

Holiday closures set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The South Belt-Ellington Leader office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Normal business hours will resume at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 5. All inquiries may be directed to Leader publisher Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

Clear Brook City MUD

The offices of Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day. The offices reopen for business hours Wednesday, July 5, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru side of the building. No cash is accepted in the drop box.

Clear Brook City MUD residents whose trash service falls on Tuesday will have regular trash service July 4. All trash should be placed curbside no later than 6 a.m. Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Friday, July 7. Residents with Monday/Thursday service will not be affected.

Kirkwood meeting canceled

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 29, has been canceled. Meetings, typically set for the last Thursday of the month, will resume in July. For information, call Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Sagemont meeting canceled

The Sagemont Civic Club's monthly meeting, originally scheduled to take place Tuesday, July 4, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road, has been canceled due to the Fourth of July holiday. Typically scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, the meetings will resume next month.

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 as part of the weekly Coffee With the Constable series. The next event will take place Thursday, June 29. For more information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Beltway closed for repairs

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

All westbound traffic will be forced to exit the main lanes at SH 3/Old Galveston Road and be diverted to the Beltway 8 frontage road lanes.

The westbound entrance ramps will be closed at SH 3/Old Galveston Road, Crenshaw and Genoa Red Bluff. The westbound main lanes will reopen at Beamer. Eastbound Beltway 8 main lanes and all connector ramps to the Gulf Freeway will remain open. TxDOT officials say the closures are necessary to make emergency repairs near the westbound Sabo exit, where the ground is sinking. The closures are expected to cause traffic delays.

Local COVID cases reported

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

As of Tuesday, June 27, there were 222 active cases in 77089, up one from the previous week. To date, 142 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 13 active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 22 active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on I-45 will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 517 in League City to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sept. 30. One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Saifish Street in Hitchcock daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sept. 30. One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Saifish Street in Hitchcock to Galveston Causeway Bridge in Tiki Island daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sept. 30.

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.

Local groups target area homelessness

A coalition of local entities and nonprofit groups – led by Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office and Hope Haven – has continued its efforts in recent weeks to provide housing for homeless in the area, cleaning up community streets in the process.

"Enforcement alone just sweeps the problem down a block or into a neighborhood, which is even worse," said March Eichenbaum, who heads the Mayor's Office for Homeless Initiatives (MOHI) and assisted with the cleanup efforts.

In the past month, teams have decommissioned multiple homeless encampments in the South Belt area, including sites at Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway; Fuqua and Sabo; and El Dorado Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway.

The sites were scouted in advance by Precinct 2 Sgt. Ray Perez and Jonathan Spears, who serves as a housing navigator for the nonprofit organization Hope Haven. The pair combed the area five days a week for six months, reaching out to those in the area suffering from homelessness. After identifying problem areas and making contact with affected individuals, other agencies are brought in to assist, with the ultimate goal being to provide housing to the individuals.

At the Edgebrook site, teams engaged with 17 total people. Of those, 10 went to the coalition's housing navigation center and five self-resolved.

Coalition for the Homeless Director of Communications Catherine Villarreal noted that a

problem the team encountered around the Edgebrook site was that additional homeless encampments were located on private property, where the outreach teams have limited authority.

At the site located near Fuqua and Sabo, homeless individuals had established an encampment behind the Walgreen's store at the northwest corner of the intersection.

At this site, teams engaged with 12 homeless individuals. Of those 12, seven went to the coalition's housing navigation center and one went straight to housing.

The Fuqua encampment had been an issue for more than a decade with inhabitants being responsible for multiple fires over the years, officials said.

At other encampments in the South Belt area, including one near El Dorado and the Gulf Freeway, outreach teams engaged with a total of eight more homeless individuals, of those eight, three are now on the path to housing via the navigation center.

In 2021 and 2022, similar decommissions were done in the Broadway/Hobby area, officials said.

According to Eichenbaum, more than 80 encampment sites have been decommissioned to date.

Eichenbaum said such decommissions take months of planning and behind-the-scenes work. "The public sees it gone in just one day, but it

takes months of preparation," Eichenbaum said.

Additional city agencies assisting in the recent decommission efforts include the Houston Police Department, METRO and the Solid Waste Department.

MOHI

MOHI manages the city's response to homelessness by coordinating the efforts of various city agencies, including the Housing and Community Development Department, the Health and Human Services Department, the Houston Police Department and others. MOHI develops best practice-oriented public policy for the City of Houston, while guiding the city's participation in ongoing regional planning activities.

Externally, MOHI coordinates directly with

the federal, state and regional governments, national experts and local housing authorities. Additionally, the office works closely with private, philanthropic, faith-based, neighborhood and local homeless service organizations to advance Houston's regional response to homelessness known as 'The Way Home.'

MOHI provides vital leadership to The Way Home and works closely with its lead agency, the Coalition for the Homeless, and more than 100 public and private agencies to prevent and reduce homelessness using the data-driven, national best practice of 'Housing First.' By providing supportive housing to the homeless, Housing First breaks and ends the cycle of homelessness.

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Woman dies in fiery Highway 3 crash

A female driver was killed in a fiery crash around 9:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18, in the 8500 block of SH 3/Old Galveston Road near Fuqua.

The identity of the deceased female, 37, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police department officials, the female was driving a vehicle of unknown make and model at a high rate of speed traveling north near the above address.

According to a witness, as the vehicle approached the intersection of South Shaver Road, the driver lost control and struck a traffic signal pole. The vehicle then burst into flames.

The female driver was pronounced deceased at the scene and her vehicle was burned beyond recognition. The impact caused a tire from the vehicle to strike another vehicle, a blue Nissan Murano. The female driver of the Nissan, 55, was not injured. The investigation is ongoing.

South Belt July 4 parade returns

Area residents are gearing up for the return of the annual South Belt July 4 parade, set to take place Tuesday, July 4. It is not too late to enter.

This will mark the first time the parade has happened since 2020 when the event was put on pause due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Once again, there will be no annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display this year, as it is funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, which has also been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

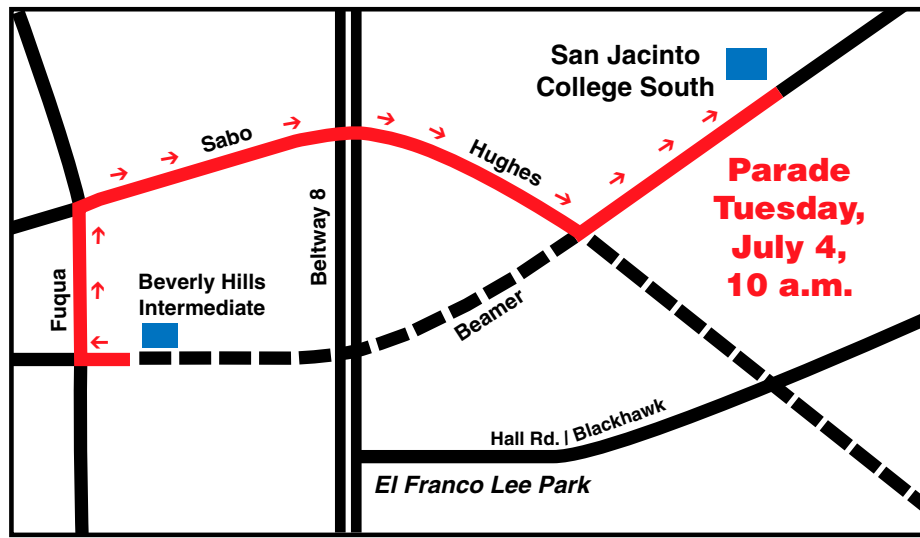
While it is not necessary to do so, participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles, trailers and floats. Prizes will be awarded to the most patriotic and most original entries in both commercial and noncommercial categories.

Community groups and nonprofit organizations may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to be eligible for a prize. Non-commercial entries competing for a trophy are required to pay \$25. Commercial entries are required to pay \$50, whether or not they choose to enter the contest.

Due to the length of the parade route, participants are prohibited from walking it on foot.

After leaving Beverly Hills, the parade route will then head north on Beamer to Fuqua, then east to Sabo/Hughes Road, before traveling south onto Beamer to the parade's final destination of San Jacinto College South. See related map on this page. Participants are urged to arrive at least an hour early.

Entry forms are available on Page 6 of this issue; at www.southbeltleader.com/Parade_Form_Map2023.pdf; and the Leader office, located at 11555 Beamer.



Local fireworks regulations cause confusion

Growing community, legal loopholes allow limited sales

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 city limits, and both Clear Brook City and Sagemeadow MUDs have entered into strategic partnership agreements with the City of Houston, prohibiting the practice.

Despite the partnerships, however, many South Belt residents may have noticed fireworks stands popping up in new locations where they traditionally haven't before.

