthony.

Alphin Eliza Antonio, Vanessa Arana, Luis Armas, Metao Malique Armstrong, Yazmin Artega Del Real, Yessenia Artega Del Real, Felicity Artega, Roselyn Abigail Aviles, Kenneth Moses Bahena, Josiah Joshua Balderaz, Aldrin Magampon Baluyut, Sandra Barron, Danica Rose Beard, Patrick James Ong Bernal, Daniel Berrones and Marycathryn Boyer.

Lesley Grace Braden, Aslyn Buenrostro, Ellie Irene Cantarero, Tommy Trong Cao, Ellen Jazive Carrillo, Lilia Castaneda, Josiah David Castillo Murcia, David Elijah Castillo, Perla Jazzelle Castillo, Marcelly Cazares, Jesus Ignacio Cazorla Di Geronimo, Omayra Cerda, Sarahi Ilenia Chavez Martinez, Ethan Thomas Chavez and Tiffany Kay Cole.

Jacob Jonatan Condado, Adison Bailey Cooper, Martin Cordova, Allison Paris Cortaz Elizondo, Kimberly Lizeth Cuenca Carbalj, Fabiana Cuevas, Adam Benjamin De Rouse Daley, Elizabeth-Truc Kieu Dao, Juan Pablo Del An-

gel, Levi Asaf Del Angel, Estrella Jolette Del Rio, Charles Richard Denham, Jesus Enrique Diosabot and Kevin Scott Drey.

Eden Xavier Encizo, Alitzel Nayeli Enriquez, Jaime Damian Escamilla, Mariah Lynn Escamilla, Naomi Cibonet Escareno, Yonis Alejandro Escobar, Diego G. Escobedo, Isabel Yessenia Espinoza, Julian Estrada Zavaleta, Adam Antonio Estrada, Joselyne Sophia Estrada, Halley Felix, Delayna Marissa Fernandez, Kayshia Crystal Flores and Monserrat Flores.

Yaretzi Anahi Flores, Jennifer Arleth Galan, Miranda Gallegos Rios, Karla Elisa Galvan, Jessica Paola Garcia Ayala, Josue Garcia Mayorga, Evelyn Daniella Garcia, Faith Naomi Garcia, Kamila Nicole Garcia, Maria Elen Garcia, Nadia Guadalupe Sandoval Garcia, Nahomi Garcia, Arlene Anabelle Garza, Victor Garza, Yanneli Myranda Garza, Karen Liliana Gil and Iveth Gomez.

Mauro Danniell Gomez, Mia Gomez, Angie Gonzalez, Atziri Abigail Gonzalez, Gerardo Gonzalez, Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Sarahi Alejandra Gonzalez, Sophia Ivonne Grote, Sayuri Guadarrama, Christina Guzman, Olivia Nicole Guzman, Serenity Mon'Elaine Hall, Jasmine Mona Hernandez, Michelle Angie Hernandez and Sabino Vera Hernandez.

Dana Paola Herrera, Judith Belen Herrera, Victoria Terrel Hespil, Camila Marie Hinojosa, Gavin Xavier Hinojosa, Kayla Thuy Dung Ngoc Hoang, Musaab Munim Hoque, Kristine Ngoc Huynh, Kara Marie Ingersoll, Elizabeth Marie Interiano Madrid, Eugenio Islas, Jeremiah Nicholas Isom, Phillip Dewayne Jessie, Francisco Xavier Jimenez and Joseph George Peter Johnson.

Marco Antonio Juarez, Michael Deshaun Judson, Natalia Le Goenaga, Britney Le, Nina Ngan thai luu Le, Natalia Leal, Nicholas Edward Leal, Ileana Jacqueline Leija, Alejandro Lezama, Giovanni Lopez Barajas, Angelina Marie Lopez, Kennedy Grace Lopez, Miguel Jose Lozano, Fernando Velio Luna, Gabriel Marcos, Isaac Adam Marrero and Callie Paige Martin.

Jonathan Isai Martinez, Kayla Martinez, Marie Giselle Martinez, Samantha Martinez, Jewel Justice Mayo, Sean Riley McCoy, Karyme Elina Medina, Michael Andrew Medina, Yamileth Citlali Melendez, Ethan Mendoza Vazquez, Gabriel Sebastian Mendoza, Heleny Paloma Mendoza, Coy Orien Middleton, Esteban Miranda, Presslie Shae Molano and Grecia Monarrez.

Estefania De Teresa Montalvo, Gabriel Allen Montemayor, Ilse-Maria Morales, Giselle Antonia Moreland, Fabian David Moreno, Gustavo Adolfo Moreno, Samantha Nicole Moreno, Ethan Edward Moyeda, Ibtihaj Mubashir, Jose Luis Muniz, Phillip Obed

Mushtaq, Camila Navarro Moran, Genesis Navarro, Bryana Elizabeth Negrete and Alex Triluan Nguyen.

