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Holiday hours scheduled

South Belt-Ellington Leader
The Leader office will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in honor of Labor Day. The office will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Clear Brook City MUD
Clear Brook City MUD offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day. Offices reopen Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money order may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru side of the building. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

Clear Brook City MUD residents whose trash services fall on Monday will have regular trash pickup on Labor Day, Sept. 2. All trash should be at curbside no later than 6 a.m. Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Thursday, Sept. 5. Residents with Tuesday/Friday service are not affected.

Sagemont to meet Sept. 3

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road.

All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month.

For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Hughes/Sabo closure set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes Road/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 area intersection.

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

Despite a nationwide increase, the number of COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has remained stagnant for several weeks, as reported by Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 27, 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.

For additional information or to view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulativedata.

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.

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 hold fish fries

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will hold a series of Friday fish fry events next month, with events set for Sept. 6, Sept. 13 and Sept. 27. The events will take place at St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Dinners will include fried fish, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, corn on the cob and iced tea for \$15. Dine-in or take-out will be available.

Harris County launches ‘Uplift 2.0’ program

Aimed at combating inequality, program challenged by state officials

This past week, Harris County Commissioners Court approved funding to continue its pilot program to provide for family financial assistance, a program being challenged by state officials who say it's unconstitutional.

Dubbed by many Uplift 2.0, the new program attempts to pick up where the county's Uplift Harris program left off this past April following a state lawsuit.

Under the new program, the approximately 1,600 families who were selected for Uplift Harris back in March will receive \$500 monthly payments on a prepaid debit card that can only be used at certain vendors like grocery stores or pharmacies. According to the plan, families can expect to receive the payments in about four months.

The program was limited to certain ZIP codes. While no homes in the immediate South Belt were eligible for assistance, residents who live

by Hobby Airport were.

“Hundreds of Harris County families were counting on \$500 monthly payments back in April to help lift them out of poverty, and they were left in the lurch because of Texas state leaders’ political posturing,” said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. “While launching this new program instead of a guaranteed income program isn’t ideal, it’s the best way we can try to keep our promise to these families. I would say to the families who have been waiting for this lifeline: We are trying, but don’t get your hopes up just yet. We’re moving ahead with cautious optimism to see if the state will object.”

In January, Harris County created the Uplift Harris pilot program, joining more than 80 cities and counties across the nation and other countries around the world that have seen success through similar programs. Uplift Harris was designed to provide monthly payments of \$500 to

some of the lowest-income Harris County residents using federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. More than 82,000 people applied for Uplift Harris, demonstrating the huge need for anti-poverty programs in Harris County.

Participants were notified of their selection for Uplift Harris by March 22. On April 23, the day that these families were set to start receiving payments and after these families had been counting on receiving these \$500 payments for several weeks, the Texas Supreme Court blocked implementation of the Uplift Harris program.

State Attorney General Ken Paxton challenged the program in part because he argued that the “no-strings-attached” design of the original pay-

ments made Uplift Harris unconstitutional.

“This scheme is plainly unconstitutional. Taxpayer money must be spent lawfully and used to advance the public interest, not merely redistributed with no accountability or reasonable expectation of a general benefit. I am suing to stop officials in Harris County from abusing public funds for political gain,” said Paxton.

The Texas attorney general argues that the program violates Article III of the Texas Constitution and flouts the State’s prohibition against gratuitous payments of public funds to private persons without any return consider-

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Lightning causes house fires



Two homes in the Woodmeadows subdivision caught fire within minutes of each other the morning of Monday, Aug. 26, after being struck by lightning. According to Southeast Volunteer Fire Department officials, the above house on Poplarwood Court suffered extensive attic damage, while a second residence on Pigeonwood suffered minor roof and wall damage. Firefighters responded to a third lightning call at the same time at a business on Scarsdale but no physical damage was observed. SVFD was assisted by the Pearland Fire Department. Photo by David Flickinger

Houston police seek shooting suspect

June shooting left victim in critical condition

Houston police are asking for the public’s help in identifying a suspect wanted in the shooting of a man that took place this past June in the 9400 block of Almeda Genoa near Clearwood.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting call at a business at the above address around 8:30 p.m. June 23 and found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds inside the business.

The victim, 45, was transported to an area hospital in critical condition.

Investigators learned that the suspect approached the victim as he was attempting to enter his vehicle and fired multiple shots, striking him.

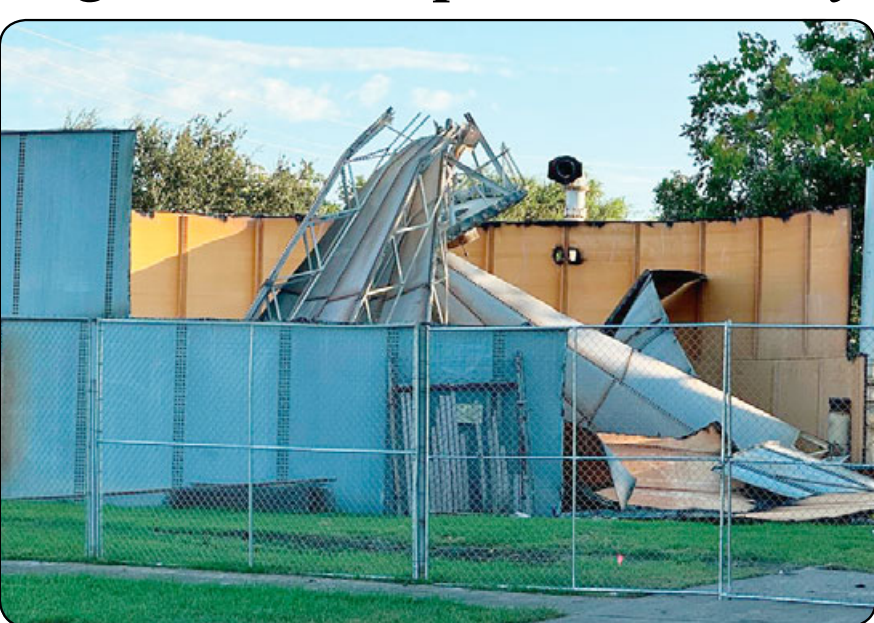
The suspect fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described only as a black male with locks. See surveillance photo at right.

Anyone with information on the identity of the wanted suspect or in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults and Family Vi-

olence Division at 713-308-8800 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).



Sagemeadow repairs underway



Crews have spent this past week dismantling the water tower on Hall Road at Sagetrail, so that a replacement one can be erected in the aging tower’s place. According to Sagemeadow MUD officials, the new tower will feature artwork from a Dobie art student, similar to the district’s other water tower on Hughes Road, which was unveiled earlier this year. MUD officials said the new Hall Road tower is expected to be operational in six to eight months. Photo by David Flickinger

Body found by Beltway 8, Pearland Parkway

Death appears to be natural; HPD investigation underway

A body was found the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 21, outside a strip center located at Beltway 8 and Pearland Parkway/Monroe.

The body was reportedly found around 9:10 a.m. in from of the Dollar Tree store located adjacent to the Target.

While a crime scene was established around the area where the body was found, police believe the individual died from natural causes.

The official cause of death is to be determined by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Thompson evacuated following alarm

Deemed false alarm; all students determined safe

Thompson Intermediate was evacuated Wednesday, Aug. 21, right before lunch due to a false alarm, school officials said.

According to Pasadena ISD officials, an unplanned fire alarm required all students and staff to evacuate the area campus shortly after noon. Everyone was required to remain outside until fire department officials determined the school was safe.

During the evacuation, parents were prohibited from picking up their children from the campus until it was deemed safe by emergency personnel.

Thompson parents received the following letter from school officials notifying them of the situation:

“Parents we had to evacuate the building due to an alarm,” the notification read. “All students have been accounted for and are safe. For the safety of all students and personnel, students cannot be checked out at this time. We will notify you when an all clear has been issued.”

Such an all-clear issue was issued shortly after by officials from the Pearland Fire Department, which assisted the Houston Fire Department in responding to the potential incident.

Storm debris pickup continues



Crews continue to pick up storm debris associated with Hurricane Beryl, with nearly all local areas having now received a first collection pass. Harris County crews are shown above collecting debris this past week in Riverstone Ranch – the first pass for this portion of the subdivision. City crews also continue to pick up storm debris, with their first pass of collections expected to be complete by Saturday, Aug. 31. Photo by David Flickinger

HCAD exemption deadline nears

Disaster exemption deadline for May derecho is Sept. 3

The Harris Central Appraisal District is reminding property owners who had physical damage to their property during the derecho this past May that the deadline to apply for the temporary disaster exemption is Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Property owners can apply for the temporary disaster exemption for physical damage to the structures on their property and to business personal property, which is property used to produce income.

Damage to trees or shrubbery is not eligible for the exemption.

The temporary disaster exemption could reduce 2024 property taxes for a portion of the appraised property value.