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 calls from fireworks dealers asking for clarification. A second loophole in the agreement with the Clear Brook City MUD's agreement with the city inadvertently allowed the sale of fireworks in the parking lot of Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Scarsdale, prompting extensive litigation from the Sagemont Civic Club.

In the end, the bench sided with the church, and sales are expected to resume on the prop-

erty this holiday season.

The re-emergence of a stand on Beamer is the latest in a long string of confusion regarding the sale and transport of fireworks along Beamer.

While the stretch of Beamer from Scarsdale to Dixie Farm Road was once a hot spot for such booths, the practice was prohibited in July 2009 by the City of Friendswood Fire Marshal's Office, citing extraterritorial jurisdiction.

ETJ is the legal ability of a governing body to exercise authority beyond its normal boundaries, given that an agreement has been reached with the adjoining municipality.

In this instance, the City of Friendswood worked jointly with the City of Houston, the City of Pearland and Harris County. At that time, state law dictated that a governing body may exercise ETJ up to 5,000 feet outside their established jurisdiction. The fireworks booths in question were located 1,800 feet outside the Friendswood city limits, which extends to Beamer and Dixie Farm Road.

In 2015, however, Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. of Brownsville drafted Senate Bill 1593, which states a municipality may only prohibit the sale of fireworks within its own boundaries. The bill passed and was subsequently signed into law by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

The sale of the products is expected to resume this year in the unincorporated parts of Harris County along Beamer near Dixie Farm Road and FM 2351.

Suspect sought in Redford shooting

Charges have been filed against a suspect wanted in the shooting of a juvenile this past spring at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.



James Harris

The suspect, James Dawayne Harris, 23, was charged with burglary of a habitation and unlawful carrying of a weapon in the 230th State District Court. He remained at large at press time. A July 2021 booking photo of Harris is shown here.

The female victim, 13, was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting at

the above address and were flagged down by an adult female who stated her 13-year-old daughter had been shot in the leg. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and transported the victim to the hospital.

A preliminary investigation determined four unknown males and another adult male got into a disturbance outside. As a result of the altercation, one of the four males fired multiple times at the residence and struck the juvenile in the leg.

Further investigation and evidence obtained identified Harris one of the suspects sought in this case. He, along with three other unidentified suspects, was at large at press time Tuesday.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of James Harris, the identities of the other three suspects or in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).



MUD erects new fencing

Multiple South Belt residents inquired to the Leader this week about construction at the intersection of Blackhawk and Hall Road. The elaborate machinery at the intersection was a crane being used to hoist large new slabs of concrete fencing at the Sagemeadow MUD Building located at the area crossing.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Lynda Frechette understand problem

Little League is registered as a non-profit under IRS section 501c3 for tax purposes. I've made contributions and received acknowledgements to that effect for several years. My questions are how did a quarter of a million dollars accumulate in that account and what was the anticipated project or improvement requiring such an outlay? If none exists, it seems like the non-profit status is questionable. Somebody from the state and/or national Little League board needs to investigate.

Thank you, Marie, for covering this important issue. **Lynda Frechette Publisher's comment:** Lynda totally gets it. This is why the financial records all need to be turned over to Little League who is responsible for the 501C3. The Pony president, who last year was the Little League president had full control of the money. Yet since January he has refused to turn over the financial records. What a mess! The district Little League has tried, but he won't turn over the records to them either. **Marie Flickinger Publisher,**

Tom Reid



Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid, 97, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2023, surrounded by family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Joel Reid Sr.; mother, Hazel Nichols Reid; and four sisters. He is survived by his daughter, Trisha Robison; his son, Carl Reid; and granddaughter, Nikki Robinson. Born in Houston in 1925, Tom grew up in a small town in central Texas. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. In 1951, Tom graduated with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas. He was a proud member of the Texas Cowboys and the Chi Phi Fraternity. He moved to Pearland with his family in 1965.

Tom began his career as a contractor for NASA Johnson Space Center. His career with NASA would arguably serve as the impetus for motivating him to build Pearland into what the city has become today. Tom was always interested in activities in the South Belt area, and supported the community on activities that involved Pearland and South Belt. The mayor's 44 years dedicated to the City of Pearland would outlast his professional 32-year career with NASA. While building the framework for Pearland, he managed complex projects and tight budgets for NASA's Gemini, Apollo, Apollo-Soyuz, Skylab and Space Shuttle programs. From 1990-1993, he took a brief hiatus as mayor due to travel requirements with NASA. Notable developments that occurred during his tenure include expanding Pearland west to its current border along Alameda Road/FM521; expanding public safety services to include an exemplary police department; the conversion of an all-volunteer fire department; to a full-time-employed fire department, developing city departments as population grew; cultivating the city's parks and trails systems; and bringing large residential developments and small and large businesses to promote economic growth. Tom's commitment to community service extended far beyond his administrative duties. He dedicated himself to numerous community organizations and causes. As an Eagle Scout, he exemplified the values of scouting and went on to serve as a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts. He actively participated in the Pearland Area Citizens Corps, contributing his time and expertise to promote community preparedness and safety. Additionally, he served as an ordained elder at the First Presbyterian Church, embodying his deep faith and commitment to spiritual leadership. Tom also served on the Pearland ISD District Education Improvement Committee, the Adult Reading Center, the Pearland Historical Society and the Pearland Arts League. His tireless advocacy for education has not only enriched the lives of Pearland residents, but has also fostered a culture of lifelong learning that will endure for generations to come. Tom played a pivotal role in securing funding for a stand-alone library building, aptly located across the street from City Hall, that proudly bears his name. Furthermore, he was an esteemed member of the C.F. Spencer Mason Lodge,

attaining the distinguished rank of 32 degree mason, and actively participated as a Shriner. Through his involvement in these esteemed organizations, Tom exemplified his dedication to philanthropy, brotherhood and the betterment of society. Upon his retirement, he received the esteemed title of mayor emeritus from the City of Pearland, a position created in his honor. As mayor emeritus, Tom would continue to actively engage with the community, representing the city at various events and serving as a goodwill ambassador. His most recent public appearance took place on March 21, 2023, at the United States Post Office on East Walnut that was named in his honor, recognizing his many years of service to Pearland. At the end of May 2023, he was placed in hospice care. Tom's unwavering dedication and service to the City of Pearland leaves an indelible mark of gratitude. His remarkable legacy will forever serve as an inspiration, illuminating the path for all to construct a brighter future for the cherished community. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate considering donating to one of the organizations Mayor Tom supported: the Adult Education Center, Keep Pearland Beautiful, Pearland Exchange Club, Pearland Neighborhood Center or Seva Clinic; or another of one's choice. A visitation will be held Friday, June 30, from 4 to 8 p.m., at First Church of Pearland, 1850 Broadway. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 1, at 10 a.m. at the First Church of Pearland.

Rayford Raymond Bebee



Rayford Raymond Bebee, 74 of Houston, passed away Sunday, June 18, 2023, in Clear Lake. Rayford was born Sept. 13, 1948, to Joseph "JD" and Catherine Bebee in Zwolle, La. He attended Hemphill High School, graduating in 1966. Playing four different sports, Rayford received accolades for many accomplishments. Enlisting as a Marine right after graduation, he served two tours in Vietnam, was wounded three times and received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. After the third wound he spent a lengthy amount of time in the hospital where he met a Navy nurse named Sabina Fuentes. They married Dec. 20, 1968, before he finished his military duties as a staff sergeant. Rayford and Sabina moved back to Texas, starting in Corpus Christi where they had their son, Robert Ryan in 1972 and later settling in the Houston area where they had their daughter, Ryssa Renee in 1976. Together Ray and Sabina shared 35 years of marriage, but continued to experience a sublime life as best friends till his last moment on Earth. Rayford worked for Halliburton-KBR for more than 45 years. Starting out as a welder's helper, Rayford's drive and determination moved him up through the ranks reaching as high as construction director. He lasted in retirement for under a year before longing to return to the workforce. He found his new home with Allegiant Industrial as a construction manager for the past two years. Rayford is survived by his best friend and wife; daughter Ryssa Bebee; granddaughters Darianne, Krystalyn and Justice Garcia; grandson-in-law Elijah Pearson; a great-grandson; sisters Vernell "Rusty" Provost and Vickie Smith; brothers Steve and Louis Bebee; sisters-in-law Betty Jo and Pam Bebee; and many wonderful nieces and nephews. Missing him will also be an abundance of friends that Rayford cherished as if they were family. He is preceded in death

Bonnie Jean Dimicelli



Bonnie Jean Dimicelli, 78, of Houston, passed away on Sunday June 25, 2023, at her daughter's home in Kingwood, with Hospice service support. Bonnie's remains will be cremated by South Park Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a future date to be determined. She was born in Akron, on Jan. 24, 1945, to Jane Faye Sparr and Robert Smith Arnold. Bonnie was raised by her mother and stepfather Don Howard Lippincott in Pasadena and graduated from Pasadena High School. She was married to Joseph Anthony Dimicelli on Aug. 7, 1966, at St. Pius X in Pasadena; they were married for 56 years. Bonnie worked as a bookkeeper for various companies over 50 years. She enjoyed gardening, drawing and painting. She was also actively involved in the local MUD, as a director & the local HOA as a board member. Bonnie is survived by her husband; Joseph Dimicelli, daughter Jennifer O'Keefe and son-in-law Timothy O'Keefe Sr.; son Carl Dimicelli; granddaughter Kayla Ellis and husband Adam Ellis and great-grandchildren Lincoln, London and Lilly; granddaughter Briana George and other family and friends. Bonnie was reunited later in life with her daughter Lucinda Nichols, half sisters Pam "Bobette" Burgess and Peggy Jean. Bonnie is preceded in death by her parents, and birth father. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to The Padre Pio Foundation of America at www.padrepio.com.

