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Officer injured in crash

A Houston police officer was injured in a crash on Beltway 8 near Beamer the morning of Wednesday, June 13, while working as a motorcycle escort. Two other vehicles were also involved. The officer was transported to the hospital with leg injuries.

Photo contest underway

The *Leader* is seeking 2018 vacation photos for possible publication. A first- and second-place prize of Schlitterbahn tickets will be awarded for June, July and August to the best submissions. Monthly first-place winner will be awarded eight tickets, while each month's second-place winner will be awarded six.

Graduation issues available

Extra copies of the *Leader's* high school graduation issue, published on May 31, are available at the newspaper office, 11555 Beamer. The special edition includes graduation information for Dobie; Clear Brook; South Houston; Lewis Career and Technical; and Clear Horizons Early College high schools and Lutheran South Academy.

Annual SPCIA meeting set

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association will hold the annual homeowners meeting Thursday, June 21, at the Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include the election of officers for 2018-2019, deed restriction changes, deed restriction violations and community improvement issues. All Sagemont Park homeowners and residents are urged to attend.

St. Luke's holds garage sale

St. Luke's Evangelist Catholic Church will hold a garage sale Saturday, June 30, at 11011 Hall Road from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Available items include gently used children's clothing, toys and stuffed animals; boutique items, such as jewelry, scarves, hats, belts and purses; and household items, knickknacks and artwork. For more information, call Jessica Rowland at 281-475-6261 or the parish office at 281-481-6816.

PIP meeting set for June 19

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776.

Knights hold blood drive

The Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive at St. Luke's Evangelist Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, on Sunday, June 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Val Comeaux at 713-582-5358.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

Beltway closures planned

Both eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer Road will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Saturday, June 30. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Beltway delays expected

Multiple closures are planned on Beltway 8 East in the Pasadena area, as part of the ongoing project to widen the tollway from two to four lanes in each direction from the Gulf Freeway to Highway 225.

JFD orchestra car wash set

The Dobie High School orchestra will hold a car wash fundraiser Saturday, June 16, in front of Food Town at Scarsdale and Beamer.

Cheerleaders hold fundraiser

Dobie Cheerleaders will host a breakfast buffet at Applebee's on Fairmont on Saturday, June 30, from 8 to 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon and a drink. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Dobie Cheerleader.

Dixie Farm development causes controversy

The controversy involving dirt removed from the future South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin is making headlines again after it was recently revealed that plans call for developing the primary dump site into a retail shopping center near the intersection of Dixie Farm Road and Blackhawk.

The proposed three-acre Parkwood Plaza would feature retail shops and restaurants, with plans for a possible expansion of up to 48 acres. The ongoing debate centers around whether

the property as being in one, which would add significant restrictions to development.

This past February, officials from the Harris County Flood Control District acknowledged the discrepancy and retracted the agreement and made plans to dispose of the fill dirt in an area outside of the floodplain. When the owner of the property then threatened to sue the City of Friendswood, however, officials refused to revoke his permit, essentially returning the agreement to its original terms.

Friendswood officials claim they reverted to

the older maps in an effort to help Harvey victims rebuild without the more stringent regulations. **Continued on Page 2A**



Wiseburn, Bolton are all smiles



Frazier and Meador elementary schools were both recognized for their performance by the nonprofit group Children At Risk, which ranks schools in the Greater Houston area. (See story Page 4A.) Shown receiving the awards for being named top-10 gold ribbon schools are Frazier Principal Wendy Wiseburn (left) and Meador Principal Beverly Bolton. Photo by Tara Merida

Sagemont project moves forward

Work is continuing on the ongoing city project to make drainage and pavement improvements in the Sagemont subdivision.

Originally scheduled to begin in 2012, the long-awaited endeavor will make improvements on selected streets that have been determined to be in the most need of repair. Improvements include drainage systems, necessary concrete paving, curbs, sidewalks, driveways and under-

ground utilities.

In all, eight area streets will be addressed. Impacted streets include Sageglen (from Sagehollow to Sagedowne); Sagarbor (from Sagehollow to Sagedowne); Sagedowne (from Sagarbor to Sagelane and from Sagehill to Sageheather); Sagehollow (from east and west of Sageglen); Sageriver (from Sageleaf to Sageorchard);

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CCISD seeks citizen nominations

The Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees is currently seeking nominations for its 2018 Citizen of the Year.

The award is given each year to honor an outstanding community member for their support of CCISD programs and activities.

Former recipients include Trent Martin; Joyce Abbey; Harv Hartman; Robert Davee; David Braun; Dr. James O'Malley; Gib Larson; and

Lucien Q. Junkin.

The Board of Trustees has established an endowment fund, which the Citizen of the Year will have the opportunity to designate to a CCISD academic program or classroom activity in his or her name.

The recipient will be announced at the Clear Creek Education Foundation's Annual Awards

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Deputies make large drug bust

Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office recently made a large drug bust in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision, following tips from alert neighbors.

According to Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzler, deputies checked on the house in the 9500 block of Sageaspen around 5 p.m. Thursday, June 7, after receiving multiple calls about suspicious activity. Upon approaching the residence, deputies noticed a strong smell of marijuana. Kritzler said the homeowner then gave deputies consent to search the home. Once inside, deputies discovered

a stash of narcotics, weapons and cash in plain view in one of the bedrooms.

Deputies seized 1.3 pounds of marijuana; 139 grams of marijuana cigarettes; 267 grams of bottled liquid THC; 63 grams of wax THC; 276 ounces of hemp syrup; multiple scales; a handgun; a shotgun; and \$1,720 in cash. The confiscated drugs had an estimated street value of more than \$30,000, Kritzler said.

At press time, the 23-year-old suspect's name has not been released, as it was part of an ongoing investigation.

Pct. 2 seizes drugs, guns, cash



Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office made a large marijuana bust Thursday, June 7, in the 9500 block of Sageaspen in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. Seized narcotics, including various THC extractions, along with confiscated weapons and cash from the arrest are pictured above. Submitted photo

Bombshells booze ban will remain

A judge has denied a legal challenge by Bombshells Restaurant & Bar that would have allowed the establishment to resume alcohol sales, following the issuance of a temporary restraining order the previous week that prohibited the practice.

The rare order was put in place after a series

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Public meeting set on flood recovery

With more than \$1 billion in housing recovery allocated to Houston, the city is seeking community input on priorities for long-term recovery from Hurricane Harvey.

The Housing and Community Development Department is partnering with community groups on a series of upcoming meetings. These events will be a chance for residents to receive informa-

tion about short-term recovery programs, learn about the process for long-term recovery and give input about what types of housing recovery activities they want to see in their communities.

A South Belt meeting will be held Saturday, June 16, at San Jacinto College South, Interactive Learning Center, Kaleidoscope Room, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Man arrested in H-E-B shooting

Nearly six months after the murder of That Huu Le in the parking lot of H-E-B at Blackhawk and Beltway 8, Houston police have finally made an arrest in the case.

The suspect, Reginald Hawkins, 18, is charged with capital murder in the 174th State District Court.



Hawkins

According to police, the incident took place around 1:05 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Le, 75, had reportedly been followed by two male suspects to the store from a nearby Wells Fargo Bank, where he had made a cash withdrawal.

As Le was exiting his vehicle, one of the suspects approached him, and an altercation ensued. During the dispute, the suspect fired multiple shots at Le.

The suspects then fled the scene in an older model gold Infiniti, four-door sedan. The vehicle was later recovered by investigators.

Le was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The cash withdrawal was reportedly still in Le's pocket when he was discovered.

Investigators said the driver was seen waiting in line at the bank but did not make a transaction. He reportedly followed Le out of the building after he made his withdrawal.

Further investigation identified Hawkins as a suspect in this case, and on Friday, June 1, he was charged with the crime. Hawkins was already in custody on an unrelated charge and case.

The investigation remains ongoing with additional suspects being sought.

Anyone with information on the other suspects in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime

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Police seek burglary suspects



Police are searching for four suspects wanted for their involvement in a home invasion that occurred Friday June 8, on Sagewillow in the Kirkwood South subdivision. The suspects reportedly fled the scene in both a silver Kia Optima and a black Infiniti. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the Precinct 2 Constable's office at 281-481-9189.

Armed suspects target area home

A home invasion took place the morning of Friday June 8, on Sagewillow in the Kirkwood South subdivision.

The incident occurred around 10:30 a.m. when four males kicked in the home's door and ransacked the residence. Three of the suspects were wearing masks, and at least three of them were armed. See related photo.

The residence was equipped with an alarm and a video surveillance system that notified police, and deputies from the Harris County Pre-

cinct 2 Constable's office were quick to respond.

The homeowner, who was not home during the incident, reported that nothing appeared to be missing from the house and suspects the crooks were scared off by the alarm before they had a chance to take anything.

The suspects allegedly fled the scene in both a silver Kia Optima and a black Infiniti.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to contact the constable's office at 281-481-9189.

South Belt to celebrate July 4

Independence Day is around the corner, and the 31st annual South Belt parade is scheduled to take place Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade route will wind from Beverly Hills Intermediate to San Jacinto College South. While the parade starts at 10 a.m., participants are urged to arrive early, as the lineup for the caravan will begin at 9 a.m.

In the wake of hurricane Harvey, this year's event will be a tribute to all local heroes.

All residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to enter. Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and floats, as prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Community and nonprofit groups may sign up for the parade at no charge, unless they wish to

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In My Opinion

June 23 area school prayer walk planned

The next prayer walk for School Prayer Walks USA will be on Saturday, June 23, at 9 a.m. We will be meeting at Beverly Hills Intermediate School at 11111 Beamer Rd. Our goal is to pray over as many schools as we can through the summer and throughout the year. For those of you who have children attending Beverly Hills Intermediate or will be attending school there in the Fall, please join us. It will be for one hour and I know you will be blessed and you will be a blessing to those students as we pray for their protection and a good school year. For those who don't feel comfortable, just being there and supporting will be so welcomed. This is an interdenominational prayer event. Please join us on Saturday, June 23. Thank you, **Patricia Laredo** School Prayer Walks USA

Albrecht reminds all about the laws

Ok folks another reminder; dogs need to be on a leash as this is a city and county ordinance. Fines will be given if dogs are walked even with owner and not on a leash. Also, not legal is ads and signs nailed or taped to county and city property as well as stop signs and street signs. Be kind folks, don't leave your children or pets alone in a hot car even if windows are down. Be aware of your surroundings even in a split second situations can change. This is our South Belt community. **Michele Albrecht**

Comeaux warns Medicare scam

This is real: New Medicare ID cards are 'on the way' this year. They will have numbers that do not include your social security number.

From the Medicare website: "Medicare will never call you uninvited and ask you to give us personal or private information to get your new Medicare Number and card. Scam artists may try to get personal information (like your current Medicare Number) by contacting you about your new card. If someone asks you for your information, for money, or threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your personal information, hang up and call us at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)." The following is a SCAM. DO NOT fall for it. You might get a phone call saying the caller is from Medicare and needs you to "confirm" your old Medicare number by reading it over the phone. That person is just trying to steal your social security number. **Val Comeaux**

Drainage fees still being diverted

The proposed FY2018-2019 City budget will, if adopted, continue to spend most of the drainage fees paid by Houstonians on things other than drainage. Any Council Member who votes for this budget is voting to continue to siphon off the drainage fees that Houstonians were promised would be spent to reduce flooding.

I wish I could simply lay out the facts about how the City diverts the drainage fees but the City intentionally obfuscates how the drainage fees are spent. So, this is going to require a deep dive.

In 2012, the City began collecting drainage fees pursuant to a Texas statute that authorizes cities to establish a "drainage utility." That state statute requires that drainage fees be held in a segregated account. The City has never done this. Instead, it deposits the money into the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Fund, more commonly referred to as Rebuild Houston.

The City uses two devices to obfuscate how the drainage fees are spent. First, they are commingled with other monies. The total income deposited in the Rebuild Houston fund has been running a little over \$200 million. About half of that comes from drainage fees. The general mobility payments from Metro account for about a quarter of the money. The other big piece is a transfer from the General Funds which supposedly is equal to the amount that the City's debt has declined because of the "pay-as-you-go" feature of Rebuild Houston. (More on this topic at a later date.) Of course, once these funds are all commingled it becomes much more difficult to sort out what money is being spent where.

Second, the Turner administration began omitting certain critical information from the Rebuild Houston budget in FY2016-2017. The first is a listing of the employee positions that are being funded by Rebuild Houston. When this schedule was available, it was apparent that many of the positions being paid from the fund were not workers on the street but rather City Hall bureaucrats.

The other two schedules that have been omitted were detailed listings of revenues and expenditures. In 2016, these schedules were four pages.

Notwithstanding the City's attempts to obscure how the drainage fees are being spent, there are a few things that we can glean from the reports.