The disaster application form can be found online at www.hcad.org under Forms > All Forms > General Information > Form 50-312, Temporary Exemption for Property Damaged by a Disaster.

The completed application should be mailed to the following address: Harris Central Appraisal District Information and Assistance Division P.O. Box 922012 Houston, TX 77292-2012.

For further information, contact the HCAD’s information center at 713-957-7800 or by using the web form under About > Contact Us > Account Questions.

Hidalgo supports tax rate increase

Funds sought to maintain county infrastructure

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo has come out in favor of the recent tax rate proposal to help maintain the county’s Flood Control infrastructure.

This past week, Harris County Commissioners Court unanimously voted to adopt a new tax rate for the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), in order to fund deferred maintenance for existing flood control projects.

Harris County residents will vote whether to approve the new initiative on the November ballot.

“I’m so grateful to my colleagues for support-

ing this, and to the Flood Control Department for their work on this,” said Hidalgo. “As head of emergency management, I know as much as anyone in Harris County the enormous need for more flood control infrastructure. The Flood Control District is responsible for maintaining investments, but its maintenance budget has stayed the same even as the number of projects has grown by leaps and bounds. This investment is a game-changing step toward being able to maintain the infrastructure we already have and the infrastructure we’re building. I look forward

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Deaths

Carolyn Genzer Friend



Carolyn Genzer Friend was born in Schulenburg, Texas on Feb. 26, 1948, to Alfons Joseph Genzer and Betty Genzer Walcher. She grew up there with her only sibling, Alfons "Al" Genzer.

Al married Margaret "Bunny" Genzer and had two boys, Anthony Genzer and Nicholas Genzer. Wilson married Wilson Holub and they had two sons together, Roger Allen Holub and Russell Adam Holub.

Carolyn then married Marvin Charles (Charlie) Friend in 1986. She gained a whole new family through her marriage with Charlie; a stepson, James Billy Friend and a heart son, Brian William Kelly (Billy's best friend). She loved her new mother-in-law, Norma Friend and all of Charlie's family very much, especially Charlie's niece Sheryl Valverde. Charlie passed away in 1993.

Carolyn added a heart sister and best friend Lisa Steward (who was her partner in crime for 44 years) whose children Carolyn adopted. Carolyn was always a "second mom" to Lisa's sons; Stephen Reed, Robert Reed and Brandon Reed. Carolyn added a heart daughter, Misty Hudson, to her family as well.

Carolyn met Scott Welch, her boyfriend, in 2001 with whom she did so many things over the years together. Carolyn and Scott talked on the phone every night, no matter what and without fail, for 24 years. Carolyn looked forward to her time with Scott the "love of her life."

Carolyn loved her church family and the people with whom she worshiped very much. She was very involved with the Catholic Daughters Court Mother of Unity #2292 of Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church having several jobs over the years, including court regent. She loved going to the Catholic Daughters conventions with her friends. She loved to travel and went all over the world with family and friends.

Her father and mother, her brother, her husband Wilson and sons, her husband Charlie and stepson, her mother-in-law ("mom") Friend and her heart son Stephen all preceded Carolyn in death.

Carolyn is survived by her sister-in-law; nephew Anthony Genzer and his son AJ; nephew Nicholas Genzer and his wife

Maggie and their daughters Ellie and Avery; heart sister Lisa Steward and her husband Mike; heart son Brian Kelly; heart daughter Misty Hudson and her husband Melvin; heart son Robert Reed and his wife Nicole; heart son Brandon Reed and wife Stephanie; cousin Joyce Floyd and her son Gaellan Gilbert and his wife Anna; cousin Larry Filip; former daughter-in-law Christina Melchor; the friends from Catholic Daughters; friends from the Harris County Sheriff's office; and many neighbors and friends from Houston, Kingwood, Porter and Schulenburg.

Carolyn was one of the strongest women ever. She celebrated the time she had with each and every one of her loved ones and friends. For those who put their faith in Jesus alone for their salvation, they will most certainly see Carolyn again on the streets of glory in heaven.

Carolyn's statement of faith was: "First, I commit myself to God's care and pray that in the hour of my death my faith in him may be rich, that through his love I may enjoy the heavenly mansions prepared for me through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection on my behalf; and I leave those who survive me with the comfort of knowing that I have died in this faith. Second, I commend those whom I love to the protecting arm of God, knowing full well that he, in my absence from them, can care for them much

more adequately than I could were I present and he absent; and I encourage them to place their confidence in him richly."

The funeral Mass will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, at 11 a.m. on Aug. 28, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Schulenburg at St. Rose of Lima Cemetery.

Jeral Ray Jones



Jeral Ray Jones was born in Midland, Texas on Oct. 24, 1938, to George Eldred and Zuddie Lee Jones. He grew up in Midland as a much-loved brother to Mildred "Millie" and Juanita "Neet." At a young age, he started working alongside his father in carpentry and construction.

He later married and joined the Army. After his tour in Europe ended, he moved to Oklahoma City, where he welcomed two daughters. Following the birth of his children, he put himself through college and graduated from Oklahoma State with a degree in electrical engineering. He moved his family to St. Louis for job training, then on to Houston to continue his career as an engineer.

After several years, he was single once again and met the woman he would be married to the rest of his life. The loving father of two daughters was now a loving father of four daughters and a son. He and Dora Jones moved to Kaufman, Texas where they would live for many years. His career as an engineer took him all over the U.S., enabling him and Dora to frequently travel together before they eventually retired to Houston. Along the way, they welcomed and loved several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was "Bobow" and she was "Granny."

In 2018, Dora had a stroke which left her paralyzed on the left side. For the remaining five years of her life, their marriage remained solid and strong. He was a source of constant emotional support to her, as well as her biggest advocate while she was in a nursing home. He catered to her every want and need — sparing no expense to keep her comfortable and make her happy.

Less than two years after Dora's death, he was diagnosed with mesothelioma which he contracted during his career as an engineer. In the early morning hours of Aug. 21, Dora welcomed her beloved "Jonesy" to their eternal home. His family was devastat-

ed to lose him, but comforted to know he was healed and reunited with those who had passed before him.

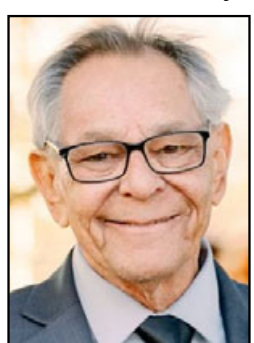
He was a wonderful husband to Dora, an awesome big brother to his sister, a loving father to his children, and a beloved "Bobow" to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He enjoyed studying the Bible, going to garage sales, watching gospel shows on TV, creating concoctions in the kitchen (that were often inedible to everyone except him), hunting, fishing, Marty Robbins music and drinking hot green tea. In his later years, he always had a "grabber" nearby which enabled him to easily reach things.

He is deeply missed and will be forever cherished by his sister Juanita Finley; his children Janalyn Wilder, Cathy (Randy) Sandvig, Michelle McFall, Yvonne Baier, and Ray Reed (Kim Tovar); his grandchildren Ryan Baier (Autumn Baier), Brian McFall (Stefan McFall), Savannah Garner, Jeralyn Riskey (James Riskey), Ashley Reed (Carlos Duran), Misty Garner, Shelby Reed (Steven Sherrill), Brianna Reed (John McLawchlin), Deven Cybert (Baylee Cybert), and Colby Reed, his great-grandchildren Brooklyn Riskey, Little James Riskey, Luke Riskey, Jamielyn Riskey, Ayden Garner, Duke Riskey, Jaxon Riskey, and Caroline McLawchlin, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and long-time friends Jerry & Helen Schroeder from Kaufman, and Gerry & Nancy O'Brien in Houston.

Services will be at Integrity Funeral Home, 8601 Alameda Genoa Road, on Sept. 3, 2024, with a visitation from 9 to 11 a.m., and funeral from 11 a.m. to noon.

Samuel (Sam) Coleman Levy



Samuel (Sam) Coleman Levy was born in Houston on Sept. 22, 1950, to Virginia and Leonard Levy. Sam's life journey ended on Aug. 23, 2024, at 73 years old.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents and his best friend Buster. Sam is survived by his daughter Carey Levy; daughter Stacey Levy and husband Ben Williams; grandson Ian Lewis; granddaughter Kalyon Whitley and her husband Matthew; granddaughter Chloe Lewis and her husband Michael Timmons; great-granddaughters Maisie Lewis and Violet Timmons; brother Larry Levy and his

wife Betty; brother Stephen Levy and his wife Rose; nieces Rebecca Levy and her husband Scott Sparks, Sarah Brau and her husband Beau; great-nephews Connor and Chase Soriano; great-niece Juliet Brau; friends; and those who Sam treated as family. He was always willing to lend a hand or help out however he could.

Sam was a proud Teamster and he loved The Rolling Stones, Texans football, fishing and making people laugh. He enjoyed a meal with his family over everything.

