

Sagemeadow to meet

Sagemeadow subdivision's August HOA meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road.

This month's guest speaker is Jeremy Ratcliff from the Harris County Flood Control District.

This and all meetings are open to the public. For more information, visit, www.sagemeadow.org.

Hughes/Sabo closure set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice.

The closure is associated with a city of Houston project to replace a force water main at the intersection.

New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, distributes food the second and fourth Saturday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out. The purpose is to provide food for community people in need. The next event is Aug. 24. For information, call 281-484-4230.

Beltway 8 closure planned

At least one northbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed from Greenshadow to SH 225 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until further notice.

The closure is due to the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Local COVID cases reported

The number of reported COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community remains roughly on par with the previous several weeks, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 13, there were 295 active cases in 77089, no change from the previous week.

To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were six 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 six 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.

Statistics are updated weekly 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/cumulativedata.

Telephone closure planned

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on SH 35/Telephone Road will be closed from Airport Boulevard to Bellfort Avenue daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, Sept. 7 (excluding Sundays).

Knights to sell barbecue

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a barbecue at St. Luke the Evangelist, located at 11011 Hall Road, Saturday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost will be \$15 for a two-meat plate with brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad and drink; \$12 for chopped beef salad sandwich with chips and drink; and \$6 for sausage on a stick. Proceeds will benefit the church's capital campaign.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

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

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

Kirkwood to meet Aug. 26

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8.

Meetings are now scheduled for the last Monday of the month, rather than the last Thursday. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Harris County dumping causes confusion

Controversial dumping adjacent to similar site in lawsuit

The recent dumping of large quantities of dirt at the same intersection that a retention pond is currently being constructed has left community leaders with more questions than answers, as the practice seems counterintuitive to combating area flooding.

Brought to the *Leader's* attention by Amber Glens resident Deep Patel, the dumping reportedly began shortly before Hurricane Beryl and resumed shortly after the storm passed. Patel

said the dumping would occur nonstop from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Dumping at the site has temporarily halted.

Located at the northeast corner of Dixie Farm Road and Blackhawk, the dumping site is located just a block from the recently opened South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin in one direction and just a block in the other direction from the future Friendswood Regional Stormwater Detention Basin, currently under construction by the Harris County Flood Control District.

Adding dirt, estimated at 4-5 feet in elevation in some spots, while simultaneously removing dirt from other nearby spots has many in the community scratching their heads.

"We just want to know what's going on," *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger said, noting that county officials were being uncharacteristically tight-lipped on the subject.

"We usually report on what is going on, but

it's taking so long to get information this week, we can only report that we're looking into the matter," said the publisher.

Flickinger said she was told by county officials the newspaper would have to file a Freedom of Information Act request in order to obtain information on the ongoing dumping, which appears to be being done with county approval.

Such approval by the county would be made more confusing by the fact that dumping on neighboring properties on Dixie Farm Road has been the source of controversy for several years.

One adjacent property located on Dixie Farm Road near Beamer was involved in litigation with the county for not having the proper permitting to dump, while a second nearby property, located directly across the street on Dixie Farm Road near Blackhawk, was also involved with dumping litigation, which ultimately resulted in

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Dirt addition causes confusion



The dumping of dirt at the intersection of Dixie Farm Road and Blackhawk is causing confusion, as dirt is also currently being removed from the same crossing to help mitigate area flooding. The dumping of additional dirt at the site is made even more confusing by the fact that two other nearby properties have been involved in recent litigation involving the practice, with the county ultimately being forced to purchase one of the sites in question. The truck shown to the left was just one of three witnessed dumping at the site in only 15 minutes.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Harris County promotes vaccinations

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

In celebration of August being National Immunization Awareness Month, Harris County Public Health (HCPH) joins the global community in highlighting the importance of vaccinations to protect individuals from preventable diseases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccines are among the most effective tools for preventing serious diseases. Vaccination not only protects individuals from illnesses but also helps to prevent the spread of diseases within communities, especially those that can cause outbreaks.

Despite the benefits of vaccination, there are still communities worldwide where access to vaccines remains a challenge. Through initiatives like National Immunization Awareness Month, organizations and government agencies

aim to raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and improve access to immunization services for all.

HCPH encourages individuals and families to check their vaccination records to ensure they are up to date on recommended vaccines. Vaccines are available for people of all ages, from infants to older adults, and play a critical role in keeping individuals and communities healthy.

HCPH provides a variety of low-cost clinical services, including immunizations, across Harris County.

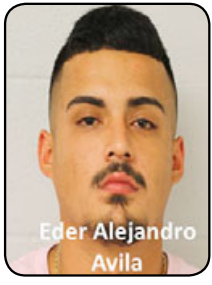
Eligibility to receive these services is based on household size and family income. For information about which immunizations HCPH provides at its clinics, visit the county's Immunizations and Vaccinations page at publichealth.harriscountytx.gov

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Traffic stop leads to felony charges

Wanted man now faces multiple drug charges

A recent traffic stop in the 14700 block of the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale led to the arrest of a wanted man, who now faces multiple additional felony charges.



Eder Alejandro Avila

On July 21, Deputy Rivera with Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office initiated a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle at the above address. As Rivera approached the vehicle, he detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle.

Upon making contact with the driver, Rivera observed a small child in the vehicle. The driver was identified as 20-year-old Eder Alejandro Avila. A check of Avila's information later revealed an open warrant for assault bodily injury through Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Rivera directed Avila to step out of the vehicle to conduct a further investigation. As Avila exit-

ed the vehicle, he attempted to take a backpack he stated was his daughter's. Rivera retrieved the backpack and proceeded to conduct a probable cause-based search of the vehicle.

Deputies located multiple narcotics inside the backpack, including the following: 230 grams of Carisoprodol (Soma), 167 grams of Acetaminophen and Hydrocodone, 107 grams of Amphetamine and Dextroamphetamine, 83 grams of Oxycodone Hydrochloride and 152 grams of Alprazolam (Xanax). A further search of the vehicle yielded \$9,050 in U.S. currency. Deputy Peters and his K9 partner Duke arrived to assist in the investigation and positively alerted on the contraband.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted a felony charge for possession with intent to deliver and two felony charges for manufacture/delivery of controlled substance. Avila was transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center, where his bonds were set at a total of \$75,000. The Asset Forfeiture division was contacted and accepted the seizure of the U.S. currency.

Swimming pools close for summer

While the heat index may suggest otherwise, summer is coming to an end, and several local swimming pools are closing for the season.

All area pools are now closed on weekdays.

The Ashley Pointe and Highland Meadow pools will close after Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2. Ashley Pointe's holiday pool hours are from noon to 8 p.m., while Highland Meadow's hours are from 3 to 8 p.m.

The Clear Brook Meadows and Riverstone Ranch pools will remain open two weekends past Labor Day, closing Sunday, Sept. 15. Pool

hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Sageglenn pool will remain open week-ends through the month of September, closing for the season Sunday, Sept. 29. Pool hours are from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

City of Houston swimming pools are also now only open weekends through Labor Day. (Wilson Memorial Park is once again the only city swimming pool near the South Belt community open this year due to a nationwide lifeguard shortage).