Christine Thanh Nguyen, Ngoc Dong Phuong Nguyen, Vinh Quoc Nguyen, Pedro Olivares, Gissel Valery Olmedo, Kimberli Guadalupe Olmedo, Alan Everardo Olvera, Angela Gabriela Orellana, Brittany Alexa Orla, Citlali Esperanza Ortiz Pedroza, Julian Aron Ortiz, Sodanin Oun, Aldo Troncoso Padron, Charles Martin Palacios, Leonardo Palmeros and Faith Haley Paredes.

Hailey Nicole Parsons, Jush Dhanuskhbbhai Patel, Alejandro Andres Paternina, Isaac Pereda, Ashley Joselyn Perez, Bethany Lilly Perez, Jaime Perez, Rafael Ernesto Perez Ricardo Perez, Linh Tuyet Pham, Bianca Aurora Pinto, Luis Francisco Portilla, Kevin Salomon Portillo, Daniel Isaac Quezada, Abigail Quintanilla, Angelica Ramirez Escobar and Jolette Ramirez.

Yaryssa Ramirez, Nadine Elaine Ramos, Jayden Robert Rangel, Emma Kate Reeves, Amber Elizabeth Reyes, Andre Jay Reyes, Jayme Rene Reyna, Leah Marie Reyna, Magally Reyna, Erica Flor Rivas, Ernesto Rivas, T'Quanau Audre Roberts, Aaliyah Leann Robles, Alejandro Rodriguez, Anthony Rafael Rodriguez, Ariel Marie Rodriguez and Emelyn Leanne Rodriguez.

Melanie Evelyn Rodriguez, Rodolfo Denzel Rodriguez, Amy Joanna Romero, Manuel De Jesus Romero, Krissyynn Marie Roque, Genesis Abigail Rosales Alfaro, Rodrigo Rubio Solano, Ricardo Rubio, Andrea Isabel Saenz, Andrea Isabel Sagastizado, Christopher Sahagun, Arlynn Salinas, Joseph Enrique Sanchez, Rosemary Sanchez and Efrain Lincoln Santibanez.

David Santos, Maria Karla Soler Rodriguez, Jaylin Sosa, Angel Maclene Soto, Megan Elizabeth Stuart, Lena Crystal Swick, Isis Talamantes, Makaylla Ivette Talavera, Natalie Talavera, Nikki Janelle Tamez, Yashelin Tavera, Shaylen Denise Ann Thompson, Leonard Daniel Thumann, Keiry Kathryn Torres Villanueva, Amayah Isabel Torres and Bryan Matthew Torres.

Jalissa Elaine Torres, Justin William Torres, Maria Elizabeth Torres, Alexander Tran, Kevin Doan Tran, Analizbeth Uriostequi, Nevaeh Elizabeth Valadez, Fatima Isamari Valdez, Diana Rosa Valdez-Cano, Athena Velez, Silvia Susana Vielm, Marianna Villalobos, Ilyana Villasenor, Paeton Avyree Walker, Madalynn Cary Welch and Cheyenne Nicole Wetmore.

Alana Nicole Whitaker, Gabrielle Denise Williams, Mikayla Jolene Williams, Brooklyn Janette Wright, Vivian Wu, Evelyn Elena Yanez, Joan Alexander Zamora, Paulina Zapata, Anthony Jose Zeledon Moreno and Nadia Sarahi Zetino-Valencia.

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)

Three South Belt area coaches resigned from the Pasadena Independent School District: Dobie coach Randy Riddell, Thompson coach Jim Mercer and Beverly Hills coach Pam Contreras.

Two teenage brothers being transported from the Clear Creek Landing apartments by Harris County Sheriff's deputies for disorderly conduct drew a crowd of more than 200 people when they resisted arrest.

40 years ago (1985)

Dr. C. Lee Meyer, who was forced to resign from the Pasadena Independent School District after serving 10 years as superintendent, accepted a position with the Texas Education Agency as an educational consultant to monitor school districts.

Dr. Lon Luty, 47, was unanimously selected to become superintendent of PISD. Third-, fifth- and ninth-graders in the Clear Creek ISD scored well above the state averages on the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests.

After four years on the market, Cokesbury United Methodist Church signed a contract to sell its buildings on Kingspoint to the Houston-Galveston Catholic diocese.

35 Years ago (1990)

Heavy rains put a damper on the annual Fourth of July festival and caused the fireworks display to be canceled.

The Pasadena Independent School District received a thumbs-up from the Texas Education Agency for the district's latest accreditation ground.

The first graduating class from Dobie High School (1970) celebrated its 20-year reunion.

30 years ago (1995)

The Clear Creek Independent School District board unanimously passed a policy endorsing sexual abstinence education it was the only effective way to prevent crisis pregnancies.

At the same board meeting, CCISD also adopted a new health textbook which teachers had picked as their third choice.

Woodmeadow's Tom Roach was named Father of

the Year by Community Partners of Houston.

The new J. Frank Dobie head football coach became an official member of the community when he bought former baseball coach Jim Mavroulis' house in Kirkmoor.