Visitation will be held at Peevey Funeral Home, Thursday, Aug. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Schineatha Lynn Rodriguez



Schineatha Lynn Rodriguez was born on July 29, 1957, to James (Buster) Edward Griffin Sr. and Lee Ruth (LaRue) Henry Griffin in La Marque. Growing up in west Texas City, she accepted the Lord at an early age under the stewardship of Galilee United Methodist Church. Before her passing she was a member of Sagemont Baptist Church. She is a proud graduate of La Marque High School Class of 1975, College of the Mainland and Texas Southern University.

She retired from Dow Chemical (formerly Union Carbide) in 2009 after 30 years. With support and encouragement from her family, she decided to return to school and finish her bachelor's degree which was put on hold by her choice. In 2013, she graduated with her bachelor's degree in maritime transportation management and security from Texas Southern University. During the two-year, eight-month battle with cancer, Schineatha became known on the MDA campus as an avid supporter of her alma mater Texas Southern University.

Throughout her years Schineatha demonstrated the best in humanity, always bringing a smile, a care, an idea, or a betterment to others. She became known in the elderly community of west Texas City and wherever else she had influence, bringing a cake and or a rotisserie chicken as a "we are with you" expression. She had a constant ministry of caring for those in need. She was an avid Democrat and community activist as many in her family; serving as a voting volunteer, substitute teaching, and lead-

ing healthy living initiatives. Over the recent years and even during the battle with brain cancer Schineatha remained an avid supporter and participant in the ancestral roots research of both sides of the family.

On Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024, Schineatha quietly slipped into the arms of Jesus peacefully surrounded by family and joined the great cloud of our ancestral witnesses. She was a devout born-again believer, wife, mother, sister, aunt, niece and friend. She is preceded in death by both of her parents; two older sisters Carolyn Faye Griffin Clark and Daisy Griffin and beloved son, Anthony James Rodriguez II, "The Silent Witness."

Schineatha was a true example of light and love. She lived life to the fullest spreading joy and Christ's good news with everyone she encountered. A cherished mother, devoted wife, and faithful servant of God, Schineatha lived a life that embodied the principles of Proverbs 31. She was a beacon of strength, wisdom, and kindness, dedicating herself wholeheartedly to her family and community. Her unwavering love for her husband and children, combined with her tireless commitment to living a life of grace and integrity, left an indelible mark on all who knew her. Schineatha's legacy of faith, compassion, and joy will forever inspire and shine.

She leaves to cherish in her memory "Tony" her husband, and lifelong companion of 40 years; two daughters Sophia Goodner Rodriguez (Decrasa) and Samantha Rodriguez (Dayo); granddaughter Avery; four brothers and sisters Deberal Griffin Haynes, James Griffin Jr., Velma Inez Griffin and James Butler (Olivia); five brothers and sisters in-love Dr. Althea Allison, Grafton Rodriguez, Carol Coulthart, Ida Benjamin and Kent Rodriguez; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

A viewing was held Wednesday Aug. 28 at A Psalm of Life Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made in memory of Schineatha Rodriguez to a scholarship fund for non-traditional students at <https://www.schineatha.org/>

Sammie Bogan



Sammie Bogan was born April 27, 1941, in Taylor, Texas. He recently passed away at the age of 83. Sammie was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley Leon and Edith Odell Bogan, his brother John Bogan, his wife Mary Frances Snedeker Bogan and his son Richard Bogan.

He is survived by his son Robert Bogan and his wife, Amy Klassen, and children Drew and Maddie Bogan; as well as his daughter, Mary Collins, her husband Eric Collins, and their three children, Joshua, Matthew and Michael Collins.

Sammie graduated from Milby High School in 1959, married Mary Frances, then joined the Army where he worked as a clerk. His service included being stationed in multiple places, including Germany and being stationed in Alaska for three years. Immediately upon leaving the Army, he became an apprentice in the Pipefitters Local 211 Union to become a pipefitter. At the time of his death, he had been a member of the union for 57 years.

Sammie's hobbies included carpentry work where he built furniture, lamps, and anything else one can think of. In his later years he loved to do word puzzles and watch "The Big Bang Theory." He cared more about his grandchildren than anything. The highlight of his day was taking the kids to school and picking them up after school. He would always question them about their day and joke with them, as he did with everyone.

Sammie was such a loving and caring husband, father, papa, and friend to all. He will be missed by many. Sammie and his family lived in the South Belt area since 1973.

Visitation will be at Peevey Funeral Home on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will also be at Peevey Funeral Home on Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Judge supports tax increase

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To pitch this to the voters in November."

Currently, 72 percent of the HCFCD's flood control projects are projected to reach the end of their lifespan within the next 20 years, according to county officials.

In past years, county officials adopted a tax rate that meant HCFCD could not raise any more revenue than past years, despite growing costs. As a result, HCFCD has accumulated a deferred maintenance backlog over

the years that now exceeds \$999 million.

To tackle this funding gap, commissioners voted to adopt a \$.049 tax rate for HCFCD, pending voter approval in November. This tax rate will cost the average homeowner \$60 more per year.

If voters pass the approved rate, the additional funding will help fund activities like removing sediment and expanding maintenance facilities, making existing infrastructure more resilient and more.

1,600 families to receive \$500 monthly from county

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Precinct 1 County Commissioner Rodney Ellis — who spearheaded the Uplift Harris program — said the program is necessary to combat inequality.

"At the local level, we refuse to be bystanders as soaring income inequality has led to 750,000 members of our community enduring a relentless cycle of poverty," Ellis said this past April. "We know from outcomes from other programs that recipients use resources for basic needs like housing, utilities, and food. These types of programs increase employment and provide stimulus to the local economy."

Uplift Harris will be a transformational hand-up for thousands of families struggling to keep food on the tables. We are prepared to fight all the way to the Texas Supreme Court to protect it and invest in Harris County families."

According to census data, roughly one in six people in Harris County live in poverty, more than the national average and more than all other large counties in Texas.

Data from the Kinder Institute shows that roughly two in five Houston residents say they would be unable to pay for a \$400 emergency.

Flight museum offers free hot dogs Labor Day

The Lone Star Flight Museum will welcome visitors with free hot dogs on Labor Day.

On Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, The Lone Star Flight Museum will offer free hot dogs, to museum visitors (while supplies last) to close out the summer season. There will be activities around during this event including DC-3, Howard 250 and Rover tours will be conducted from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

One can test one's engineering skills and protect the egg as an Eggstronaut from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free hot dog, bag of chips and drink (one per person) will be served from 11 a.m. until hot dogs run out.

Visit the museum online at lonestartflight.org or on Facebook and Instagram pages for program and event information. As a nonprofit organization, LSFM relies on the generous support of community through ticket sales, membership, events and other programs.

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In My Opinion

Art Valdez astonished by political spending

"Individual candidates have drawn over \$2.0 billion, while party committees raised over \$929.9 million: \$188.6 million for the Democratic National Committee, \$130.1 million for the Republican National Committee, with the rest coming from party committees at the local, state, and national level. So far, the 2024 campaigns have spent \$3.9 billion of total funds raised."

I read these numbers, and I was astonished how these politicians can so quickly raise such huge amounts of money. Then they spend it so easily and so quickly on TV ads and campaign staffers.

Meanwhile, our Knights of Columbus Council 9201 in Houston Texas in the last few months we have been selling bar-b-q and holding other fund raisers to try to raise \$100,000 to build a new storage warehouse for our church's new location in Pearland TX at the river ranch location. At the same time our church is also trying to raise 10 Million dollars to build a new Family Life center to serve the community.

These 2 amounts pale in comparison to the millions and billions of dollars being raised and spent on trying to elect someone to office. You would think that some of these same people who are giving away their hard earned money to elect these people to office would consider donating to help us build these buildings to serve the many people of our community and help us continue to spread the good news of our lord and savior.

If this message inspires you to open your heart and wallet, please make your

tax-deductible donations to St. Luke The Evangelist, mail them to 11011 Hall Rd, Houston TX 78089 and on the subject line write to KC Building Project.

I pray that all that read this message will be blessed and continue to see how a small donation, when added to other small donations, can make a big difference in helping our church reach these goals. Sincerely submitted

Art Valdez

Breen wants info on sign

Good afternoon. Can you help explain what this means. Posted on Scarsdale across from our neighborhood - Clearview Village. It is between I-45 and Old Galveston Road.

Mo Molly Nguyen Breen

Publisher's note: The writer included a photo and we have the information from Council Member Fred Flickinger near bottom of this page.

Marie Flickinger

Mistletoe market plans underway

Plans are already underway for a local mistletoe market to be held Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1548 N. Rivera Circle, Pearland. Cash, checks and Zelle will be accepted. Start making plans to attend now.

Approximately 70 vendors are expected.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

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

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Thursday, Aug. 29, 2 - 4 p.m. Tech help.
Thursday, Aug. 29, 5 - 6 p.m. Little aviators drone flight school.
Monday, Sept. 2, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Family time.
Monday, Sept. 3, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.
Tuesday, Sept. 2, 11:15 a.m. - noon Family story time.

