

Area celebrates New Year's Eve



The community celebrated New Year's Eve this past week, saying goodbye to 2025. While there was no official fireworks show in the area, there was no shortage of amateur pyrotechnics experts to fill the void. Above, fireworks are shown above the Harris County Annex on Scarsdale.

Photo courtesy of Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia

Major accident closes Scarsdale



A major two-vehicle accident in the 10500 block of Scarsdale Boulevard near Beamer Road recently forced the complete closure of the local thoroughfare in both the eastbound and westbound directions, according to Harris County Precinct 2 officials.

Photo courtesy of Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia

Sandlin recognizes distinguished Pct. 8 deputies, new recruits



Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (right) is shown above presenting a certificate of merit to Deputy Eric Rojas at a recent swearing-in and service/merit awards ceremony.



Deputy Claude Crider (left) is shown receiving a certificate of merit from Constable Phil Sandlin. Also recognized at the ceremony were incoming deputies Michael Spray and Syed Ali (not pictured).



Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (right) is shown above presenting a distinguished service award to Deputy Markul Loftin at a ceremony held by the precinct Monday, Jan. 5.

Sagemont Church hosts CaFesito con Jesús Spanish-speaking women's group to focus on faith and family

CaFesito con Jesús is a group of Spanish speaking Christian women who gather every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. with a clear purpose: to seek God, grow deeper in his word, and support one another in a safe and welcoming space for women of all ages.

Participants share reflections, study assigned chapters of scripture, and pray for one another. What began as a simple meeting and support group born out of the Sunday School class has grown into a strong com-

munity marked by sincerity, faith and sisterhood.

"God has brought us together to strengthen us," shared one of the members.

CaFesito con Jesús is more than a group of women who share their faith; it is a family," expressed another participant. "We learn together, encourage one another, and celebrate what God is doing in each woman's life."

This group is part of Sagemont Encuentro, the Hispanic Ministry of Sagemont Church, located at 11323 Hughes Road,

Houston, TX 77089.

Pastor Lázaro Riesgo alongside the women of CaFesito con Jesús extends an invitation to all who wish to strengthen their relationship with God to join them during these gatherings: weekly women's and men's gatherings on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., various teaching classes on Sundays at 10:20 a.m. and worship services on Sundays at 11:40 a.m.

For more information, contact Sagemont Encuentro at 281-652-3716.

Toll Road deputies increase local DWI patrols

At least 4 DWI arrests made on Beltway 8 over New Year's weekend

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A similar incident took place Monday, Dec. 29, when another driver on the Beltway failed to maintain a single lane, prompting a traffic stop.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2 - 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.

Monday, Jan. 12, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Bring your family to storytime. Registration required.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 4 - 5 p.m. Family craft adventure. Registration required.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6 - 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.lcbcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

Parker Williams Library

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

The book drop is open. Social media links are [Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary) and [Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary).

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

Thursday, Jan. 8, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Saturday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m. - noon. Tai Chi.

Monday, Jan. 12, 1 - 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.

Monday, Jan. 12, 4 - 5 p.m. 3D printer orientation. Registration required.

Monday, Jan. 12, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

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Deaths

Dominic Cantalamessa



his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Levi Burk, Oliver Burk, Noah Cantalamessa, and Dante Cantalamessa. He is also survived by his faithful dogs, Dove Dog, whom he adopted after Margaret Mary's passing, and Merci.

Dominic was preceded in death by his parents, Dominic and Rose (Vallaran) Cantalamessa, his sister Camille Borak and his children, Joseph Michael Cantalamessa and Margaret Mary Musacchia.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation, recitation of the Rosary, and the funeral Mass on Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., the Rosary at 11:30 a.m., and the funeral Mass at noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dominic's name may be made to St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church's Capital Campaign at <https://stlukescatholic.com/capital-campaign>.

Longtime South Belt resident Jacqueline "Jackie" Weiss died on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Weiss was an active member of the community, volunteering for multiple events over several decades. She was a former board member of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and served on many of the group's committees, including the Education Committee.

She was an instrumental part of the chamber's annual fun run, which raised scholarship funds for the organization.

Weiss' husband, Louie Weiss, and his business Tex-Tool, were founding members of the local chamber of commerce.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Forest Park

See related obituary in next week's Leader.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the Leader style.

