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Holiday closings set

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The Leader will be on a holiday schedule through Monday, Jan. 7. The last issue of 2018 will be on Thursday, Dec. 27, and the first issue of 2019 will be on Thursday, Jan. 10. There will be no Jan. 3 edition. Items for publication may be sent to mynews@southbeltleader.com. Emergencies may be directed to Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

Clear Brook City MUD

The Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District offices will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. They will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 8 a.m. To avoid late fees, payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru side of the building.

Residents living in Clear Brook City MUD who receive trash service on Tuesday will not have regular trash service pickup on New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1. Regular services will resume on Friday, Jan. 4. Residents who receive trash service on Mondays and Thursdays will have regular services on Monday, Dec. 31, and Thursday, Jan. 3. All trash must be at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously until further notice.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 11.

At least one inside lane of the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road at SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 13.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 11.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Preston will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 11.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Fairmont Parkway will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 11.

The northbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed continuously through 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

I-45 closures planned

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.

There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

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

Beverly Hills meets Jan. 31

The Beverly Hills Civic Club meeting scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 27 has been canceled. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 31, at the clubhouse from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables, cameras and more.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 3-1-1.

Pct. 2 unit seizes millions in drugs, property



In the last six months, deputies from the Special Operations Unit of Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office have battled vice-related crimes such as narcotics, gambling and prostitution, netting 173 arrests, confiscating millions of dollars of contraband and seizing hundreds of thousands of dollars in property. Cash, drugs and weapons from a seizure this past June in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision are shown above. Submitted photo

In its first full year on the job, the Special Operations Unit from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office closed out the calendar with a bang, taking millions of dollars worth of narcotics off the street and seizing hundreds of thousands in assets.

While the unit has been in operation for approximately 1.5 years, it did not begin to keep complete records until June 2018. At the Leader's request, the department has released all available reports from June 1, 2018, through Dec. 1, 2018, detailing the group's successes.

The elite unit is composed of three full-time deputies and one part-time deputy. In addition to battling narcotics, the group also tackles other vices, such as gambling and prostitution. The unit's

mission often involves undercover work. During those six months, deputies made 67 arrests on 73 charges, including 62 felony charges. In all, 173 cases were investigated throughout the precinct.

Deputies confiscated 8,764 grams of hydroponic marijuana, with an estimated street value of \$219,110; 7,569 grams of other marijuana, worth an estimated \$75,690; 486 grams of THC, worth an estimated \$48,600; 38.5 grams of crack cocaine, worth an estimated \$3,080; 12,976 grams of powder cocaine, worth an estimated \$1,297,600; 29,374 grams of heroin, worth an estimated \$3,524,880; 99,582 grams of methamphetamine, worth an estimated \$5,974,920; 1,509 grams of codeine/promethazine, worth an estimated \$4,527; 40.6 grams

of ecstasy, worth an estimated \$1,867; 19,399.5 grams of synthetic marijuana, worth an estimated \$387,990; and 47 pills of Xanax, worth an estimated \$470.

In addition to contraband, deputies seized one house, located in Ashley Pointe, worth an estimated \$375,000, and five vehicles, worth an estimated \$70,600. Deputies also seized \$919,149 in U.S. currency. A total of 23 firearms were also confiscated.

If the estimated value of the narcotics is combined with the appraised value of the seized assets, the Special Operations Unit made a \$12,827,793 impact on the South Belt community.

According to Precinct 2 Lt. Mike Kritzler, the unit's impressive statistics are among the highest in the Greater Houston area and are on par with divisions in the Houston Police Department and the

Harris County Sheriff's Office.

During the course of their work, deputies from the Special Operations Unit have forged strong bonds with the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Galveston County Sheriff's Office.

Kritzler said the department kept one of the seized vehicles for official police work and may keep two others. The remainder of vehicles, as well as the seized home, will be auctioned off, and the funds will be used by the department for future needs.

The Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit has been temporarily disbanded, as Diaz told the Leader it was necessary to pull officers from the group to patrol the precinct over the holiday season when there is a higher number of crimes reported.

Diaz said he intends to reunite the unit later in January when reported crimes subside.

Sagemont house fire ends in death



At 7:29 Christmas morning, a fire call went out to the Houston Fire Department at a home in the 10300 block of Sagerock. Patricia Arp, 83, a long time South Belt resident died as a result of the blaze. She was pronounced dead at Memorial Hermann Southeast. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. It is believed to have started in the kitchen. Time of services for Arp were not known at press time, but Niday Funeral Home will be handling arrangements. It is believed the services will be at St. Luke's Catholic Church. More details will be provided in the Leader's next issue on Jan. 10. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Leader remembers highlights of 2018

Another year has passed, and the Leader staff would like to reflect on the more significant stories of 2018. Due to space limitations, the year in review will be continued in the Jan. 10 edition. Section B includes the sports year in review.