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Scarsdale Notice of Variance

NOTICE OF VARIANCE REQUEST:

WESTRAY GP (REF. #2024-1567)

Purpose of the Variance Request: To exceed minimum intersection spacing requirements by not extending a public ROW through the subject property

Proposed Land Use for the Site: Unrestricted

The Houston Planning Commission will next consider this application on:

Meeting time: Thursday, September 5, 2024, beginning at 2:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex Building, 900 Bagby Street
City Council Chamber, Public Level, Houston, Texas

Submit comments 24 hours prior: SpeakerComments@houston.gov

For information regarding this application, please contact:
Steven Henderson with Windrose at (832) 982-2401
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The Houston Planning and Development Department at (832) 393-6600.

Residents that travel on the east side of Scarsdale are curious to what the variance on the sign is referring. They want to know what is being built there. According to BAHEP and Fred Flickinger's council office, the proposed project is nothing of major concern. It's just logistics/warehouse use, no manufacturing or anything hazardous. City code states that a major thoroughfare should intersect with a local/collector street every 2,600 feet. Because I-45 and Galveston Road are over a mile apart, the city planning code requires an additional public street intersection along the Scarsdale Boulevard major thoroughfare. However, to have a street run through the middle of their complex would create logistical issues and safety hazards. The powers that be say it makes no sense, which is why they are seeking a variance. The South Belt Leader is in agreement because one would have to stop again for an additional light.

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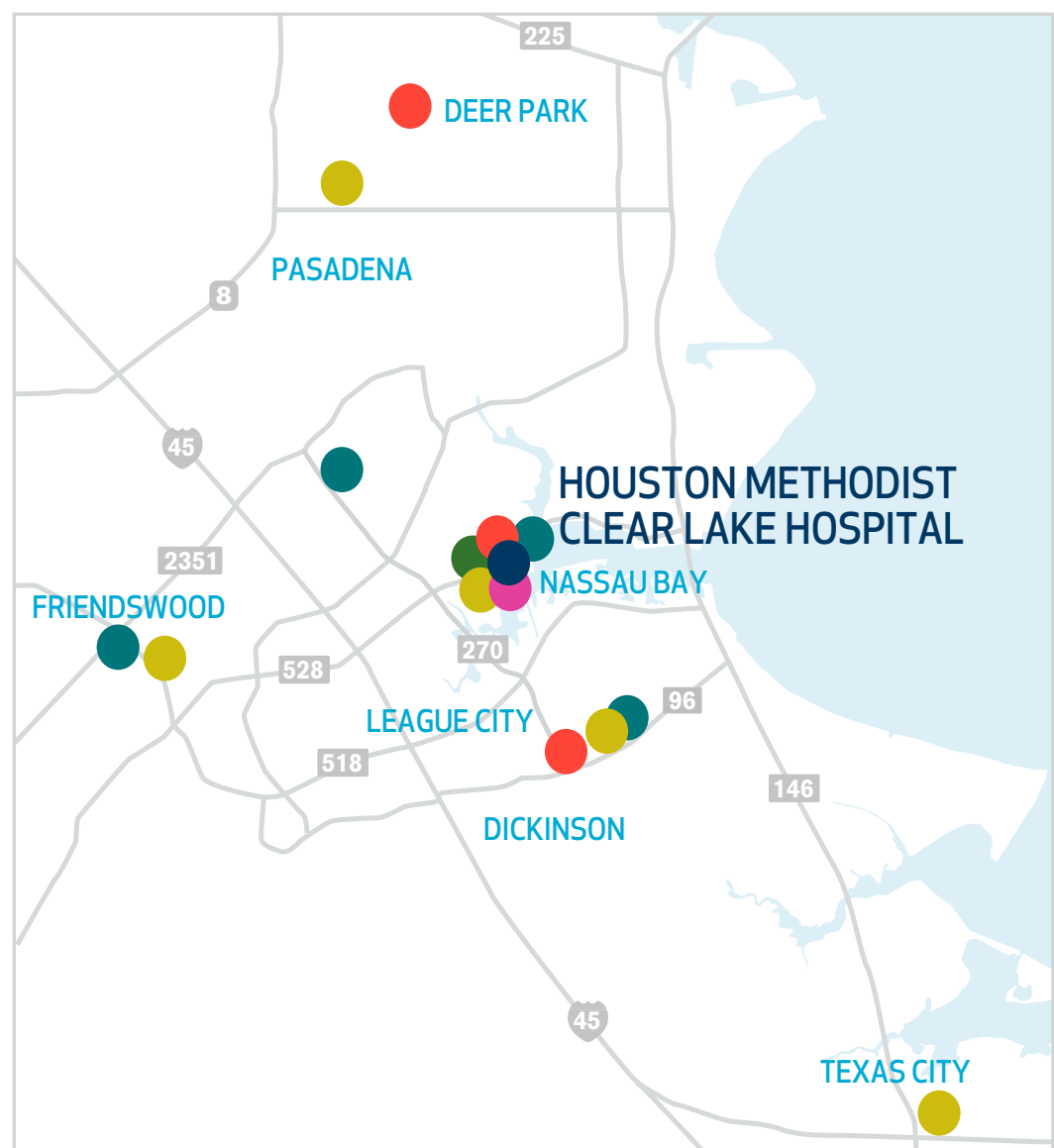
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Amanda Fenwick recognized as leader by Greater Houston Women's Chamber

Amanda Fenwick, vice president of marketing and public relations for San Jacinto College, has been recognized by the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce (GHWCC) board of directors as a 2024 Houston Role Model.

A GHWCC Role Model is a leader (male or female) representing, volunteering or influencing an organization in a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) industry, and is a role model for current and future generations of leaders.

Fenwick is listed among more than 20 influential Houston women.

"I am honored and humbled to be recognized alongside such incredible women who are making a significant impact in the Houston area," said Fenwick.

"I attribute my recognition to the role models and mentors that I have had in my career. Without their guidance and leadership, I would not be the leader I am today and I would not have had the career opportunities that I have been afforded. I thank the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce board of directors for this recognition."

Fenwick's journey at San Jacinto College began as the assistant director of communications.

As she rose to her current role, she significantly grew the marketing and public relations team.

Under her leadership, the team of 14 award-winning professionals excels in marketing and advertising, web content and design, publication design and creation, video production, social media, public relations and collegewide event planning.

Their efforts have earned numerous awards from organizations such as the

Public Relations Society of America Houston Chapter, National Council for Marketing and Public Relations and EduAd, highlighting their excellence in promoting San Jacinto College.

"Amanda is a phenomenal leader for our team here at San Jacinto College," said Christian Bionat, vice chancellor of external relations for San Jacinto College. "Her genuine care and support for our team's growth and development are evident in everything she does. She inspires us all to strive for excellence by leading through example and consistently producing outstanding work."

Fenwick also honed her skills as an event coordinator in the Mayor's Office of Special Events at the City of Houston.

She played a pivotal role in coordinating major events like Freedom Over Texas and the Tour de Houston.

Additionally, she revamped the process for reviewing and approving parade and street function permit applications, establishing a new city policy.

Serving as an assistant sports information director for Rice University, Fenwick began building her leadership and public relations skills through facilitating local media coverage for several Owls sports teams.

She also was responsible for designing and producing game-related materials and media guides.

Beyond her professional achievements, Fenwick is deeply committed to her local community and supporting the marketing and public relations industry.

She currently serves on the Clear Lake Shores city council as Mayor Pro Tem. She has also served on the board of the Public Relations

Society of America Houston Chapter and led the Houston/Galveston Public Information Officer Network.

Her volunteer efforts extend to delivering food for the Galveston County Food Bank and serving six years on PTA, including two as PTA president.

In 2018, she was honored with the Bay Area Athena Leadership Award and was recently appointed to a three-year term on the American Association of Community Colleges Commission on Public Relations, Advocacy, and Advancement.

And in 2023 she received the Women Who Mean Business award from the Houston Business Journal and the Communicator of the Year by the National

Council for Marketing & Public Relations District 4.

Fenwick holds a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology (Sports Communication) from Indiana University and a Master of Education in Physical Education (Sports Administration) from the University of Houston. She resides in Clear Lake Shores with her husband, Jay, and their daughter.

Fenwick's recognition as a 2024 Houston Role Model underscores her significant contributions to both San Jacinto College and the greater Houston community.

Her dedication to her profession and her community exemplifies the spirit of leadership and service that the GHWCC seeks to honor.



Amanda Fenwick was recognized by the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce as a role model.



Meador staff team building

Meador Elementary's staff participated in a back-to-school team building event at Dig World. Staff were able to try out heavy construction equipment and fun challenges to get them excited about building the foundation for success this 2024-2025 school year. Pictured are Tara Merida, counselor and Jennifer Chavez, principal.