25 years ago (2000)

Beverly Hills area residents started a Citizen Patrol to counter crime in the community.

Pearland resident Daniel

Ray Howard, 25, was arrested by FBI agents in connection with the Bank United robbery at the Kroger grocery store on Fuqua.

Kailey Waddell, daughter of Chad and Stephanie Waddell of Sageglen, was chosen first runner-up and most photogenic in the 2000 Strawberry Festival Beauty Contest.

20 years ago (2005)

Miles Bozarth, 85, the first principal at Stuchbery Elementary, died after a battle

with cancer.

Commissioner James V. Hansen, of the Base Realignment and Closure committee, accepted an invitation to visit Ellington Field. He was invited by Rep. Tom Delay and the Ellington Field Task Force to see firsthand what a valuable asset Ellington was to the nation.

Ellington manager Mary Case was named the new manager of Hobby Airport. Perry Miller was eventually

named Ellington manager.

15 years ago (2010)

While Houston was spared the brunt of Hurricane Alex, the South Belt area was still hit hard by heavy rainfall in its wake. Roughly 8 inches of rain fell between Wednesday at 10 p.m. and Friday at 10 p.m., according to the Harris County Flood Control District's rain gauge located at the Beamer ditch at Hughes Road. Despite the heavy rains, area flooding was minimal. Heavy

rainfall, however, is believed to have played a role in a fatal traffic accident that took place Thursday afternoon on the Gulf Freeway at Edgebrook, where an infant was killed when thrown from a south-bound vehicle.

Participation in the annual July 4th parade was lower than expected due to earlier rainfall with several entries dropping out.

City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker announced the establishment of the Special Ethics and Council Governance Committee on Redistricting and Term Limits and appointed Councilman Mike Sullivan, who represents the South Belt, as its chair. All other council members would serve as committee members. The committee would consider matters related to City Council redistricting based on the provisions of the Houston City Charter and the 2010 federal decennial census, as well as examine matters related to current city term limits.

10 years ago (2015)

At a press conference on June 30, Houston Mayor Annise Parker formally announced the Federal Aviation Administration's approval for Ellington Airport to become the nation's 10th commercial spaceport. Houston City Council initially approved the spaceport in July 2013. The launches being proposed for Ellington Airport would involve reusable launch vehicles executing horizontal, rather than vertical, take-offs, departing in a fashion similar to commercial aircraft.

A Sagemeadow resident made national headlines when someone allegedly set fire to a Confederate flag hanging in front of his house. Originally from Alabama, Michael Peek said he mounted the flag

to replace an American flag that had been stolen from the property. The incident came fresh on the heels of a national debate about the Confederate flag after accused South Carolina shooter Dylann Roof was photographed with it. Several national retail chains had since pulled the item from stores.

5 years ago (2020)

Dr. Greg Smith, Clear Creek ISD superintendent, announced he would retire Dec. 31. The decision to retire was made five years prior when Smith signed his final contract, informing the board at the time of his intent to close out his 40-year career in education.

A man was arrested on multiple charges following a shooting June 30 in the 10600 block of Sagetrail. According to investigators, the incident began when the suspect, Santiago Fernandez, approached two black males accusing them of being part of the Black Lives Matter movement, before following them home and opening fire, missing them.

Moments after the shooting, a third individual emerged from the Sagetrail home, and Fernandez again drove by the residence, shouted racial slurs at the woman, before pointing a gun at her and driving away. Given a description of the suspect's vehicle, deputies located Fernandez's car at a nearby residence in the 10500 block of Sageberry. He was subsequently arrested and charged with three counts of aggravated assault.

1 year ago (2024)

This week was a violent one for the South Belt community, with nonfatal shootings taking place at two different area gas stations. On Thursday, June 20, Precinct 2 deputies responded to a drive-by shooting around 3:30

p.m. at a gas station in the 10800 block of Hughes Road at Beamer. According to investigators, a white or silver passenger vehicle – possibly a Kia or a Honda – carrying several black males and one black female pulled into the parking lot and began firing at another vehicle already in the parking lot. Both vehicles involved left the scene prior to deputies' arrival. Several bullets struck the business and windows, causing extensive damage. Houston police later contacted Precinct 2 investigators and advised they had received a call from the victim of the shooting. Deputies responded to the victim's residence and obtained a statement. No injuries were reported, and no suspects were immediately arrested.

Just three days later, a man was critically injured in a shooting outside a gas station around 8:30 p.m. Sunday, June 23, in the 9400 block of Alameda Genoa near Blackhawk. According to Houston Police Department officials, the victim, a male reportedly in his 40s, was exiting the Quick-stop convenience store and returning to his vehicle when another male approached him from behind and opened fire. Police described the attack as an "ambush." Following the shooting, the victim managed to return to the store, where the clerk called for emergency assistance. Paramedics from the Houston Fire Department transported the victim to a local trauma center, where he remained in critical condition at press time. Police said there was no known motive for the shooting. The shooter, described only as a younger male with dreadlocks, fled on foot down Blackhawk and remained at large at press time, according to investigators.