Work begins on new park



Harris County crews are about to begin construction of Phase 1 of Juneteenth Park, according to officials with Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office. The construction of Phase 1 will last until the first quarter of the calendar year 2024. The contractor is Bear Services. The construction consists of the removal of the asphalt trail and replacement with an 8-foot-wide ADA-compliant concrete trail. The length is approximately 15,000 linear feet. Phase 2 of the project is currently in design and the construction date is not yet determined. See related story Page 1

County OKs \$7.7M flood buyout

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis proposed Commission Court Tuesday to add \$7.7 million to a buyout program to provide repeat flood victims - including undocumented immigrants - with more money for relocation. The motion passed 5 to 4. "This is the first mandatory buyout program in the country," Ellis said. "With this program, we are trying to keep families safe from increasingly severe flooding. But the county can't accomplish its goals if residents aren't compensated appropriately." Ellis proposes to increase the allocation for benefits to \$7.7 million to achieve parity with federal funding levels. The Project Recovery Post Disaster Relocation and Buyout Program's SAFE initiative is a mandatory buyout program designed to reduce the risk of future flooding and increase the safety of residents and businesses in areas that have experienced repetitive flooding. Property owners in targeted areas will be offered fair market appraised value for their property - residential, commercial or vacant. Relocation assistance could include advisory services, moving and related expenses, business re-establishment services, replacement housing payments, rental assistance payments and down payment assistance for replacement homes. The program is one of the first mandatory buyouts in response to the climate crisis. Low-income families who had no choice but to participate were not being offered enough money to do so. Undocumented families in Precinct One were not being treated the same as those with citizenship. "Immigration status should have no bearing on one's ability to recover from a climate disaster or to live in a healthy home less vulnerable to flooding," Ellis said.

Toastmasters celebrates 7th anniversary

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, Southeast Houston Toastmasters celebrated the club's seventh year anniversary. In recognition of this momentous occasion, the club held a special celebration at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, with the District 56 2023 International Speech Contest runner up, Kat Clemons, as the guest speaker. The 2023-2024 club officers and new member inductees were on hand for the celebration. Southeast Houston Toastmasters has been recognized by Toastmasters International as a "President's Distinguished" club for several years and has produced numerous leaders in the district and regional levels. The club's success is largely attributed to its members, who enjoy practicing their communication and leadership skills in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested in learning more about Toastmasters, is asked to attend the meeting to confirm interest in joining the group. Virtual meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In-person meetings are held at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The club does not meet on the fifth Tuesday.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library
Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. For information, visit https://houstonlibrary.org/. For online learning, visit https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556 or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.
Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.
Visit https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events for more library events.
Parker Williams Library
Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library or call 832-927-7870.
The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.
Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"
- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
Hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sundays. Visit https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library for details.

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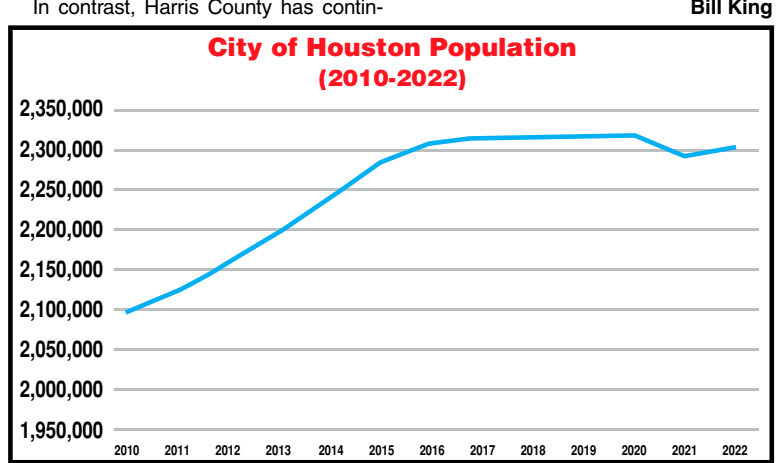
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City WM sets July 4 schedule

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin would like to make residents aware of the collection and facility schedule changes for the upcoming Independence Day holiday. In observance of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4, collection services will be delayed from the scheduled service day. The new services will be: Wednesday, July 5, Tuesday's garbage, yard waste, and 1st Tuesday and 1st Wednesday's Tree Waste collections will be serviced. All Solid Waste facilities will reopen and resume normal operating hours. On Thursday, July 6, Thursday's garbage, yard waste, and first Thursday's Tree Waste collections will be serviced. On Friday, July 7, Friday's garbage, yard waste, and first Friday's tree waste collections will be serviced. On Saturday, July 8, Monday and Tuesday's B-Week recycling will be serviced. Residents can follow SWMD on Facebook and Twitter and download the HTX Collects app for up-to-date information on the services. Tuesday, July 4, (Independence Day) there will be no city waste collection. All Solid Waste Facilities including the Neighborhood Depositories, Recycling Centers, and administrative offices will be closed in observance of July 4th.

Bill King reports on growth of city of Houston

The US Census just released its estimates of the population of cities and counties. The Census estimates that after losing population in 2021 for the first time in decades, Houston's population rose in 2022 by about 11,000 or .5%. Ever since 2015, the Census estimates have been bouncing around the 2.3 million level. The Census' year-over-year estimates are based on surveys of approximately 3 million US households and are frequently revised. For example, the original estimate for Houston's population in 2020 was 2,316,000 but in the estimate just released, the 2020 number has been revised down to 2,299,867. So, the variations from year-to-year are not all that significant. But what is significant is the shape of the curve above. After decades of growth, around 2015 the City population went flat and has stayed that way ever since. In contrast, Harris County has continued to add population, albeit at a decelerating pace. But the Census estimate shows that the growth rate for the Houston MSA1 continues to accelerate. Their estimate is that the MSA added 124,000 new residents or 1.7%. That is up from an increase last year of 75,000 (1.1%). If the Census estimates are right, less than 10% of the people moving to the Houston area are electing to live in the City itself. That should be a giant red flag. In 1950, the population of Detroit was about 2 million. Today, it is just over 600,000. At the same time the Detroit metropolitan area grew from about 2.7 million to over 3.5 million. The success of a region does not guarantee the success of its core city. Unless the City begins to improve the value proposition of living in it, I think we will likely see its population continue to flat line, if not worse.



Melillo celebrates honor roll students

Melillo Middle School officials recently released the lists of the honor roll students for the fourth nine weeks of the 2022-2023 school year. The Melillo honor students named are:
Fifth grade
Jay Alanis, Miguel Armenta, Zahir Balbi Loiz, Eliana Benavides, Adam Bowman, Hannah Bui, Ruben Castillo, Yvette Castillo, Sophia Chacon, Sofia Charles, Curtis Chau and Blakely Chavez.
Rachel Cummings, Abigail De Hoyos, Mia Del Bosque, Zuriel Erguiza, Diego Flores, Jaquelin Flores, Viviana Gomez, Makenzie Garcia, Lezhon Gill, Alejandro Gonzalez and Aaron Grau.
Edson Guevara, Lillian Hayden, Max Hernandez, Ethan Ho, Simone Jones, Hannah Luu, Mateo Mancillas, Matthew Martinez, Jordan McCombs, Nyla Mitchell and Dorin Murray.
David Nguyen, Sharon Nguyen, Suri Nguyen, Xara Oddo, Skye Orsua, Camila Pena, Natalie Penaloza, Aaron Posadas, Kyle Ramos, Melanie Rico, Alexavier Rodriguez and Estefania Rodriguez.
Sixth grade
Osama Abdallah, Salma Abdallah, Me'Shai Alexander, Jay Amaya, Fernando Balanta, Edmundo Bravo, Alexis Brown, Brianna Bustos, Maddison Campos, Xavier Cantu, Brandon Castro, Minh Dang and Katherine Dao.
Ernesto Davalos, Layla Davila, Shaikh Faizan, Bryan Flores, Charlotte Flores, Gabriella Franklin, Humberto Gallegos and Khloe Garcia.
Jayden Grimaldo, Carlee Guerrero, Emma Gurrusquita, Alexander Hernandez, Elijah Hernandez, Sebastian Hernandez, Alexis Hodges, Allison Hua and Camille Hutchison.
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Tim Turbeville