CCART meet Jan. 13

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13. All meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. This gathering will feature a presentation by Ely Gribov from the Foster Child Program through Photography.

The gathering will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

SHLL seeks participants

Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League will offer its Challenger Division for the Spring 2026 season. The Challenger Division is a free adaptive baseball program for children and young adults ages 4 to 22 with physical or intellectual disabilities.

The program provides participants the opportunity to enjoy baseball in a safe, fun and inclusive environment while developing skills and confidence. The league is currently seeking players, player buddies, coaches, volunteers and sponsors. Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League is based at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road, Houston, Texas 77089.

For more information, visit leagues.bluesombrero.com/southbelittleleague, call 713-966-9235, or email sagemontbeverlyhills12024@gmail.com.

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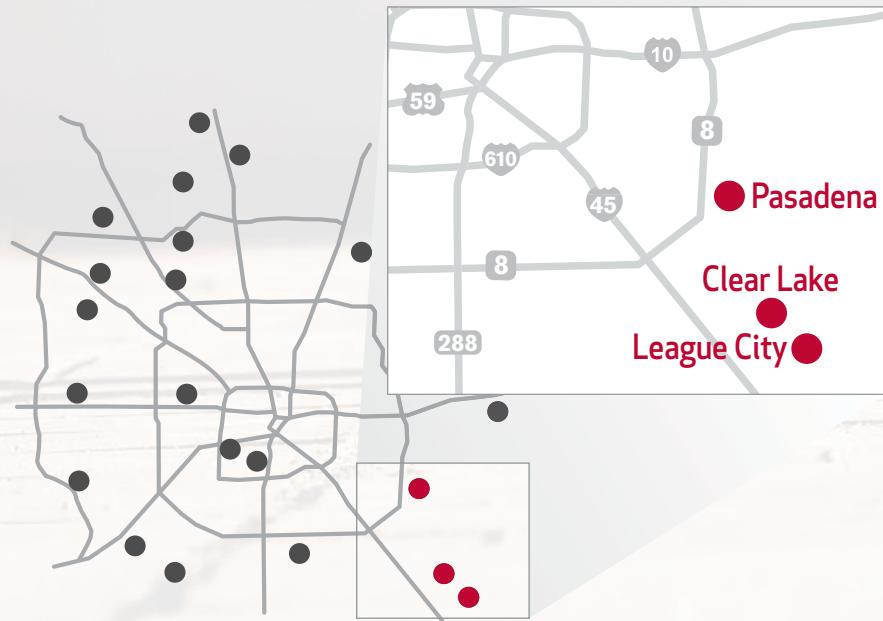
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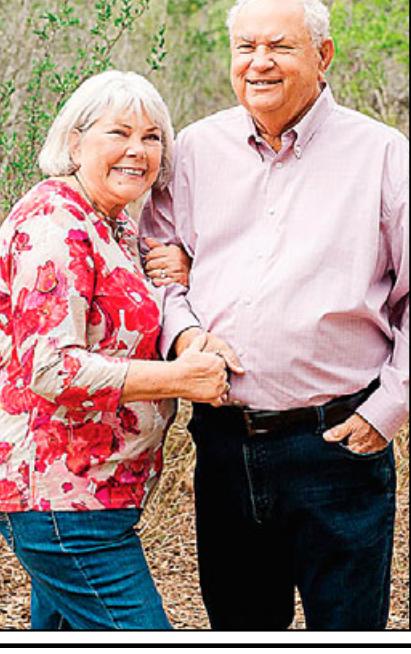
Stuchbery Elementary officials named students of the month for the month of December. Above are, left to right, (first row) Wynter Coleman, Chris Avila, Gianna Cabrera, Cameron Gilmore, Aliah Ibarra, (second row) Jose Mendez, Ian Ondicho, Marco Cervantes, Damian Arizmendez, Adrianna de la Fuente, John Blanco, Nancy Nguyen, Mya Sinclair, (third row) Kyrie Henry, Ayden White, Anastasia Gaught, Ja-

elyn Pham, Adan Castillo, Alazzay Hernandez, (fourth row) Jose Hernandez (principal), Mateo Llanas, Jaxson Owens, Sebastian Dominguez, Gendrick Zarza, Skylar Taylor, Alyssa Valdez (counselor), (fifth row) Cassie Harris, Carlos Rodriguez, Emma Rodriguez, Azariah Brito and Karter Laurent. Carolyn Ponce, Hera Warren, Royalty Sims and Kammy Bookman are not pictured.