South Belt students return to school

Dobie starts year with bang; nominated top school by U.S. News and World Report

Summer is coming to a close, and that means it's time for South Belt students to return to school.

With the exception of incoming freshmen, Pasadena ISD students returned to class Tuesday, Aug. 13. To familiarize ninth-grade students with high school campuses before halls become crowded,

they began class the previous school day on Monday, Aug. 12.

Clear Creek ISD also started the 2024-2025 school year the same week, with students in transition grades (prekindergarten, kindergarten, sixth grade and ninth grade) having started Tuesday,

Aug. 13. This day was designed to allow time for students to get to know their new school. All remaining grades returned the following day Aug. 14.

As Pasadena ISD teachers and administrators returned a week prior to students Dobie Principal Jorly Thomas took the opportunity to praise his

Thomas pumped for new school year



Dobie Principal Jorly Thomas is pumped for the start of the 2024-2025 school year, as students returned to class this past week, beginning Monday, Aug. 12. Jorly is shown in front of new art decoration which has been added to the Dobie facility. In just his second year on the job - replacing former Dobie Principal Franklin Moses, Thomas has reason to be excited, as the area high school was recently nominated 2024 Best High School by the U.S. News & World Report.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

staff and highlight some of the area high school's accomplishments, including being nominated the best high school in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

"As we eagerly anticipate the start of another school year at Dobie High School, we cannot help but feel immense pride in the dedication and hard work of our teachers, coaches, fine arts instructors, administrators and all staff members," said Thomas. "At Dobie High School, our mission is to ensure that every single student is equipped with the essential skills needed for success in college, the workforce and everyday life. Reflecting on the past academic year, we are thrilled to share some of the remarkable achievements and academic highlights that our students accomplished.

The following is a list of those accomplishments:

- Nominated 2024 Best High School by the U.S. News & World Report rankings.
- Emerging bilinguals: 24 students met reclassification criteria. The previous year, the school had zero students meet reclassification.
- Science highlight: Meets and masters biology performance increased by 3 percent; the number of hands-on labs activities has increased as a department.
- Social studies highlight: In AP World History, Psychology and Government, 60 percent of students earned a 3 or better, which was a 20 percent increase from last year.
- English highlight: STAAR English II initial testers: The school grew by 7 percentage points, the highest in the district.
- Math highlight: 66 percent of our AP math students scored a 3 or better on their AP exams. Dobie AP math also saw a 123 percent growth in program size, more than doubling the students gaining access to college-level math courses.
- CCMR (college, career and military read-

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Publisher's Opinion

County judge needs to grow up!

The Harris County judge is in her second term as leader of Harris County, and unfortunately she is doing a terrible job as leader of the county. She should be a leader. Instead she has been behaving as a whining child, complaining that Commissioner Adrian Garcia "won't look at her" and that she "does not like this kind of behavior from males." These are all comments from last week's county commissioners court meeting. There is so much important, serious county work to be attended to, and this is the type of conversation she is carrying on during a serious commissioner court meeting. It is time she become the leader she was elected to be six years ago in 2018. Who cares if Commissioner Garcia

does not care to "look at her" which is another complaint she repeated many times during the meeting. "He won't look at me," she told the audience at the meeting. Lina, just do your job. Who cares if Adrian doesn't look at you? Your job is to serve Harris County. Quit whining your time whining and get to work for the people whom you are supposed to serve. The commissioners' meeting should be one in which work gets done and the public can be educated on county issues. It should not be led by someone who has hurt feelings because a member does not want to look at her. *Marie Flickinger, publisher*
To hear meeting, visit [x.com/the shell belle/status/1821367718932521055](https://www.hcpcl.net/status/1821367718932521055).

In My Opinion

Briones, Garcia on county funding

"Protecting the safety of the people of Harris County is our number one priority and responsibility. We take this duty extremely seriously. Our infrastructure is a critical way to keep people safe. Maintaining it is essential in mitigating potentially catastrophic damage from severe storms. Yet, our flood mitigation infrastructure faces serious delays in receiving upgrades and even basic routine maintenance. Our experience during Hurricane Beryl — with very few structures experiencing flooding — shows that we've made progress, but our system must be maintained for it to continue working. Given the increase in frequency and intensity of storm events over the past decade, it is imperative that we take action to address our aging infrastructure to ensure it can withstand weather events common to our area. Last week's vote at Commissioners Court

was bipartisan and unanimous, demonstrating a clear consensus on the path forward for funding the maintenance needs of Harris County Flood Control District. We are committed to bringing the plan forward this fall and leading a robust discussion with the community. Separately, the County's general fund is struggling because the State of Texas has passed on unfunded costs to counties, while simultaneously limiting our ability to pay for them. However, it is unfair to ask Harris County residents to fix the problems the State has inflicted on our County, so we won't support a rate above and beyond what's necessary to continue funding vital county services. We are committed to fighting for our community and partnering with our legislature to find solutions in the upcoming session, so that together, we are better able to serve and protect our constituents." *Lesley Briones*
County Commissioner Pct. 4
Adrian Garcia
County Commissioner Pct. 2

SJC hosts future educator celebration

San Jacinto College hosted the Future Educator Celebration, an event to honor the inaugural class of the Bachelor of Applied Science in early childhood education on Friday, Aug. 2. The event, which took place at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, & Technology at San Jacinto College, welcomed more than 170 attendees, including 70 enthusiastic students eager to embark on their educational journey. The celebration was funded through the \$1.5 million grant awarded by the Houston Endowment. The three-year grant will be used to cover the required employee and operating costs during the initial two to three years of the program. San Jacinto College Office of Outreach and Recruitment, Financial Aid, and the Advising, Career, and Transfer officers were present to assist students through the application process, resulting in several new applications to the College. Representatives from the Texas State Teach-

ers Association student group, Deer Park and Pasadena Independent School Districts, and Gulf Coast Community Services' Head Start Human Resources teams were also on hand to engage with students and discuss future opportunities. The San Jacinto College Robotics Department and Children's Center provided a variety of engaging activities for the children of potential students. These activities included sand art crafts, magnetic building blocks, story time, coloring areas, melted crayon art, and crafting nature crowns. Each activity was thoughtfully designed around the early childhood theme, offering future educators practical ideas to use in their classrooms. "We are thrilled to see such a tremendous turnout for this celebration," said Dr. Albert Talley, department chair of the bachelor degree program. "Our goal is to create a supportive community where future educators can connect, learn, and grow together. This event has truly