Employees paid from Rebuild Houston
In the ballot language and advocacy leading up to the 2011 referendum, no one ever mentioned that existing City employees were going to be paid from the Rebuild Houston fund. But as soon as the City started collecting drainage fees in 2012, it moved 498 of its 507 Public Works employees to Rebuild. Below is an excerpt from the 2012 Public Works Department budget showing the headcount going from 507 to 9!

Since 2012 the number of employees paid from Rebuild Houston has continually gone up. The 2019 budget calls for 528 employees to be paid from Rebuild Houston, which will be the highest level since it was created. And since we no longer have the benefit of a listing of the positions, we really have no idea what these employees will be doing.

Maintenance & Operations Expenses
The charter amendment which created Rebuild Houston provided "no more than 25% of each annual appropriation to the Fund may be used for maintenance and operation expense." The City has completely ignored this restriction from day one. In the first year, the M&O expenses were 58% of the total expenses. It declined to 28% in 2014 but has been trending back up ever since. The current budget calls for 43% of the budget to be spent on M&O expenses.

We have only sketchy information about how the M&O money is spent, especially after 2016. But there is some information in the budget notes. For example, the City has been spending \$20-30 million each year on traffic signalization. In 2016, the City started using Rebuild Houston funds to pay off developer 380 agreements. This year's budget includes \$6 million in litigation expenses. But probably the best indication that virtually none of this money goes for drainage is the "performance measures" included in the budget each year. You can review the list [here]. You will see that none refer to any activity that would reduce flooding.

Transfers to the Storm Water Fund
If the City's accounting for drainage was not complicated enough already, it also maintains a Storm Water Fund. The Storm Water Fund was set up many years ago to transfer money from the Combined Utility System, i.e. the water and sewer fund, (CUS) for drainage improvements. In 2012, the City transferred about \$55 million from the CUS to the Storm Water Fund. Unlike the Rebuild fund, the Storm Water Fund is actually used for drainage.

In the second year of drainage fee collections, the Parker administration began to also transfer money to the Storm Water Fund from the Rebuild Houston fund, which, at least, is consistent with how the voters thought the drainage fee would be used. Between 2013-2016, the Parker administration averaged transferring \$16 million annually from the Rebuild Houston fund to the Storm Water Fund. Turner reduced that to \$3 million in 2017 and 2018. The 2019 budget also only calls for \$3 million to be transferred. (More on the Storm Water Fund in the near future.)

Transfers to the Capital Improvement Plan
Final piece of the Rebuild Houston puzzle is its transfers to the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is a 5-year rolling budget for all capital projects in the City. The current budget (2018-2022) calls for the City to spend \$8.3 billion on capital projects. Of this amount, \$509 million is shown as budgeted for the "Storm Drainage System." Of course, the mere fact that only 6% of the CIP over the next five years is devoted to drainage tells you a lot about how serious the City is about flooding. But it is not even clear to what degree the projects included in the "Storm Water Drainage" budget would actually reduce flooding. Most are a combination of drainage and street improvements.

The original intent of the Rebuild organizers was that 75% of the fund would go to capital projects. If that had actually happened, about a billion dollars would have been transferred to the CIP by now. Instead, only about \$790 million has been. To put that in perspective, the difference (\$210 million) is about ten times the amount that was needed to complete Project Brays.

Even more discouraging is that the amount has been trending down since 2015. In 2018 only \$64 million was budgeted for storm water in the CIP, even though Rebuild Houston transferred \$119 million. So, the best-case scenario is that about 25% of the Rebuild Houston money went for drainage in 2018. But here's the real kicker, even though \$64 million was budgeted for storm water, the real number was probably much lower.

I say "probably" because amazingly the City does not produce any report that shows actual CIP expenditures compared to the budget for that year. I know that is hard to believe but in an email exchange with Controller Chris Brown he confirmed that there is no such report. He indicated that the Finance Department has promised one by the end of 2019.

The only indication we have of how the CIP was actually been spent in 2018 is a list of projects that exceed \$10 million and that the City "anticipates" to be funded in the current year. Don't ask me how the City in 2019 can only "anticipate" how it spent money in 2018! But the list only totals about \$1.6 billion of the \$2.3 billion budgeted for 2018. We have no clue how, or even if, the \$700 million was spent. If fact we don't even know the \$1.6 billion on the list was spent as "anticipated."

The list only has names of projects with no other description. So, it is difficult even to tell how the \$1.6 billion was spent, assuming it was spent. But when you look through the list, there are only three projects that mention anything about drainage. Those total about \$35 million. And they are combined with paving projects, so there is no way to know how much of those three were devoted to drainage.

The bottom line is: I really cannot tell exactly how much of the drainage fees are going to reduce flooding but I can tell you it is darn little. Certainly, how the money is being spent is nothing like what the voters were told in 2011 when they voted for the largest tax increase in the City's history.

Of course, the mere fact that it has taken me over 1,600 words to lay out the most basic explanation of how the drainage fees are being spent is absurd on its face. The mere fact that the City has made the accounting for the drainage fees this complex should be a gigantic red flag. This is a system that is designed to obfuscate that the City is using the Rebuild Houston fund, not to rebuild Houston, but instead to continue to rob Peter to pay Paul and avoid truly addressing the City's structural deficit.

Houston's local plan open for public input until June 21

The City of Houston released its draft local action plan for \$1.15 billion in housing recovery funding. The plan is available for review and public comment through Thursday, June 21. It will be submitted to City Council for approval on June 27.

The plan includes a needs assessment, programs and budget, and spending timelines for \$1,155,119,250 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds.

"Hurricane Harvey hit hard for many Houstonians, but it didn't break our spirit," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "With these recovery resources, our goal is to make historic progress in ensuring that every Houstonian has a safe, affordable place to live, and that our neighborhoods provide economic opportunities for Houstonians to thrive."

Since the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the availability of housing recovery funds in February, the city has been working with Harris County, the state of Texas, and the federal government to ensure that Houston gets its fair share of these resources and that they are locally controlled.

Submitting a local action plan to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) is a requirement for Houston to receive this funding. The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) has been convening public meetings and focus groups to inform the development of the local action plan. Since April, HCDD has worked with civic groups, the Super Neighborhood Council, and City Council Members to host or participate in 17 community meetings, focus groups, and public events to get input on Houstonians' recovery priorities.

"Houstonians must have a voice in their own recovery," said Housing Director Tom McCasland. "Our department will continue to be out in the community, listening to people's experience, concerns, and needs so that we can build a stronger, more resilient, and more equitable city."

More than 600 people have participated in events focused on long-term recovery since April and 383 have taken HCDD's recovery survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/HoustonHarveyRecovery. Additional meetings will be held throughout the comment period before the draft goes to City Council on June 27. A list of upcoming events is posted at www.houston.tx.gov/housing and on the HCDD Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/HoustonHCDD>.

Later this summer, Houston's plan will be incorporated into the state of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery, Hurricane Harvey - Round 1, as a substantial amendment. Harris County's plan will be incorporated in the same amendment.

Public comments on the local action plan may be submitted by email to: Fatima.Wajahat@houstontx.gov or by mail: HCDD, ATTN: Fatima Wajahat, 601 Sawyer, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77007. View the draft Plan at:

- HCDD website <http://houstontx.gov/housing>
- Main Public Library - 500 McKinney, 77002
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Elected officials share their words

Olson invites students, encourages participation in app challenge

Rep. Pete Olson invites TX-22 middle and high school students to participate in the 2018 Congressional App Challenge. Participants will create a software application, or "app," for mobile, tablet or computer devices. Since 2015, 8,800 students across 43 states have created more than 1,150 apps. This competition is designed to challenge students' creativity and encourage their participation in the science, technology, engineering and math fields.

"In the growing and changing field of technolo-

gy, innovative computer applications are a critical component of our future," Olson said. "The Congressional App Challenge is a fun opportunity to encourage the next generation of students to get involved in critical STEM fields, while allowing them to learn, create and present an app that is uniquely theirs. I encourage our TX-22 students to tap into their creativity and join the competition."

All middle and high school students who live in TX-22 are eligible to apply. Students can submit an app individually or as part of a team. The winning app will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol building and on two websites.

The first place winner or team will also be recognized by Olson and will receive Amazon web services credits.

The competition will run through October 15, 2018. Winners will be chosen and announced in December. For more information and important dates and to apply and submit an application, visit <http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/2018-student-registration/>.

Rep. Paul's office begins accepting scholarship program applications

The office of Rep. Dennis Paul will begin accepting applications for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program for the 2018-2019 school year. In order to be considered for the TASSP, a student enrolling in college straight from high school must meet two of the following four academic criteria at the time of application:

Be on track to graduate, or has graduated high school with the Distinguished Achievement Program or the International Baccalaureate Program.

Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Achieve a college readiness score on the SAT (1070) or ACT (23).

Be ranked in the top one-third of the prospective high school graduating class. Additionally, students must be enrolled in a college or university in the fall 2018/spring 2019 academic year in order to be nominated for the TASSP during the current nomination cycle. For more information on specific requirements visit <http://www.hhoans.com>, then click on the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) link.

TASSP encourages students to participate in Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs at civilian colleges. Students are required to agree to a four-year commitment as a member of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the United States Coast Guard, the United States Merchant Marine, or as commissioned officers in any branch of the armed services of the United States.

These annual awards can make a significant difference in the life of high achieving stu-

Dixie Farm development

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tions that come with being located in a floodplain - the same restrictions that would also hinder such retail developments.

Opponents of the proposed development - led by Galveston Tax Assessor/Collector Cheryl Johnson and her son, attorney Shawn Johnson - contend the new construction would threaten hundreds of Friendswood homes located downstream with additional

Martin announces local project starting in Arlington Heights

Council Member Dave Martin has announced the initiation of a local drainage project in the Arlington Heights area. Houston Public Works has scheduled repairs for Ditch C-106-08-02.

The scope of work includes the clearing, grubbing,

de-silting and regrading of the off-road ditch, as well as tree removal and site restoration.

The project is expected to be completed by July 2018, weather permitting.

Ditch C-106-08-02 runs between Parliament Drive

and Coronation Drive. The project began behind 331 Parliament Drive, and crews are scheduled to work toward Galveston Road.

For more information, contact the District E office at 832-393-3008 or via email at districte@houstontx.gov.

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan
There have been several posts shared on different community Facebook groups in regard to the suspect being charged in the murder of a 75-year-old man outside the H-E-B store on Blackhawk. See page 1A for story.

Several posts and pictures have been shared on several different community Facebook groups regarding four suspects breaking into a home. See page 1A for photo.

There have been several posts shared about the restraining order in place for Bombshells at Fuqua. See page 1A for story.

trying to get into a vehicle. The incident was reported on Sageview.

Another member of the same Facebook group posted in regard to someone trying to unlock their front door keypad, which set off an alert. The incident was reported to Precinct 2 and officers were sent to patrol the area.

There was a post shared by a South Belt resident on the *South Belt This & That* Facebook group about a truck being stolen from Baybrook. A photo of the truck, which belonged to an area resident, was included in the post.

Another member from the same Facebook group posted information about the Dollars for Students scholarship fund for Dobie student athletes. The member stated there

have not been any female athletes entered to be recipients of the scholarship fund and encouraged students to apply. The deadline is July 1.

A post on the same Facebook group is warning members to keep an eye on pets as her dog was run down on Sageroyal by a truck.

A member of the *people of sagemont 2* Facebook group posted a notice about five male suspects, ages 13 to 15, who broke into her neighbor's car on Overlea Drive. The suspects left the scene once the member stepped outside.

An incident was reported on *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* in regard to an attempted robbery of a woman's purse at the Kroger store on Sabo and the Beltway.

Deaths

Ernestine Harwell



Ernestine ("Nanny") Harwell, 94, of Pearland, died on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Ernestine was born in Hillsboro, Texas, on Oct. 28, 1923, to Hugh and Zora Smith.

Ernestine is survived by her daughter Candy Craig and husband Robert; granddaughter Kristen Alexander and husband Kyle; twin great-grandsons; and other beloved family members. She is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years William (Bill) Harwell; her parents; brother Orville Smith; and many cherished family members and friends.

Ernestine lived in Bella Vita. Her daughter also lives in the South Belt area. Ernestine's granddaughter is an assistant principal at Dobie9 High School.

Ernestine graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1941 and spent several years working at General Motors before staying home to raise their daughter, Candy. Ernestine also had the privilege of "nannysitting" her great-grandsons for almost 10 years. She was a talented artist, enjoyed traveling, collecting artwork and antiques, and playing and watching sports.

Ernestine was a faithful member of Park Place Baptist Church and Faith Springs Baptist Church and was always willing to serve any way she could. She led an extraordinary, full life, and will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

The family received friends Tuesday, June 12, and the service celebrating Ernestine's life was held Wednesday, June 13. Both services were held at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park Lawndale.

Haji Abdul Waris



Haji Abdul Waris was born in Labasa, Fiji, on Dec. 12, 1961. He died peacefully in his sleep on May 20, 2018. Waris died in the month of Ramadan, the holiest of months for Muslims.

City officials refuse to comment on the issue, citing the two possible lawsuits.