San Jac College BAS class getting started

Shown are members of the new Bachelor of Applied Science degree program at San Jacinto College. Front row, left to right, are BAS students Bianca Gaviro; Priscilla Alverio; Bertha Cortez; Maria Cortez; (back row) Jorge Embil, education professor; Dr. Albert Talley, bachelor of education department chair; Cheryl Mallant, bachelor of education professor; Haley Ford, bachelor of education professor; and Yesennia Rodriguez, current San Jac student and future BAS student.

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Remember When

45 years ago (1979)
Two Sageglens residents were scheduled to be taken to court on deed restriction violations.

Lariaette Col. Keri Ogden was in Las Vegas at the live broadcast of the Jerry Lewis MD Telethon to personally present a check for more than \$50,000 to Lewis. She received that honor because she raised more money than any of the other girls.

40 years ago (1984)
Vandals uprooted street signs along Hughes Road. A number of intersections were without street signs, possibly leaving motorists at risk.

Robert Mendoza was elected president of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League.

35 years ago (1989)
A sign welcoming teachers and students back to school in front of Beverly Hills Intermediate School was purchased with money collected by the school's soft drink machines.

Linzie Brim began his duties as Dobie High School's boys' varsity and junior varsity soccer coach.

30 years ago (1994)
The Central Ace Hardware

store on Beamer was chosen as one of six stores nationwide to be featured in a television commercial.

Thompson Intermediate School eighth-graders were to be given a choice of enrolling in algebra or transitional math.

25 years ago (1999)
The long-awaited Pasadena Independent School District kickoff for the high school football season brought controversy over the traditional opening game prayer.

A three-phase facilities master plan for San Jacinto College drew favorable responses from community leaders who gathered to provide input on the plan.

20 years ago (2004)
The Harris County Flood Control District released flood plain maps for the Clear Creek, Armand Bayou and Galveston watersheds. The new maps, however, did not include subdivisions constructed only five years earlier.

The Public Works and Engineering Department at the city of Houston suggested enlarging drainage facilities at the intersection of Fuqua

and Sabo. This would redirect sheet flow west on Sabo in an effort to relieve flooding in that area.

The PISD board of trustees approved a proposal by TEDSI Infrastructure Group for design and construction of a traffic light at Blackhawk and Kirkville.

South Belt resident and two-time cancer survivor David Wilson performed a tuba solo at the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference in Budapest, Hungary. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, and the entire audience clapped in unison, a high compliment, after his performance.

15 years ago (2009)
Matheos Pitikas, 24, who was wanted in connection with the July 25 robbery of the Chase Bank in the 11200 block of Beltway 8, died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound following a three-day manhunt in the Florida panhandle.

A grand opening was held for the new nondenominational chapel at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. The renovation was chosen by hospital staff as their 2008 employee campaign project.

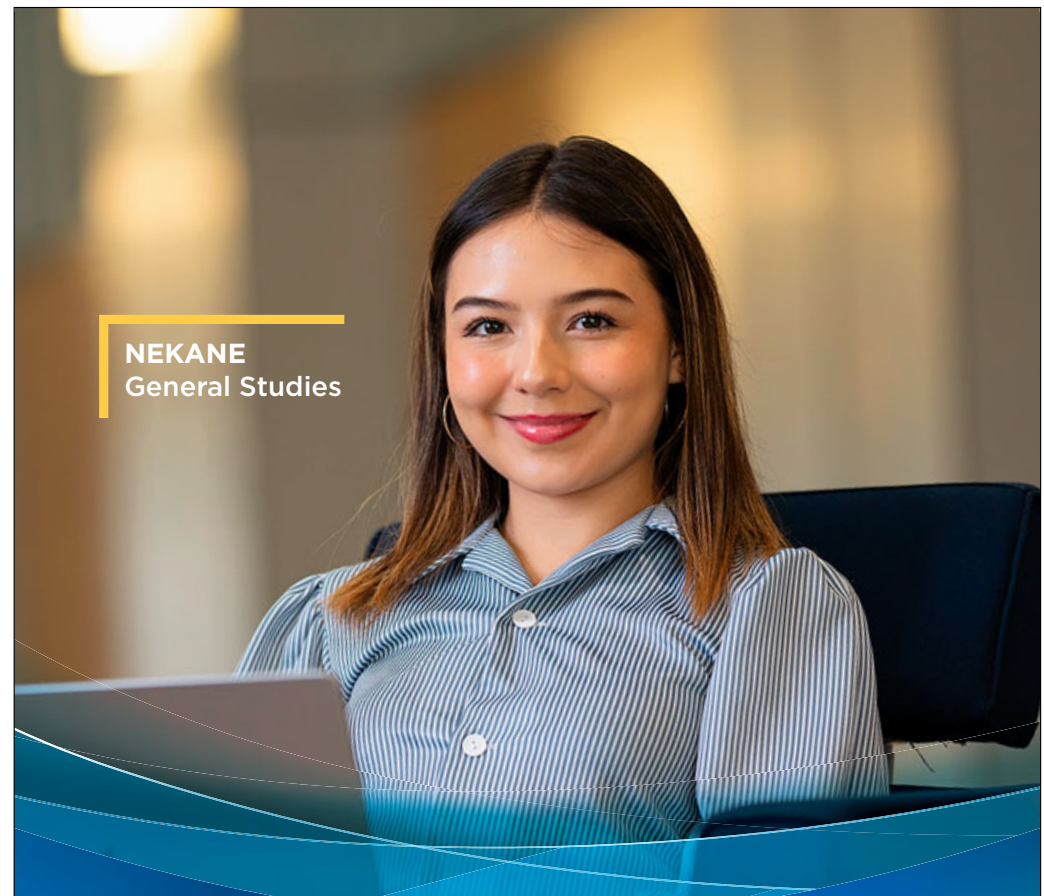
The campaign was one of the most successful in the hospital's history with employees, physicians and community members raising roughly \$56,000.

10 years ago (2014)
The 1st Court of Appeals reached a decision in the case of Judge George Risner against the Harris County Republican Party, prohibiting a GOP challenger from appearing on the November ballot. The three-judge panel overturned an earlier decision made by a trial judge that offered Leonila Olivares-Salazar a chance to replace the fraudulent signatures with valid ones. Without the additional valid signatures, the court ruled that Olivares-Salazar's original petition was insufficient to allow her name to appear on the party's ballot.

5 years ago (2019)
On Wednesday, Aug. 21, a security guard was injured in a shootout outside of a restaurant near Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway while trying to break up a domestic disturbance. Houston police responded to the incident in front of Jabastian's Mexican Cuisine to find Anthony Lee

Reyes, 30, shot in the leg. According to police, Reyes had observed a male suspect choking a female in the parking lot. When Reyes went to the female's aid, the male suspect fired multiple shots at him, striking him once in the leg. The couple then fled the scene in a pickup truck to a nearby apartment complex, where the male suspect unsuccessfully fired shots at another man. Reyes was transported to the hospital in stable condition. Police identified David J. Spears as the male suspect. Spears, 27, was charged with three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one count each of deadly conduct and a felon in possession of a firearm.

1 year ago (2023)
Following several weeks of drought conditions, the city of Houston on Aug. 27 entered Stage 2 of its Drought Contingency Plan, placing strict rations on water use for residents living in the city limits. South Belt residents outside the city limits who were serviced by local municipal utility districts were unaffected by the rations.



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Over The Back Fence by Natalie

MILTON ENJOY BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday wishes are sent to Milton Dittrich who celebrates a birthday Aug. 30, from family, friends and the Leader staff.

JAXSON TURNS 6!
Special birthday wishes for Jaxson Giles who turns six years old Aug. 30 from his parents Aaron and Ashley Giles, grandparents Jim and Tracy Giles, great-grandmother Bobby Griffin and the rest of the Giles and Griffin families wish him a wonderful birthday.

RON CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Ron Williams, former owner of Ace Hardware, is wished a happy birthday Sept. 1 from his family, friends and the Leader staff.

ROSA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Special birthday wishes are sent to South Belt Leader staffer Rosa Graham who celebrates a birthday Sept. 1 from family, friends and the Leader staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARIE!
Birthday greetings are sent to Marie Flickinger, South Belt Leader publisher, who celebrates a birthday Sunday, Sept. 1, from husband David; sons Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger and David (Leader owner) and wife Ellie Flickinger; granddaughter Kimberly and husband Matthew Lipina; granddaughter Courtney Durham and great-grandchildren Abigail, Jackson and Penelope Durham; granddaughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca and great-grandchildren Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Elliana Abarca and Isabella and husband Sebastian Delgado; sister Alexis Lochner; her friends; and staff at the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

KAREN ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Birthday greetings are sent to Karen Taylor Sept. 3 from friends and the staff at the Leader.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Inde-

pendent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 29 through Sept. 4.

Atkinson Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 3 for Belva Alaniz.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Aug. 29 to Kalpana Mobley. Join in the fun as Debra Hawkins celebrates a birthday Sept. 2. Remember to wish Amy Oquin a happy birthday Sept. 4.