Elected officials share their words

Fred Flickinger writes to area residents in District E

Dear District E Residents, First, I want to thank residents across District E for your patience as Houston Solid Waste crews and contractors work to collect storm debris throughout the district. Last month, my colleagues and I on City Council voted unanimously to increase the dollar amount allocated for contractors handling storm debris collection from \$20 million to \$120 million. This allowed our contractors to bring in every available resource into the City of Houston and in 25 days Solid Waste crews and contractors have filled 32,422 truckloads equating to 1,594,371 cubic yards of debris. There is still much work to be done in Kingwood, Huffman, Clear Lake, and other areas, but the crews are out working 7 days a week, 12 hours a day. Because so much of the City's focus is currently on cleanup, we have seen the dire need for maintenance along major thoroughfares throughout District E. We are actively meeting with Houston Parks Urban Forestry and Houston Public Works to address the desperate need for tree trimming, tree removal, and mowing. I have allocated \$50,000 in Council District Service Funds towards the maintenance needs and expect to see results in the coming weeks. Finally, I want District E residents to save the date for upcoming town hall meetings in September and October. **Kingwood/Lake Houston**
Thursday, Sept. 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

at the Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods Drive Kingwood, Texas 77345. **Edgebrook**
Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the OneMovement Bible Church, 10120 Hartsook Street Houston, Texas 77034 **Clear Lake**
Thursday, Oct. 24, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Space Center Houston - Special Events Building, 1601 East NASA Parkway Houston, Texas 77058. We have invited CenterPoint to attend the town hall meetings to be able to speak about what they are doing in each area of the district to strengthen the resiliency of their infrastructure. I have also extended the invitation to several city departments including Houston Public Works as well as Houston Parks and Recreation and a variety of community speakers. In addition to various information tables for residents to peruse before the meetings begin. I look forward to everyone hearing these updates and addressing community questions, comments, and concerns. This is the perfect opportunity to engage with your community and have your questions answered. We hope you will join us. Please feel free to invite a neighbor, friend or colleague! Everyone is welcome to attend. In observance of Labor Day the District E Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, reopening on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Sincerely,
Fred Flickinger

Former Mayor Sylvester Turner announces first 30 endorsements

Following a surge of momentum after Saturday's candidate forum, former Mayor Sylvester Turner, the leading candidate for the Democratic Party's nominee to represent the historic 18th Congressional District, announced his first 30 precinct chair endorsements. Turner said "I am deeply grateful for the support of these dedicated Democratic Party leaders — and I look forward to earning the support of all CD18 precinct chairs. I will work hard every day not only to honor and perpetuate the Congresswoman's legacy, but also to serve as a sturdy bridge to the next chapter in the history of a

thriving 18th Congressional District." The district has been represented for the past 30 years by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, who passed away on July 19, 2024. Pursuant to Democratic Party rules, the nominee will be selected by Democratic Executive Committee members, also known as precinct chairs, serving the 18th Congressional District. Precinct chairs will vote tomorrow evening, Tuesday, Aug. 13. The general election is on Nov. 5, 2024. In addition to these endorsements announced, Turner has been endorsed by Democratic Party and community leaders.

August National Immunization Awareness

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[harriscountytexas.gov/Divisions-Offices/Divisions/Community-Health-Wellness/Division/Health-Services/Immunizations-Vaccinations](https://www.harriscountytexas.gov/Divisions-Offices/Divisions/Community-Health-Wellness/Division/Health-Services/Immunizations-Vaccinations). Community members interested in receiving vaccinations can visit the Health Services page at publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Divisions-Offices/Divisions/Community-Health-Wellness/Division/Health-Services to find the nearest clinic or call the Patient Appointment Call Center at 832-927-7350 to schedule an appointment. Pets need vaccines too. Families should keep their beloved pets in mind when it comes to scheduling routine immunizations. Harris County Pets (HCP) offers the following immunizations for dogs and cats: - DA2PP. - Bordetella/parainfluenza. - Rabies. - Canine influenza.

- Leptospirosis. - FVRCP. - FeLV. To schedule an appointment at HCP, call 281-999-3191. Follow Harris County Pets on Facebook and Instagram for information on all free pet immunization events throughout the county. To learn more about vaccines and National Immunization Awareness Month, visit the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

Nutcracker market launches ticket sales

The Nutcracker market has begun both general admission and early bird tickets for the 44th annual Houston Ballet Nutcracker Market. Tickets can be purchased at [Ticketmaster.com](https://ticketmaster.com). The highly anticipated Houston tradition and one-of-a-kind experience returns once again to NRG Center Nov. 14-17, 2024. The four-day celebration will feature more than 270 merchants, including 25 new

booths filled with exciting finds and treasures. Shoppers can expect to find apparel for all, accessories, fashion and fine jewelry, toys, gourmet food and treats, and unique gifts and specialty items. Many longtime fan favorites will be on hand including All of Us, Royal Standard, and the return of longtime favorite, Paul Michael Company. **When**
Thursday, Nov. 14 - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 15 - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 17 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Where
NRG Center - 1 NRG Parkway. Visit www.nutcrackermarket.com for more information and additional ticketing details.

Mega pet adoption Aug. 17, 18

Petco Love is hosting a Mega Adoption event in Houston, in partnership with Brandywine Valley SPCA (BVSPCA). Montgomery County Animal Shelter, and sponsors BOBS from Skechers and Best Friends Animal Society. BARC, the city of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, is one of 20 participating Houston area shelters and rescue organizations that will bring more than 1,000 adoptable pets to the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston on Aug. 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the two-day event. Available pets include big dogs, small dogs, puppies, kittens, adult cats and seniors looking for homes. Adoption fees are just \$35 for any pet, which includes spaying/neutering, current vaccinations, and microchipping. BARC will also be open for adoptions at its own Adoption Center that weekend from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-18. Adoption fees at the shelter will be \$20 for cats and kittens and \$35 for dogs and puppies. If one doesn't find their perfect match at the Mega Adoption event, they are encouraged to visit the shelter, which is just 10 minutes away from the George R. Brown Convention Center. The shelter will be open through the 3200 Carr St. entrance. For the last 25 years, Petco Love has been a leader for pets in need, facilitating adoptions and supporting animal welfare organizations nationwide. "We are thrilled to celebrate 25 years of love

and compassion with another Mega Adoption event in Houston. The lives of so many pets and people are about to change and all for the better," said Petco Love President Susanne Kogut. "Shelter workers and volunteers work tirelessly to save these pets — and the feeling they get when the pets find loving homes fuels their passion to continue their lifesaving mission." This will be Petco Love's fourth Mega Adoption Event® in Houston, in partnership with Brandywine Valley SPCA (BVSPCA), Montgomery County Animal Shelter, and sponsor BOBS from Skechers. The first Mega in Houston took place in November 2019, and to date, Petco Love's Mega Adoption Events in Houston have found homes for more than 3,400 pets. "We're incredibly excited to be part of this year's Mega Adoption Event. It's always a joy to see so many pets find their forever homes at these events," said BARC Shelter Director Jarrad Mears. "We invite everyone to come out, meet some wonderful animals, and perhaps find a new furry family member. A huge thank you to the event organizers for making this possible and supporting our mission to save lives." An expert in this type of large-scale event, the BVSPCA provides planning, logistical, and marketing support to help even more pets in need. 16 BVSPCA-led Mega Adoption Events powered by Petco Love and BOBS from Skechers over the last eight years have found homes for more than 17,000 pets. "Our Megs are an amazing experience, to see so many pets who have lost everything be chosen by families eager to give them a new life full of love," said Adam Lamb, BVSPCA CEO. "As the largest adoption event in the country, our goal with the size and format of our Megs is to save even more lives by reaching folks who might not otherwise consider coming to a shelter to adopt." A limited number of fast passes are available for purchase. Fast passes give potential adopters early access to the event on Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. General admission opens at 10 a.m. Adopters should bring a leash and collar for a dog adoption (also available for purchase), a carrier for a cat (cardboard carriers will be available for purchase), a valid ID and the adoption fee.