Over The Back Fence by Nicole

HARDYS CELEBRATE 66 YEARS
Congratulations are sent to **Rose and James Hardy**, who celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary June 30, from friends in the South Belt area.

POMPAS ENJOY 51ST ANNIVERSARY
Nancy and Roger Pompa celebrate 51 years of marriage June 30. Best wishes are sent from friends to the special couple as they enjoy this anniversary.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 26 through July 2.

Atkinson Elementary
Marking a memorable birthday June 27 is **Tulu Sarkar**.

Burnett Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Nancy Fehst** June 26. Blow out the candles July 1 for **Cindy Gil**. Send a happy birthday wish July 2 to **Amy Vasquez**.

Bush Elementary
June 29 is the day for a party for **Margaret Mayes** and **Deborah Vazquez**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Marite Portales** July 1.

Frazier Elementary
Enjoying a birthday June 30 is **Yelitza Davila**.

Genoa Elementary
Birthday greetings go out to **Carolyn McMahan** June 28. Join in the birthday celebration July 2 for **Sugell Orocio**.

Meador Elementary
June 26 is the day for a fun celebration for **Victoria Pantoja**.

Moore Elementary
Send a birthday greeting June 30 to **Lucia Ibarra**.

South Belt Elementary
Light the birthday candles on a cake for **Jannette Gonzalez** June 28. **Amberlyn Olmeda** celebrates a birthday June 29. Birthday wishes go out to **Audra Taylor** July 2.

Melillo Middle School
The day for cake and ice cream for **Kristin Konzelman** is June 28. Celebrating a birthday July 2 is **Stacy Anthony**.

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES



Leadership within the Pasadena ISD Athletic Department continued to take shape earlier this month as incoming Athletic Director Patrick Longstreet (left) welcomed Astin Haggerty, who will become the assistant athletic director. Both will officially take their roles Aug. 1.

Haggerty confirmed as PISD assistant athletic director

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Astin Haggerty is the newest addition to the Pasadena ISD Athletic Department after she gained district board approval of her hiring June 17, officially becoming the assistant athletic director alongside Patrick Longstreet, who last month was welcomed as the incoming athletic director.

Longstreet and Haggerty will now join in leading the district's athletic department following the retirement of Rupert Jaso and Donna Branch, who will exit effective July 31.

While Longstreet joins athletic administration after several seasons as varsity head football coach at South Houston High School, Haggerty is making the move over to PISD after a lengthy career with Clear Creek ISD, including the past 20 years at Clear Springs High School.

A former track and field standout herself, Haggerty was the longtime head coach of the varsity girls' cross-country and track and field programs at Clear Springs before

spending in the last four years as an assistant principal at the school.

"I am both honored and excited to be joining Pasadena ISD and want to thank everyone who played a role in me being able to join the athletic administration," Haggerty said.

"Having been in Clear Creek ISD for many years, it hasn't been a stretch to keep an eye on the happenings of Pasadena ISD and to see some of the successes that both their athletes and coaches have had over the years.

"I absolutely look forward to doing my part to help our coaches and student athletes continue many of those successes.

"I have been able to be successful by just being present in the moment, providing care and support and doing my part to help both the students and my coaching staff members realize their goals," Haggerty said.

"It won't be any different now. I'm here to be a sounding board, to provide any type of support that I can and to be as involved as necessary to allow our

programs to be as successful as possible.

"At the end of the day, it's about people and having people skills in leadership. I'm excited to get started. Our students, coaches and their programs deserve the support that they need in order to be able to go out there and shine.

"I'm anxious to get out and meet people, to find out what their needs are and to be able to do my part as an administrator to help further the successes of the programs. It's an exciting opportunity for me that I will certainly take a lot of pride in."

This is not a University Interscholastic League realignment year. The next realignment and all of the necessary scheduling, hoop jumping and so forth will come beginning next February when a new two-year alignment is announced.

Jaso and Branch have already overseen the majority of scheduling at both the intermediate and high school levels for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, but that doesn't mean there aren't

plenty of adjustments to be made as Longstreet and Haggerty continue to prepare for the new school year.

And while Branch is retiring after 45 years within the district, Haggerty said she will continue to rely on the experience and knowledge of the veteran administrator as the transition continues.

"I can assure you that I will lean on Donna Branch for her experience and vast knowledge of this school district and everything that this job entails as she prepares to retire," Haggerty said.

"Just as is usually the case in the coaching field, you always want to leave your position in the best possible shape for the successor. Donna has promised her continued support. She will certainly be around, and I am very thankful to be able to have her as I make this transition.

"I'm also very proud to be able to succeed someone who has meant so much to the school district. I look forward to carrying on the role, and hopefully I can be just as successful

as Donna has been for so many years."

The action will pick up the pace beginning August 1, and Haggerty and Longstreet will hit the ground running. In addition to the five high schools, both Longstreet and Hag-

gerty will need to get up to speed on the happenings and inner workings of each of the district's 10 intermediate schools and their programs.