Timothy (Tim) Glenn Turbeville, of Houston, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 20, 2023. Tim was born on June 6, 1959, to Leroy and Anna Louise Turbeville. He grew up in Dallas, and later moved to Houston and attended Dobie High School. Tim loved his karaoke and DJ business with his wife, Terri Turbeville and playing his guitar while she sang. He was a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan, loved to fish and a proud Dog Dad to Sam for 16 years. Tim is survived by his devoted wife of 17 years. He is also survived by his stepchildren and grandchildren: Brian Morris of Houston and children Kendall and Trevor Morris; Beth Kirschner and husband Ronnie Kirschner and daughter Bennett Kirschner. He is also survived by his mother Louise Turbeville; brother Ronnie Turbeville; sister Linda Miller; brother Dennis Turbeville and wife Lynette; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's on-premise permit (BE) by Del-SA Management Inc. dba Taqueria La Fonda, located at 812 Houston Blvd., South Houston, Harris County, Texas. Owner of said corporation is Francisco DeLeon.

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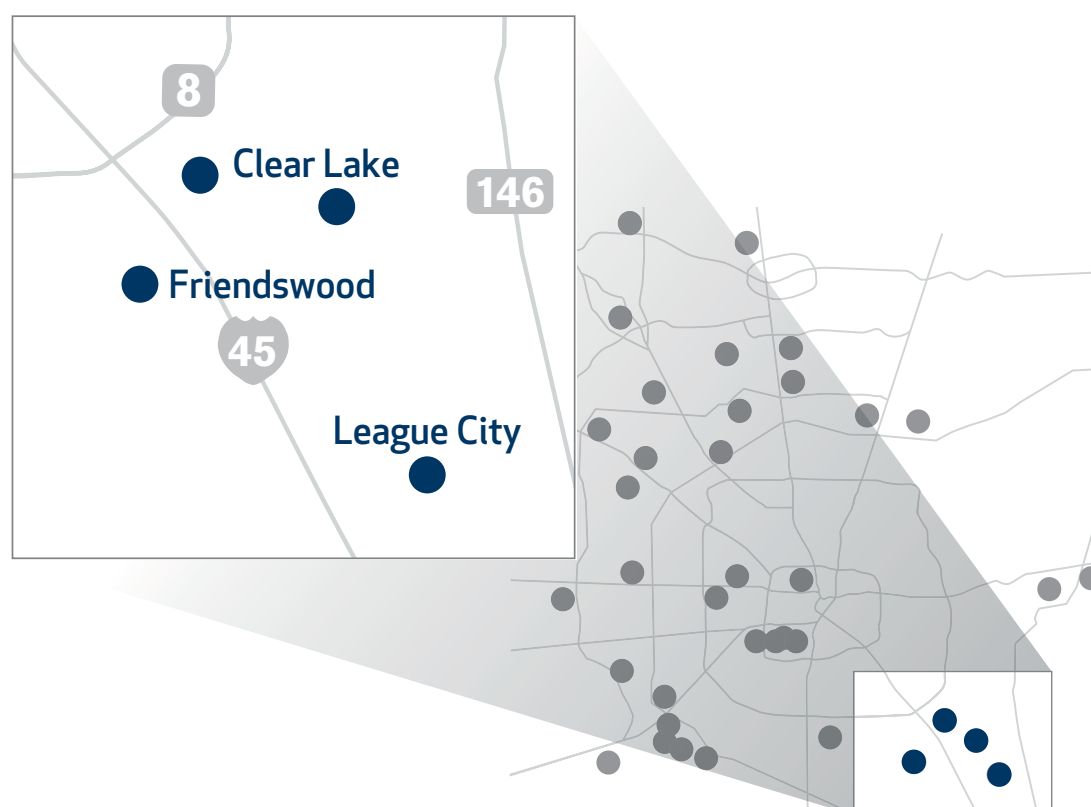


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St. Luke youths participate in Colorado retreat

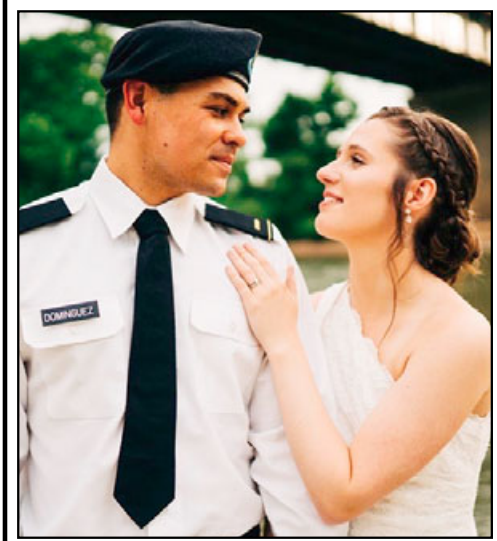


Recently 41 teens and 14 leaders from St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church attended the 2023 Colorado retreat June 8 through 15. Shown above at Garden of the Gods, in Colorado Springs are, left to right (front row) Caitlyn Arevalo, Viviana Mendoza, Ariana Carrizales, Felipe Mendoza, Kailey Sepulveda, Aleaya Calvillo, Claudia Herrera, Emily Salazar, Ryan Sepulveda, Ava Lowrey, Monica Ramos, (middle row) Julian Melchor, Andres Barron, Aaliyah Ramirez, Gabriel Baptiste, Michael Pettis, Arianna Arreguin, Angelina Salazar, Atziri Gonzalez, Audey Connor, Cathryn Arevalo, Ashley Arreguin, Mia Baptiste, Yazmine Gonzalez, Alay-

na Calvillo, Montse Ramos Marin, Taylor Tran, Joanne Tran, Kelvin Lopez, Aidan Sifuentes, Jonathan Martinez, Rene Gonzalez, Andie Sellers, Marylene Tran, Aleena Carrizales, Massimo Carrasco, (back row) Ramon Ceja, Matthew Trevino, Maria Martinez, Jacob Guajardo, Ruben Herrera, Ben Guajardo, Joey Martinez, Maximiliano Gonzalez, Erik Zamorano Ramirez, Omar Limon, Nicholas Anagbovo, Moises Ramos Marin, Joshua Martinez, Joe Trevino, Ivon Perez, Ruben Herrera Jr, Minerva Mendoza, Edgar Zamorano Ramirez and Joseph Trevino.

Photo submitted

Dominguez receives promotion



Avery Dominguez was promoted from lieutenant to captain in the U.S. Army this month. He is shown with his wife, Laura Dominguez, who is a registered nurse. He is the son of Richard Dominguez, who grew up in the South Belt area. Avery is the grandson of longtime South Belt residents Joe and Yolanda Dominguez.

CCEF awards nominees now being accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for annual awards for the 2023 Citizen of the Year, George B. Carlisle Distinguished Service, Distinguished Clear Creek Independent School District Alumni, Valor Award and Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award. Recipients are selected by the Clear Creek Education Foundation.

The Citizen of the Year Award is given each year to honor an outstanding community member for their support of CCISD programs and activities. The nominee must have demonstrated a commitment to CCISD through volunteer efforts; contributed significantly in ways that have benefited the entirety of CCISD; maintained a reputation across the CCISD community as an individual with high standards and dedication to excellence in public education and voluntarily served the district and its students and patrons over an extended period of time.

The George B. Carlisle Distinguished Service Award is the highest award the foundation gives to a community member. The nominee must have made exceptional contributions that have benefited the Clear Creek Independent School District; is widely known as a community leader dedicated to excellence in education; exemplifies public service, and has served the district, the students and patrons over an extended period of time.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to a CCISD graduate who has excelled in his or her chosen profession and has made a significant contribution to his/her community.

Nomination forms may be found on the Education Foundation website www.ClearCreekEducationFoundation.org. All nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023. Nominations may be mailed to the Clear Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1631, League City, TX 77574 or emailed to CCEF@ccisd.net. Awards will be presented at the Education Foundation Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 9, at South Shore Harbour Resort.

Fireworks regulations bring about confusion

Continued from Page 1 Clear Creek, Sagemeadow Estates of Green Tee, Sageglen, Kirkmont and Kirkwood South.