Death New dumping causes confusion

Homer David Wingo

Homer David Wingo Jr. a beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on July 22, 2024, at the age of 79. The names of granddaughters Sofia Campos and Kinley Wingo were inadvertently left off last week's obituary. David and Linda called Sagemont Park their home for 30 years and raised their family until they moved to Ashley Point in 2004. Flickinger said the news-

paper's FOIA request to the county would include the following questions: - What is being constructed at the site? - Where is the dirt coming from? - Who approved of the dumping? - Why is dirt being added to the same corner from which it is simultaneously being removed? See future editions of the Leader for more information.

PISD leaders celebrate



Shown are, left to right, PISD board member Nelda Sullivan; Dobie High School Principal Dr. Jorly Thomas; Dobie 9 Principal George Cervantes; Dobie High School athletic coordinator and head football coach Daniel Fitzmorris; community member and pastor, Emory Gadd; and former PISD board member, Fred Roberts celebrating the start of the 2024-2025 school year.



Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell (left) and PISD Associate Superintendent Alyta Harrell (right) are also shown at the celebration above at Dobie High School with former PISD board member Fred Roberts (second from left) and community volunteer and Sagemont Church Associate Pastor Emory Gadd. Photos by Marie Flickinger

Students returning to school

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highlight: The school exceeded its goal of 88 percent (90 percent) of seniors reaching CCMR. Once again this year, free breakfast and lunch will be provided for all Pasadena ISD students. Pasadena ISD parents will not be required to fill out "free and reduced" lunch applications this year. The free meals are part of a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service. The Community Eligibility Provision program provides meals at no cost to eligible school districts. Economically disadvantaged school districts must apply and be accepted into the program. PISD officials said the measure will do away with the stigma associated with free and reduced lunches. Meals will be free to all students beginning on the very first day of school. For more information on the program, visit www.fns.usda.gov/cm/community-eligibility-provision. Clear Creek ISD students who are unable to afford the full price of school meals will be able to participate in a free and reduced-price meal program. According to Fred Walker, director of Child Nutrition Service, the district will use guidelines established by the U.S. Department of

Agriculture to determine eligibility for participation in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. Reduced price meals will cost \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Qualification standards are based on the number of family members and income. Applicants must turn in the following information in order to be considered for the program: - Eligibility Determination Group (EDG) number for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Families who do not have the above information must list the following: - Names of all household members. - The last four digits of the Social Security number of primary wage earner or household member who signs the form or if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security Number." - Last month's income and how often it was received for each household member that receives an income. - Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information is correct. Information submitted on the application may be

verified as required by law. For more information about the program call 281-284-0712. Foster children, who are the legal responsibility of the state agency or court, are eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Applications will be available online at www.schoolcafe.com. To apply for free and reduced price meals, households must fill out the online application. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. In Pasadena ISD, elementary students will attend school from 7:45 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.; middle school students will attend school from 8:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.; intermediate students will attend school from 8:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and high school students will attend school from 7:15 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. Students are tardy if they are not in class by the official start time. To prevent tardiness or disruption to the classrooms, students should arrive 15-30 minutes earlier than the start time. During that time they may eat breakfast, visit with friends and arrive at the classroom on time to put away supplies and prepare for the school day. For additional Pasadena ISD back-to-school information, visit https://pasadenaisd.org/51729_2.

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, August 15, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Family storytime.
Thursday, August 15, 3 - 4 p.m. Open lab- computer help.
Thursday, August 15, 5 - 6 p.m. English language learning at the library.
Monday, August 19, 11 a.m. - noon Open lab- computer lab.
Tuesday, August 20, 4 - 5 p.m. Youth board games.
Wednesday, August 21, 6 - 7 p.m. Conversational living english lessons.
Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Family night unplugged.
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Friday, August 16, 1 - 2 p.m. Genealogy.
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South Houston High School 2024 Jannette officers named



South Houston High School has named the 2024 Jannette Dance officers. They are, left to right, (front row) Lt. Shannon Shaw and Lt. Arelyn Castillo, (back row) Lt. Col. Zariah Madison and Col. Gabriela Aranda.



The 2024 Jannette social officers are, left to right, (front row) New Girl Liaison Annette Zacarias, Spirit Girl Grace Sommer and Secretary Briseis Lozano, (back row) Vice President Ashley Prada and President Carla Garcia. Photos by Penland Photos

Dobie band leaders



The 2024 J. Frank Dobie marching band drum majors for 2024 are, (left to right) Khnum Amos, Noah Garcia and Joaquin Ramirez.



The Dobie 2024 band lieutenants are (left to right) Sarah Espinal, Raymundo Hernandez, Jamare Philbert and Joslyn Miniel. This year's directors are Kevin Erickson, Daniel Giedraitis, Clay McNeill and Tyler Scarberry. Staff members are Caleb Erickson, Josh Crocker, Leelianna Garcia and Sarah Campbell.

Future Business Leaders of America winners



The San Jacinto College board of trustees recognized Future Business Leaders of America winners during its Aug. 12 meeting. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Nancy Suarez; Isaac Villarreal; Journee Overstreet; Catherine Green; Mariama Barry; Kristy McAuliffe, accounting and general business professor; (back row) Helen LaCour, business office systems and support professor; Sherylyn Reynolds, business management professor; and Dr. Aaron Knight, South Campus provost. Not pictured is winner Sharon Gaspard. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is the largest business Career and Technical Student organization in the world with more than 230,000 members preparing for careers in business. FBLA inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. As part of that preparation, 28 South campus members placed at the state leadership conference at San Jacinto College Central campus in April, with 12 qualifying to attend nationals.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pasadena Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, August 27, 2024 in 3920 Mickey Gilley Blvd, Pasadena Texas 77505. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.8855/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.3400/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	-0.32 % decrease
Debt Service	19.42 % increase
Total Expenditures	1.68 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$27,619,188,498	\$27,404,919,534
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$412,584,290	\$320,096,608
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$20,064,995,356	\$19,909,331,631
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$299,737,332	\$28,490,100,806

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$885,750,000,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.7982	\$0.3400	\$1.1382	\$4,682	\$6,993
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.8198	\$0.3632	\$1.1830	\$5,576	\$6,790
Proposed Rate	\$0.8855	\$0.3400	\$1.2255	\$5,601	\$7,031

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$224,888	\$219,821
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$118,658	\$122,005
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.1382	\$1.2255
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,350.57	\$1,495.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$144.60

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.2255. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.2255.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$154,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$43,300,000

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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Bishop attends St. Luke stewardship festival

St. Luke the Evangelist held its stewardship festival on Sunday, Aug. 4. Pictured, left to right, are Mujeres de la Mano de Maria members Mercy Rodriguez, Alicia Velazquez, Guadalupe Castillo, Amelia Gonzalez, Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, Ellie Flickinger and Alejandrina Altamirano.