Carters celebrate 50 years



Former South Belt residents Al and Mary Carter recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with all three of their children and all nine of their grandchildren on hand to celebrate Christmas and participate in the observance. The Carters, who now live in Friendswood, were married on Dec. 20, 1975, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Corpus Christi. They lived in Sagewood for 13 years beginning in 1982, for four years in Sagewood and an additional year in Villa Verde. Al is a retired sports writer with 34 years of service to several major newspapers, including the Houston Chronicle and Houston Post. Mary is a retired school teacher in the Pasadena ISD. All three of their children graduated from Dobie after attending Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate. Their oldest, Coast Guard Capt. Jonathan Carter and his wife Amy make their home in Stafford, Va. Their daughter, Jessica Swenson, is principal of South Houston Intermediate. She and husband Todd make their home in Pearland. Youngest son Ben Carter, a corporate financial officer, and wife Lara live in Fulshear. Al and Mary traveled to Kauai in September to kick off their golden anniversary observance. They topped it with a weekend at Moody Gardens Dec. 19-20.



Remember When

45 years ago (1981)

Dobie High School assistant head varsity football coach Done Cole announced his resignation.

Firemen from the Sagemon station of the Houston Fire Department responded to 13 fire calls and nine ambulance calls in a seven-day period.

40 years ago (1986)

Cokesbury United Methodist Church was sold to the Catholic Diocese of Galveston/Houston for \$365,000.

Dr. Rued M. Wheeler of La Porte was appointed to the San Jacinto College Board of Regents to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Dr. William Davison.

30 years ago (1996)

Dobie sophomore Lindsey Morris was crowned Miss Teen Pasadena Go Texan.

An estimated 80 percent of the area would have to change phone numbers if the Public Utilities Commission approved the alternate geographic split plan.

25 years ago (2001)

Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District voted on a fire district for Sagewood, Woodmeadow, Highland Meadows, Meadows of Clear Creek and Estates of Green Tee subdivisions.

Pearland residents spoke against the connection of Scarsdale Boulevard and Yost during a public meeting.

20 years ago (2006)

South Belt Rep. Tom DeLay announced he would resign his position as house majority leader.

Atkinson Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to Sheri Graham Jan. 11.

Burnett Elementary

Karina Diaz celebrates a birthday Jan. 9.

Birthday greetings go out to Jocelyn Chavez Jan. 14.

Bush Elementary

Light the birthday candles Jan. 8 for Yesenia Guzman. Light the candles Jan. 11 for a celebration for Cynthia Covarrubias.

Frazier Elementary

Birthday greetings go out to Christine Grazioli Jan. 8. Dana Miller enjoys a birthday Jan. 12.

Over The Back Fence by Nicole



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KRISTEN!

Kristen Giles celebrates her 25th birthday Jan. 13. Her parents, Tracy and Jim Giles, and brothers Cody and Aaron and wife Ashley and sons Jaxson and Jace Giles extend their best wishes for a wonderful birthday. Kristen is a Dobie graduate.

DR. JOHN MORGAN CELEBRATES

Greetings are sent to Dr. John Morgan,

founding pastor of Sagemon Church, from

friends and the Leader staff as he celebrates

a birthday Jan. 14. Affectionately called

"Brother John" by many who know him, he

founded and pastored the church for more

than 50 years.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 8 through Jan. 14.

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Beverly Hills Intermediate

Send a birthday greeting Jan. 11 to Kacee Peterson.

Thompson Intermediate

Blow out the candles Jan. 10 for Tiffany.

Genoa Elementary

Blow out the candles Jan. 14 for Elizabeth Urieta.

Hancock Elementary

Jan. 10 is a day of celebration for Vanessa Esquivel for her birthday. Break out the balloons and party favors for Mayra Nieto on her birthday Jan. 11. Join in the birthday fun Jan. 13 with Veronica Sandoval.

Meadow Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for Tara Merida and Anne Hamilton Jan. 11.

Moore Elementary

Send a happy birthday wish Jan. 14 to Zuemy Carranza.

South Belt Elementary

Jan. 9 is the day for a celebration for Arielle Taylor. Light the candles Jan. 11 for Monica Salazar.

Stuchbery Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to Johnna Vega Jan. 13. Remember to wish Jennifer Ortiz a happy birthday Jan. 14.