Contrary to other claims - particularly on social media - the issue does not concern the environmental quality of the excavated dirt, which has been tested by both governmental agencies and independent contractors.

He came to Houston and had been a resident of the South Belt community since 1993. Prior to coming to Houston he was a boat captain in Fiji. He married the love of his life in 1992. Being part of a huge family in Houston, Fiji and Australia he was always the one person everyone knew they could count on at any time of day for any kind of help. Many knew him as the life of the party at any occasion.

He started his own trucking company, "KW Trucking" named after his only son Khalik. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, brother-in-law and loyal friend. He was an active member of Masjid Quraish and had just returned home from the mosque the previous night. He is survived by his wife Samsun Rauf; son (Abdul Khalik Waris); and three brothers and two sisters in Australia and Fiji.

Dwight James Baker



Dwight James Baker was born June 6, 1969, in Waterloo, Iowa, to James A. Baker and Lynda S. Baker. He also grew up in Waterloo. Dwight died on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at the age of 49.

After a career at NASA working in logistics, Dwight followed his passion for writing and became the managing editor for the *Bay City Tribune*. He loved his family dearly including his church family at Sagemont Church. He was passionate about theology, music, hockey, coffee and the Texas A&M Aggies.

Dwight is preceded in death by paternal grandparents James and Ethyl Baker; maternal grandparents Eugene and Lillian Fouts; and his best friend Kerry "Bear" Webb, who was like a brother.

Dwight and Elaine Baker were married May 6, 2011, and made their home in Pearland. Dwight is survived by his wife; sons Zachary Baker, Michael Baker; and stepdaughter Ashley Miller. Dwight is also survived by his parents; sister Roanna Kirk; brother Kevin Baker; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Niday Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Myrtle Loretta Marshall

The memorial service for Myrtle Loretta Marshall will take place at Sagemont Church Chapel on Saturday, June 23, at 10:30 a.m. Loretta, a resident of South Belt for

more than 35 years, died on March 14, 2018. She is survived by her daughter Dawn Hill and husband Mike; son Jeff Marshall and wife Sheila; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She loved her Sunday School class at Sagemont Church, especially her teacher Joy Pitts.

San Juanita Elizalde



San Juanita Elizalde, 66, was born Sept. 13, 1951, in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and died June 10, 2018, in Webster. Elizalde moved to the Houston area in January 1974 and worked for the Pediatric Clinic of La Porte for 18 years. She had a very strong work ethic that she instilled in her family.

San Juanita had been a longtime South Belt resident and was a member of St. Helen Catholic Church. She had a tremendous impact on everyone she knew - the people with whom she worked, the children for whom she cared on a daily basis and the many family members that loved her so dearly. She was the heart and soul of the Elizalde family.

Her faith and her family were the most important things in her life, and she passed these values to her children. Her relationship with God was very important and the bedrock of her existence. She enjoyed camping trips and holidays; she made it a point to bring the family together and made sure all her children loved and cared for each other. The legacy she leaves behind has no end.

She is preceded in death by her parents David and Cointa Pineda. Elizalde is survived by her husband of 47 years, Francisco Elizalde; daughters Judith Vasquez and husband Emerico, Jessica Perez and husband Robert and Lindsay Martin and husband Jason; sons Francisco Elizalde II, Bryan Elizalde and wife Judy and Victor Elizalde and wife Cynthia; grandchildren Isaac Vasquez, Belicia Vasquez, Aaron Vasquez, Cathy Kaisler, Samantha Kaisler, Elijah Perez, Noah Perez, Jaxson Elizalde, Logan Elizalde, Chloe Elizalde and Bianca Elizalde; brothers David Pineda, Martin Guerra and wife Elisa and Jose Guerra.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, with a rosary to be recited at 6 p.m. at Crowder Funeral Home in Pearland. The funeral service will be Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Crowder Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library
The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint this week: Tuesday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. Meet Happy the Clown at the library and have fun watching the "Balloons, Bubbles and Balls" show featuring a three-foot balloon, a high-flying rocket balloon, yo-yo balloons, a monkey balloon and more - all to be given away at the end of the show. Wednesday, June 20, 1 p.m. Video gaming. Compete with fellow players in popular video games. All games rated E - T. Visit houstontxlibrary.org/summer for more information and to register for the summer reading program. Bracewell hours this week are: Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 14, 3 p.m. Teen Thursday: bleach and stencil activity for ages 12 and older. This week, the project is working with black fabric, stencils, and a light bleach solution. Teen will see the amazing things that can be done with a little electrified salt water.

Saturday, June 16, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. A representative from Memorial Hermann's Community Benefit program leads a discussion about a health topic. Registration is requested.

Monday, June 18, 2 - 4 p.m. The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday of each month to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, June 18, 6 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit <http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/feb-mtg-1.jpg>.

Monday, June 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Meet at the library for the presentation Cutting the Cord: Save Money on Cable. The cable company is not the only game in town. There are many gadgets and services that enable one to stream favorite programs and movies over the internet. Discover ways to save money every month without your cable company.

Tuesday, June 19, 10:

Ellis kicks off 32nd annual Street Olympics

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, joined by about 80 young athletes, kicked off the 32nd annual Street Olympics by demonstrating "street games" on Tuesday, June 5. Street Olympics officials and sponsors assisted Com-

missioner Ellis at Mickey Leland Memorial Park to highlight the exciting Olympic-style competition that began June 9, at 90 Houston-area youth agencies, including three operated by Precinct One. Three youths also lit the Olympic flame.

About 5,000 Houston-area youth, ages 6 - 17, are expected to participate in the summer games. Discovery Camp, 3-on-3 basketball, and Harris County aquatics program's learn-to-swim classes over an eight-week period.

The summer games culminate in the final event Bright Futures Fair and the "Parade of Champions" at closing ceremonies on Aug. 3, at NRG Arena.

"I want to let you know that Street Olympics programs are about more than just games," Ellis said.

"We are using sporting games to teach our youth about life, which involves teamwork, competition, self-esteem, discipline and confidence," Ellis said.

Before and after the announcement, youth from Precinct One's Finnigan Youth Education Town and Lincoln Park Community Center displayed their skills in basketball dribble, hula hoop, jump rope, kickball and football passing accuracy - just some of the 12 sports that aspiring young athletes will compete in over the summer.

"It felt good when I was walking (with the torch)," said Jackeline Hernandez,

11, of Lincoln Park, one of the torchbearers. "I had fun playing jump rope, hula hoop and kickball."

The event also featured live animals displayed by trained handlers from Precinct One's environmental education program, which teaches children about animals and nature as part of the Street Olympics' Discovery camps hosted each summer at Deussen Park and Challenger Seven Learning Center in Precinct One.

"I learned about kickball, football and I touched the animals," said Taneyah Capers, 9, also a torchbearer who attends YET.

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, whose department is a Street Olympics' sponsor, thanked the agency's board of directors, youth agencies, sponsors and the youth.

"We believe in you," Gonzalez said to the children. "We support you. And we want to help make things better. We know that things aren't always in a good place, especially now."

The nonprofit Street Olympics mission is to implement and sustain programs that provide training, support and resources that lead to healthy and productive lives for youth.

"During the summer months we use sports as the carrot to bring our youth to positive, structured activities. And we also engage their minds and build character in these young people," Ellis said.

Moore fourth-grade choir performs

On Tuesday, May 22, Moore Elementary's fourth-grade choir performed their Rock 'n Roll musical for the spring show. Below, the Pink Ladies posing together are, left to right, Lauren Turner, Ava Macias and Kamila Murguia.



Displaying their talent, above, are the Surfer Dudes Dominic Moya (left) and Jathan Obregon.

Above, enjoying a moment in the spotlight are the Johnny Angel soloists Gizelle Escobar (left) and Ethan Garay.



Keeping with the beat, above, are the Cool Dudes, left to right, Jezreel Rameses, Jesus Rodriguez and Cooper Estes.

Katelynn Binns, above, sings a soloist performance of Let's Hang On in the production.



The Rock n' Roll performers are shown, left to right, (front row) Kian Ton, Thalia Oddo, Josiah Romero-Love, Jaslynn Chavez, Kevin Do, Melanie Sanchez, (back row) Morgan Hill, Emily Tran, Christian Carbajal and Jalynn Flores.



Shown above are the girls in the musical cast, left to right, (front row) Jalynn Flores, Melanie Sanchez, Thalia Oddo (second row) Emily Tran, Aniyah Lof-ton, Jaslynn Chavez, Katelynn Binns, Kamila Murguia (third row) Mia Gutierrez, Awele Ozieh, Gizelle Escobar (back row) Jevonne Perez, Ava Macias, Juliet Silva, Lauren Turner and Morgan Hill. Shown below are the boys in the musical cast, left to right, (front row) Dominic Moya, Jathan Obregon, Angel Gonzales, Ryan Chau, Anthony Nguyen, Eli Jackson, (second row) Ethan Garay, Anddy Bustos, Christian Carbajal, Bladimir Tovar, Javion Galindo, Brian Bui, Josiah Burton, (third row) Jezreel Rameses, Josiah Romero Love, Kian Ton, Andrick Acevedo (back row) Kevin Chau, Cooper Estes, and Alexander Salguero.



South Belt announces end-of-the-year awards

South Belt Elementary has announced its end-of-the-year awards for the 2017-2018 school year.

Perfect Attendance Kindergarten

Rhylan Harmon, Max Hernandez, Sydney Landis, Alexavier Rodriguez and Zoie Sudario.

First grade

Samantha Barraza, Brooklyn Coronado, Gael Diaz, Gabriel Melchor and Nathan Torres.

Second grade

Jacob Aguirre, Kayla De Robles, Josue Herrera, Kinora Ploucha, Dexter Sullivan, Danica Titus-Williams, Leslie Torres and Justin Tran.

Third grade

Olivia Antoine, Mariya Colbert, Carlos Delgado, Macy Figueroa, Joseph Garcia, Aysel Gonzalez, Marina

Kostikoglou, Javieah Lewis, Audrey Lopez, Katelinh Moore, Andrew Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Jonny Pham, Kendrick Ramos, Alex Vouffo and Nathan Vu.

Fourth grade

London Herrera, Aiden Ho, Morgan McGee, Minh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Hailey Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Michelle Nguyen, Kinostu Ploucha, Justin Rubio, Justin Salinas, Mathew Salinas and Christopher Vu.

Good Citizen Kindergarten

Aubrey Arredondo, Dora Campos, Angel Hernandez, Max Hernandez, Aaron Martinez, Alan Nguyen, Aubree Sandino, Zoie Sudario and Hussein Zamzam.

First grade

Christopher Alvarez, Gabriella Franklin, Aaron Guil-

len, Aubrey Hernandez, Sabilah James, Soha Khan, Melanie Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Gabriel Melchor, Grayson Riley, Giselle Tran and Oscar Yanez.

Second grade

Shelby Armstrong, Sophia Cleary, Miguel Galan, Adrian Garza, Gabriel Laurila, Isiah Lopez, Santiago Morales, Ava Morin, Hailey Naughton, Liliana Salazar, Logan Stewart and Leslie Torres.

Third grade

Cecilia Cruz, Kareli Garza, Vivian Hang, Alexia Hoang, Kelijah Jackson, Sheyenne Kellen, Alex Le, Jason Leahman, Audrey Lopez, Adlin Mena, Lennyn Mendoza, Morgan Momie, Katelinh Moore, Kelvin Moore, Evan Mora, Cody Nguyen, Kinostu Ploucha, Leila Reyes, Andrea Valdez, Thu Vo and

Alex Vouffo.

Principal's Award First grade

Jennifer Aguirre, Christopher Alavez, Samuel Alexander, Genesis Banda, Brock Banda, Maham Bukhari, Maddison Campos, Lola Carrizal, Ashton Carter, Gabriel Castillo, Sabrina Cavazos, Sophia Cavazos, Alex Chavez, Brooklyn Coronado, Carissa Cortez, Tori Dehoyos, Emilio DeLaGarza, Samantha DeLuna, Gael Diaz, Peyton Dowell, Ava Dryer and Iris Durrette.

Second grade

Myla Figueroa, Carter Fletcher, Gabriella Franklin, Matteo Garcidinas, Adelyn Garza, Alynna Gonzales, Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez, Lance Goree, Aaron Guillen, Eriela Henderson, Riley Hensley, Elijah Hernandez, Sebastian Hernandez, Aubrey Hernandez and Jeanette Her-

nandez.

Durriyah Hill, Blake Hughes, Sabilah James, Jaden Jimenez, Bradley Jones, Davion Jones, Alesandra Labra, Alice Lam, Jayda Lasker, Long Le, Timothy Lloyd, Phuwadet Maignot, Mason Martinez, Juliet Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Brady McNeal, Michelle Medrano, Gabriel Melchor, Leile Monroe, Annie Nguyen, Hillary Nguyen, Ethan Nguyen and Ava Ortiz.