Turtling in Beamer ditch



Over the past two weeks local South Belt resident Greg Masone (right) took his daughter Raven Masone (left) and son Canon Masone turtle hunting in the Beamer ditch. Canon and Greg caught a big snapping turtle and Raven and Greg caught a big softshell turtle. Both turtles were released after a few pictures were taken. The family regularly drives by Beamer and sees turtles basking in the sun so the kids wanted to try and catch a few. Greg grew up turtle hunting in the same ditch back in the 90s which gave him the idea to share the fun with his kids.

2024-2025 South Houston Jannette dance team named



The South Houston Jannette dance team for 2024-2025 has been named. Left to right are (front row) Shannon Shaw, Zariah Madison, Gabriela Aranda, Arellyn Castillo, (middle row) Mia Caballero, Yoannah Martinez, Marivel Rosales, Grace Sonnier, Ashley Prada, Carla Garcia, Annethe Zacarias, Briseis Lozano, Aleea Murphy, Danette Ibarra, Zoe Arias, (back row) Natalie Rodriguez, Leydy Lopez-Rivas, Julissa Quintanilla, Cecilia Rodriguez, Laysha Hernandez, Daphne Moya, Dayana Moya, America Lira, Daniela Coreas, Elicia Espinoza, Azul Serrato and Melanie Garcia.

Master Gardeners sets meetings

Open Garden Day will be on Monday, Aug. 19, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. One will get a free tour of Genoa Friendship Gardens and see a variety of planting exhibits and talk with Harris County Master Gardeners. More information about this event can be found at hcmga.tamu.edu. Growing Bulbs in Texas by Harris County Master Gardeners is set to meet Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to noon. This free virtual lecture is hosted by Harris County Public Library via Facebook live and will teach one how to choose, plant and grow bulbs in a warm climate. No reservation required, facebook.com/harriscountypyl/events.

AARP Webster schedules set

AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, Aug. 27. They will tour the Edison Museum in Beaumont. Lunch will be at Crazy Cajun and on the way back will be making at stop at the 9/11 Memorial. One must be a member of the local chapter to participate in the Chapter's bus trips. If one is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show ones current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For additional information, contact President Veronica Stanford, 409-256-1195, veronica_stfrd46@yahoo.com

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. The next event will be Thursday, Aug. 15, with another event happening the following Thursday, Aug. 22. For more information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

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Pictured above is Canon Masone with a snapping turtle he and his father caught.

Remember When

45 years ago (1979)
There were 22 new teachers at Dobie High School when the school year started. Holli Naquin won Best Smile in the Miss Hemisphere beauty contest. She placed second runner-up in the contest and was awarded a \$2,100 scholarship to the New York Academy of Theatrical Art. **40 years ago (1984)**
A Beverly Hills Intermediate School student was killed instantly when he was struck by a vehicle while crossing Beamer Road near Kirkfair on a motor bike. Pasadena Independent School District board members proposed expanding bilingual education from kindergarten through fifth grade at each elementary school in the district. **35 Years ago (1989)**
Realizing the need for additional schools and facilities, Clear Creek Independent School District's board of trustees voted to ask the public to authorize a \$40 million bond issue. Riverside, Calif., scored a run in the bottom of the fifth inning to break a 2-2 tie and jolt South Belt's Colt All-Stars from the Colt World Series. **30 years ago (1994)**
Precinct 2 constables and workers from the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals spent five hours removing 35 animals from a Sage-glen home. Lighting struck Dobie High School, burning up two electrical circuits and six of the school's 12 air conditioning motors. **25 years ago (1999)**
Police were investigating the death of a 47-year old man, whose body was found in the lake behind Beverly Hills

Park. King of Kings Lutheran Church at 10825 Alameda-Genoa Road closed. **20 years ago (2004)**
In a controversial vote, PISD trustees called for a \$299.88 million bond election that would coincide with the Nov. 2 general election. Trustee Fred Roberts, a South Belt resident, was the only vote against going forward with the election. The bond issue did pass in the general election after heated opposition. The PISD board also voted to expand Dobie High School in order to accommodate an additional 500 students instead of building a sixth district high school. Opponents said traffic was congested enough around Dobie and Moore Elementary, without additional students. Deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office arrested a mother and daughter on theft and fraud charges from Harris, Brazoria and Matagorda counties. Todd Krampitz, the cancer patient who mounted a billboard and television campaign to secure a new liver, underwent transplant surgery. The surgery was effective at first, but Krampitz died several months later. After having eight juveniles soliciting monetary contributions, a man was arrested by Harris County Sheriff's deputies on Beamer at the Beltway. The youths were seen soliciting in the roadway, walking in and out of heavy traffic. **15 years ago (2009)**

Johnathan Estes, 47, was pronounced dead at Memorial Hermann Hospital. Patrol officers responded to a shooting call at the address and found the victim with several gunshot wounds. Paramedics transported him to the hospital, where he later died. A father of two autistic children, Estes operated the Southern Artists Foundation, a nonprofit aimed at raising autism awareness. No arrests were made in the case. A judge fined Mount Olive Lutheran Church \$500 for ignoring a temporary restraining order issued on behalf of the Sageglen Civic Club prior to the Fourth of July in an attempt to prevent the church from selling fireworks on its property, as the homeowners group contended it violated deed restrictions. **5 years ago (2019)**
On Wednesday, Aug. 14, deputies with the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office discovered a man sleeping in a stolen vehicle in the 10100 block of Sageglow. Edgar Tower was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, having an outstanding felony warrant for possession of a controlled substance in Galveston County and other misdemeanor warrants from Friendswood and League City. **1 year ago (2023)**
A man was found fatally shot about 7:05 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Blackhawk Park, located in the 9400 block of Blackhawk near Fuqua. Fer-

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SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 15 through Aug. 21.

Atkinson Elementary
Send a birthday greeting to **Adrienne Wilkins** Aug. 19.

Burnett Elementary
Share in the birthday fun Aug. 17 with **Jennie Graham**. Send a happy birthday greeting to **Melisa Evans** Aug. 18.

Bush Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Laura Ramsahai** Aug. 17.

Meador Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Aug. 17 is **Tracie Nair**. Blow out the candles Aug. 21 for **Judith Kelly**.

Moore Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting Aug. 18 to **Roxanne Carbajal**.

South Belt Elementary
Aug. 17 is the day for a fun celebration for **Taylor Strickland**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Celebrating a special birthday Aug. 20 is **Tracy Duron**.

Melillo Middle School
Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 21 to **Alan Lopez Garza**.

Thompson Intermediate
On Aug. 13, light the birthday candles for **Cliff Neel**. Happy birthday wishes are sent Aug. 15 to **Daniel Sawyer**. Give a birthday shout-out Aug. 17 to **James MacGregor**.