High school volleyball workouts will begin Aug. **Continued on Page 8**

Dobie volleyball offers camps

Dobie varsity volleyball coach Dawn Sexton and her staff are excited to offer a pair of summer camps aimed at both helping younger players develop their skills within the sport as well as preparing incoming high school-aged players for the upcoming 2025 season.

Students entering the first through eighth grades are invited to attend the Longhorns' developmental camp July 21-23 at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Incoming first- and second-grade students will attend the camp from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$35 per participant. Incoming third- through sixth-grade students will attend from 9 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$50 per participant, while incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students will attend from noon to 2 p.m. at a cost of \$50 per student. To register, visit the link at <https://square.link/u/5GddvXYw>.

Players ages 14 through 18 may attend the Longhorns July 28-30 camp, to be held 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 at <https://square.link/u/5GddvXYw> to register. For any questions, direct email to Sexton at dsexton@pasadenaisd.org.

Macias quickly taking charge of Brook baseball program

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Former Pearland varsity baseball top assistant Kevin Macias is the new man in charge at Clear Brook, and he has already hit the ground running in an effort to get the Wolverines up to speed on the field this summer.

With former longtime varsity baseball head coach Gene Flores moving over to Clear Falls, the Clear Brook administration moved quickly to bring in Macias, who has been the top varsity and assistant at Pearland High School alongside head coach David Rogers.

A 2012 Pearland High School graduate and varsity baseball standout in his own right, Macias began his collegiate baseball career at A&M Kingsville, played a JUCO season at Galveston and then finished up with a 3-year run at Prairie View A&M University.

Flores, during what was a very successful 16-year run with the Wolverines, actually hired Macias to be the sophomore baseball coach in 2019. After a couple of weeks the varsity assistant job opened in Pearland, and Macias jumped at the opportunity.

Macias played a key role in the success of the Oilers' program over the previous six seasons, with Pearland advancing

to the state tournament in both 2023 and 2024, then reaching the class 6A Division 1 regional final best of three series before a loss to Atascocita.

Hired earlier this spring during the baseball season to lead a high school baseball program for the first time, Macias kept things under wraps until the final week of school when he finally had a chance to catch up with some of the Wolverine returnees.

Macias has been very active this summer guiding the Wolverines' Mickey Mantle summer baseball program, getting a look at some of the talent he can expect to have at his availability in 2026.

He's also set up a summer youth baseball camp for July as he looks to further familiarize himself with the community.

"I'm very excited, pumped up to have this opportunity to lead the Clear Brook baseball program," Macias said.

"We can do great things here. Corey Julks made his way to Major League Baseball after playing here, and the program has seen plenty of guys enjoy collegiate success.

"We all know what it takes to compete in this district, and we expect to be able to do that right away here."

What can players, parents, opponents or fans expect from the Wolverines under Macias's leadership?

"We are going to be aggressive. I think it's important to put pressure on the opposition and force

them to make plays," Macias said. "I want our guys going to the plate with an aggressive mindset and expecting to get a hit or have a positive outcome

on moving a base runner along.

"On the mound, I want our guys to believe in their stuff, focus on their execution and just have a



Kevin Macias is now the varsity baseball head coach at Clear Brook High School after spending the previous six seasons as an assistant coach with Pearland. Macias has already been busy this summer working with the Wolverines' summer baseball leagues.

Roman of Dobie, Xpress competes at Adidas Nationals



Dobie High School standout distance runner Jordan Roman competed in the Adidas Track Nationals June 21 in North Carolina, finishing 14th in the freshman mile run at 4 minutes, 43.89 seconds while representing the Pearland Track Xpress summer program. Roman this summer was also named an All City

Freshman honoree in both the 1,600 and 3,200 events. Already a key contributor to Dobie's 2024 boys' cross-country team district championship and a district medalist during the track and field season, Roman is a rising star for the Longhorns ahead of the 2025-2026 school year.

positive thought process going out there on the hill in terms of success.

"Clear Brook has obviously had a great deal of success under coach Flores, and while a lot of the expectations in terms of team success will be the same, I certainly have a strong belief in the way that I have done things out there on the field that I can add to the equation.

"Clear Brook didn't have their best season (2025), but there's absolutely no reason why we can't return to winning a lot of baseball games in a hurry."

Macias and his staff will host the 2025 Clear Brook baseball youth summer camp July 21-23 at Wolverine Field.

Youths age 7-14 or those who are preparing to enter the second through ninth grades as of the 2025-2026 school year are eligible to attend.

The hitting and defense camp is \$100 per student while the pitching and catching camp is \$80 per student, or students may opt to attend both at \$140 per student.

Visit CBHS Baseball on X to register. Direct questions to Macias via email at kmacias@ccisd.net.

Macias was able to meet many of the Wolverines' returning players ahead of the 2025-2026 school year and has now kept a watchful eye over the program's incoming freshman during the Mickey Mantle summer league action.