The Bella Vita, Villa D'Este and Villa Verde subdivisions are located within the City of Pearland.

Gulf Coast awards scholarships

On May 3, 2023, Gulf Coast Educators FCU announced their 2023 scholarship recipients. The following students were selected as recipients of this scholarship award: Emery Farmer - Glenda Dawson High School, Pearland ISD; Marcelino "Marc" Alaniz - Pasadena Memorial High School, Pasadena ISD; Anna Antonoff - Deer Park High School, Deer Park ISD; Vivian Garcia - Kingwood Park High School, Humble ISD. According to a report provided by the college board, the average yearly cost of attending a four-year public college is \$9,293. To help alleviate these higher education costs for their members, Gulf Coast Educators FCU awards scholarships annually in the amount of \$500 per semester for four years - a total of \$4,000 goes to

four qualifying students selected from applicants within their field of membership. This year the credit union received 51 applications from high school seniors all over Texas. To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must have been a graduating high school senior for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants were also required to be a GCEFCU member in good standing, along with their parent/guardian. Two scholarships were awarded to students pursuing a degree in education, and the other two to applicants outside the teaching field.

Since 1992, Gulf Coast Educators FCU awarded more than \$404,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. To learn more about the credit union's scholarship program, visit www.gcefcu.org/scholarships.

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Wings Over Houston takes applications for scholarships

The Commemorative Air Force Wings Over Houston Airshow has established a scholarship program for college students who have completed one year of study in aviation or a related field. The applicant's academic discipline does not have to be in a technical area but may include business management, marketing or other fields that are directly related to aviation.

For the 2023 - 2024 academic year, the Wings Over Houston Airshow intends to award \$25,000 worth of scholarships in amounts up to \$5,000 each. The selection will be made by the Wings Over Houston Scholarship Committee in August 2023 and the winner notified in September 2023. The WOH scholarships are intended to assist and reward students who have demonstrated academic potential, leadership and extracurricular involvement.

Eligibility Students in good academic standing at any accredited college or university within the United States, are eligible for these scholarships subject to the requirements below. Applicants pursuing an academic degree directly associated with aviation, aeronautics, or aerospace will receive priority; the degree of association will be one of the selecting factors. Students must be a Texas resident, in the Corps of Cadets at their university or a member of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF).

Academic Performance This criterion will be evaluated on the basis of each applicant's grade point average or equivalent. A grade point average of at least 3.0 (B) is required.

Personal assessment of career goals: This criterion will be evaluated through an essay of approximately 1,000 words. The essay should de-

scribe the career objectives of the applicant and should outline the academic program required to achieve those career objectives. The essay should also state how the career objectives of the applicant are associated with aviation or aerospace.

Recommendation Each applicant will be judged on personal and academic merit, based on the three required letters of recommendation, two if applicant is former WOH Scholarship recipient and as required for Corps of Cadets submission.

Extracurricular activities Each applicant's participation in college and community activities, organizational offices held, awards, and work experience will receive consideration.

Financial need Personal interview: The Scholarship Committee may request a personal interview

if the committee believes that more information, or clarification of some items, is required.

Follow the link below to apply for the 2023 Scholarship Program: <https://form.jotform.com/230944694633161>.

This year's Wing's Over Houston Airshow will be held at Ellington Field Oct. 14 and 15. The airshow features a lineup of performers this year, including the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the F-16 Viper Demo Team, Patrick McAlee ExtremeFlight, local legend Debby Rihn-Har-

Homeless efforts increase locally

lessness in the Houston area by more than half in recent years," said Turner. "Finding shelter and longer-term housing for homeless people and reducing dangers to all residents of the neighborhood has always been the focus of our work."

According to an annual study conducted by the Coalition for the Homeless, street homelessness in the Greater Houston decreased by roughly 17 percent this past year - one of the biggest reductions in the city's history.

The study, conducted by more than 450 volunteers over three days, counted 1,242 individuals people liv-

ing unsheltered in the greater Houston area, of which:

- 42 percent are experiencing homelessness for the first time.
- 77 percent are male.
- 7 percent are veterans.
- 33 percent are homeless due to loss of job/income.
- 21 percent are homeless due to family conflict.
- 17 percent are homeless due to COVID-19 or a natural disaster (e.g., Hurricane Harvey).

To view the complete study, visit https://irp.cdn.website.com/2d521d2c/files/uploaded/Homeless%20Count%202023_full.pdf.

Remember When

45 years ago (1978) City of Houston police and Harris County Sheriff's officers responded to calls including reckless driving, which involved the driver of a truck allegedly pulling a BB gun, a runaway boat, an armed robbery and a purse snatcher.

The Steering Committee for Multimodal Transportation Planning for the Gulf Coast State Planning Region met at the Houston-Galveston Area Council's conference room.

40 years ago (1983) A 14-year-old Scarsdale youth miraculously survived electrical burns received when he and two companions were climbing a 138,000 volt tower.

Clear Creek Independent School District students were to have a longer school day in first through third grades, and teachers were to get a salary boost during the school year as a result of action taken at the regular monthly school board meeting.

35 years ago (1988) Pasadena Independent School District's Gifted and Talented coordinator Roger Woest was named to succeed Julius Knebel as director of secondary education.

Law enforcement officials apprehended a local 15-year-old after he was spotted driving a stolen Blazer by the vehicle's owner. Police caught up with him after he lost control of the vehicle on Beamer near Hughes.

30 years ago (1993) A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new 22,580-square-foot Southwest Airlines reservations facility on Kurland. The new space would feature 266 stations for reservation sales agents and supervisors.

The Houston-Aires drill team donated approximately \$600 to the South Belt fireworks fund from donations they collected from area residents.

25 years ago (1998) Ownership of the South Belt-Ellington Leader changed from a 50-50 partnership between Bobby Griffin and Marie Flickinger to being fully owned by Marie Flickinger and her son, Davy

Flickinger. Pat McKenna left her post as the Clear Brook High School girls basketball coach and accepted a new computer technology specialist opening at the school.

20 years ago (2003) Rice University won the NCAA Division I baseball national championship for the first time. The team was coached by former San Jacinto College coach Wayne Graham and former Dobie coach David Pierce.

Sgt. Larry Petty and Deputy Shane Rigidon of Constable Gary Freeman's office stopped four males and one female after a witness reported they had shot out the back window of a vehicle.

15 years ago (2008)

In a surprising move, workers under the direction of the City of Friendswood Fire Marshal's office shut down eight fireworks booths on Beamer between Astoria and Dixie Farm Road. While the shops were not technically located in Friendswood, city officials were still able to close the operations, citing extrajurisdictional jurisdiction. The fireworks booths in question were located 1,800 feet outside of the Friendswood city limits, which extends to Beamer and Dixie Farm Road.

Lt. Jonathan Carter, a 1995 Dobie High School graduate, was selected the first representative from the U.S. Coast Guard to serve in the President's Emergency Operations Center at the White House.

Carter was honored at a change of command ceremony at the Coast Guard base in St. Petersburg, Fla. Lori Alexander was named the new director of the Dobie Lariatettes. She replaced outgoing director and new mother, Shanna Grubb, a 1997 Dobie graduate.

10 years ago (2013)

A newborn baby was abandoned at an apartment complex located in the 12300 block of Beamer. An adult male who lived at the complex discovered the infant between the dumpster and a surrounding fence shortly after 9 a.m. The baby was wrapped in a T-shirt and still had his umbilical cord and placenta attached. The child was taken to Texas Children's Hospital where he was hospitalized and received medical care. The doctors believed the infant was full term, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces at birth. Six weeks later, the infant was released from the hospital and was placed with a family that is licensed to foster and adopt children.

The 100 Club announced changes to its policies that would allow the families of the four Houston firefighters killed in the deadly May 31 motel blaze, including that of longtime South Belt resident Robert Bebee, to receive donations collected following the incident. The announcement came a week after media reports stated the organization's internal rules had initially prohibited it from giving raised funds to the affected families,

as none of the first responders lost in the fire had either a spouse or children. The organization's new policy will give \$20,000 checks to the executor of the estate of a law officer or a firefighter killed in the line of duty. For those with no dependents - meaning no spouse or children - the group will make an assessment of needs and pay off any outstanding debts. Many who donated in the wake of the motel fire felt deceived, as city officials and multiple media outlets, including the South Belt-Ellington Leader, encouraged people to donate specifically to the 100 Club. The organization even had a billboard campaign that used the images of the fallen firefighters to solicit funds. In all, an unprecedented \$650,000

was donated after the fire.