Third grade

Isaac Ortiz, Adiana Padilla, Abby Palma, Carter Pham, Nathan Precella, Melody Ramirez, Jayden Richardson, Grayson Riley, Emily Rodriguez, John Sanchez, Jude Schmitt, Marion Schroder, Brianna Scott and Nathaniel Simpson.

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4th of July Parade Entry Form

"Honoring South Belt's Harvey Heros"

A parade will be held in conjunction with the July 4th Spectacular. Parade lineup will be at 9 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer. The parade will begin at Beverly Hills Intermediate at 10 a.m. and will continue to San Jacinto College on Beamer Road. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to build floats and participate in the parade.

NO WATER BALLOONS, WATER GUNS, ETC.

For more information, call Marie Flickinger at 281-481-5656. All entries must be received by July 2.

Name of entry _____

Name of Organization or Business _____

Person to Contact _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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

Due to the length of this parade, we request participants do not attempt to walk.

All entries for community and nonprofit groups are free of charge—unless those participants wish to be eligible for a trophy in the judging contest. These contest entries require a \$25 entry fee. **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS.**

All entries for business require a \$50 entry fee.

Commercial float: \$50
 Noncommercial for trophy: \$25
 Noncommercial, not competing: no charge

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

Signature _____

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

PCVB hosts job fair

The Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau, in partnership with the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, will host a Hotel and Restaurant Job Fair on Wednesday, June 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Westside Event Center, 2150 Country Place Parkway.

Interested job applicants can meet face-to-face with hiring managers and decision makers for top Pearland hotels and restaurants at this free event. Applicants will have an opportunity to learn more about a variety of entry-level positions.

The hospitality industry plays an important role in the Pearland economy with elev-



Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL!
Local businessman **Bill Winning** celebrates his birthday June 15. Best wishes are sent from his wife, **Carol**, family, friends, and the staff at the *Leader*.

CHUCK MARKS A BIRTHDAY
Birthday greetings are sent June 17 to longtime Southbelt and businessman **Chuck Maricle** who serves as the district chief of staff for the U.S. Coast Guard's 8th Coastal Region. He is a veteran U.S. Army engineer and is active in several local chambers of commerce.

SANDY ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Longtime South Belt resident **Sandy Robb**, who is active with her daughter **Stacy Waugh** in the *Leader* Christmas program and many community events, celebrates a birthday June 18. Birthday wishes are sent to Sandy from friends at the *South Belt Leader*.

ISABELLA ENTERS THE TEENS
Best wishes for a happy 13th birthday Tuesday, June 20, are sent to **Isabella Abarca** from her dad **Jose Abarca** and **Natalie Abarca**; siblings **Kelvin Lopez**, **Noah** and **Eliana Abarca**; grandpa **David Flickinger** and **Mimo Ellie Flickinger**; Grandpa **Donnie Mock** and **Ana Christina Mock**; and grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 14 through June 20.

Burnett Elementary
Jennifer Ramirez celebrates a birthday June 14. Light the birthday candles for **Kimberly Bernal** June 16.

Bush Elementary
The day for a party for **Jennifer Howard** is June 19.

Frazier Elementary
June 14 is the day for a celebration for **Danielle Webster**. Blow out the candles June 17 for **Emily Siscoe**.

Meador Elementary
Marking a birthday June 16 is **Martha Mata**.

Moore Elementary
Light the candles on a double-layer cake for **Dixie Thompson** and **Shelly Blair** on June 16.

South Belt Elementary
Amanda Kister enjoys a birthday June 18.

Meillio Middle School
Celebrating a birthday June 15 is **Betty Henderson**.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song June 20 to **Sylvia Avila**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Give a shout for a happy birthday June 15 for **Thelma Baeza** and **Carla Castillo**.

Dobie High
Neyda Sanchez celebrates a birthday June 16. Share a double-layer cake June 17

with **Miguel Herrera** and **John Kneisler**. On June 18, light the candles on a layered cake for **Rhonda Battle Pike**, **Karol Chamorro**, and **Lachee Payne**. **Monica Trevino** enjoys a birthday June 19. Sing a song to **Dina Alvarenga** June 20.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week: Thursday, June 14: **Thomas King**, **Sherie Taylor**, **Wesley Holt**, **Thomas Golightly**, **Sandra Torres**, **Dale Brister**, **Kelley Brown**, **Laura Keith**, **Karl Jasso** and **Sandy Gutheinz**; Friday, June 15: **Margarita Duron**, **Oscar Guevara**, **Amanda LeeAnn**, **Jen Joyce**, **Corrie Galloway**, **Jason Evans** and **Derek Gray**; Saturday, June 16: **Michael Amos**, **Sandra Waldrop**, **Billy Stanley**, **Arturo Ayala**, **Melissa Farr** and **Caitlin Caughlin**; Sunday, June 17: **Patrick Thomas**, **Steven Bryant**, **Rick Bailey**, **Christine Thomas**, **Charles Maricle**, **Michelle Miller** and **Stephanie Hartman**; Monday, June 18: **Stephanie Southerland-Martinez**; and Wednesday, June 20: **Tyron Adams**, **Lawrence Henry**, **Craig Branstetter**, **Scarlette Benzkofer**, **Courtney Patel**, **Paul Sharpless**, **Aperture Prod** and **Laura Longoria-Ortiz**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

UHCL announces calendar of events

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has announced its calendar of upcoming events.

Freshman fall deadline set
Applications are being taken now for new college students planning to enter the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., in the fall 2018 semester. Final deadline is Aug. 1. For more details on deadlines, visit the UH-Clear Lake Office of Admissions at www.uhcl.edu/admissions. To apply, visit ApplyTexas.org.

For more information, call 281-283-2500, or email admissions@uhcl.edu.

Friday morning continuing education: yoga
Learn the history of yoga and how one can take advantage of its health benefits. The class is taught by experienced instructor **Jalaine Hunter**, who teaches research-based mindful movement, meditation and breathing techniques. The course will take place June 15 through July 20 at UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The course is open to participants at all levels, who also have the opportunity to track their progress after the course ends. For more information and to register, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-ce.

Movie: "Early Man"
Watch the story of Dug and his sidekick Hognob, a pair of prehistoric humans, who try to unite their tribe against the enemy Lord Nooth and the Bronze Age City in a hilarious Claymation adventure.

The movie will be shown on June 16 at 3 p.m. at the student services and classroom building lecture hall. Admission is free for everyone and free parking is available in visitor Lot D. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/campus-life/arts/film-speaker-series.

Hawk Adventure
Prospective students and their families are invited to tour UH-Clear Lake's 524-acre campus in a one-hour walking tour led by current UHCL students. The tour will be held on June 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Student Services and Classroom Building.

Attendees will also receive

Work continues on Sagemont drainage, paving

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Sageorchard (from Sage-river to Beamer and from Sagepark to Sagewillow); Hall Road (from Sagewillow to Sagepark); and Sagepark (from Sageleaf to Hall Road).

Construction is being broken down into seven phases and is expected to be complete in January 2019.

Work on the first three phases is well underway, with most of the drainage and main lanes having already been replaced. Workers, however, still need to install curbs and sidewalks, plant grass and clean up.

While crews are currently around four weeks behind schedule, officials said the contractor hopes to make up lost time over the summer and still complete the project on time.

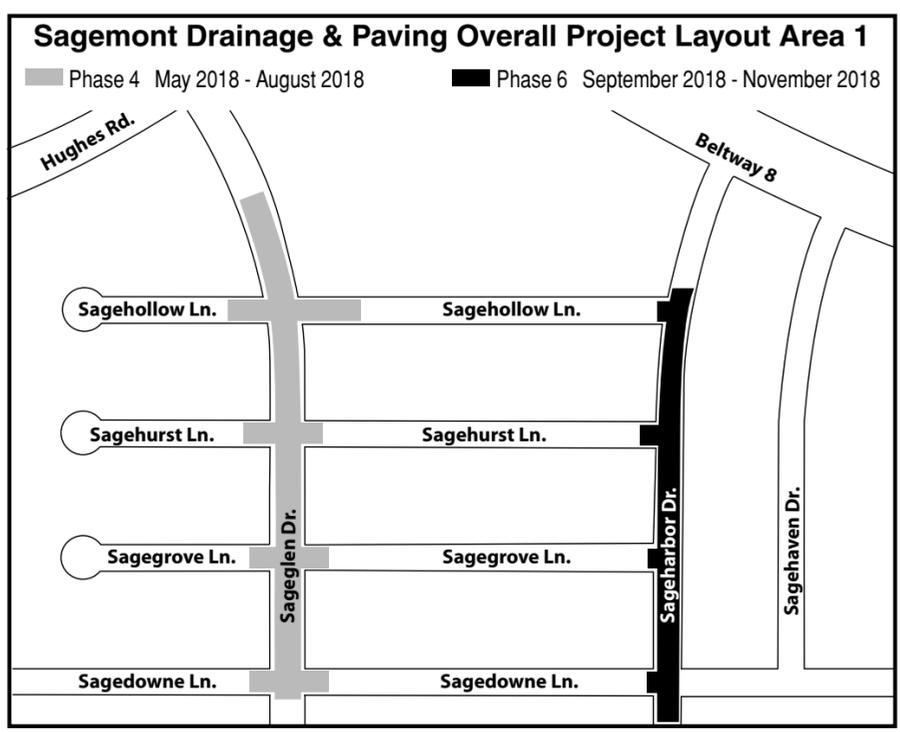
With school now out for the summer, workers have begun Phase 4, which involves making repairs on Sageglen from Sagedowne to Hughes Road. This area thoroughfare has long been in disrepair and in dire need of replacement. Much of the damage was caused roughly 10 years ago during a separate city project and was never repaired.

Work is expected to affect traffic. Water and trash service may also be impacted.

Residents are urged to prepare for construction by documenting the condition of their property and finding alternative places to park.

Affected residents and businesses should have received a door hanger notifying them of the project and who to call with any questions or comments.

For additional information on the project, visit https://www.rebuildhouston.org/images/pdf/sagemont_presentation.pdf.



July 4 celebration set

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be eligible for a prize. A \$50 fee is charged for commercial entries. Noncommercial entries may enter the contest for \$25. Entry forms are available on Page 3A; at the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer; and www.southbeltleader.com.

The forms are to be filled out and returned to the *Leader* office, faxed to 281-481-5730

or emailed by July 2. For convenience, entry forms may be dropped off through the mail slots located on each side of the front office doors.

Fireworks display
Later that evening, residents may view the fireworks show at El Franco Lee Park 9400 Hall Road. Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, the display is scheduled to begin around 9:30 p.m.

Suspect arrested

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Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Previous crimes
When he was charged with Le's murder, Hawkins was already in the Harris County Jail, where he was being held without bond while he was awaiting trial for a pair of shootings that occurred this past April.

According to police, that incident took place Tuesday, April 3, outside a Shell station in the 4400 block of South Loop East at Cullen. Hawkins

and another suspect reportedly fired multiple shots at two victims - an adult and a 15-year-old - during an alleged robbery.

The victims were transported to the hospital in stable condition.

Hawkins was subsequently arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

Prior to that incident, Hawkins was already on probation for assaulting a public servant in 2017, police said.

CCISD seeking citizen nominations

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Gala on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, at South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center in League City.

To be eligible for this award, recipients must meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrated a commitment to Clear Creek ISD through volunteer efforts.
- Contributed significantly in ways that have benefited the entirety of Clear Creek ISD.
- Maintained a reputation across the Clear Creek ISD community as an individual with high standards and dedication to excellence in public education.

• Voluntarily served the district and its students and patrons over an extended period of time.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 1 to be considered for the 2018 award. Nomination forms are available online on the foundation's website and the district website. Nominations can be emailed to Krichardson@clearcreekeducationfoundation.org or can be mailed to:

Clear Creek Education Foundation
Citizen of the Year Selection Committee
P.O. Box 1631
League City, TX 77574

SJC sets calendar

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar of events.

Registration now open
Registration is now open for fall classes that start on August 27. For more information on steps to register, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

Installation plan deadline
Students using an installment payment plan for the summer 2018 semester at San Jacinto College have the first payment due on Monday, June 18, by 7 p.m. For questions or more information, contact a campus business office at 281-998-6150.

Summer camps
The following San Jacinto College summer camps will take place the month of June. For more information and to sign up, visit sanjac.edu/summer-camps.

- Piano camp
- Softball camp
- Engineering with duct tape
- FAFSA Days and Nights

The San Jacinto College financial aid offices are currently hosting the annual FAFSA Days and Nights events at the Central, North and South campuses. Current and prospective students can discuss and receive assistance filling out their FAFSA applications for financial aid. For more information, contact the financial aid department at 281-998-6150.

The next FAFSA Day and Night events will be held at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, in the San Jacinto North campus Interactive Learning Center, and at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, in the San Jac South campus Interactive Learning Center, Building S12, room S12.130.

PISD's Frazier, Meador recognized

By Jade Wise, Pasadena ISD
Frazier Elementary and Meador Elementary were recently recognized as top-10 gold ribbon schools by Children At Risk, a nonprofit advocacy group, which ranks the top performing schools in the Greater Houston area. (See related photo on Page 1A.)