Genoa Elementary
Blow out the candles Aug. 29 for Suzy Foster. Sept. 2 is the day for a birthday party for Alex Martinez.

Moore Elementary
Remember to wish Lakennia Cole and Amber Ramsey Suarez a happy birthday Aug. 30. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 2 to Veronica Rangel.

South Belt Elementary
The day for birthday fun for Courtney Moran is Aug. 31.

Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Aug. 30 for Dylan Richter.

Melillo Middle School
Bring out the cake and balloons Sept. 1 to celebrate Matthew Sanchez.

Roberts Middle School
Celebrating a birthday Sept. 4 is Jose Mendoza.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Sept. 1 for Wesley Hardy. A day of fun is planned Sept. 2 for Dawn Nguyen. Break out the balloons and the birthday cake Sept. 3 for Jose Sesento.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a birthday celebration is Aug. 30 for David Saenz, Tiffany Silverthorne

enjoys a birthday Aug. 31.

Dobie High
Christopher Swinnen celebrates a birthday Aug. 29. Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Aug. 31 for Kenneth Gordon. Remember to wish Kristal Fruge a happy birthday Sept. 1. Break out the cake and ice cream Sept. 3 for Amanda Patel.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Aug. 29: Connie Guerrero, Brenda Marshall, Claudia Herrera and Aimee Bennett; Friday, Aug. 30: James Leonard, Jason Hunt, Tracy Schwerdtfeger, Melinda Funni, Amber McGown, Bobby Burton, Ryssa Bebee, Debra Tullous and Rebecca Noris-Peak; Saturday, Aug. 31: Nyd Salgado, Suzie Ortiz, Tajana Stewart, John Terana, Mia Bella, Paula Miller, Judie Elizalde, Kathy Cole, Michael O'Daniell, Veronica Lyons, Annalea Young, Carol Rodriguez, Scott Gish, Ashley Hall and Angie Davis; Sunday, Sept. 1: Tiffany Gay, Maribel Manriquez, Jasmine Manning, Karen Jenkins and Steve Landin; Monday, Sept. 2: Stacy Aguirre, Suzanne Hernandez, Karen Young and Mary Hernandez; Tuesday, Sept. 3: Steve Boney, Josie Parker, Veronica Hernandez, Keith Nelson, Ruth Fuller, Donald Musquiz, Tomas Shorts Jr. and Leslie Montemayor; and Wednesday, Sept. 4: Ashlie Files, Lashanda Scott, John Laird, Nikki Spriggs, Angie Reynolds, Jerry O'Brien, Betty Thomas, Darin Peltier, Tommy Walko, Joe Scanlin and Denise Turnage.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie to test CB

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Dobie will seek a third straight victory over Clear Brook in the South Belt area rivalry as the two varsity football programs go head-to-head Aug. 29 to officially signify the start of the 2024 season statewide.

The Longhorns, coming off of a brilliant 2023 season that saw them win the District 22-6A championship, will be aiming to hand first-year head coach Danny Fitzmorris a victory in his head coaching debut.

The focus, of course, will be on the players once the game begins, but head coaches only get one opportunity to make their debut, and the Longhorns no doubt would love to hand their new leader a "W" right out of the gate.

As for the Wolverines, head coach Patrick Sanders enters his third season at Clear Brook as the locals will be looking for their first win over Dobie.

The Clear Brook/Dobie series was dormant for many years before the two teams met to open 2022, with Dobie claiming a 14-6 victory. Last season, the Longhorns cruised past the Wolverines by a 35-3 count.

Anything can happen on opening night, but Dobie figures to lean heavily upon a rushing attack that features senior star Cameron Mathews as well as Demarcus Hodges, who made a stirring debut at the varsity level a season ago as a sophomore.

Mathews, who has rushed for more than 2,800 yards over the previous two seasons, was the Most Valuable Player in the 22-6A ranks in 2023. Hodges, a junior, is coming off a season in which he rushed for 880 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Senior Bryce Evans gives the Longhorns' offensive staff yet another option in the backfield, while it will be a fresh start for senior quarter-

back Will Joiner III. Senior receiver Tariq Riley has already shown to be a home run threat on the outside for the Longhorns after he averaged more than 34 yards per reception as a junior in 2023, finding the end zone seven times.

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At right, Dobie junior running back Demarcus Hodges (21) will look to get off to a fast start as he and his teammates take on Clear Brook Aug. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena to open the 2024 regular season. The Longhorns will be looking for a third straight victory over the Wolverines in the series dating back to the 2022 opener. Hodges rushed for nearly 900 yards and 10 touchdowns as a junior.

Photo by Gloria Wallace



JFD volleyball will host Longhorn Labor Day Classic to close August

The lineup is taking shape within the Dobie varsity volleyball program as the locals delivered a 4-6 record through the early going of the 2024 season.

The Longhorns finished up play at the Dickinson Invitational with a pair of wings in six overall matches, while the team also mixed in a four-set when over Crosby in a head-to-head matchup Aug. 23 at Dobie main.

Head coach Dawn Sex-

ton has seen her lineup come together as several players have stepped up to play key roles through 10 matches, as Dobie headed into the 22-6A opener Aug. 27 after press time against the Dawson Eagles.

The Longhorns will host the Labor Day classic Aug. 29 and Aug. 31, with 28 programs in all competing at both Dobie sites as well as Pasadena and South Houston high schools.

Host Dobie is in a Division 1 pool with MacArthur, Cy-Springs and Clements, while the other Division 1 pool includes Friendswood, Fort Bend Austin, Goose Creek Memorial and Aldine Nimitz.

The 20-program Division 2 will see best-of-three matches played at Pasadena and South Houston High Schools as well as Dobie9.

One pool at Pasadena High School will feature host Pasadena, Houston

Lamar, North Shore and Cleveland, while a second pool includes Danbury, Aldine Eisenhower, Porter and Spring Woods.

At South Houston, Channelview, C.E. King, Cy-Park, New Caney and

host South Houston will go head-to-head. Pool play at Dobie9 will feature Klein Forest, La Porte, Pasadena Memorial and Pflugerville Connally.

Dobie will take on Connally in a separate varsity-

only match Aug. 30 at 4:30 p.m. When Longhorn Labor Day Classic play resumes Aug. 31, the event shifts to trophy play in the two divisions. Senior Juliana Aguirre has averaged nearly two kills per

set to lead the Longhorns up front early on, while fellow senior Mia Campos has averaged more than 1.5 kills per set.

Sophomore Alyssa Espinoza has averaged just over a kill per set.

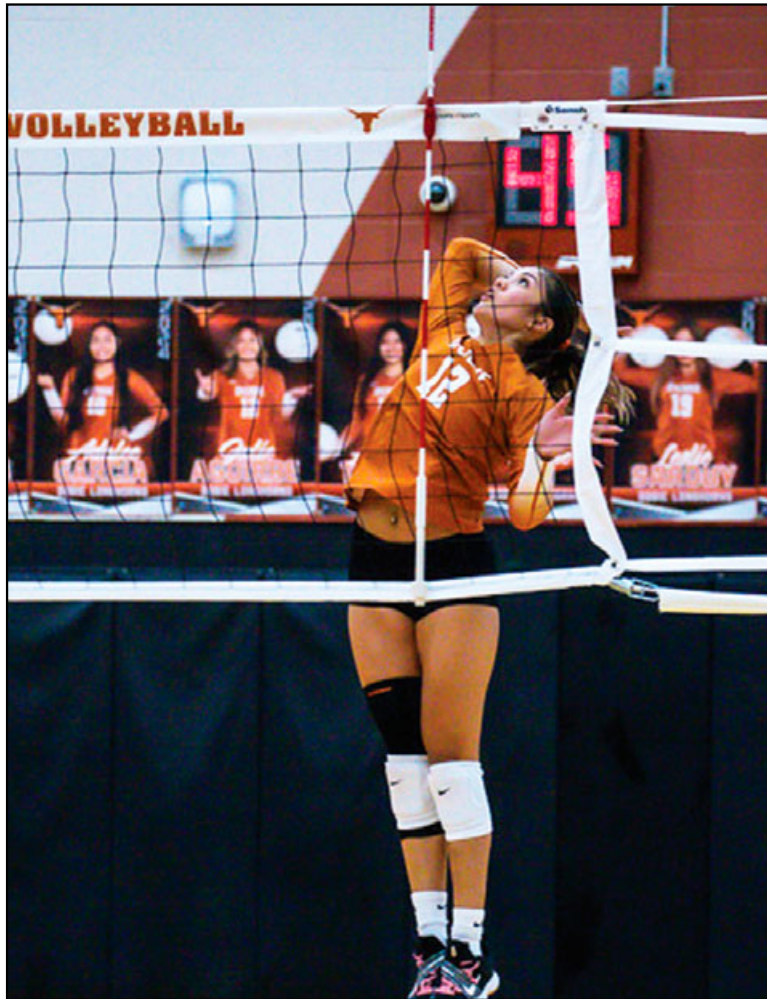
Jocelyn Stringer leads the team with nearly 3.5 digs per set, while Aguirre and Campos have averaged just over three digs per set.