Dobie High
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Aug. 19 are sent to **Lorena Benavides Sanchez**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Aug. 15: **Janna Hipps** and **Hector Pombo**; Friday, Aug. 16: **Nicole Love**, **Brandon Gray**, **Larry Bozka**, **Cynthia Weaver**, **Brandon Gray**, **Yvonne Molina** and **Irl Ellis**; Saturday, Aug. 17: **Denise Motezuma**, **Linda Rodriguez**, **Michelle Brovey** and **Paulo Espinoza**, Sunday, Aug. 18: **Marty Gomez**, **Cathy Shipley**, **Shametta Benson**, **Corina Lopez**, **Jo Anne Muse**, **Vita Bernal**, **Annette Barrientos** and **Chris Cook**; Monday, Aug. 19: **Robert Mireles**, **Nathan Nguyen**, **Pamela Walters**, **Jody Urschel-Oun**, **Shandy Lecourias**, **Pamela McDonald** and **Derrick Pyper**; Tuesday, Aug. 20: **Rachel McClure**, **Claire Speck**, **Raymond Jackson** and **Todd Nathans**; and Wednesday, Aug. 21: **John Linares**, **Kip Ledgerwood**, **Gabrielle Loya**, **Brandi Washer** and **Leticia Gonzalez**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns begin march toward 2024 football opener

The march to the Aug. 29 regular season opener is now underway for the Dobie Longhorns as the program begins a new era under the direction of first-year head coach Danny Fitzmorris.

On-field preseason workouts for returning sophomore through senior players began Aug. 12, and now exactly two weeks remain before the Longhorns open 2024 by hosting the Clear Brook Wolverines Aug. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

Dobie is a defending district champion and will look to make it two straight when the time comes beginning in week three.

For now though, it's all about making progress on a daily basis.

The Longhorns know they have one of the more quick-strike rushing attacks anywhere in the region with senior Cameron

Mathews coming off a junior season in which he rushed for nearly 1,800 yards and scored 20 touchdowns.

Mathews will be joined by junior Demarcus Hodges as well as senior Bryce Evans as the Longhorns will again look to control the pace of games via the ground game.

While Dobie will have a first-year starter at quarterback for the third consecutive season, senior Tariq Riley is a big-play receiver on the outside. Markel Terry, already a two-time All-District offensive lineman, will lead the locals up front.

The Longhorns will host La Porte in an Aug. 22 scrimmage at Veterans Stadium as the two programs contend in a final tuneup prior to the start of the regular season.

It can be argued that Dobie has operated behind schedule since the hiring of Fitzmorris, May 28, well after the comple-

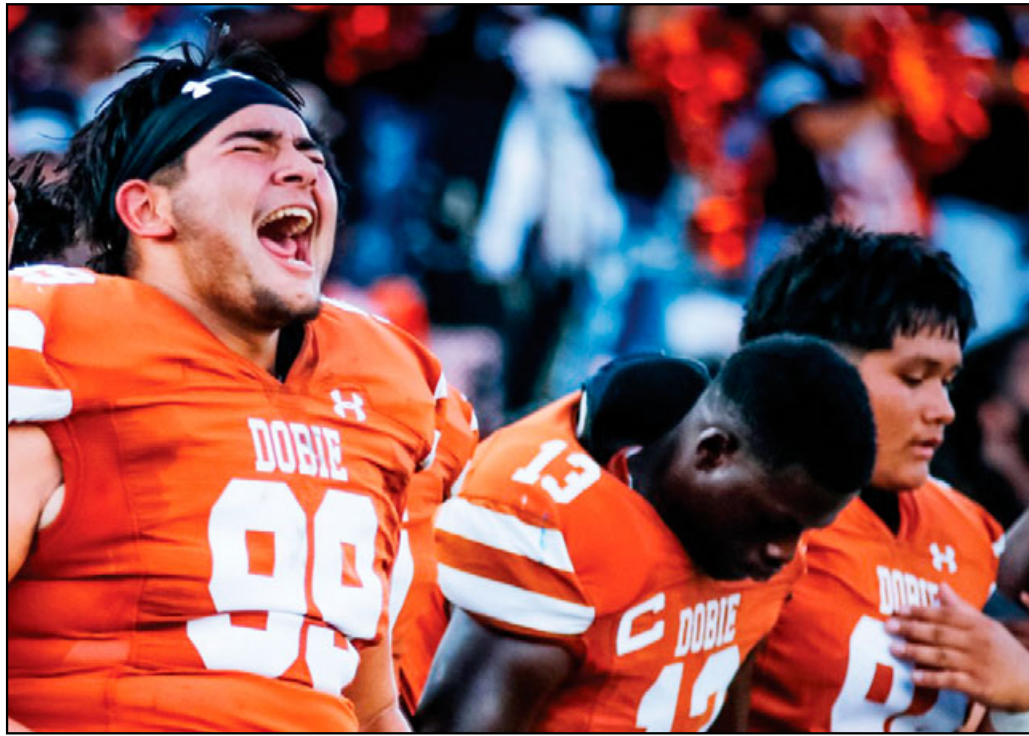
tion of spring workouts were completed earlier in May.

But the new head coach said his program is on schedule as the regular season nears.

"The guys have done a great job of getting themselves ready to go, and we feel good about the position we are in entering the start of workouts," Fitzmorris said.

"I relied on my assistant coaches to catch me up to speed on everything when I came in, and now I feel like we all have a really good idea of what some of these guys in our program can contribute.

"Dobie has a tremendous history of success. This program won a district championship last year, so there is no rebuild going on here. It's all about us both as individuals and as a program to do what we can to help contribute to the great tradition that is Dobie High School football."



Senior defensive lineman Hunter Stacey (99) returns as one of the key performers up front as the Longhorns have started preseason workout in preparation for the 2024 season. Stacey, a team captain, was solid last season as he helped lead Dobie to a District 22-6A championship. Photo by Gloria Wallace

Dobie head coaching staff for 2024-2025 sees some changes

Among the fall sports, Dobie graduate Danny Fitzmorris was officially hired May 28 as the Longhorns' new varsity football head coach and campus athletic coordinator.

Fitzmorris began his youth football journey with the Sagemont Cowboys and was a Thompson Lion before becoming a standout linebacker at Dobie under then head coach Stan Labay.

He has had several successful stops across the Region III ranks, and leading the Dobie program represents Fitzmorris' first head coaching opportunity.

Fitzmorris' sideline debut will come Aug. 29 as the Longhorns host Clear Brook at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Dawn Sexton returns for her 10th season as the Longhorns' varsity volleyball head coach after leading the 2023 squad to a program-best 32 overall match wins, including a bidistrict playoff round match.

After watching 10 seniors in all walk across the graduation stage at NRG

Stadium in May, Sexton and her staff began the current season Aug. 13 with largely a first-year varsity roster.

Manuel Moreno Jr. is in his 26th school year as the Longhorns' head tennis coach and 43rd overall in youth tennis.

Dobie's girls' cross-country program is led by Mo Hickman, one of the school's most popular coaches over the years.

She guided the girls' program to three straight 22-6A championships from 2020 through 2022 and celebrated current senior Lauren Garza's run to the 2023 6A state meet.

Stephen Cross, one of the longest-tenured coaches at Dobie, is the Longhorn boys' cross-country head coach.

A Dobie graduate himself, Cross played varsity volleyball for the Longhorns for legendary head coach Scott Talton.