Whether opposing programs have liked it or not, Macias first played for and then coached within a very successful program at Pearland High School.

He knows the ropes as far as District 24-6A and the Region III ranks and expects the Wolverines to be back in the playoff hunt as quickly as next season. The work has started now, and Macias has already put his stamp on the program.

"Guys are going to get opportunities to contribute for us based on hard work and performance out there on the field," Macias said. "We will have high expectations. There's absolutely no reason why we can't be very successful here at Clear Brook."

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Ortiz finds fit with Dallas Richland VB

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

Hope Ortiz arrived at Dobie High School prior to the 2021-2022 school year believing that she could do it all.

In short, Ortiz indeed turned out to be a solid competitor and a valuable teammate in three separate sports with the Longhorns but will now turn her attention to college volleyball as she joins Dallas College Richland next month.

Ortiz will be part of a fresh start at Richland as first-year head coach Kelly Covert, hired in May, takes over leadership of the Thunderducks program.

Covert has previously headed a prominent club program in Frisco, and was an assistant coach at the high school level, also in Frisco.

Richland is a National Junior College Athletic Association two-year program competing in the Division III ranks.

The Thunderducks were 17-15 overall a season ago. But the past is the past with Covert now in charge, as the roster will surely include plenty of turnover from last season, Ortiz included, moving forward.

Said to have played as many as five different sports while growing up, Covert just may warm up quickly to someone like Ortiz, who counts her competitiveness as one of her best attributes.

Ortiz began her freshman season at Dobie with the idea of playing team tennis as well as volleyball that first fall season in 2021.

She actually had a great deal of success on the tennis court, but it didn't take long for her to realize that there was only so much one person could do on a given Friday.

Most high school volleyball district seasons play out on Tuesdays and

Fridays, as do most district team tennis schedules.

So while she did play very well on the tennis court as a freshman, she then decided to focus her attention on volleyball.

Ortiz actually made her way to the varsity level as a sophomore and seemed primed for a significant role in 2023 as a junior, but suffered a broken ankle on the first day of pre-season workouts.

"The floor in the gym had been freshly finished heading into the new school year, and I was breaking in a new pair of shoes," Ortiz explained. "Just like that, I was out for the season and really didn't get to play much of anything as a junior."

Bouncing back from injury as a senior very nicely in 2024, Ortiz collected nearly 250 digs for the Longhorns in her final season and feels as though she can step in quickly and add to the success on the court with the Thunder-

ducks.

"I was very proud of what I was able to do during my senior season at Dobie after I came back from injury," Ortiz said. "Maybe we didn't put together as many victories as a team as we would have hoped, but I took my role as a captain seriously and felt like each of us gave our all out there on the court."

"Volleyball certainly has its ups and downs from point to point, set to set and win to win, and I just try to do a good job of keeping my teammates pumped up and ready to execute the play as it happens out on the floor."

"I don't feel it'll be any different at the college level. Obviously it's a step up in competition, but it's also something that I feel like I'm ready for."

"I'm thankful to have the opportunity to play volleyball at the college level, and I'm going to do everything I can to help us

be successful as a program when we get started."

Ortiz also returned to the tennis court this spring and enjoyed a great deal of success with head coach Manuel Moreno Jr.'s program.

It was great being back out on the court, Ortiz said she particularly enjoyed hanging out with her teammates and rooting each other on during the season. Being able to play as well as she did was a bonus, Ortiz said.

"I can't thank coach Moreno enough for letting me come back out and play tennis with the other players out there. It's a great atmosphere. Everybody pulls for one another."

"I'm super competitive, and being able to be out there on the tennis court and test my skills against others or something that I'll never forget. Now I just want to focus on volleyball and be the best possible teammate I can be."

Texas A&M women's track is third nationally



The Texas A&M University men's and women's track and field programs celebrated an exceptional solid performance at the NCAA Nationals in Oregon, returning to campus in College Station with a big reception after the Aggie men were crowned national champions and the women finished third nationally. Among those celebrating the women's successes were, left to right, Jaiya Covington, Clear Brook High School graduate Camryn Dickson, Sofia Yakushina and Jasmine Montgomery.



Bouncing back from injury as a senior very nicely in 2024, Dobie varsity volleyball senior Hope Ortiz collected nearly 250 digs for the Longhorns in her final season and feels as though she can step in quickly and add to the success on the court with Dallas College Richland.



Dobie High School Class of 2025 graduate Hope Ortiz excelled in three different sports with the Longhorns and will now focus her attention on playing libero at Dallas College Richland, a two-year program within the National Junior College Athletic Association.



Scoring his 100th career goal for the Lutheran South boys' soccer program in the fall, Brody Smith starred in center field for the Pioneers on the varsity baseball field as he helped the program win a 5A state championship in May.



Choosing to continue his baseball career collegiately, Brody Smith of Lutheran South was an All-Tournament selection at the state tournament and will now play at the University of St. Thomas, an NCAA Division III program in Houston.