Children At Risk, which ranked Frazier fourth and Meador eighth, considers raw test score data, year-to-year score improvements and score comparisons among schools with similar low-income student populations.

Frazier Principal Wendy Wiseburn credits her staff and teachers for helping the school achieve the award.

"They are all so dedicated to the learning and growth of every student," said Wiseburn.

"Through focused planning and instruction, solid interventions, and a supportive and loving environment, our students are getting what they need to prepare them for their next adventures in education."

Meador Principal Beverly Bolton said that her goal is to help set students up for success in life at an early age and that this award validates the hard work by teachers and staff at her campus.

"This award is significant to us because we have a high population of at-risk students in our neighborhoods, but we also know they can overcome any obstacle and be successful if we do our part and give them the best opportunities we can," said Bolton.

To view a complete listing of scores from local school districts and campuses, visit www.childrenatrisk.org.

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40 years ago (1978)
The Harris County Organized Crime Unit arrested an alleged Sagemont drug dealer estimated to have been doing \$27,000 worth of business a day in the sale of drugs such as methaqualone (Quaaludes) and preludein, an appetite suppressant.

President Jimmy Carter visited Ellington Air Force Base. During his speech, he announced that the base would not be released for public sale.

35 years ago (1983)
The Pasadena school district's secondary student attendance jumped 1.79 percent.

Fourth- and fifth-graders from Frazier Elementary School interviewed astronaut Col. Jack Loumsa for the national *Today* show.

30 years ago (1988)
Houston's annexation program did not include the South Belt area even though the area would be a potential target in future years.

Pasadena Independent School District 35-year veteran Glenn White announced his retirement from the district.

25 years ago (1993)
Former Clear Brook High School assistant principal Sandra Mossman was named new principal for the school at a board meeting, replacing Jerry Somerford, who retired.

The Pasadena school board reaffirmed its original plans for the Challenger School, a drastic departure from what the school had been over the past year. The board approved the administrative recommendation the school serve intermediate-age youngsters instead of high school students, as it was doing at the time. The next year, it would serve only fifth- and sixth-grade students. Challenger would also move to a smaller facility, the Guidance Center on Lafferty, to allow the overcrowded Guidance Center to expand.

The toddler park for children 6 and under opened at El Franco Lee Park. The park was co-sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Rotary Club.

20 years ago (1998)
Sagemont Park residents garnered nearly 500 names on a petition to have a stop sign erected at the corner of Kirkshire and Sabo Road.

J. Frank Dobie 1994 graduate Angela Demel was named pitcher of the year for four straight seasons at the West Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

15 years ago (2003)
Whitney Gerrard Carson Sr., 33, was sentenced to 50 years imprisonment at a Texas Department of Corrections facility by Judge Denise Collins of the 208th Criminal Court for the murder of his wife Jocelyn Cuby-Carson.

Tamara Spencer, a Dobie graduate, was recognized by the Houston 100 Club as officer of the year of the League City Police Department.

10 years ago (2008)
A man was found dead inside a motel room in the 12400 block of the Gulf Freeway at N. Featherwood on Saturday, June 14. Houston police said Ronald S. Taylor, 59, had black bruises around both of his eyes, but no other visible signs of injury. Another man had been found dead at the same motel the previous November.

Longtime Moore Elementary second-grade teacher Linda Bell retired after working in the Pasadena Independent School District for 40 years. Bell taught at Jensen and Teague elementary before transferring to Moore in 1980, when the school opened.

A man died in a single-vehicle collision in the 13800 block of the Gulf Freeway service road. Houston police said Jaime Castillo Leyva, 29, was driving a white Chevrolet Tahoe south on the Gulf Freeway when he got off at the Scarsdale exit at a high rate of speed. He then lost control of the vehicle and struck a light pole, causing the car to burst into flames. Leyva was pronounced dead at the scene.

5 years ago (2013)
Longtime Pasadena Independent School District teacher Mary Ruth Quade, 72, died Thursday, June 13, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. During her tenure at PISD, Quade taught at both Stuchbery Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate. She began teaching fifth grade at Stuchbery in 1977 and continued through 1981. After a three-year hiatus, Quade returned to the district in 1984, teaching English at Beverly Hills. In 1998, she became the school's peer facilitator, where she remained until her retirement in 2003. A 1959 graduate of Milby High School, Quade began her teaching career in the Houston Independent School District.

1 year ago (2017)
The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved Jose Hernandez to serve as principal of Stuchbery elementary. He replaced outgoing Stuchbery Principal Carolyn Waller, who resigned after serving 35 years in the education field. Hernandez had served the school district for 13 years. He began his career as a bilingual science teacher at Schneider Middle School from 2004 to 2006. He continued to teach bilingual and special education classes at Keller Middle School until 2008. In 2010, Hernandez took on the role of assistant principal at Jensen Elementary. Hernandez earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas-Pan American (now the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley) in biology and a master's degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in educational management. He earned his

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Fred Roberts chess team wins



The Fred Roberts Middle School chess team competed at the Pasadena Independent School District May Chess Championship at Beverly Hills Intermediate. The Roberts team placed first in the Grade 6 Team Division. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Leticia Garcia,

Mauricio Gloria, (back row) Gladys Segura, Nathaniel Luna, Arath Dodin and Aaron Donias. Luna placed first, Dodin placed second and Gloria placed fourth in the Grade 6 Student Division.

Photo by James Early

San Jac students join NEW Leadership



San Jacinto College North campus students Fernanda Olvera (left) and Anthonia Okolie have been chosen to attend the University of Texas at Austin's NEW Leadership Texas program this summer. Photo by Melissa Trevizo.

San Jacinto College students Anthonia Okolie and Fernanda Olvera were chosen to attend the University of Texas at Austin's NEW Leadership Texas program this summer.

NEW Leadership is a national nonpartisan program developed by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University to address the underrepresentation of women in American politics.

There are NEW Leadership programs in 25 states, and the program has been at UT since 2012.

"I applied late, not expecting to actually be chosen," Okolie said.

"I'm truly honored to attend the program amongst other young women who are interested in public policy."

Both students applied for the program at the urging of their speech/communications professor, Monica Yancey.

"Professor Yancey made an announcement in class about the program, and it piqued my interest," said Olvera.

"I had almost forgotten about it when she emailed me, Anthonia and a couple of other students encouraging us to apply. She even wrote us letters of recommendation. Without her, this wouldn't be happening."

Okolie, a life science major with goals to become a pharmacist, may not plan to run for office later in life, but intends to be involved in other ways.

"Where I'm from in Nigeria, as well as other parts

of Africa, the democracies aren't really functional," Okolie said. "Coming to the U.S. with preconceived expectations, it's not really how I thought it would be. I think if I can get involved and effect change, I would love to do that in the future."

Olvera, a business administration major, shares similar sentiments.

"I just turned 18, and I haven't had a chance to vote yet," Olvera said.

"I feel like there are so many things going on in politics today that I don't agree with. If I can have even a small part in changing things, it will feel great."

The two San Jacinto College students will join 28 other women from across the state this month at UT.

UHCL announces new HR executive director

After a nationwide search, University of Houston-Clear Lake President Ira K. Blake announced the selection of W. Brad McGonagle as the new executive director of Human Resources. He comes to UH-Clear Lake with more than 22 years of human resources experience.

"Dr. McGonagle has the experience and expertise we need to build and expand on the programs already in place to strengthen the university's current faculty and staff and the employment of our future university team members," said Blake.

McGonagle comes to UHCL with significant higher education experience including most recently serving as human resources administrator for the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston where he served first as director of human resources before being named associate vice president for Administration and Human Resources.

"I chose to interview at UHCL because I've always been a fan of this university," McGonagle said. "The interview process was really incredible. I had a warm, welcoming feeling from everyone. I knew it would be a perfect fit."

As associate vice president, McGonagle provided divisional leadership for all nonacademic functions on campus, as well as managed all employee relations and personnel matters. He served as the campus representative to the System Benefits and Compensation oversight panel, while also developing and implementing campus Emergency Preparedness Plan, Emergency Communications Plan and Business Continuity Plan.

McGonagle said that he shared President Blake's vision for the future success of the university. "With my experience and expertise in higher education and human resources administration, I feel I can be a successful contributor to the university's mission."

He added that he felt it was very important for the Department of Human Resources to be a leader in promoting ownership and commitment to the president's vision for UHCL's students, faculty and staff while serving as principal contributor to the university's development and growth.

McGonagle holds a doctorate in human resource development and management from Texas A&M University. He began his position June 6.

A search committee, led by UH System Associate

Vice Chancellor Joan Nelson, included seven UHCL faculty and staff members: Abby Varela, senior coordinator of employment; Carla Salter-Eaglin, senior business coordinator; Samuel Gladden, College of Human Sciences and Humanities associate dean; Larry Rohde, associate professor of biology and

biotechnology; UHCL Police Chief Allen Hill; Patrick Cardenas, assistant director of student life; and Alix Valenti, professor of legal studies and management.

For more information about UHCL's human resources office, visit www.uhcl.edu/human-resources/ or call 281-283-2160.

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ER physician offers safe summer tips

For many families, the summer is a time to have fun and make memories, but increased exposure to water and heat can lead to serious consequences, especially for children.

As families head to the pool or the beach, it's important to practice water safety to reduce the risk of drownings or injuries.

More than 85 percent of drownings can be prevented by supervision, swimming

instruction, technology, regulation and public education, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Sandeep Duggal, M.D., medical director of the emergency center at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and medical director of the Memorial Hermann League City Convenient Care Center, encourages all family members to learn important basic swimming skills, CPR and first-aid training.

"Knowledge is power and communication is key when spending time with your family near water," he said. "Children should be under constant supervision and should never be left unattended. The concept of 'touch supervision', where a child is always within arm's length, is a good rule of thumb to follow."

Duggal also recommends home pools have safety mechanisms in place such as childproof fences, special

locks, covers and alarms to provide greater protection.

Traditional drownings are not the only risks that recreational water activities can pose. Near drownings can also occur. It's important to seek medical attention if you experience coughing, chest pain and trouble breathing after inhaling water.

"The water is a great place to enjoy, whether a pool, the beach, or a lake, but safety should be a top priority," said Duggal.

Hot car deaths

Every year 30 to 50 children die from overheating in vehicles. There have been seven hot car child deaths in the U.S. so far this year, according to NoHeatStroke.org. A car's temperature can quickly rise by 20 degrees in as fast as 10 minutes. Leaving young children in such conditions can be deadly, since a child's body absorbs heat faster and has trouble cooling off.

Since hot car deaths often result from parents or caregivers forgetting their child in the car, Dr. Duggal recommends forming a habit of placing important items such as a cell phone, purse or workbag in the backseat of the car to remind you to check your back seat when you arrive at your location, and establishing a routine of checking in with the caregiver in charge of dropping the child off to ensure that he or she arrived safely.

Additionally, Dr. Duggal urges parents to lock the doors of their vehicles when they are parked at home since an estimated 30 percent of hot car deaths result in children climbing into an unlocked vehicle, according to statistics.

"The tragic stories can occur when parents are just overwhelmed with responsibilities. Busy hectic schedules can lead to an oversight with disastrous consequences," said Duggal.

"The summer months can create everlasting memories. However understanding the dangers and being aware of safety will allow you and your family to enjoy these times to the fullest," Dr. Duggal said.

To learn more about pediatric CPR classes available at Memorial Hermann, visit <https://www.memorialhermann.org/classes-events/> or call 713-222-CARE (2273).

Math Wizards

First grade

Jennifer Aguirre, Samuel Alexander, Samantha Baraza, Lila Collazos, Carissa Cortez, Gael Diaz, Peyton Dowell, Bryan Flores, Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez, Lance Goree, Riley Hensley, Elijah Hernandez, Sophia Hernandez, Blake Hughes and Bradley Jones.

Second grade

Hashim Ali, Juwayriyah Ali, Joseph Bellow, Kenya DeLong-Thompson, Aly Garza, Alessandra Garza, Miguel Johnson, Gabriel Laurila, Isaiah Machado, Angela Mena, Lisa Ngo, Ngoc Ngo, Grace Nguyen, Mia Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Kinora Ploucha, Alayana Rodriguez, Emma Stone, Alec Tamegnon, Michael Timmons and Danica Titus-Williams.

Honor Roll

Third grade

Macy Figueroa, Courtney Fletcher, Alexia Hoang, Sheyla Le, Audrey Lopez, Julian Perez, Aubree Rodriguez, Jady Vallado Cantu and Rachel Wilson.

Fourth grade

Shawn Armstrong, Ivan Ayala, Alonzo Chapman, Mia Bella Garza, Abigail Gutierrez, Vivian Hang, Jayden Lee, Sarah Massey, Morgan Momie and Bao Ngo.

Merit Roll

Third grade

Olivia Antoine, Allyssa Laurila, Kelvin Lopez, Dylan Mohwinkle, Zainab Naveed, Cody Nguyen, Jaliyah Silas, Evan Taylor, Samantha Trevino and Alex Vouffo.