Melillo Middle School

Jan. 10 is the day for a double-layer birthday cake for Jesseca Adamek and Nancy Guerra. Send a special birthday greeting Jan. 11 to Khoa Tran. Jennifer Saucedo celebrates a birthday Jan. 12.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

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Thompson Intermediate

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Send a happy birthday wish Jan. 11 to Melissa Cavazos.

Dobie High

Jan. 9 is the day for a party for Seema Sultana. Enjoying a birthday Jan. 10 is Camille Calo Widaski. Light the birthday candles Jan. 11 for Daniel Fitzmorris and Stacy Thomas. Jan. 13 is a day of celebration for Audrena Soto for her birthday. Send a birthday greeting Jan. 14 to Michelle Diosdado.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Jan. 8: Brad Muecke; Friday, Jan. 9: Jennifer Gonzalez, Mary Meyer, Jill Rea, Mike Escobedo, Monette Falzon, Cecelia Faske and Holly Lyons; Saturday, Jan. 10: Jennifer Murillo, Roy Gunter and Caron Cantu; Sunday, Jan. 11: Kelly Cavazos, Myles Barkman, Amy Villareal, Kathleen Wenzel, Deirdre Davis and James Mouton Jr.; Monday, Jan. 12: Rosalind Vela, Troy Vessel, William Carpenter, Jose Pena, Barry Francis and Tammy Overstreet; Tuesday, Jan. 13: Scott Langefeld, Claire Mules, Gregden Martin, Betty Shamblin, Jessica Hynes, Joseph Farris and Shane Poynter; and Wednesday, Jan. 14: Tracy Oliver, Laurie Lynn, Tiffany Defreitas and Louis Casas.

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Dobie orchestra takes a holiday tour

The Dobie High School orchestra recently participated in a holiday tour, a yearly tradition through which the students travel to different locations in the Houston area to perform. The holiday tour begins with a performance at Methodist Hospital in the Medical Center downtown and followed by a performance at Hermann Park near the Houston Zoo entrance. Pictured below is the orchestra performing at Hermann Park.



Shown above are the students who performed at Methodist Hospital. Left to right, are (first row) Candi Zuniga, Paulina Valdez, Rubi Reyes, Khai Nguyen, Javanni Capuchino, Heidi Nganou, Santiago Lopez, Christopher Sanchez, (second row) Olivia Wilson, Adrienne Martinez, Karley Maldonado, Devin Duong, Theodore Villareal, Angie Munoz, Gracie Giant, Nathaly Bonilla, Desirae Stone, Mylan Piedta, Thalia Oddo, (third row) Elena Lomeli, Anne Tran, Andrew Zamora, Sirena Thai, Morgan Alejo, Liandi Solano, Aidan Dang, Emily Pineda, Maverick Deleon, Angela Badon, (fourth row) Alan Vallejo, Dawson Tran, Daniella Tamayo, Ella Rodriguez, Amaya Wilson, Jade Nguyen, Giselle Esparza, Leonela Aguilera, Wilson Ponce, (fifth row) Gabriel Trevino, Aiden Diaz, Christian Gonzalez, Kelvin Nguyen, Miguel Loredo, Rachel Ben Smith, Matthew Perez, (sixth row) Richard Le, Avery Payne, Alex Limachi, Kiet Vo and Donovan Mandani.

St. Luke's Mujeres de la Mano de María hosts luncheon

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church's Mujeres de la Mano de María ministry offers support and compassion to senior members



of St. Luke the Evangelist and other members of the community who live in solitude or are unable to leave their home. Once a month ministry members visit seniors' homes or transport seniors to a meal and provide conversation and companionship. At a recent gathering nearly 30 ministry members and seniors shared meal together at a local restaurant. Ministry members are intent on continuing to remember and support seniors who can no longer participate actively. Pictured at a recent gathering are, left to right, (front row) Lupita Castillo, Teresa Abarca, (back row) Maria Elena Jasso, Gabriela Serrano, Perla Arrellano, Elba Flores, Alejandra Altamirano, Maria Cristina Sanchez, America Egusquiza and Ellie Flickinger.



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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Local sports season highlights 2026 start

2026 is here, and with the start of the new year comes the busiest part of the high school athletics scene across the state as well as action for several youth leagues in the South Belt area.