The Dobie soccer program has undergone an overhaul with Josh Kluka now the head coach of the varsity boys' program. Meanwhile, Kyle Jurek is now in charge of the girls'

program. A season ago, Kluka was the varsity boys' head coach at Katy Paetow, while Jurek was the varsity girls' head coach at Alvin the previous two seasons.

Timir Patel made his debut in 2023 as the Longhorns' boys basketball head coach, and is in his second season after guiding the locals to the playoffs a season ago.

Dobie's baseball and softball programs have continued to enjoy steady leadership over the years.

Head coach Miguel Torres has led the Longhorns' varsity baseball program two consecutive bidistrict round playoff series wins.

On the softball field, Dobie is guided by head coach Robin Rackley, a Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame member who a season ago surpassed 400 career victories.

Dobie graduate Charles Washington returns to his role as the school's girls' track and field coach and is also the associate head coach of the football program.

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At left, Kyle Jurek is now in charge of the Dobie girls' soccer program after spending the previous two seasons in the same role at Alvin High School. Jurek is Dobie's fourth head coach in as many seasons and aims to provide stability for the Longhorns, who won a program-best 18 matches last season. The Dobie High School head coaching staff has undergone numerous other changes from last school year to the start of 2024-2025. See a complete list on Page 8.

Volleyball programs quickly prepare for tourney play

The 2024 high school volleyball season has started as Clear Brook and Dobie opened play Aug. 13 after press time.

Clear Brook will not compete in the prestigious John Turner Classic, running Aug. 15-17 within the Pearland ISD.

Lutheran South, a finalist at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A state tournament in 2023, will begin its season at the Mavericks' Volleybash Aug. 15-17 at Pasadena

Memorial High School.

As for Dobie, the Longhorns will host Goose Creek Memorial Aug. 16 at Dobie main, with the varsity match beginning at 5 p.m. Head coach Dawn Sexton's program will then travel to Clear Creek High School Aug. 20 to take on the Wildcats at 6 p.m.

Clear Brook and Dobie will be part of Dickinson ISD's 32-team field at the Gator Invitational Aug. 22 and Aug. 24.

During the Aug. 23 off

day in Dickinson, Dobie will host Crosby at Dobie main, with the varsity match starting at 5:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Wolverines will host South Houston, with the varsity match also starting at 5:30 p.m.

Dickinson will welcome 32 programs in all as the event will feature many of the top programs from the Region III ranks, including Alief Elsik, Alvin, Angleton, Baytown Lee, Baytown Sterling, Bellaire, Brazosport, Bra-

zoswood, Clear Brook, Creek Memorial, High-

tower, Houston Lamar, Crosby, Dickinson, Dobie, Elkins, Richmond Foster, George Ranch, Goose

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mer Creek.



Dobie senior Leslie Sarduy will lead the Longhorns' varsity volleyball team into its home opener Aug. 16 against Goose Creek Memorial at Dobie main. Photo by Gloria Wallace

SBGSA hosts fall ball free clinic

Youths who have registered to compete in the South Belt Girls Softball Association's fall ball season are encouraged to take part in the league's free skills camp, which will run Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SBGSA facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Fall ball players may register for the skills camp at www.southbeltsoftball.sportngin.com. For more information, contact Maria Salinas at maria_salinas@live.com.

Cowboys start Aug. 17 at Sharks

The Bay Area Football League regular season kicks off Sat., Aug. 17, as the Sagemont Cowboys travel to take on the Magnolia Park Sharks as part of a full day of action in Houston.

Peewee division play opens the day at 8:00 a.m., with the senior game following at 9 a.m. Junior division play begins at 11:00 a.m., with the sophomore games to follow at 1 p.m. Freshman play concludes the day with a 3 p.m. kickoff each week.

Cowboys at Magnolia Park Aug. 17, all day

SBYSC to close registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club will end registration for the 2024 fall season Aug. 16 as youths may register at www.southbeltssoccer.org. Registration is accepted via credit or debit card only.

Practices will begin this month, and teams will typically train two days a week in the early evenings.

Games will begin in September after the Labor Day holiday, and continue through November. The registration fee includes a team jersey top, shorts and socks. Parents will provide shin guards, soccer cleats and a soccer ball.

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Dobie cross-country runs Dawson

The Dobie cross-country program officially opened the 2024 season with an appearance at Dawson High School's Will Sirmon Alumni Invitational Aug. 9 in Pearland as competitors navigated a 3,200-meter course.

In the varsity girls' division, a time of 11 minutes, 21.10 seconds was the gold-medal time for senior Keara Zver of Conroe Grand Oaks.

A time of 12:52.50 landed Dobie senior Lauren Garza 18th overall as the state meet qualifier from 2023 got her final season going.

Dobie sophomore

Aracely Alvarado had a time of 12:58.20 as the Longhorns' second overall finisher, and Leyla Martinez (14:28.60) and Maria Medina (15:23.50) also ran for the locals.

A time of 10:00.40 got senior Zachary Madsen of Clear Lake to the finish line first overall in the varsity boys' 3,200-meter race. As for Dobie, freshman Jordan Roman was 17th-best at 10:43.70.

Also for the Longhorns, junior Johan Villavicencio, the Longhorns' top returnee from 2023, was in at 11:08.20, with junior Orlando Paz posting a time of 11:34.20.

Senior Carlos Salazar crossed the finish line in a time of 11:45.30, and Jorge Jasso finished at 12:43.

The junior varsity girls' course measured 3,200-meters as sophomore Christina Rodriguez placed 13th overall in a time of 15:21.70.

Skylar Mendiola, also a sophomore, was in at 15:55, with teammate Aliyah Sanchez, also a sophomore, earning a time of 15:58.90.

Junior Peter Ngo was Dobie's best finisher in the junior varsity boys' 3,200-meter event in a time of 13:06.70.



Defensive back Marcus Jones and his teammates will host the La Porte Bulldogs in a scrimmage game Aug. 22 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as both programs go through a dress rehearsal for the start of the 2024 regular season.
Photo by Gloria Wallace

Baldwins will be in Houston Aug. 31



Jalen Baldwin, a Class of 2023 Dobie High School graduate, is still in the mix at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas as the redshirt freshman works his way up the depth chart in 2024 with the Rebels in the defensive secondary. His brother, Johnathan Baldwin, a Class of 2021 Dobie graduate, is a senior at UNLV and enters the 2024 season as the starter at strong safety. UNLV will open the regular season Aug. 31 at Houston, taking on the Cougars in a 6 p.m. start at TDECU Stadium.

At right, Dobie senior Lauren Garza, a state qualifier a season ago for the Longhorns, led the cross-country program into the 2024 regular season with an appearance at the Will Sirmon Alumni Invitational at Dawson High School. Garza will lead a Dobie girls' program that is reloading after three consecutive off-seasons of considerable senior class losses.



Longhorns to scrimmage La Porte

A pair of varsity football district champions from a season ago will meet in an Aug. 22 scrimmage as Dobie hosts LaPorte at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Former Dobie head coach Kevin Berneathy, who guided La Porte to a District 8-5A championship in 2023, will lead his Bulldogs into action against defending District 22-6A champion Dobie as the two programs go through game-like paces in preparation for the regular season.