Powell of LSA picks McLennan



Lutheran South Academy Class of 2025 graduate Wyatt Powell will continue his education and baseball career at McLennan College in Waco after signing a letter of intent. Powell was a big contributor on the mound for the Pioneers this spring as they won the 5A Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championship.

LSA's Smith is All-Greater Houston



Lutheran South Academy Varsity softball player Addi Smith turned an exceptional junior season into an All-Greater Houston nomination after she hit .586 on the season with 27 runs driven in for the Pioneers. Smith has committed to play collegiately at Wichita State University.

LSA grad Smith picks baseball

**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

He's one of the greatest goal scorers in the history of Lutheran South Academy boys' soccer with more than 100 career scores to his name, yet Class of 2025 graduate Brody Smith says it's his love of baseball that has led him to the opportunity that will come later this fall as he joins the University of St. Thomas program in Houston.

Andrew Canales ranks as LSA's all-time leading goal scorer, with current Pioneer assistant coach Carter Paling at No. 2. Then there is Smith at No. 3.

Smith also played a huge role this season as the Pioneers went on to win the state 5A baseball championship, so the recent high school graduate clearly knows what he's doing on the diamond as well.

"I certainly love the physical nature of both sports, and there's no doubt that I will miss the competitiveness that comes with playing the game of soccer," Smith said.

"I actually played the game of soccer first from about the age of three until I was 12 or so. But I was in a club program, and they really wanted you to focus solely on soccer."

"At the time, I was really into football, basket-

ball and baseball as well, so I really didn't play any soccer for two years until I got to high school."

From there, the rest is history. Smith joined the varsity program at Lutheran South as a freshman and said he felt a little bit out of place at right wing, but it wasn't long before Pioneers' head coach Nate Hagge shifted Smith to his more comfortable spot at forward.

"Brody just has a natural feel for being around the ball, but also has a great eye for the field set-up intends to get a tremendous read on where the ball is going to end up in particular situations," Hagge said.

"He's a physical player who can get to where he wants to be, he has tremendous ball control and generally is able to get a shot off on goal."

"I don't think there's any doubt he could play college soccer if he chose to. On top of everything else, Brody is a tremendous teammate."

"If he had 99 career goals and was chasing 100 but there was a great opportunity to pass the ball to a teammate for a better look on goal, he would make that pass."

"He's always been about the team first, and it has been a tremendous honor to watch him perform."

Despite opposing de-

fenses focusing their attention on Smith, the gifted performer notched his 100th career goal during his senior year, cementing his stature as one of the greatest players in Lutheran South Academy history.

Now it's on to baseball. LSA varsity baseball coach Aaron Schneider has certainly seen plenty of talent come through his program, with the Pioneers having captured five state titles since 2015.

Smith says he was primarily a pinch runner as a freshman, with Schneider using Smith's speed to either swipe a base or give the team a better opportunity to go first to third as a pinch runner.

"I played a little bit more in the outfield as a sophomore, then was a starter in the outfield these last two years. Just like with soccer, I think I have a good instinct for the game."

"I see the ball pretty well out of the pitchers' hand at the plate, and I feel like I get a terrific read on the ball in the outfield."

"I played center field these last two years, but I can also play left field in college if that's where they need me."

"Really, I'll give it a go wherever they want me to play. I just love the game and want to be out there competing with my teammates."

The University of St. Thomas is an NCAA Division III program, which means there are no athletic scholarship funds available. Instead, student-athletes are frequently given academic funding assistance in order to help with tuition and the like.

Smith said he plans to study finance at St. Thomas, and while he has yet to button down a specific area of focus in the field, he's excited to get rolling in the financial field.

On the baseball field, the Celts have been improving year by year, going 19-20 overall and 17-13 in conference play in 2025, and figure to have a talented freshman class coming in.

Smith, who was a Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A All-State Tournament selection in May as the Pioneers capped a 34-3 season with the program's fifth overall state championship, says he won't back away from the challenge as he competes for an opportunity to play as soon as possible on a regular basis at St. Thomas.

"I'm a competitive guy," Smith said. "A lot of us first-year guys have been on a group text, and the coaching staff has explained to us that it's going to be dog eat dog out there as far as competing for a spot. I'm a great teammate, but I'm also out there trying to earn my way. I look forward to the challenge."