High school basketball was already well underway when the holiday season began, and there really was no break in the action for hoops programs as many, including those from both Clear Brook and Dobie, took part in holiday tournaments and have since resumed district competition with an eye toward the playoffs.

The high school soccer season also began during the holiday break, with the Dobie varsity boys' team getting out to an impressive 3-0 start with a trio of impressive victories at the San Antonio East ISD Invitational as head coach Josh Kluka's program certainly gained plenty

of momentum moving forward into the 22-6A race.

The Dobie varsity girls, also looking to bounce back from a so-so 2025 campaign, have been solid early on during head coach Kyle Jurek's second season.

In mere days, the high school softball preseason will begin as Dobie, second overall in the 22-6A race last season at 12-4, is intent on putting together another solid season under the direction of head coach Robin Rackley.

Dobie will begin scrimmages later this month and will open the regular season Feb. 9 at Clear Brook.

With three senior standouts already committed collegiately and ready to lead the way, the Dobie softball program will open scrimmage play Jan. 24 at Deer Park with a focus on 2026 regular season opening night Feb. 9 at Clear Brook. The Longhorns

will then take part in the Feb. 12-14 Bryan/College Station tournament.

The Longhorns are led by Rackley, who was named Coach of the Year in the 22-6A ranks a season ago while guiding her varsity program to a second-place finish in the standings.

Dobie swept 21-6A champion Ridge Point in the Division 1 bidistrict playoff round before losing in the area around Clear Springs for an 18-13 overall finish.

Texas Lutheran University signee Vanessa De La Fuente has profiles as one of the top returning pitchers in the area as she was a first-team All-District performer a season ago and will lead the way for Dobie in the circle.

Infelder Natalie De Hoyos is also a returning first-team All-District performer who has chosen to continue her collegiate

playing career at Texas A&M-Victoria.

A third player, outfielder Chloe Nunez, was a second-team all-league selection that season ago and will play collegiately at Alvin College.

Returning first-team All-District selection Persephone Soria returns for her third varsity run and has already proven to be a top all-around talent area wide during each of her first two seasons.

Moving ahead, the high school track and field season will begin the first week of February, and the high school baseball season won't be far behind.

The Dobie tennis program will also begin its fun-filled spring season soon as veteran head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., fresh off his induction into the Texas Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame, will lead the Longhorns on the courts.



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Baldwin stars with Pack



Dobie Class of 2021 graduate Johnathan Baldwin spent the majority of the 2025 NFL regular season as a member of the Green Bay Packers' practice squad but was elevated to the 53-man roster for the team's finale as he had four solo stops and three assists for a total of seven tackles from his safety spot in his professional debut.

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Hodges is Bayou Bowl MVP



Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball standout Joshua Pichon was named the Most Valuable Player of the Brazosport Holiday Classic as he helped the Wolverines to the event championship with 51 points and 35 rebounds over four games, all victories for his team.

Representing his Dobie football program one last time, Da'Marcus Hodges (right), celebrated with Longhorn head coach Danny Fitzmorris after being named Most Valuable Player of the 2026 Bayou Bowl Jan. 3 at Eagle Stadium on the campus of Barbers Hill High School. The annual games matched all-star players from the Greater Houston Football Coaches Association against those from the East Texas Coaches Association.

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2025 Year in Review: Area programs scored top honors



Lutheran South Academy senior and star swimmer Lauren Ferguson excelled both in the classroom and in the pool during her stay with the Pioneers. She is the owner of program all-time records individually in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles and the 100 back as well as the 200 freestyle relay.

The Leader continues its annual sports Year in Review this week with a look back at some of the most memorable moments from March through April of last year. Enjoy!

March 6

With a key game coming at Pearland, the Dobie varsity softball team looked to stay at the top of the standings in the 22-6A race. The locals were 6-6 overall but had scored wins over Dawson and Pasadena Memorial to stay unbeaten in 22-6A.

Hosting Memorial at Dobie main, the Longhorns walked off with a 1-0 victory in the bottom of the seventh inning of the previous week's schedule.

Running on a familiar course, Garza delivered gold medal performances in both the 1,600 and 3,200 events, clocking in at 5 minutes, 32.60 in the 1,600 for the gold and 11:49.22 at the 3,200 distance to double up.

Aniya Menefee was another gold medalist for the Dobie girls in the high jump as she cleared 5 feet, 2 inches in fewest attempts to claim the top spot.