The varsity scrimmage, which will conclude things at 7 p.m., will include a variety of first eight-play offensive drives by both teams and then six-play drives.

A common two-quarter game with a regular clock running will be included as the two programs simulate the start of the regular season as normal as possible.

The freshman scrimmage will begin things at 4:30 p.m., with the junior varsity scrimmage following at 5:30 p.m.

The respective programs will be preparing for the start of the 2024 regular season as Dobie hosts Clear Brook Aug. 28 at Veterans Stadium in a 6:30 p.m. start.

LaPorte, meanwhile, will open its season Aug. 29 at Deer Park, taking on the Deer in a 7 p.m. start at Abshier Stadium.

Berneathy will begin his third season in charge of things at La Porte, while first-year head coach Danny Fitzmorris is kicking off his head coaching career with the Longhorns.

Houston Cougars host UNLV Rebels Aug. 31, TDECU Stadium

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BHI plans Community Day Sept. 7

Classes have started within Pasadena ISD, and the Beverly Hills Intermediate athletic department is already planning pre-season activities involving the South Belt community.

The Bears' athletic department has shifted the date for the annual Beverly Hills Intermediate Community Day, which this year will be held Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the school's football

and volleyball programs will both be involved with scrimmage action during the day as the community is invited to come out and see what the Bears have in store for the school year.

On the field, the Bears' seventh-grade teams will scrimmage from 9 to 9:45 a.m., followed by eighth-grade scrimmage action from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

As for the Bears' volleyball teams, the sev-

enth-grade groups will scrimmage from 10 to 10:45 a.m., followed by the eighth-grade action from noon to 12:45 p.m.

During the Community Day, Bears' fans will have a chance to purchase a variety of team apparel items, including spirit shirts, backpacks, bucket hats and more. Concessions will be available during the event via cash-only purchase.

Clear Brook, Dobie deliver subvarsity football game schedules for 2024

Dobie JV White Football
Aug. 22 La Porte scrimm. (V) 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 28 George Ranch (V)
Sept. 5 Klein
Sept. 12 *Dawson
Sept. 26 *at Memorial
Oct. 3 *Shadow Creek
Oct. 10 *at Pearland
Oct. 17 *South Houston
Oct. 24 *at Sam Rayburn
Oct. 31 *Alvin
Nov. 6 *at Manvel
*22-6A games
(V) Veterans Stadium, Pasadena
Games start at 4:30 p.m. unless noted

Dobie JV Orange Football
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Brook JV Red Football
Aug. 28 Dobie
Sept. 5 Eisenhower
Sept. 12 at G.C. Memorial
Sept. 19 *at Clear Springs
Sept. 26 *Dickinson
Oct. 3 *at Deer Park
Oct. 17 *Clear Creek
Oct. 24 *at Clear Falls
Oct. 30 *at Clear Lake
Nov. 7 *Brazoswood
*24-6A games
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Brook JV Black Football
Aug. 28 Dobie
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
1 - 3 p.m. **Parker Williams Genealogy Group** - meets the first and third Friday monthly at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale, 1-3 p.m. Meetings are free and open to the public. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net for details.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and 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.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
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.
7 p.m. **Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club** - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). No meeting in December. Contact Cathy@sbcbglobal.net or call 713-332-6294 for details.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
1:30-3 p.m. **Ballroom Dancing** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
5 p.m. - **New Directions Singles Social Group** is a singles group for those over 55+. Meetings are the first and third Monday's held in the community room at Maplewood Crossing 600 Hobbs Road, League City. There will a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See their Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners. 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Mondays - Fridays.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Ballroom Dancing** - See Monday's notice.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
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Dobie coaching staff has changes this year

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- 2024-2025 Dobie Head Coaches**
- Varsity football
Danny Fitzmorris
 - Varsity volleyball
Dawn Sexton
 - Tennis head coach
Manuel Moreno Jr.
 - Girls' cross-country
Mo Hickman
 - Boys' cross-country
Stephen Cross
 - Boys' soccer
Josh Kluka
 - Girls' soccer
Kyle Jurek
 - Boys' basketball
Timir Patel
 - Girls' basketball
Rachel Flores
 - Boys' track and field
Jacob Watson
 - Girls' track and field
Charles Washington
 - Baseball
Miguel Torres
 - Softball
Robin Rackley



Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris, dodging some raindrops earlier this summer during a youth football camp, is set to begin the regular season Aug. 29 as the Longhorns host Clear Brook at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Dobie tennis makes progress

Perhaps the teams win-loss record is not what everyone had hoped for early on, but both head coach and the players are confident that better days are ahead within the Dobie team tennis program. Save for a win over Lewisville on the opening weekend of the season, the Longhorns have found victories hard to come by while taking on what is arguably the toughest schedule in the region. "I'm not really worried about wins and losses at this point, Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said.

Despite the lack of wins, Moreno said the players have been upbeat since day one and have largely been very competitive in each match. Moreno made some adjustments to the original lineup and believes the team is getting closer and closer to putting itself in the best possible position to win team tennis magic. Dobie opened the regular season with six seniors at the top of the boys' singles ladder, with Diego Flores in the No. 1 singles role, with Rigo Alaniz at No. 2.

4. at No. 5 was junior Tiffany Nguyen, with Alena Morgan, a senior, seeded sixth. Moreno has since made some boys' singles ladder adjustments to include Flores at No. 1, Garza at No. 2, Alaniz third, So fourth, Ramirez fifth and Jordan De Robles sixth. On the girls' side, Moreno is now playing No. 1 with Mejia second. Estes is now playing No. 3, with Angelina Vu fourth. Alena Morgan is fifth with Marina Kostikoglou. "I really believe we are making progress," Moreno said. "The ultimate goal is to be ready and at our best when we open district Aug. 27 against Dawson.

"I can see that we are making progress both as individual players and as a group. We have to do a better job of winning some of the key points in both super tiebreakers and in deuce situations. "A point here or there can go a long way, and right now we haven't had a whole lot of success win-

Nestor Garza was at three, Pitou So was fourth, Nolan Tran fifth and Tre Ramirez sixth. As for the girls' singles ladder, junior Dulce Mejia began the season in the top spot, followed by junior Chloe Estes at No. 2. Senior Vyy Do was seeded third, followed by sophomore Angelina Vu at No.

"The kids are working hard despite the heat, have kept a great attitude and have been willing to do whatever it takes to improve. As a head coach, that is all you can ask for from the kids."

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Brooks set to go at Okla. State



Jason Brooks Jr., a Dobie graduate, is set to begin his senior season at Oklahoma State University with the football program. A redshirt senior with the Cowboys, Brook is currently listed as the backup left guard along the offensive front. The Cowboys open the 2024 regular season by hosting South Dakota State Aug. 31 at Boone Pickens Stadium.

Newsome joins Miss. State



Clear Brook graduate Kailin Newsome has joined the Mississippi State University women's volleyball program for the 2024 season, which will be her graduate year. Newsome has previously been a collegiate standout at Southeastern Louisiana University, where she was a three-time All-Conference performer and earned numerous accolades while leading the Lions to the NCAA tournament on multiple occasions. She is the all-time kills leader at Clear Brook.

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