Fourth grade

Ivan Ayala, Mia Bella Garza-Sudario, Jakob Hasbell, Audrina Hernandez, Daniel Nguyen, Daniel Soto, Makayla St. Romain and Jalen Tran.

South Belt announces end-of-the-year awards

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Kendrick Ramos. Aubree Rodriguez, Emily Salinas, Katelyne Salinas, Manuel Sanchez, Carlos Sanchez, Manuel Sanchez, Donavan Serna, Christiane Simpson, Peresphone Soria, Jayda Stewart, Marissa Tavera, Evan Taylor, Samantha Trevino, Elijah Ugalde, Isaac Urquieta, Faith Vazquez, Kattia Vazquez, Jabari Venson, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Vu, Rachel Wilson and Chanel Yonko.

Second grade

Aaden Aguilar, Hashim Ali, Juwayriyah Ali, Shelby Armstrong, Bethenny Avelar, Alijah Banda, Iduna Baruwati, Teyonna Beason, Braden Bell, Kaci Lynn Bernard, AJ Breaux, Kayleigh Broussard, Anabella Cancel, Sophia Centeno and Elizabeth Cervantes.

Sophia Cleary, Kayla De Robles, Delilah DeLeon, Kenya Delong Thompson, Langston Edwards, Karson Edwards, Bryce Edwards, Langston Edwards, Miguel Galan, Chloe Garcia, Adrian Garza, Isabella Gonzalez, Roberto Granados, Josue Herrera, La'Riah Houston and Rya Hurd.

Nathalie Huynh, Crysta Keim, Luke Kellen, Gabriel Laurila, Isaiah Lopez, Elizabeth Lopez, Andres Lopez, Isaiah Lopez, Isaiah Machado, Caylee Martinez, Donovan Martinez, Marissa Martinez, Jayme Martinez, Caylee Martinez, Brandon McNeal, Paula Medrano, David Melchor and Angela Mena.

Ava Morin, Zamira Moseley, Hailey Naughton, Ngoc Ngo, Mia Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Emma Olvera, Emma Parker, Damian Pereda, Kinora Ploucha, Gabi Ramirez, Julie Rich, Jordyn Rodriguez, Abigail Rodriguez, Mia Roppolo and Mia Roppolo.

Paul Salinas, Abbie Sanchez, Kailynn Scott, Bella Starks, Emma Stone, Lori Suarez, Dexter Sullivan, Hendrix Taganahan, Nala Tealer, Audrey Teters, Kayla Thomas, Krystal Thomas, Michael Timmons, Danica Titus Williams, Benson Ton, Bella Torres, Chris Torres, Leslie Torres and Simra Zafer.

Third grade

Ibrahim Ali, Ayan Alijafri, Olivia Antoine, Jaslyn Arredondo, Ibrahim Asif, Paige Bernard, Evan Bowden, Leslie Costa, Alyssa Espinoza, Macy Figueroa, Courtney Fletcher, Bianca Flores Pineda, Kareli Garza, Nathan Gaytan, Romeo Gill, Lynley Gillis, Ayzel Gonzalez, Alyssa Goree, Vivian Hang, Alexia Hoang, Kelijah Jackson and Carolyn Jaramillo.

Anthony Jennings, Marina Kostikoglou, Allyssa Laurila, Sheyla Le, Hayden Limas, Kelvin Lopez, Audrey Lopez, Mackenzie Martinez, Kellen McCallan, Adlin Mena, Morgan Momie, Katelyn Moore, Evan Mora, Cody Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Luciano Padilla, Julian Perez, Damien Ram and

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Clear Brook High School names Senior Superlatives

Clear Brook High School has announced its Senior Superlatives for the 2017-2018 school year. The students are pictured with Brian Palazzi, Clear Brook High School assistant principal. Students not pictured are:

Most Humorous Boy
Nakia Johnson

Most Likely to Succeed Boy
Syamantak Payra

Most Scholarly Boy
Akhil Majumdar

Most Scholarly Girl
Smiti Ghandi

Most Talkative Boy
Adam Martin

Best Dressed Girl
Miranda Bishop



Mr. Clear Brook
Saad Durani



Miss Clear Brook
Meagan Ridley



Most Athletic Boy
Mark Milton



Most Athletic Girl
Cameron Koerner



Most Handsome
Josh Green



Most Beautiful
Yarentzy Magallanes



Most Likely to Succeed Girl
Raiyan Hamilton



Most Humorous Girl
Camaya Hayes



Most Talented Boy
Cormac Cupples



Friendliest Boy
Jared Mangum



Friendliest Girl
Katy Pyle



Most Spirited Boy
Issac Guinn



Most Spirited Girl
Ally Phillips



Most Talented Girl
Morgan Summers



Most Flirtatious Boy
Jaizac Garcia



Most Flirtatious Girl
Payton Schultz



Best Dressed Boy
Christopher Ogden



Most Talkative Girl
Rachel Taylor



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Judge refuses to lift ban

Continued from Page 1A of alcohol-related crimes at the facility, which is located on the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg described the bar as a "crime factory." According to court documents, at least 90 people have been arrested at the business since it opened roughly four years ago. Some of those arrested have been known gang members.

In May alone, there were four DWIs related to the bar, one of which seriously injured Houston Police Officer Chayne Brothers, who on June 11, filed a lawsuit against the establishment for over-serving the driver responsible for the accident. A second lawsuit was filed by an injured party from a DWI crash in February.

Other reported crimes at the site include shootings, assaults, robberies and drug possession. In January 2015, an off-duty police officer working security at the bar shot and killed a man after he allegedly pointed a gun at him in the parking lot after being kicked out for fighting. In March of that year, the business made national headlines after it refused to serve patrons with face and neck tattoos, claiming it represented gang affiliation, most notably the Houston sect of the Tango Blast prison gang.

Issued on Wednesday, June 6, the temporary restraining order forced the restaurant to sell only food, no alcohol, and to close at 9 p.m. for 14 days.

The business opted to close its doors rather than serve food exclusively. The alcohol ban is expected to be extended, said Ogg, who has filed a public nuisance lawsuit in hopes of eventually closing the establishment.

Carmelitters meet June 20

The Carmelitters, a nondenominational senior citizen social group for ages 50 and older, meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on Wednesday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. Day trips and extended trips are also available. Deposits are being taken on the Nashville Show trip (Nov. 25 - Dec. 1) and the Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play (June 7 - 16, 2020). For information, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388.

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June amateur draft

MLB organizations select seven San Jacinto College baseball players

Freshman left-handed pitcher Rylan Kaufman of Friendswood High School led the way as San Jacinto College saw seven of its baseball players selected in the 2018 MLB First-Year Player Draft earlier this month.

Kaufman, who went 7-1 this season as a starter with a 2.18 earned run average, was taken in the 12th round, the 362nd player overall, by the Kansas City Royals. In 53

2/3 innings this season, Kaufman fanned 59 hitters. He also won a game in the JUCO World Series as the Gators finished third overall in 2018.

Besides Kaufman, the Gators had three other pitchers and three position players chosen over the course of the three-day draft.

Trey Dillard, who stepped into the closer's role this season for the Gators and wound up with a 2-0 record and seven saves, was picked in the 16th round by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Dillard, a Phoenix native, struck out 33 hitters this season in just 21 innings of work. The hard-throwing right-hander finished with a 1.71 ERA.

San Jacinto's first po-

sition player taken in the draft was sophomore catcher Herbert Iser, who helped guide the Gators to back-to-back World Series appearances during his career.

From Kissimmee, Fla., Iser was a 24th-round pick of the Baltimore Orioles. This season, Iser hit

.322 with 11 home runs and 51 runs batted in. One pick later in the draft, San Jacinto's Mike Pascoe, a right-handed pitcher, was selected by the Toronto Blue Jays in the same 24th round.

In limited action this season, Pascoe fanned 27 in 15 innings. His ERA

was 2.35 for the season.

Moving ahead to the 29th round, the St. Louis Cardinals selected San Jacinto College shortstop Alerick Soularie.

The Gators' leading hitter at .402, Soularie had 17 doubles, 10 home runs, 47 runs batted in and 23 stolen bases.

According to Atascocita High School's Eric Matthews, Soularie's coach at the prep level, the middle infielder also has an offer to attend the University of Tennessee and could choose to join the Volunteers. A freshman, Soularie could also stay at San Jacinto Col-

lege.

Though seldom used at San Jacinto College this season, right-handed pitcher Chris Roberts was chosen in the 35th round by the San Fran-

cisco Giants. Roberts is a Baytown Sterling High School graduate.

San Jacinto College center fielder Jordan Myrow, who hit .373 this

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At right, San Jacinto College sophomore catcher Herbert Iser was one of seven Gators selected in the 2018 MLB First-Year Player Draft earlier this month. Iser went in the 24th round to the Baltimore Orioles, but could also choose to attend a four-year college this fall. Originally from Kissimmee, Fla., Iser helped SJC reach the JUCO World Series in both the 2017 and 2018 seasons.

JFD's Onozie off to college

A regional track and field qualifier as a junior.

The volleyball team's Most Improved Player as a

senior, and one of the key members of Dobie's varsity girls' basketball team that won back-to-back district titles from 2016-2017

through 2017-2018, Victoria Onozie quietly developed into one of the Lady

Longhorns' most successful multisport athletes, and now she's settled on volleyball - even if a bit reluctantly.

Onozie, who graduated earlier this month, is now set to take her talents to Livingstone College in

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Dobie's Victoria Onozie (13) dinks a winner over the Elkins defense in a 2017 match at Dobie High School. The team's Newcomer of the Year as a junior and Most Improved Player as a senior, Onozie will now play collegiately at Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C., after inking a letter of intent.

Dobie HS football offers youth camp

Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Bernethy and his staff are in the midst of a busy summer, and that includes hosting the 2018 Longhorn Youth Camp July 30 through Aug. 1 at the school.

The youth camp is open to those entering the third through eighth grades as of the 2018-2019 school year.

Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including passing, receiving, running the football, blocking, tackling, pass defense, the kicking game, special teams responsibilities and more.

The camp also represents a great time for

those in attendance to learn the "way of doing things" within the Dobie football program.

Cost of the camp is \$40 per student and includes a camp T-shirt, certificate of participation and possible camp awards.

Participants should wear proper attire, including shoes (cleats if possible), shorts, T-shirt, etc. Water will be provided, but participants may also bring their own.

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“Dobie guy” Washington to lead girls’ track; now assistant head FB coach, too



**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

Charles Washington isn’t likely to admit it on his own, but he has paid his dues over the course of a 13-year stay at Dobie High School, from where he graduated in 2000.

Now, Washington is reaping the benefits of staying true to the burnt orange and white colors, as it’s been a busy spring and start to the summer for Washington.

First, new Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy thought enough of Washington to name the former Longhorn signal-caller the program’s assistant head coach and junior varsity offensive coordinator.

Then, not long following the end of the school year, Dobie principal Franklin Moses announced that Washington had won the role of varsity girls’ track and field head coach.

So things have worked out nicely for a man who has remained true to his

alma mater at Dobie High School and endured several head coaching changes on the football field.

You see, when one is an assistant football coach at almost any high school, one’s career path is almost always dictated by the head coach.

In 2014, then Dobie varsity football head coach Jim Phillips elevated Washington to the role of offensive coordinator.

A year later, Washington saw that job yanked away when Phillips resigned his post and headed back to his roots in Waller.

When Mike Norman came over from Pearland High School to be Dobie’s head coach prior to the start of the 2015 season, he hired his own coordinators. Washington thus remained on staff as an offensive assistant.

Judging by the way things have gone for Washington in recent weeks, he must have some stabilization coming his way.

As assistant head foot-

ball coach, Washington is effectively Berneathy’s right-hand man.

And in Berneathy and the Dobie graduate Washington, the Longhorns certainly have two people in place who are bound and determined to reverse the program’s recent fortunes on the football field.

Berneathy told the *Leader* he had not met Washington in person to his own arrival at Dobie this spring.

Still, it didn’t take long for Berneathy to know with whom he needed to align himself, especially in those early days when Berneathy was getting a feel for his new surroundings.

“Charles is very respected in coaching circles, and he certainly fits the mold of someone you consider as an assistant coach,” Berneathy said.

“He’s a Dobie guy. He loves this school. Early on he helped a great deal in giving me a good feel for the other coaches, the kids and the program in

general. He and I are also like-minded in the way we view the game of football and this program overall.

“Charles is also a guy who goes and gets it done when you ask something of him. Just really happy to have Charles with us.”

As for his new role as the Lady Longhorns’ head track coach, Washington plans to be himself.

“I’ve been out there 13 years before now, and I’m not planning to do a lot of things differently,” Washington said.

“Dobie has been known for having a very good level of success on the track. I just want to help continue that.

“I do have a little bit of an intense coaching style, but it’s still all about learning your kids and how they respond. I’m looking forward to it.”