Dobie captured a gold medal in the 4x200 relay with a clocking of 5:50.93 in the 1,600.



Jacque Giron was one of the top overall performers within the NTJCAC, leading the league in assists at 6.4 per game and sitting fifth overall in scoring at 15.1 points per game, third in 3-point field goal percentage (35.9) and sixth at 44.9 in overall field goal percentage.

While Menefee was the gold medalist in the high jump at 5-2, teammate Kyler Joseph was sixth as she cleared 4-10 in the event. Joseph wound up with a bronze medal for third place in the triple jump, making her way to 36-0.

Tailin Curtis of Dobie posted a distance of 33-5 for sixth place. Blessing Okinloye of Dobie tossed the shot 31-7 for fifth place.

Senior Jaylon Broussard was one of the gold medalists for the Longhorn varsity boys as he claimed the top spot in the 200 at 23.03.

Senior Chris Lopez, who will continue his collegiate career at St. Thomas University in Houston, was the gold medal winner at the 3,200 distance, making his way to the finish line in a time of 10:02.80. Dobie teammate and freshman Jordan Roman was third for a bronze medal as he was in at 2:07.12.

Jacob Morris was the gold medalist in the 400 for Friendswood High School as he made his way to the tape in a time of 51.38, and Dobie senior Tariq Riley was the silver medalist as he took second place at 51.71.

Dobie's DeShaun Singleton was fourth in the event as he posted a time of 52.36.

Johan Villavicencio came away with a top three medal as he was third for a bronze at the 800 distance, clocking in at 2:04.33.

In the 1,600, Lopez again turned in a top three-time as he was the bronze medalist with a clocking of 4:44.54.

The Dobie boys performed exceptionally well in the relays with a pair of silver medals as well as a fourth-place finish.

The Longhorns posted a time of 1:30.37 in the 4x200 relay, then came up with a time of 3:29.32 for the silver medal in the 4x400 relay to wrap up the meet.

Junior Demarcus Hodges led the way for the Dobie boys in the field events as he was a gold medal winner in the triple jump after making his way to the 43-8 mark for the win.

Clayton Washington of Dobie was fifth in the same event as he came up with a distance of 39-2.

Sophomore Christina Rodriguez came away with a bronze medal for her clocking of 1:02.58 in the 400, and Daisha Jackson picked up a bronze medal in the 100 with a time of 13.49.

Sophomore Aracely Alvarado, who had since proven to be an important player in Dobie's cross-country and track and field distance running plans, was fourth in the 3,200 at 12:28.15, and sixth with a time of 5:50.93 in the 1,600.

Pearland was in control of things at the top of the standings and entered the Class 6A Division 1 playoff bracket as the top seed out of 22-6A.

Second place South Houston was the district's top seed in the Division 2 playoff bracket, with Pasadena Memorial, Sam Rayburn and Dobie all still pushing for a postseason spot.

Dobie would wind up third. In the varsity girls' 22-6A race, district champion Dawson and second-place Pearland represented the league in the Division 1 of the season bracket, while Shadow Creek and Sam Rayburn headed to the Division 2 playoffs.

Lutheran South Academy hosted its annual Thursday Night Under The Lights Track and Field Invitational as the locals delivered several gold-medal performances along the way.

Lutheran South sophomore Jeremy Gaitan was among the gold medalists in the event as his clocking of 1 minute, 59.24 seconds was the best at the 800 distance.

Gaitan was also in the group for the Pioneers

in the 4x400 relay as the foursome delivered a time of 3:35.92. LSA's 4x00 relay foursome was in at 43.82 for second place and a bronze medal, while the school's 4x200 relay bunch captured a bronze medal in a time of 1:36.22.

Christian Hodges of Westbury Christian captured gold medals in both the 100 and 200, with Pioneer senior John LeBlanc picking up silver medals just behind Hodges.

At 7-2, the Longhorns were firmly in control of a Division I playoff seeding with seven league games to play.

Thompson and Beverly Hills figured prominently in the Pasadena ISD Intermediate track and field championships to wrap up the 2025 season at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena as the Lions claimed the eighth-grade girls' team championship with 153 points.

Thompson's seventh-grade boys were crowned team champions with 151 points, easily outdistancing second-place Park View. Meanwhile, the Lions' seventh-grade girls placed second behind Bondy (133.50 points for the title) with 126 points as the crown chase went down to the final event.