Alyssa Goree leads the team with 16 service aces, while Campos has 12 and Espinoza has 10.

In the setting department, Goree leads the way with 77 total assists to go with 76 from Sanchez. Kaylie Bui has also pitched in with 33 assists to this point.



Dobie libero Jocelyn Stringer (3) surveys the setup on the other side of the net during a recent Dobie varsity volleyball home match. Stringer has contributed in a variety of ways this season as the locals work to find a steady lineup.



Senior Juliana Aguirre (12) has led the Dobie attack early on this season as she paces the team in kills with 59 to go with 94 digs through the team's first 10 matches.

Photos by Gloria Wallace

LSA volleyball off to quick start

The Lutheran South Academy varsity volleyball team, coming off a Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state tournament championship match appearance a season ago, is again off to a hot start to begin the 2024 campaign.

Competing in the Mavericks' Volleybash at Pasadena Memorial High School Aug. 15-17, the Pioneers reached the championship match for the second straight season, ultimately going head-to-head with an undefeated Clements before losing in three sets.

With wins in six of seven overall matches to start the season and with freshman Addison Musgrove very much looking like an instant contributor up front, Lutheran South had to be pleased with its start to the season.

Addison Musgrove led the Pioneers through the first week with 45 overall kills, with her sister, senior Kirra Musgrove, delivering 36 more kills. Senior Kenna Sambrano had 30

kills as she got her final season off to a strong start as well.

Senior Hailey Pham had 27 kills, with Sutter Addison Collins producing 26 kills of her own.

Collins, a junior who earlier this summer announced her verbal commitment to continue her education and playing career at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, had 99 assists through the team's first 15 sets, while Kirra Mus-

grove added 65 assists.

It's early in the season, and nothing has been decided yet, but Pioneers' head coach Geoff Stressman had to be excited about the way his group came out of the gate.

It's one thing to expect to be good and yet another to deliver on the promise. So far, Lutheran South has done just that.

This team may have a hard time finding comparison once district starts, but all is well right now.

BHI Community Day

The Beverly Hills Intermediate athletic department is finalizing plans for its preseason 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 seventh-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.



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At right, former long-time Sagemont Cowboys football player Danny Fitzmorris (center), now in his first year as the varsity football head coach at Dobie High School, was presented with his jersey No. 10 during a special presentation at a recent Cowboys' game day. Those with Fitzmorris were, left to right, Kamden Glenn (14), Logan Delone (1), Chad Bimage Jr. (0) and Xavier Williams (3). The Cowboys will continue week 3 of the Bay Area Football League season Aug. 31, taking on the League City 49ers at the League City Sportsplex.



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Peewee Division

Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	2	0	0
49ers	2	0	0
Eagles	2	0	0
Pear. Patriots	2	0	0
Manvel Texans	2	0	0
Red Raiders	2	0	0
Gators	1	0	0
Stingrays	1	0	0
Pear. Texans	1	1	0
Ang. Wildcats	1	1	0
Buccaneers	0	2	0
Raiders	0	2	0
La Porte Texans	0	2	0
Longhorns	0	2	0
Sharks	0	2	0
Panthers	0	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	0	2	0

Freshman Division

Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	2	0	0
49ers	2	0	0
Eagles	2	0	0
Panthers	2	0	0
Pear. Patriots	2	0	0
Gators	1	0	0
Stingrays	1	0	0
Buccaneers	1	1	0
S.E. Wildcats	1	1	0
Manvel Texans	1	1	0
Red Raiders	1	1	0
Ang. Wildcats	0	2	0
Raiders	0	2	0
Pear. Texans	0	2	0
La Porte Texans	0	2	0
Longhorns	0	2	0
Sharks	0	2	0

Sophomore Division

Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	2	0	0
Buccaneers	2	0	0
Ang. Wildcats	2	0	0
La Porte Texans	2	0	0
Gators	1	0	0
Manvel Texans	1	1	0
S.E. Wildcats	1	1	0
Longhorns	1	1	0
49ers	1	1	0
Pear. Patriots	1	1	0
Red Raiders	1	1	0
Raiders	1	1	0
Stingrays	0	1	0
Pear. Texans	0	2	0
Sharks	0	2	0
Panthers	0	2	0
Eagles	0	2	0

Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Gators	1	1	0
Buccaneers	2	0	0
Ang. Wildcats	2	0	0
Eagles	2	0	0
Pear. Patriots	2	0	0
Pear. Texans	1	1	0
Sharks	1	1	0
Manvel Texans	1	1	0
S.E. Wildcats	1	1	0
La Porte Texans	1	1	0
49ers	1	1	0
Red Raiders	1	1	0
Stingrays	0	1	0
Raiders	0	2	0
Cowboys	0	2	0
Panthers	0	2	0
Longhorns	0	2	0

Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	2	0	0
Manvel Texans	2	0	0
49ers	2	0	0
Red Raiders	2	0	0
Stingrays	1	0	0
Gators	1	0	0
Ang. Wildcats	1	1	0
Eagles	1	1	0
Pear. Texans	1	1	0
Sharks	1	1	0
Longhorns	1	1	0
La Porte Texans	1	1	0
Panthers	0	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	0	2	0
Raiders	0	2	0
Buccaneers	0	2	0
Pear. Patriots	0	2	0

BAFL Week 2

Cowboys' Peewee 30
Wildcats 27

Cowboys' Fr. 30
Wildcats 0

Cowboys' Soph. 21
Wildcats 13

Cowboys' Jrs. 0
Wildcats 46

Cowboys' Srs. 39
Wildcats 0

BAFL Week 3
Cowboys' Peewee
at 49ers, 8 a.m.

Cowboys' Seniors
at 49ers, 9 a.m.

Cowboys' Juniors
at 49ers, 11 a.m.

Cowboys' Sophomores
at 49ers, 1 p.m.

Cowboys' Freshmen
at 49ers, 3 p.m.

South Belt football predictions



John Bechtle



Emory Gadd



Troy Leland



Stephen Sutton



Debbie Vaughn

Game	John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Troy Leland	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn
Clear Brook at Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
La Porte at Deer Park	La Porte	La Porte	Deer Park	La Porte	Deer Park
Shadow Creek at Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Shadow Creek	Summer Creek
Channelview at Pasadena Memorial	Channelview	Channelview	Pasadena Mem.	Channelview	Pasadena Mem.
Bridgeland at Dawson	Bridgeland	Bridgeland	Bridgeland	Bridgeland	Bridgeland
Ridge Point at Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point
Clear Falls at Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower	Hightower
Katy at Dickinson	Katy	Katy	Dickinson	Katy	Katy
Fulshear at Pearland	Fulshear	Pearland	Fulshear	Pearland	Fulshear
Kingwood at Clear Creek	Kingwood	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
Last Week's Results	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Season record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Clear Creek ISD stadiums to feature great games

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Pick a location, whether it's Challenger Stadium in Webster or Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City, there will be big-time matches taking place on a near nightly basis as Clear Creek ISD plays hosts to the majority of action within a 24-6A field that figures to be one of the most competitive from top to bottom within the region.

CCISD Veterans Memorial Stadium sits on the campus of Clear Creek High School, and the Wildcats will play all but one of their home games at Veterans during the 2024 season.

In fact, Clear Creek will open its schedule by hosting the Kingwood Mustangs Thursday, Aug. 29, at Veterans Memorial in a 6 p.m. kickoff.

Opening-week action at Veterans continues Aug. 30 as Clear Lake hosts Angleton at 7 p.m.

Clear Springs will be featured in the lone opening weekend game at Challenger Stadium in Webster as the Chargers host Ridge Point Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

Two other CCISD programs, including Clear Brook and Clear Falls, will begin the 2024 season on the road.

The Wolverines will go against Dobie Aug. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, while Clear Falls will travel to Fort Bend ISD's Hall Stadium to take on Hightower in a 7 p.m. game.

Looking ahead to the second week of action, Clear Springs will be featured at Veterans Memorial in League City as the Chargers host Heights Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.

Clear Brook will be on the road for a second straight week to start 2024 as the Wolverines will take on Aldine Eisenhower Sept. 6 at Thorne Stadium. Challenger Stadium will feature Clear Falls hosting George Ranch the same night, Sept. 6, in a 7 p.m. game as the Knights host senior night.

Clear Creek and Clear Lake will both be on the road during the second week of the season, as the Wildcats face a big challenge against the Shadow Creek Sharks at Alvin ISD's Freedom Field Sept. 6.

Clear Lake, meanwhile, will travel to Cy-Fair FCU Stadium to take on Cy-Woods Sept. 7 at 6 p.m.

In the third and final week of nondistrict play for all 24-6A programs, Clear Falls will host its homecoming game against Cy-Ranch Sept. 12 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City as part of a 6 p.m. kickoff as the big weekend opens.