On the football field, Washington quarterbacked a 1999 Dobie team that went 12-1 overall, beating Clear Brook and Beaumont Central before falling to Katy in the re-

gional quarterfinals.

Dobie has reached the third round of the playoffs just once more in the 18 seasons since.

Washington is more than happy to continue doing his part to make a difference.

“I’m just fortunate to be in the position to be able to do whatever Coach Berneathy and the rest of the staff, the kids and the school need me to do,” Washington said.

“We have instilled discipline that was needed, and we are headed in the right direction,” Washington said.

“I’m a Dobie guy, and I just want to do what I can to help out. That’s all I’ve ever tried to do.”

In announcing Washington’s elevation to head girls’ track and field coach, Moses said it was an easy choice to make.

“Charles knows Dobie High School and Dobie athletics, but he also stressed the importance of academics to his student-athletes,” Moses said.

“He’s a hard worker, he’s committed to our school, and he also has strong ties to the community.”

“We’re just really excited to have Charles in our program. He has been here for 13 years plus, and continues to do a great job.”

Of course, becoming the head track coach on the girls’ side means Washington will no longer be patrolling courtside as the Longhorns’ junior varsity boys’ basketball coach.

Still, he trusts the program will march along just fine in his absence.

“I really have enjoyed working with the Crosses,” said Washington of his coaching relationship with Dobie varsity boys’ basketball head coach Kevin Cross and his brother, varsity assistant coach Stephen Cross.

“I’m taking a break for now. It’ll be different. I’m used to leaving football (duties) and going right into basketball, but I’m excited for this opportunity.”

Brook girls’ basketball’s Hilton headed to Kennedale

After five seasons as the varsity girls’ basketball head coach at Clear Brook High School, Garrett Hilton is on the move.

Citing a desire to be closer to family members in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Hilton said he and his wife mulled the decision for weeks before deciding to make the move to Kennedale High School, where he will hold the same role.

Kennedale, which competes in District 9-4A, is home to students in Kennedale as well as Arling-

ton.

At Clear Brook, Hilton twice led the Lady Wolverines to the playoffs in the ultratough District 24-6A

ranks, where state power Clear Springs has won 11 consecutive district titles and Clear Creek has also reached a regional final

four.

With Hilton making his decision to exit Clear Brook this summer, there has been no word yet on the time

frame required to locate a replacement.

Brook, which was 13-17 a season ago, subsequently graduated five seniors off its

team, including all-district selection and three-year starter NaKayla Bell. Veyda Lake is one of the top returnees for next season.

San Jac baseball sees seven players picked by MLB

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season for the Gators, was selected in the 39th of 40 rounds by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

This marks the second time in three seasons that San Jacinto College has had seven of its players drafted by MLB clubs.

Head coach Tom Arrington, who was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association’s Hall of Fame during the JUCO World Series, commonly tells recruits that one of the benefits of playing at SJC is to eventually have the opportunity to further their development at either a four-year college or university or, better yet, have the chance to play pro baseball.

Clearly, Arrington delivers on his statement.

Because of where they were drafted – none of the seven went prior to the 12th round – it remains to be seen how many will choose to sign. Surprisingly, Jacob Cantleberry, who won 24 career games in two seasons, wasn’t drafted. Neither was Sergio Macias, who led the team in runs batted in and home runs. They will undoubtedly head for four-year colleges.



San Jacinto College baseball head coach Tom Arrington (right), inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association’s Hall of Fame this summer, saw seven of his players from the 2018 team drafted in the MLB First-Year Amateur Player draft earlier this month. Over the past three seasons, the Gators have seen 19 players chosen in the draft.

Summer sports camps, clinics, misc.

Thompson sets summer camp series

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff has scheduled a variety of camps and fitness activities aimed at keeping first-year and returning Lion athletes active this summer. Parents must provide medical insurance coverage as the Pasadena ISD does not do so for these types of events.

Soccer Camp – The Lions’ July 9-12 soccer camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, goal-keeping, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Basketball Camp – The Lions’ July 16-19 basketball camp for boys and girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, dribbling, rebounding, shooting, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Volleyball Camp – The Lady Lions’ July 31-Aug. 3 volleyball camp for girls will include training in all phases of the game, including offensive and defensive alignments, conditioning, passing, hitting, serving, blocking, etc. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Strength/Conditioning Camp – The Lions’ July 23-26 strength and conditioning camp for boys and girls will include strength training, agility drills, tire work, stair climbing, ladder work, weight training, conditioning and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Football Camp – The Lions’ July 30-Aug. 2 football camp will include strength training as well as drills in all phases of the game, including passing, receiving, ball carrying, tackling, defensive secondary work and more. Registration is \$25 cash only per student. Camp hours are 9 to 11 a.m.

Aug. 10 – All football players, including incoming seventh-grade students, will pick up their football practice gear and pay a one-time \$65 participation fee. All volleyball players, including incoming seventh-grade students, will pick up their practice gear and pay a one-time \$45 participation fee. Eighth-grade pickup time is 10 a.m. to noon, with seventh-grade pickup time to follow from 1 to 3 p.m.

Dobie youth boys’ basketball camp

Dobie varsity boys’ basketball coach Kevin Cross and his staff will host the Longhorns’ annual basketball camp for incoming fifth- through ninth-graders as of the 2018-2019 school year. The camp will be held July 9-12, at Dobie High School. Enrollment fee is \$50 and includes a camp T-shirt. The preferred registration web address is at <http://pasadenaisd.revtrak.net>. Families are also required to provide participants’ medical insurance as the Pasadena ISD does not provide such coverage for these types of events.

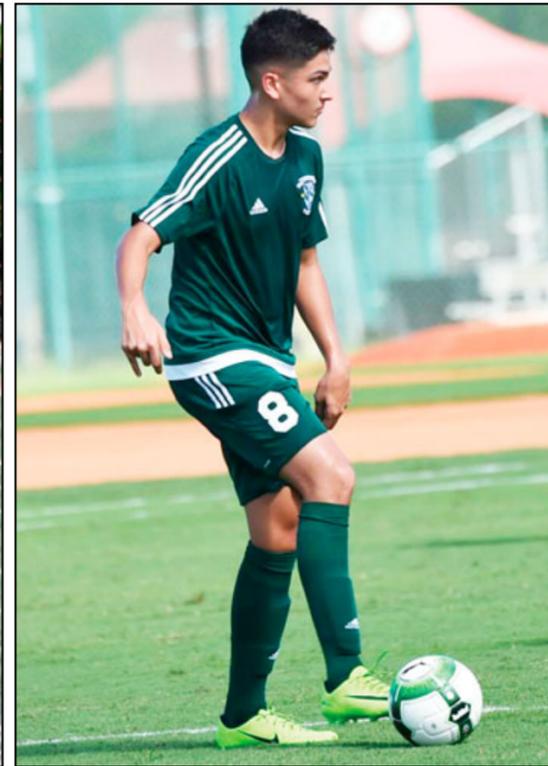
Dobie High School volleyball camps

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will host the Lady Longhorns’ 2018 volleyball camps for incoming fifth- through 12th-graders as of the 2018-2019 school year. Fifth- and sixth-grade students are invited to attend July 17-19, from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$40 per student, cash only. Seventh- and eighth-grade students are invited to attend July 17-19, from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$45, cash only. Sexton will then host 10th-through 12th-grade students July 24-26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$45, cash only. Incoming freshmen will attend from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$40, cash only. Families are also required to provide participants’ medical insurance as the Pasadena ISD does not provide such coverage for these types of events.

Saldivar ACHM at St. Thomas; Leal to UH-Victoria



Edwin Saldivar (10), a member of Dobie’s 2017 Region III championship and state semifinalist team, is gearing up this summer for his sophomore season at the University of St. Thomas. During his freshman campaign in 2017, Saldivar scored five goals and dealt three assists from his midfield spot on his way to earning All-Red River Athletic Conference honorable mention status. He is currently majoring in mathematics in the class-



Dobie Class of 2018 graduate Sebastian Leal, the District 22-6A boys’ soccer Most Valuable Player, All-Greater Houston first team selection and Texas Association of Soccer Coaches first team all-region pick, will continue his education and playing career at the University of Houston-Victoria after inking a letter of intent with the Jaguars. A winner of the Presidential Academic Award status at Dobie, Leal expects to major in either business or education at UHV.

Photo by John Bechtle

Photo courtesy UHV athletics

SBHLL all-stars to start play

Three of Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League's age group all-star teams will begin Texas District 15 play June 19 and June 20.

The locals will compete in double-elimination tournaments against the likes of Pearland West, Pearland East, OFA, Friendswood,

South Houston and Dixie little league squads in hopes of reaching the sectional round.

SBHLL's major league (12-year-old) squad will begin competition June 20 against East End at the Pearland Little League facility. Game time is 6 p.m., on Pearland's minor divi-

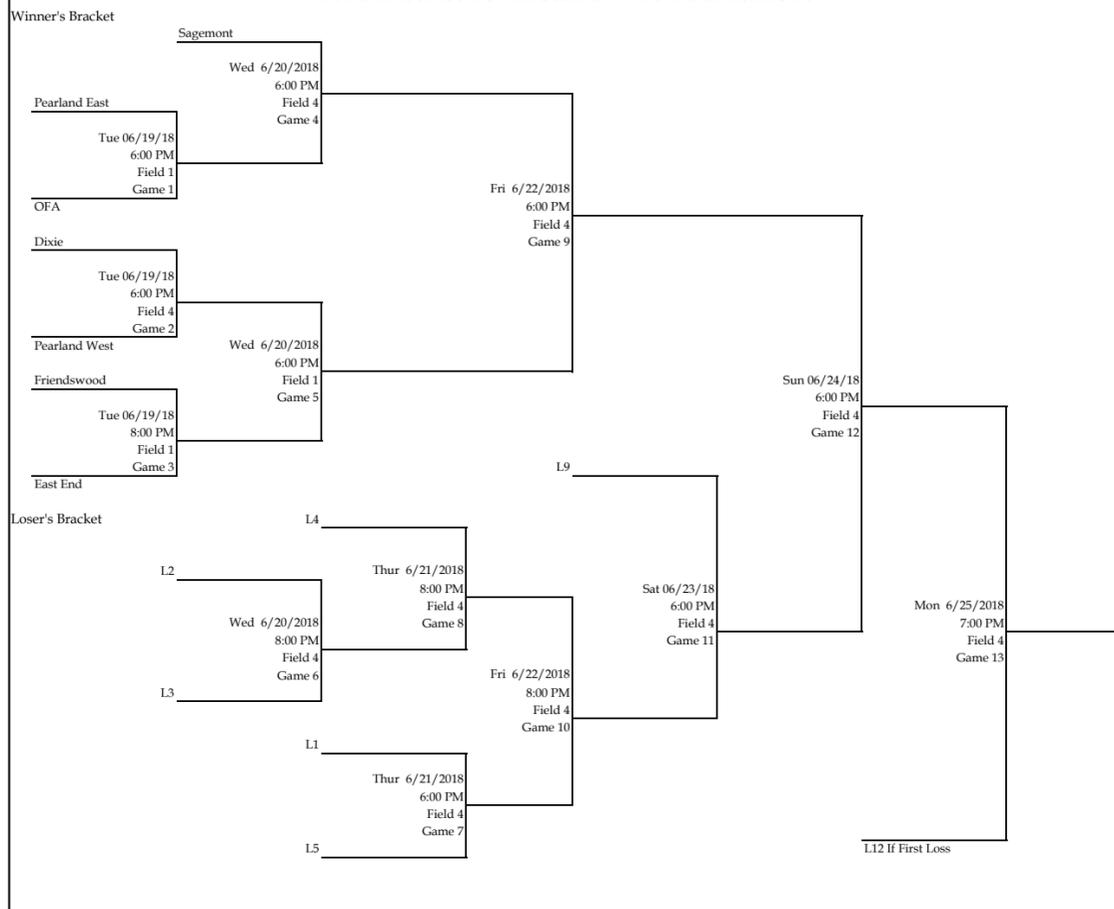
sion field. In the 11-under division, SBHLL gets things started by facing Pearland West in the opening game of the tournament at South Houston Little League. First pitch comes June 19 at 6 p.m.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills' 10-under all-star squad will play either Pearland East or

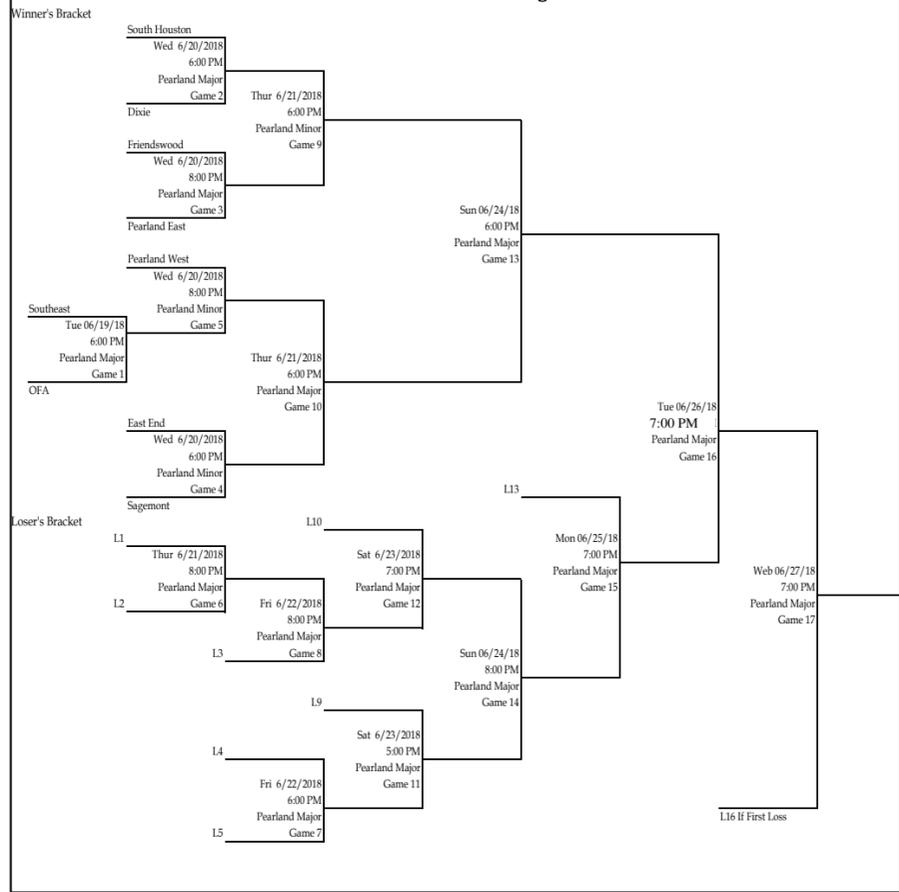
OFA in a June 20 game at the Friendswood Little League facility. That game is set to be played at 6 p.m.