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 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 27
 7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 7 p.m. **NA – Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nastuff.com/>.
 7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** – All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
 8 p.m. **Serenity Now Ai-Anon Group** – meets at CrossRoads UMC 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** – meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
 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** – All services are live and on Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
 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.
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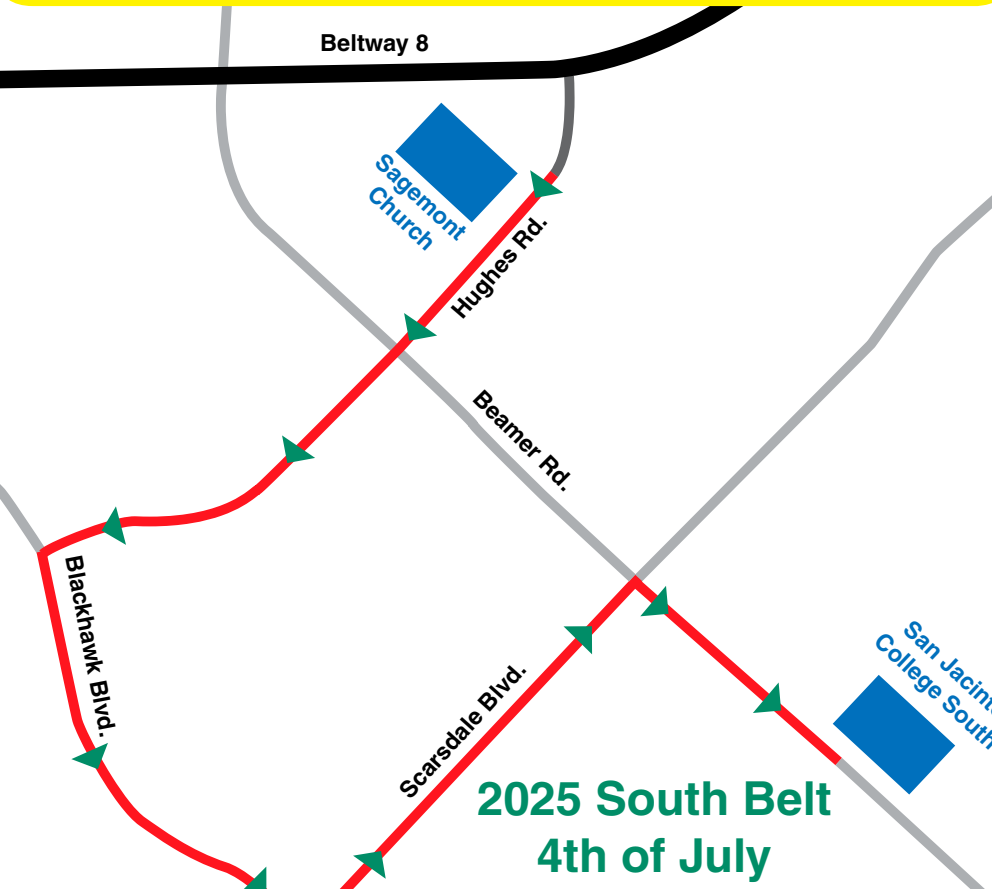
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 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** – meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, JUNE 30
 7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 Noon **AA – Imperfect Nooners**. 1:30 – 3 p.m. 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300.
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TUESDAY, JULY 1
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – See Thursday's notice.
 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. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for information.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
 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.
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 7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – See Sunday's notice.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – See Friday's notice.
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** – See Friday's notice.
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Brook grad Berry picks Purdue-FW



Clear Brook High School graduate and former JUCO All-American guard Alyssa Berry, bouncing back from a pair of injury-plagued seasons, has joined the University of Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball program and will be a redshirt junior heading into the 2025-2026 season. She previously played one season at Hill College, averaging 17.4 points and shot 40 percent from the field. She also averaged 3.9 assists and grabbed 5.2 rebounds per game. Berry was named All-American by the NJCAA after the 2022-2023 season.

Davis reps UTRGV track at U20s



Clear Brook High School 2024 graduate and collegiate freshman Jizzale Davis represented The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's women's outdoor track and field team at the USA Track & Field U20 Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. Davis ran 24.43 seconds in the first round of the women's 200-meter dash, finishing 10th in the event and missing the finals by one spot as the top nine moved on to the next round.

2025 Brook graduate Hackman to UTPB

Clear Brook Class of 2025 senior and varsity basketball player Ryliegh Hackman has signed to continue her education and playing career at the University of Texas-Permian Basin. The Falcons are an NCAA Division II program competing in the Lone Star conference.



San Jac's Watson picks NSU softball



San Jacinto College softball standout and junior-to-be Peyton Watson has picked Northeastern State University, an NCAA Division II program in Tahlequah, Okla. Watson is part of first-year head coach Cassidy Bowen's first recruiting class.

Thompson second at conference



Midway through her career at NCAA Division II Mississippi College, Class of 2023 Clear Brook high school graduate Kennedy Thompson has plenty to be proud of to this point as a thrower on the Choctaws women's track and field team. Thompson, who reached the University Interscholastic League 6A state championships as a senior in 2023 for the Wolverines, capped her sophomore season at Mississippi College by finishing second with a discus toss of 145 feet, 8 inches at the Gulf South Conference Championships in early May at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn.

Haggerty joins PISD athletics

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1, and opening day for matches is Aug. 11. The high school football season kicks off August 28. It will all happen quickly for the two first year athletic directors.

"As I said earlier, I'm just excited to get out and meet some of the terrific people that I know this school district has in place, to talk to them about their programs and perhaps some of the concerns or ideas that they have moving forward," Haggerty said.

"We are here to be a support system for our coaches and our athletes. I'm excited to be able to

lend both my energy and my experience to be able to help out any way that I can."

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