Thompson was second in the eighth-grade boys' division, scoring 168 points to trail only Bondy, which scored 173.5 for the team title. Beverly Hills was third with 98 points.

The Bears were third with 83 points in the seventh-grade girls' division, and placed second to Thompson in the eighth-grade title chase after scoring 122 points.

Vizion Jones of Beverly Hills was dominant as she won four gold medals (100, 200, high jump, long jump) and also helped the Bears to a silver medal in the 4x400 relay.

March 27

Kamryn McLaurin of Clear Brook ramped up her competition level in advance of the postseason of the high school track and field season as she won the gold medal in the high jump at the Rockhold Relays in Baytown March 20 and days later brought home a silver medal for

second place at the Prairie View A&M University High School Championships at 5 feet, 4 inches.

Conroe's Eva Lantagne was the high school girls' division gold medalist as she made her way over the 5-6 mark. McLaurin, also a two-time Defensive Player of the Year award winner on the varsity basketball court, was a 6A-state high jump qualifier in 2024.

The Pioneer varsity boys' program came away with a gold medal victory in the 4x100 relay. Alma Martin won the gold medal in the varsity girls' pole vault over a couple of her teammates and Chinere Anagbogu was crowned champion of the discus to highlight Lutheran South's appearance at the event.

In that varsity boys' 4x100 relay, the Pioneers delivered a time of 42.89 seconds for the gold medal, edging second-place Newton.

Three Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' pole vaulters went head-to-head in the event at Hardin Jefferson, with Alma Martin, Reed Brenner and Lanie Ward all clearing 9 feet, 6 inches.

Martin was the winner on fewest tries for the gold medal, while Brenner secured silver and Ward walked away with a bronze medal in the event.

In that girls' discus event, Anagbogu and Newton's Journee Hanks both threw the weight 99-8, with Anagbogu the first to do so in fewest attemps for the gold medal.

Lutheran South's Sammie Browning was fourth in the event and she came up with a top throw of 82-2. Case Noack of the Pioneers was second for a silver medal in the 400 as he posted a time of 51.64, and teammate Rhett Laverne captured a bronze medal for third place with a time of 51.78.

Elisabeth Hergenrader was a silver medalist in the 1,600 as she finished at 6:34.80. Cassidy Pfeiffer of Lutheran South was a bronze medalist in the varsity girls' 100 hurdles with a time of 17.55, with teamate Ward fifth at 18.07.

Lutheran South sophomore Jeremy Gaitan was among the gold medalists in the event as his clocking of 1 minute, 59.24 seconds was the best at the 800 distance.

Gaitan was also in the group for the Pioneers



Leslie Sarduy (1) of Dobie fielded a ground ball during the Longhorns' 1-0 victory over Memorial at Dobie main. The locals continued their longtime dominance over the Pasadena ISD programs with the victory over the Mavericks.

College softball team into action at Blinn as the Raevens looked to improve to two runs in that win. Juelz Martinez doubled and tripled while

scoring four runs in the first win over Shadow Creek.

The Dobie High School girls' bowling squad won the district championship this season with a 13-1 record, with Zaniya McClain then winning the regional championship as an individual.

Members of the team were Savannah Castillo, Natalie Elkins, Ineke Hicks, Anabella Cancel and McClain. In the individual competition, McClain compiled a five-game total of 946 for a 38-pin win over the remainder of the field.

In an 18-3 and 4-0 sweep of Shadow Creek, the Longhorns improved to 4-2 overall in the district after losing two to start play.

In the 18-3 win over the Sharks, Isaiah Jones had two doubles, drove in a run and scored four runs.

In the 4-0 shutout win, Dobie starting pitcher Julian Ricks went the distance, needing just 64

total pitches to blank the Sharks. Jones tripled and scored two runs in that win. Juelz Martinez doubled and tripled while

Atkinson State Championships after finishing second as a team at the regional competition.

Members of the team were Don Fobbs, Gio Melendez, Nate Bennett, Ray Solis, Charleston Nash, Jake Bennett, Charles Nash and Donovan Mandani.

Clear Brook High School graduate and Texas A&M University sprinter Camryn Dickson ran a gold-medal time of 11.06 seconds in the 100 as the Aggies made a splash on the final day of the University of Texas at San Antonio relays March 22 in San Antonio.