Texas District 15 officials have yet to release tournament brackets for the junior and senior division all-star tournaments. Those will come later this month.

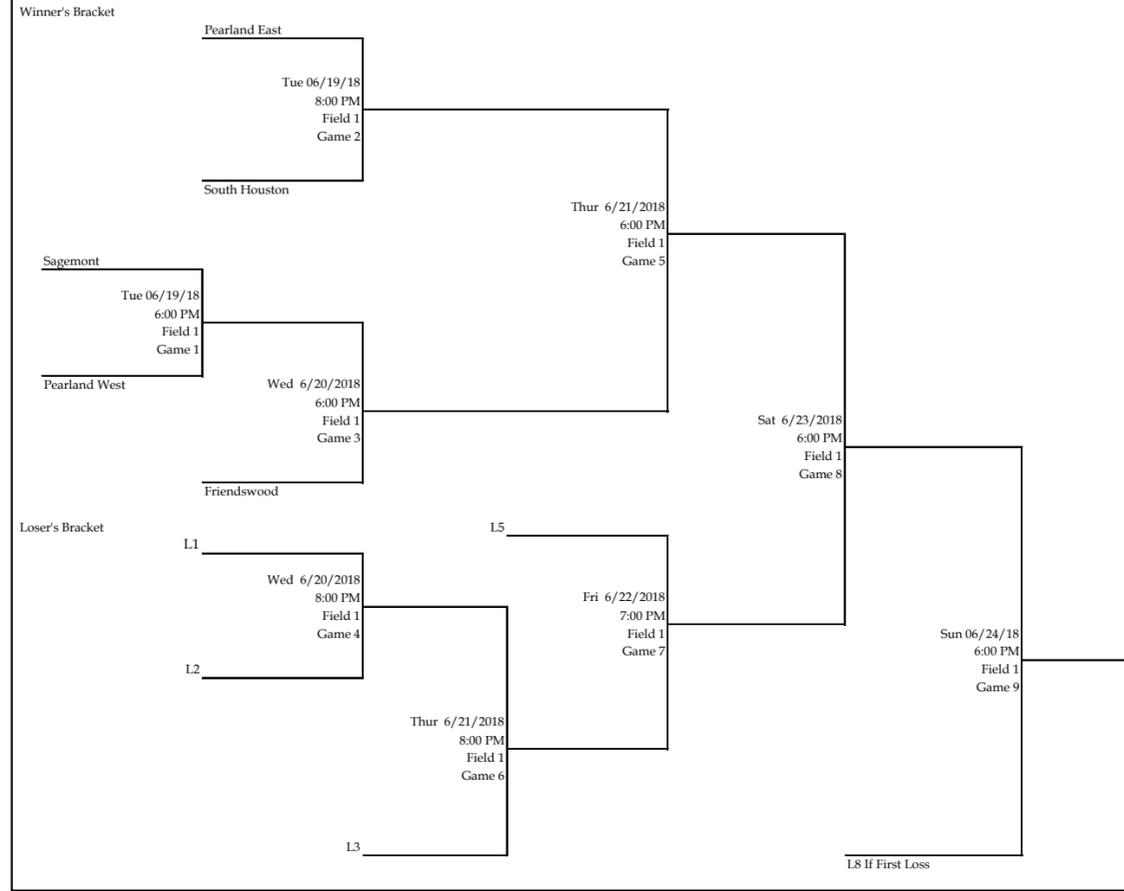
2018 District 15 All Star 8-9-10 Tournament



2018 District 15 All Star Little League Tournament



2018 District 15 All Star 9-10-11 Tournament



Dobie graduate Diaz lifts Angelina



Euro Diaz, a Class of 2017 Dobie High School graduate and three-year starter on the baseball field, enjoyed a big freshman season at Angelina College this spring. Overall, Diaz hit .329 with 48 hits, 25 runs scored, six doubles, three triples and 21 runs batted in for the team. He also swiped 11 bases. Angelina went 1-2 at the Region XIV tournament, losing to San Jacinto College 11-4 in its tournament opener, and finished the season with a 28-26 record.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for more information, or drop in.

9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.

10 a.m.
Fun Bunch - group for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For more information, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations are appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org for more information.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group meets at noon at 2245 N. Main in Pearland. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

6:30 p.m.
Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the second Thursday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For questions or more information, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general. This meeting is open to the public and takes place on the second Thursday of the month at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for more information, or drop in.

10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA,

open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

7 - 10 p.m.
Bay Area Singles Club - monthly dance is June 16, at 7 - 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, located at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

7 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association - bluegrass music

show and jam session on the third Saturday (except December.) Stage show is at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. This event is free. Johnny Arolo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For more information, visit the website <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - is a faith-based 12-Step Program that meets on Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for more information or to RSVP for child care.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

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Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for more information.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for more information.

New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Chester Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Hometown Heroes Park - has free dance "lessons" Tuesdays following the senior luncheon taught by 35-year dance area instructors Lewis and Betty Whistler at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. For questions regarding lessons, call 832-517-5833. League City Parks Dept. requires an activity card for all participation of activities. Seniors (age 55 and older) get a free "full activity card." Nonresident seniors pay \$25 a year for activity card. If under age 55, there is a special limited to ballroom activity card (residents pay \$25/year, nonresidents pay \$37.50) to enjoy "day-time" ballroom activities. Saturday night ballroom dances require a door fee. For questions about the activity card, call 281-554-1180.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglanford@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318.

Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Ste. 106, Webster. Call 281-526-6840.

Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). There is no meeting in December. For details, contact Cathy at houstonsscrappershadows.org or call 713-332-6294.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at 15500 El Camino Real in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to anyone age 50 or older and there are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken on the Nashville Show trip (Nov. 25 - Dec. 1) and the Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play (June 7 - 16, 2020). Plan ahead to join the trips. For more information, call Marilyn at 713-947-2388.

The Community Club - meets monthly on the third Wednesday at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For details, email Jmopry@yahoo.com.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesdays, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance (not formal lessons) 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for details.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

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Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com for details.

Harris County Master Gardeners - presents *Propagation And Seed Saving* Thursday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane. This is a free Harris County Master Gardener event. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu/Public/pubGreenThumb.aspx> or call 713-274-0950.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

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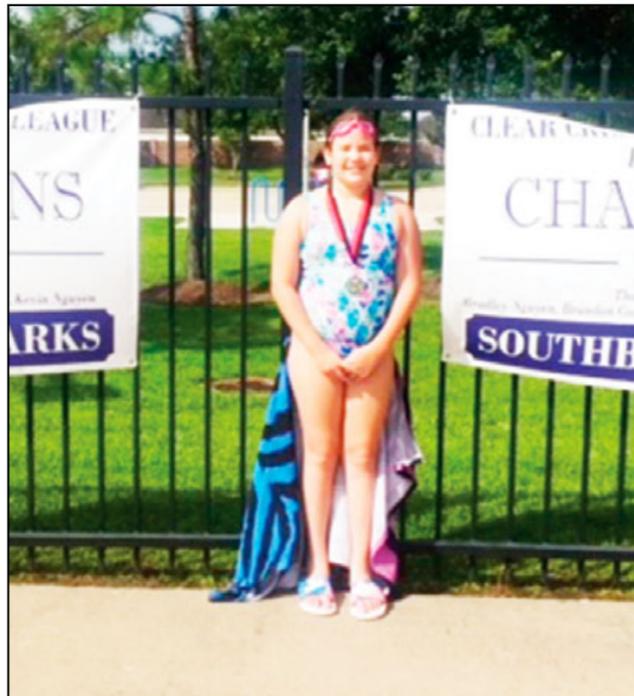
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Onozie taking abilities to Livingstone

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 Salisbury, N.C., after she signed a letter of intent this spring with the Blue Bears.

Onozie is thrilled to be continuing her volleyball career at the collegiate level, even if it means she won't be playing basketball.

Shannon Allen, the women's volleyball coach at Livingstone, is adding to her recent haul of freshman talent by adding Onozie, perhaps a true blue collar athlete.

Yes, Onozie is talented, but it's her willingness to put in the extra work that perhaps best has her headed to play college volleyball.

Onozie said the light came on for her between her sophomore and junior seasons at Dobie. Onozie wanted a chance to crack a senior-dominated lineup on the volleyball court.

In addition, girls' basketball head coach Shane Brown had challenged Onozie to be the best basketball player she could be. And Onozie grew to enjoy longtime multisport assistant coach Mo Hickman's crossfit training.

"Before my junior year, I was in the weight room every single day," Onozie said. "All of the football players and other people working out knew me by name, so I had to have been in there a lot," she said.

"I just decided I wanted to do what I could to be the best athlete I could be. I enjoy the excitement of volleyball and the working together as a team that

comes with it. I also enjoy the aggressiveness of basketball. I just like competing out there on the court."

The competitive spirit in Onozie obviously paid off. She was a two-year starter in both volleyball and basketball. During her senior season on the basketball court, there were times when Onozie simply took over on the backboards, moving players bigger than she out of the way.

To this point, it's paid off. Onozie visited Livingstone College before signing and relishes the chance to do her part.

"Coach Allen has basically recruited her own athletes since she got there a couple of years ago," Onozie said. "I'm ready to go there and show some of my new teammates what hard work is all about."

The new high school graduate is also set to continue what is already a strong academic run. She graduated from Dobie with a 4.3 grade point average – her parents, Ifeoma and Nathaniel Onozie – require their children to place academics before athletics.

Having already taken part in clinical rotations as part of her curriculum at Dobie, Onozie said she plans to study biology at Livingstone College with an eye on pre-med pursuits. She eventually hopes to become an OB GYN.

"It's hard to keep up your grades and to play athletics at the same time, but I find a way to do it," said Onozie. "My parents

also tell us that if we don't have our grades up to a certain standard, then we can't play sports. It forces you to do your best and take care of things."

"I want to be the best that I can be regardless of what I am doing. Right

now, I won't be playing basketball, but you never know, maybe..."

And Dobie High School is far from seeing the end of the benefits of having the Onozie children on campus.

Victoria Onozie's

brother, Michael, will be a senior and will play varsity football this season.

Her sister, Natalie, will be a freshman this coming school year. She also is in athletics.

And one last thing to remember about Victoria

Onozie. Prior to doing this interview, she participated in Dobie's strength and conditioning program.

After the interview? She was off to go play volleyball in the school's open gymnasium segment. She simply won't settle for less.



Dobie Class of 2018 graduate and multisport standout Victoria Onozie (seated center) is set to continue her education and volleyball playing career at Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C., after signing a letter of intent with the Blue Bears. Livingstone is an NCAA Division II athletic program competing in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Those with Onozie at the signing included,

left to right, (seated) Patricia (grandmother) and Nathaniel Onozie (father) (back row) Mercy Ozieh (aunt), Caitlin O'Connell (Dobie volleyball assistant coach), Dawn Sexton (Dobie varsity volleyball head coach) and Tiffany Bowyer (Dobie volleyball assistant coach). Not pictured are Onozie's mother, Ifeoma Onozie, her sister, Natalie Onozie and her brother, Michael Onozie.

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