5 years ago (2018)

One of the four suspects wanted for the home invasion that took place in the 10700 block of Sageglen on June 8 was apprehended. Following the incident, in which four males - at least three of whom were armed - kicked in the door of the residence, surveillance footage was distributed to other area law enforcement agencies in hopes of identifying the suspects. An officer from the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD Police Department recognized the lone unmasked suspect in the video as being a student involved in other crimes. The suspect was identified as 17-year-old Jersey Village resident Jordan Landaverde. Precinct 2 deputies filed a warrant for his arrest on a charge of felony burglary of a habitation, and he was subsequently apprehended.

1 year ago (2022)

A pedestrian was killed in a hit-and-run crash that occurred about 1:45 a.m. Sunday, June 19, in the 13100 block of SH 3/Old Galveston Road near Fuqua. Baltazar Ramirez, 22, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver did not stop to provide medical assistance and fled the scene. No immediate arrests were made. A dead body was found floating in the Beamer Ditch near Scarsdale. Wednesday, June 22, The badly decomposed body was not immediately identified. Houston police arrested a suspect charged in the fatal shooting of a man the previous April in the 13800 block of the Gulf Freeway near Beltway 8. The suspect, Alexander Ray Gonzales, 21, was charged with murder for his role in the death of Zeferino Baeza, 30. The contractor hired to make drainage improvements to Beamer Ditch abandoned the project, according to officials with the Harris County Flood Control District. Officials said Complete Concrete was only about a third of the way through the contracted work before walking off the project, leaving construction equipment and debris at the site.

Over The Back Fence by Natalie



HARDYS CELEBRATE 64 YEARS Congratulations are sent to Rose and James Hardy, who celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary June 30, from friends in the South Belt area.

POMPAS ENJOY 49TH ANNIVERSARY Nancy and Roger Pompa celebrate 49 years of marriage June 30. Best wishes are sent from friends to the special couple as they enjoy this anniversary.

ABIGAIL TURNS 11!

Best wishes for a happy birthday July 3 are sent to Abigail Durham, who turns 11 years old, from parents Courtney and Chris Durham, brother Jackson and baby sister Penelope; aunt Kimberly and husband Matt Lipina; grandparents Fred and Leslie Flickinger; great-grandmother Olive Falkowski; great-grandfather John Fairchild; great-grandparents Marie and David Flickinger; great-uncle David Flickinger (Leader president) and his wife Ellie; and Marie's sister Alexis Lochner.

NOAH CELEBRATES 8TH BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes for a great eighth birthday July 5 are sent to Noah Abarca from parents Natalie and Jose Abarca; brother Kelvin Lopez, sisters Eliana and Isabella Abarca; grandparents David Flickinger (Leader president) and wife Ellie; and great-grandparents Marie and David Flickinger and Kina Reyes.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays

June 29 through July 5. **Frazier Elementary** Enjoying a birthday June 30 is Yeliza Davila.

Genoa Elementary Join in the birthday celebration July 2 for Sugell Orocio.

Meador Elementary Fireworks will fly on the July 4 birthday for Derenda Dehoyos.

South Belt Elementary Birthday wishes go out to Audrey Taylor July 2.

Stuchbery Elementary Light the birthday candles July 3 for Cheryl Wilson.

Meillio Middle School Celebrating a birthday July 2 is Stacy Anthony. Joey Bernsen enjoys a birthday July 5.

Beverly Hills Intermediate The day for a birthday celebration for Joseph Peterson is June 29. The day for a birthday celebration for Vanessa Schultz is June 30. Join in the birthday celebration July 1 for Melissa Garcia. Lauren Lester and Mark Samuel enjoy a memorable birthday July 2. Send a happy birthday greeting July 3 to William Agan. Blow out the sparkler birthday candles July 4 on a cake for Bethany Wilson. Remember to wish Cecilia Williams a happy birthday July 5.

Thompson Intermediate Marking a birthday July 3 is Yadira Lozano.

Join in a double-fun birthday celebration July 5 for Nicole Cannon and Steven Reyes.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbelt-leader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, June 29: Kristi Rogers, Terri Nicholson, Cheryl Raymond and Judy Lannou Thiele; Friday, June 30: Susan Jenins-Cowan, Marlene Varela, Sonya Hernandez and BJ Parmelee; Saturday, July 1: Siobhan Strambler, Barbara Porbandt, Tina Ramirez and Piper Sais; Sunday, July 2: Mary Collins, Brent Garza, Carrie Ramos, Nancy Pompa, Leslie Eaton, Paul Staton, Randy Weber, Eddie Shields, Darrel Black and Carolyn Benitez-Pineda; Monday, July 3: Nancy Smith, Frank Castillo, Bill Phenix and Benny Outland; Tuesday, July 4: Detric Bowie, Tina Garrett, Bob Shaw, April Smith, Miles Thomas and Brent McCrary; and Wednesday, July 5: Stacey Imboden, Jeanette Tickell, Chris Constance, Shannon Raymond Covington, Francisco Campos, Elindabeth Kolar, James Notias, John Colunga, Ashley Chapman and Stacey Buchanan.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS Send an invitation with anniversary, vacation and information on other events to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's issue.

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

JVD VB plans July 31 tryouts

The Dobie High School 2023 volleyball season will officially get started July 31 as head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff host tryouts on the main campus.

All athletes, including incoming freshmen through incoming seniors, are required to check in at 6:30 a.m. in preparation for 7 to 10 a.m. conditioning work.

Freshmen will then work on court from noon to 2 p.m., with all others on the court from 2 to 4 p.m. A current physical and Rank One paperwork completed are both required to participate. For additional information, direct email to Sexton at dsenton@pasadenaisd.org.

As for the 2023 regular season, the Longhorns will host Baytown Sterling Aug. 8, at Phillips Field House, with the varsity match set to start at 6 p.m.

Following the start of workouts July 31, Dobie will scrimmage Aug. 4 at Barbers Hill High School as Montgomery and Klein Oak will join in.

A day later, Aug. 5, Dobie will host Angleton and North Shore beginning at 9 a.m. Varsity competition will be held at the Dobie9 gym, with freshman and junior varsity play at Dobie main.

Dobie volleyball youth clinics

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

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

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

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

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

To register for any of the camps or to get additional camp details, direct email to Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton at dsenton@pasadenaisd.org.

Cowboys offer strength/cond.

In anticipation of the 2023 Bay Area Football League season, the Sagemont Cowboys will host a conditioning camp July 17-18 and July 20 at the program's game site at El Franco Lee Park, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each evening. Youths taking part in the drills should wear shorts, a T-shirt, proper football shoes and bring a personal water bottle. BAFL has also released its 2023 master schedule, with the Cowboys' schedule provided below.

SBYSC has online registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is hosting fall registration now through July 15 at a discounted rate as league officials prepare for play, with practices set to get started in August.

Now through July 15, youths in the under-4 through under-8 age divisions will pay \$105; those in the under-9 and under-10 age divisions will pay \$125; those in the under-11 and under-12 age divisions will pay \$145 and the under-13 through under-19 divisions will pay \$165.

All registration fees include a uniform consisting of a team shirt, shorts and socks. Parents are required to provide shin guards, soccer cleats and soccer ball.

The league is seeking volunteer coaches, assistant coaches and team parents, particularly for the U4-U8 age groups.

Fees may be paid by credit and debit cards only at www.southbeltsoccer.org.

Clear Brook VB camps, tryouts

Clear Brook varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host tryouts for the 2023 season as incoming freshmen through incoming seniors will vie for roster spots July 31 and Aug. 1.

The Wolverine coaching staff is also offering an optional youth camp that will run July 24-27 for students.

Incoming third- through fifth-grade students will be grouped together in session I and train from 8 to 10 a.m. each day, while the 8 to 10 a.m. time slot is also available to sixth-, seventh- and beginning eighth-grade students in session II.

Elite eighth-grade and all ninth-grade players will train from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as part of session III.

Cost of the camp is \$90 per student for sessions I and II, and \$100 per student for session III.

All participants should wear court shoes and proper workout attire and bring a set of knee pads and a personal water bottle.

These camps are designed to give each athlete an opportunity to refresh their volleyball skills and learn new skills and strategies, but to also see their future high school, meet the coaching staff and potential future teammates.

Staff members will cover the fundamentals of volleyball, and introduce offensive, defensive, and serve receive systems during Session I and Session II.

To register, visit www.clearbrookvolleyball.org. For more information, direct email to mthomps1@ccisd.net. Returning high school players may take advantage of current open gym workouts on Mondays and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m.

CB's Hatamleh to Hutchinson

Clear Brook Class of 2023 graduate Ismail Hatamleh has announced that he will play baseball at Hutchinson Community College in the fall. Hatamleh was a 24-6A second-team all league pick this spring as he helped the Wolverines to a three-way first-place tie.