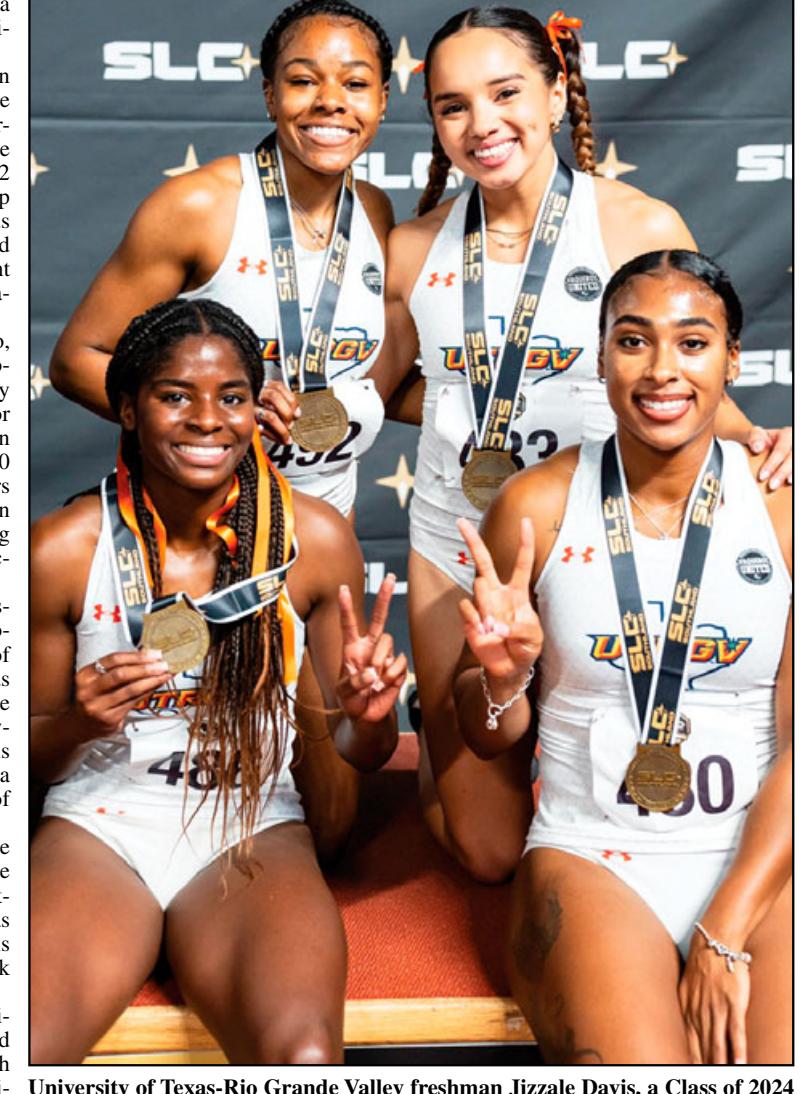
Earlier in the day in the 4x100 relay, Dickson teamed with Jaiya Covington, Bria Bullard and Jasmine Montgomery to win a gold in the event at 43.43 seconds.

April 3

The Dobie varsity softball team went into a second-round matchup against undefeated District 22-6A leader Pearland

April 4 with plenty of confidence after crushing rival Pasadena Memorial 16-1

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University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley freshman Jizzale Davis, a Class of 2024 Clear Brook High School graduate, finished the indoor track and field season strong as she reached the finals in a pair of events at the Southland Conference Indoor Championships in Birmingham, Ala. The Vaqueros' Nayla Harris made history by capturing the first Southland Conference championship gold medal in program history as she won the 60-meter dash in a time of 7.33 seconds. Davis progressed to the finals in the event and wound up eighth with a clocking of 7.70. Davis won the first collegiate medal of her career in the 200 as she ran a personal best of 24.01 to match the program all-time record in the event. In the meet finale, Davis helped the Vaqueros to a bronze medal in the 4x400 relay. Above, left to right, are (front row) Davis, Zoe Adams, (back row) Aaliyah Castillo and Trinity Kirk who produced a program all-time record of 3:44.86 to help UT-Rio Grande Valley finish third in the team standings.

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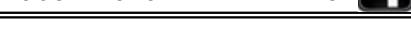
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