The next night, Clear Lake hosts Kingwood Park Sept. 13 at Challenger Stadium in a 7 p.m.

kickoff. The same third-week action for the Wildcats of Clear Creek will include a trip to Maddry Stadium in Channelview as the locals take on the Falcons Sept. 13 in a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Clear Brook will also be at Veterans Memorial Stadium Sept. 13, hosting Goose Creek Memorial. Challenger Stadium will be idle during the third week as Clear Springs takes on Houston Lamar Saturday, Sept. 14 at Barnett Stadium.

The fun begins in District 24-6A play Sept. 19-21, with Clear Creek hosting Dickinson Sept. 19 in a 6 p.m. game at Veterans Memorial Stadium and League City.

Sept. 19 action at Challenger Stadium in Webster will have Clear Springs hosting Deer Park in a 6 p.m. game as the Deer make their debut in the 24-6A alignment.

Clear Lake will host its homecoming game a night later, going up against Brazoswood at Challenger Stadium in Webster at 7 p.m.

Elsewhere during the opening week of district replay, Clear Brook will be the home team at Veterans Memorial Stadium Sept. 20, as they go against Clear Springs in a 7 p.m. game.

The feature game of week 4 has Clear Springs hosting Clear Lake and its annual homecoming game Sept. 27 at Challenger Stadium in a 7 p.m. game.

That big game will be the lone contest of the weekend locally as Clear Creek is at Deer Park, Clear Falls is at Brazoswood and Clear Brook is at Dickinson.

Shifting ahead to week five, Clear Creek will have its homecoming game Oct. 4 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City as the Wildcats host Clear Falls in a game that could have huge postseason implications for both programs.

Also in week five action, Clear Brook will host its homecoming game at Challenger Stadium in League City Oct. 4, with the Deer Park Deer visiting the Wolverines for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Other Oct. 4 action has Clear Springs traveling to Hopper Stadium in Lake Jackson to take on Brazoswood, while Clear Lake will be at Dickinson at Sam Vintana Stadium, also a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The second week of October is a bye week within the 24-6A ranks and then Oct. 11-13 signals the final five-week stretch of games for each of the teams in the league as the march to the postseason hits a fever pitch.

Clear Falls will host Clear Springs in the marquee game of the weekend Oct. 18 at Challenger Stadium in Webster as a pair of perennial playoff qual-

ifiers meet in what could possibly be one of the key matchups to determine the eventual League champion.

Elsewhere the third week of October, Clear Creek will host Clear Brook at Veterans Stadium in League City Oct. 18, while Clear Lake plays at Deer Park.

October 24 play includes Clear Lake hosting senior night at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City as the Falcons host Clear Creek.

A night later at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City, Clear Brook will host Clear falls, while the big game of the night takes place that Challenge-

er Stadium in Webster as Clear Springs hosts defending 24-6A champion Dickinson at 7 p.m.

Halloween night is the start of week 8 play that has Clear Brook hosting Clear Lake in a 6 p.m. game at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

November kicks off in a big way as on Nov. 1,

Clear Falls hosts Dickinson at Challenger Stadium in another game that carries plenty of weight within the playoff picture.

Also in week 8 action, Clear Springs will travel to Deer Park to take on the Deer in a key 24-6A game.

The final week of the regular season has Clear

Springs hosting Clear Creek Nov. 8 at Challenger Stadium, while Clear Lake will host Clear Falls the same night at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

Clear Creek is the road team against Clear Springs Nov. 8 at Challenger Stadium in Webster to close out the regular season.

CCISD officials set venue policies, other details

Ahead of the start of the 2024-2025 school year, Clear Creek ISD officials have addressed online ticket purchase details, a mandated clear bag policy and varsity football game livestream for purchase details.

To ensure visitor safety, along with quick and efficient entry into event venues, Clear Creek ISD has instituted a clear bag regulation.

The regulation will limit the size and type of bag allowed at sporting events, performances and graduations held at CCISD stadiums, including Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City as well as Challenger Stadium in Webster in addition to all other district auditoriums and gymnasiums.

While district officials encourage visitors not to bring bags of any sort

when possible, the following types of bags are permissible: clear, plastic, vinyl or PVC bags; clear, plastic one gallon, resealable, Ziploc style bags; clutch bags approximately the size of a hand and medically necessary items.

Visitors who bring bags that do not meet the criteria outline will not be permitted entrance into a venue.

As for ticket purchases, all clear Creek ISD tickets will be sold online only for the 2024 season. No paper tickets will be sold at stadium gates or gymnasium entrances.

Presale student tickets are \$5, while all adult tickets are \$7. Children age 3 and under are allowed free admission.

Game-day general admission tickets are \$9 each.

To access the district's online ticket purchasing app, visit www.gofan.co to get started.

Clear Creek ISD varsity football fans will also be able to livestream games from both sites through the district's partnership with the NFHS Network. Subscriptions may be purchased monthly or annually. Visit www.nfhsnet.com to get started with the process.

Beverly Hills, Thompson FB, VB to begin district play

Sept. 3-4 PISD Football Matchups

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Sept. 4, 5 p.m. *Sept. 4, 5 p.m.*

BHI 7B hosts Jackson **Lion 8B at Queens**
Sept. 4, 5 p.m. *Sept. 4, 5 p.m.*

BHI 8A at Jackson **Lion 7A hosts Queens**
Sept. 4, 5 p.m. *Sept. 3, 5 p.m.*

BHI 8B hosts Jackson **Lion 7B at Queens**
Sept. 4, 5 p.m. *Sept. 3, 5 p.m.*

Sept. 4 PISD Volleyball

Thompson Lions
at San Jacinto Hornets
Jackson Wildcats
at Beverly Hills Bears
Matches begin at 4:30 p.m.

TD Club recognizes LSA players

At right, ahead of the Pioneers' Aug. 30 varsity football regular season opener at home against Houston Christian, Lutheran South Academy Football players, from left, David Streeter, John LeBlanc and Ryan Reed were honored Aug. 21 as preseason selections to the 2024 Preseason All-Greater Houston Private High School Football Team presented by The Touchdown Club of Houston.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, August 29
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 - 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.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505 Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.
Noon Ballroom Dancing - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, JULY 23
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
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). Contact Cathy@cheyder@sbcglobal.net or call 713-332-6294 for details.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and 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.
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday

THURSDAY, JULY 25
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Longhorns scrimmage La Porte; await Brook

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At right, senior offensive lineman Markel Terry (75) is a returning two-time All-District performer up front for the Longhorns, who will open the season at home against Clear Brook Aug. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Terry is one of the co-captains of the 2024 squad.

At far right, Dobie senior offensive lineman Don Fobbs (77) takes on a La Porte defender during the Aug. 22 scrimmage between the two programs at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Fobbs is working up front alongside several first-time starters as the Longhorns have rebuilt their line in the offseason.



Locals add depth Lopez paces Longhorn boys' cross-country start

The Dobie varsity boys' cross-country team is feeling good about itself after completing its first 5k event of the season Aug. 23 at the Hometown Heroes meet in League City, hosted by the Clear Creek Wildcats.

The Longhorns finished third overall, with Clear Lake winning and Deer Park finishing second by a mere two points over the locals.

Led by several key veterans as well as a couple of terrific newcomers, the Longhorns certainly appear to have both the talent and the depth to put together a great season.

At the Hometown Heroes event, 2023 state qualifier Chris Creedon of Clear Creek was the overall winner at 15 minutes, 25.9 seconds.

The Dobie group was led by Chris Lopez, a senior who finished seventh overall at 16:49.1. Freshman Cruz Jasso was 11th overall at 17:00.5.

Also for the Longhorns, freshman Jordan Roman took 20th overall in a time of 17:25.4. Junior Johan Villavicencio was 34th best, as he completed his event at 17:55.3.

Dobie's fifth official qualifier was senior Carlos Salazar, who was 58th at 18:35.0. In the varsity girls' division, Dobie senior Lauren Garza, a state qualifier from a season ago, led her team and she was 14th best in a time of 21:08.7. "We had a great first 5k meet," Dobie varsity boys' had coach Stephen Cross said. "We have been working hard, and I am really proud of how the young men have been practicing. "We are led by senior Chris Lopez, a four-year letterman and two-year letterman junior Johan Villavicencio and senior Carlos Salazar. "Juniors Orlando DePaz and Diego Paz, along with two freshmen, Cruz Jasso and Jordan Roman, have really made this team really competitive. "We also have tough competition to fill out the last spots on the varsity team and those five to seven runners can really determine how we do in district. "We are in a tough district and it will be difficult, but we have a chance to do very well."

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Dobie senior Adalee Garcia (10) is contributing for her team up front as the locals have been competitive each time out during an early 4-6 start.
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Leslie Sarduy (19) of Dobie serves during an early-season matchup against Goose Creek Memorial. Dobie will be a host site of the Longhorns' Labor Day Classic Aug. 29 and Aug. 31.