SJC's Haygood, Wright honored

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association recognized San Jacinto College shortstop Arianna Wright and pitcher Christin Haygood for post-season honors, with Wright named a JUCO Division I All-American second-team honoree.

Wright was also a first-team All-Midwest Region choice, with Haygood chosen to the JUCO All-Midwest Region second team.

Haygood was also the Region 14 Pitcher of the Year for 2022 and 2023, while Wright was the Region 14 Player of the Year for 2023.

Texas Tech Hall of Fame welcomes Wingo

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Quarterback Cliff Kingsbury and legendary head coach Mike Leach will headline the latest list of inductees to the Texas Tech University Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor as the athletics department officially announced its 2023 class June 14 in Lubbock.

While Kingsbury and

Leach are the most recognizable names in the 2023 class, the honorees include Dobie High School Class of 1987 graduate Matt Wingo, who starred at linebacker for the Red Raiders as part of a collegiate career that spanned from 1988 to 1991.

The Texas Tech Hall of Fame, reserved strictly for former athletes, will welcome seven Red Raider

greats as Gonzalo Escobar (men's tennis), Greg Lowery (men's basketball), Wingo, Jason Young (track and field), Cathy Carlson (women's tennis) and Kim Kaufman (women's golf) will join Kingsbury as part of the 2023 class.

Leach, meanwhile, will be recognized posthumously in the Hall of Honor for his decade of success leading the Red

Raider football program. Leach, the winningest coach in program history, led the Red Raiders to a bowl appearance in all 10 of his seasons, finishing with an 84-43 overall in one of the most-successful eras all-time at Texas Tech.

The Hall of Honor is designated for nonathletes who have provided outstanding contributions to

"It just means so much more knowing that it is a group of your peers that felt like you were deserving. I'm just so proud to be a Texas Tech Red Raider. It's an honor to be in such great company. Once you bleed the red and black, you bleed them forever."

— Matt Wingo

Texas Tech Athletics.

Perhaps it took more than 30 years for Wingo to receive his congratulatory phone call, the official notification that he is indeed a Red Raider all-time great, but time has done little to tarnish or fade the memories.

In fact, Wingo will relish the honor even more now. "I knew the call was probably coming soon, and we shared all the proper words and the thank yous and congratulations, and then later I cried like a baby," Wingo admitted.

"This is an honor that comes from your peers, those you either played with or played before or after you.

"Or, for those in other sports who are inducted by their peers, everyone understands the grind and the hard work that it took.

"It just means so much more knowing that it is a group of your peers that felt like you were deserving."

"I'm just so proud to be a Texas Tech Red Raider. It's an honor to be in such great company. Once you bleed the (school colors) red and black, you bleed them forever."

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A Dobie Class of 1987 graduate, Matt Wingo (45) later starred at Texas Tech on the football field, where he has now been elected into the university's Hall of Fame. Wingo, a two-time All-Southwest Conference

honoree, racked up 385 tackles during his four-year career, which ranked third all-time in school history following his senior season. Wingo still ranks sixth in Texas Tech history for career tackles.

SBGSA to open online fall ball registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association 2023 fall season July 1 will begin accepting on-

line registration for the 2023 fall season July 1 as players will be able

to join play at El Franco Lee Park at the league facility. Registration is

\$75 per player across all age groups, and families can take care of the process at www.southbeltsoftball.com.

Berry joins Morehead State hoops



Following a stellar freshman season at Hill College, Alyssa Berry, a Class of 2022 Clear Brook High School graduate and varsity girls' basketball star, has signed to play at Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky. Read Berry's story on Page 6.

Smith chooses UH softball



Former Lutheran South Academy softball standout Shelby Smith has joined the University of Houston for her Super Senior season in 2024. The Most Outstanding Player at the Big East Tournament last month as she guided Seton Hall to the championship and a berth at the Austin Regional, Smith is a career .315 hitter with 15 homers and 70 runs batted in. She has 32 career pitching victories and 366 strikeouts in 406 innings as she takes her two-way talents to the Cougars, who officially join the Big 12 July 31 and will compete in the Big 12 beginning with the 2024 season.

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Wingo, former Dobie star, reaches Texas Tech University Hall of Fame

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Wingo remains one of the top linebackers in pro-

gram history at Texas Tech after a decorated career in the early tenure of head

coach Spike Dykes from 1988-91. Wingo, a two-time

All-Southwest Conference honoree, racked up 385 tackles during his four-

year career, which ranked third all-time in school history following his senior season.

To this day, Wingo still ranks sixth in Texas Tech history for career tackles. He earned All-Southwest Conference honors following both his junior and senior seasons.

Additionally, Wingo was honored by his teammates as the recipient of the Dell Morgan Memorial Courage Award following his senior year as well as the Clint Ramsey Academic Effort Award.

The Wingo family includes Matt Wingo (third from left) and his wife, Angie (third from right), as well as, from left, son Caleb and daughters Kinley, Kyleigh and Brittny. The Wingos will celebrate Matt Wingo's induction into the Texas Tech University Hall of Fame this fall after the one-time star linebacker got the call earlier this month of his inclusion.

Wingo family photo

A standout player at Dobie, Wingo was a prototypical middle linebacker operating within the defensive schemes of 4-3 and 3-4 defenses.

Admittedly not the biggest or fastest of his skill position, Wingo nonetheless drew his share of scholarship opportunities.

Texas Tech was no powerhouse in those days, but Wingo was drawn to Dykes and welcomed the chance to play for defensive coordinator John Paul Young.

"I redshirted my first year in 1987 but for the most part after that was fortunate that I didn't have to sit," Wingo said.

"I had the chance to play a lot of snaps for

three seasons as a starter. I understood my role was to make tackles, and I think I did a pretty good job of that.

"I think I was third in all-time tackles when I graduated, so I enjoyed a pretty good run there for a while."

Following graduation, Wingo went undrafted but signed on with the Denver Broncos as a free agent.

He played in the pre-season, performing well, but fell victim to the proverbial numbers game as the Broncos already possessed several veteran players in the middle.

"My goal was to play in the NFL, and in the right situation I believe I could've had a successful

career," Wingo said.

"But I didn't physically mature all the way until I was 25. I also married my high school sweetheart and had a daughter by the time I was taking on this challenge.

"No regrets, though. I got to play at Mile High Stadium in Denver and tasted all that is the pro football experience. Choosing Texas Tech started it all for me, and I'd gladly do it all again."

Now married to his second wife, Angie, Wingo has three daughters and a son.

Caleb Wingo is a 16-year-old high school sophomore quarterback/pitcher who has transferred to Deer Park High

School for the 2023-2024 school year after spending his entire previous academic run at Second Baptist. The program's starting quarterback and top pitcher at Second Baptist, Caleb Wingo is beginning anew in the Deer Park strength and conditioning program this summer with the Deer.

The 2023 Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor class will be formally inducted at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29, during a ceremony at Overton Hotel and Conference Center.

The 2023 class will be recognized on the field the following day when the Red Raiders host Houston inside Jones AT&T Stadium.



Berry takes hoops talents to Morehead State

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Hill College freshman women's basketball player Alyssa Berry was nothing short of a human stat sheet during the 2022-2023 season, averaging 17.4 points, 5.2 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game for the Rebels as the team made its ninth straight regional playoff appearance as part of an 18-13 overall finish.

Leading the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference in both points and assists per game, Berry wound up 29th in the National Junior College Athletic Association national Division I scoring column and was the conference co-Fresh-

man of the Year, earning both All-Conference and All-Region honors

As an icing-on-the-cake moment for Berry, she was named as an honorable mention pick on the Women's College Basketball Association's Two-Year College All-American Team following the season.

And to think there is a very real possibility that Berry's opportunity might never have come about had then Hill College head coach Scott Hyland not answered another random email.

Despite helping to lead the Clear Brook varsity girls' program to its first-ever Class 6A district

championship as a senior in 2021-22, Berry found herself with realistically no interest coming her way in the recruiting process last spring.

Disappointed, yet determined, Berry said she sent one last email Hyland's way. She expected nothing, yet both player and program ultimately hit the jackpot.

"Coach Hyland answered my email," Berry said. "He had watched my highlight tape and said he had one roster spot open and that I was welcome to come and try to earn a spot on the team."

"I came in as an outsider, not knowing anyone and no one really having

any expectations of me. There were no expectations to be honest.

"I was the last player to come in, and I didn't really see much court time in the offseason. But all along, I put in the work, shot my shots and stuck to my routine.

"Every single day, I was looking to get better. Still am. I love this game, and I just needed an opportunity."

No one is saying Berry didn't get her fair shot at Clear Brook, but rather it was the injury bug that struck.

Missing her junior season entirely, Berry fell off the collegiate recruiting map. By the time Berry delivered the goods as a senior en route to All-District status, most collegiate programs had posted the "No Vacancy" sign.

As the Hill College program wound up its pre-season in early November, Hyland seemed well aware of what the 5-foot-5 shooting guard could do.

Among the 12 first-year players on the Rebels' roster, Berry had turned heads.

"Berry is probably the team's best athlete, as she is very explosive going to the basket and an exceptional shooter who has been the team's top 3-point shooter this pre-season," Hyland told Hill College media staff.

Fast forward to now, and Berry certainly has plenty of opportunity in front of her. She had strongly considered returning to Hill until Hyland left the program.

Instead, Berry will have three seasons of eligibility at NCAA Division I Morehead State in Morehead, Ky., and the folks calling the shots are thrilled Berry



Averaging 17.4 points per game to go with 5.2 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game, Hill College's Alyssa Berry (24) was named an All-American performer by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association after the 2022-2023 season.



Despite leading the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball program to the 2021-2022 league championship in 24-6A, Alyssa Berry found just one collegiate program willing to give her a shot. She subsequent-

ly starred at Hill College as a freshman. Now, the JUCO All-American has signed with Morehead State University in Morehead, Kan., and will join the Eagles' program beginning in August.

Pleasants named to USWNT Japan Series

At right, Dobie graduate and current Louisiana State University softball star Taylor Pleasants will join the U.S. Women's National Team 16-player roster to compete in the 2023 Japan All-Star Series, to be held Aug. 4-7. Team USA will compete against world-ranked No. 2 Japan in a three-game series held across three cities in Japan - Fukushima (Azuma Stadium - Tokyo Olympic Games softball venue), Iwakuni (Kizuna Stadium - host of WNT pre-Olympic training) and Yokohama (Yokohama Stadium - Tokyo Olympic Games softball venue). The Japan All-Star Series squad is the second WNT roster scheduled to compete during the 2023 season in addition to the World Baseball Softball Confederation World Cup roster that features LSU alumnae Aliyah Andrews and Savannah Jaquish in Dublin, Ireland July 11-15. Athletes were selected based on previous and ongoing evaluations at the collegiate and professional levels as well as USA Softball National Team events, trials and camps.



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7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce calendar or call 281-485-3634.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
FRIDAY, JUNE 30
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Genealogical Society speaker will be Judy Russell, theme is Mythconceptions. Hybrid meeting at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr. Virtual attendees need to register for each webinar session. Visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
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SATURDAY, JULY 1
7:30 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.
11 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787 or visit https://www.houstonalanon.org/
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SUNDAY, JULY 2
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 713-944-9186.
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.
8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, JULY 3
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for tours.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Volunteers teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.
5 p.m. New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meets for a potluck dinner, activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. Call 646-489-4367.
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7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, JULY 4
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum See Monday's notice.
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
11:30 a.m. Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call 713-253-2521 for information.
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7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real. Call 713-444-6744.
9:30 a.m. Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call 832-298-9480.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park. Casual ballroom dancing offered. Call 281-554-1180.
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.

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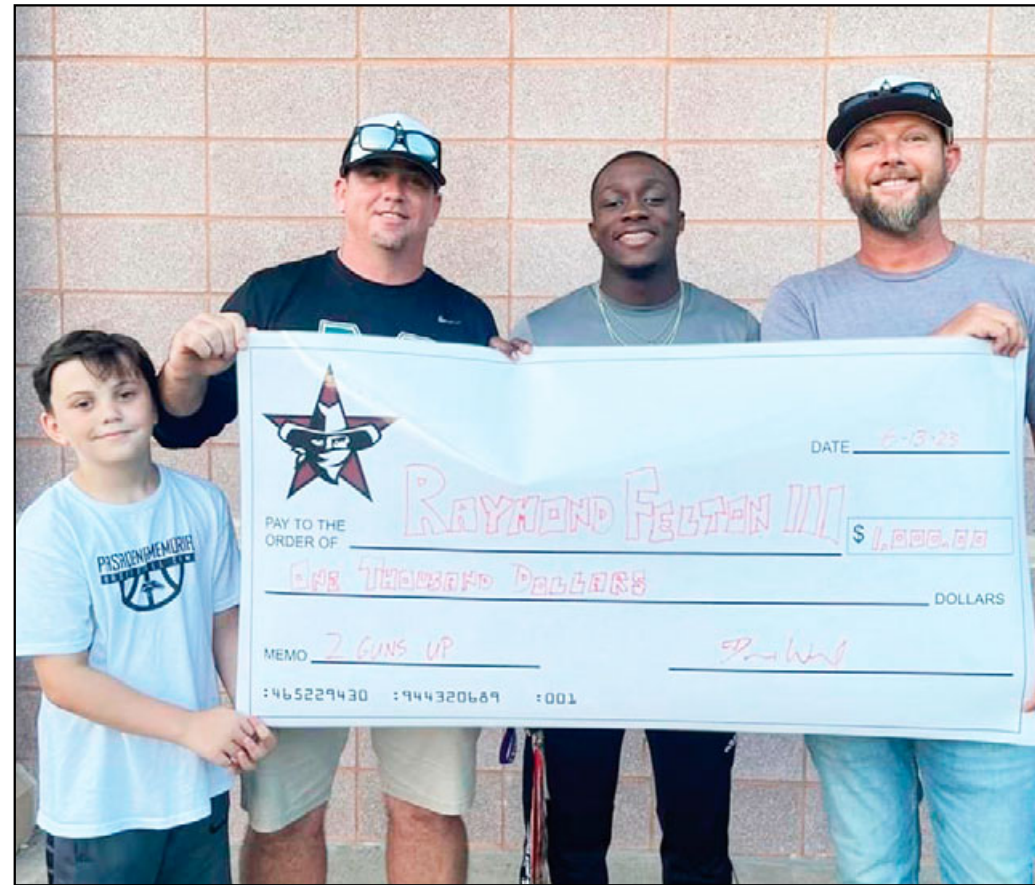
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Del Valle of Dobie, Brook's Felton honored as Fitzmorris scholars



Clear Brook High School Class of 2023 graduate Trey Felton (third from left) was a recipient of the Tom and Marybeth Fitzmorris Memorial Scholarship. Felton, who played for the Cowboys as a youth, was a basketball and track and field standout at Clear Brook and is set to join the track and field program at the University of Evansville in Indiana.

Those with Felton at the presentation included, left to right, Thomas Fitzmorris, Danny Fitzmorris and Ty Seymour, a former Cowboys' coach who has contributed to the scholarship fund through his business. Felton enjoyed a banner season with the Wolverines this spring in the 100 and 200 sprints as well as the 4x100 relay.



At left, Dobie High School Class of 2023 graduate Julian Del Valle (third from left) was a recipient of the Tom and Marybeth Fitzmorris Memorial Scholarship. A Cowboys' player as a youth, Del Valle played football with the Longhorns in 2022 and is set to join the football program at Wooster University in Ohio beginning this fall. Those with Felton at the presentation included, left to right, Thomas Fitzmorris, Danny Fitzmorris and Ty Seymour, a former Cowboys' coach who has contributed to the scholarship fund through his business. Del Valle will this fall join a Wooster University football program that went 6-4 a season ago. Wooster competes in the NCAA Division III ranks. The Wooster Scots will open the 2023 regular season at Wilmington.



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LSA's Gaitan delivers 800 PR



Lutheran South Academy incoming freshman Jeremy Gaitan finished third at the Brooks junior boys' 800 run in Renton, Wash. earlier this month. Gaitan had a 4-second personal best in the race by clocking in at 2 minutes, 00.92 seconds in the event. His two brothers, Marcus and Matthew Gaitan, are Class of 2024 seniors with the Pioneers.

Lajaunie tennis calls netters

The Darren Lajaunie Scholarship Fund Tennis Tournament continues its 12th year celebration with the second of three doubles jamboree mixer events as organizers continue to raise funds for youth tennis and graduating senior class educational scholarships.

With the sponsorship efforts underway for 2024, various sponsorship levels remain available to individuals or businesses at DLTennisScholarships.com, where the "Be A Sponsor" tab may then be selected.

The scholarship fund is named in honor of Lajaunie, a Dobie High School graduate and lifelong tennis enthusiast who died in 2011 after a lengthy cancer battle.

Over the years, the fund has provided dozens of youth tennis scholarships and college education scholarships to deserving players.

The remaining jamboree series events will be held at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena, with as many as 60 players (30 doubles teams) competing during the Aug. 19 and Dec. 2 events.

Individual players who would like to register without a predetermined playing partner will be paired with another player prior to the start of the first of the three jamborees.

Players/teams earn points for performance during each jamboree segment. Players may register for play at DLTennisScholarships.com.

Lajaunie Mixer No. 2
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