Jan. 11

The new Dobie ninth-grade center officially opened for class Tuesday, Jan. 9. Located at the southeast corner of Fuqua and Monroe, the facility was approved by voters in November 2014 as part of a \$175 million bond package. The new campus was needed to alleviate overcrowding at the main campus, as Dobie has long been at its maximum capacity. The facility holds approximately 1,000 students, all of whom have the same academic and

extracurricular opportunities as students on the main campus.

Work began on the long-awaited city project to make drainage and pavement improvements in the Sagemont subdivision. Originally scheduled to begin in 2012, the endeavor involved making improvements on selected streets determined to be in the most need of repair. Improvements included drainage systems, necessary concrete paving, curbs, sidewalks, driveways and underground utilities. In all, eight area streets were to be addressed.

Jan. 18

The South Belt community was struck by a hard freeze Tuesday, Jan. 16, through Wednesday, Jan. 17, closing several area schools, businesses and

streets. Unlike the freeze the previous month, this incident brought sleet and icy conditions rather than snowfall. Temperatures dropped into the low 20s, bringing much of the area to a standstill. Police responded to more than 500 automobile accidents, with one on the Gulf Freeway near Dixie Farm Road being fatal. In that incident, a man was killed as he attempted to make repairs to his vehicle and was struck by another driver.

The Pasadena Independent School District named its 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Honorees included Alisha Broussard (Howard), Dobie track (Class of 1996); Allen Brown (deceased), Pasadena track coach; Nikki Cockrell, Rayburn softball (Class of 1994); Bobby Crenshaw (deceased), Pasadena football (Class of 1959); LaToya Davis, South Houston basketball (Class of 2002); Bruce Dowdy, Pasadena football (Class of 1967); Harry Morgan, South Houston football coach; Johnny Parker, Rayburn football and basketball (Class of 1968); and Calvin Powitzky Jr., Pasadena football (Class of 1964). The inductees were recognized at a gala on April 14 at Phillips Field House.

Jan. 25

An elderly man was fatally shot in the parking lot of H-E-B in the 9800 block of Blackhawk at Beltway 8 the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 20. According to police, the incident took place around 1:05 p.m. The victim, That Huu 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 a vehicle 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. He left behind a wife of more than 50 years, five children and five grandchildren.

Feb. 1

Dobie High School's Academic Decathlon team advanced to the state competition following a strong performance at the regional tournament. Team members included Sarah Tyler, Madison Tobias, Jennifer Nguyen, Noelle Phan (captain), Fredy Orellana, Bob Daughtery, Ramon Hernandez, Vicente Trevino, Kennedy Ho and Hoang Le.

Investigators from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office have filed felony theft charges on two suspects in connection to a lengthy string of wheel thefts in the South Belt area. According

to Precinct 2 officials, there had been at least 30 reported cases in the South Belt area in the previous 14 months. It was estimated that at least \$50,000 worth of rims and tires have been stolen from this area alone. The crooks also targeted the surrounding areas of Houston, Pearland, Pasadena, La Porte and Deer Park, as well as other areas outside of Harris County. Most of the wheels were stolen from Chevy or GMC trucks that were 2014 models or newer. The thefts usually took place in the early morning hours between 2 and 5 a.m. Multiple other law enforcement agencies assisted in the investigation, including the Texas Rangers.

Feb. 8

Jarrett Scales-LeGare of the Riverstone Ranch subdivision was fatally shot on Friday, Feb. 2, outside of the Clear Creek Landing apartments, located at Beamer at Hall Road. Scales-LeGare was reportedly sitting inside his car in the parking lot at the time of the shooting. Investigators believe robbery was the motive. No immediate arrests were made.

A South Belt woman was killed in an automobile accident Thursday, Feb. 1, in the 8000 block of Beltway 8 near Telephone Road. Chelcie Victoria Cloud, 25, of the Highland Meadow subdivision was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Cloud was rear-ended as she sat parked at the toll booth. No charges were immediately filed.

Feb. 15

A man was shot in the leg Wednesday, Feb. 7, during an argument at a convenience store in the 9200 block of Clearwood. The victim was transported to the hospital with a non-life-threatening injury. No immediate arrests were made.

The Dobie Lariatettes and Lasso drill teams excelled at a regional competition in New Caney, taking home multiple awards.

Feb. 22

Thompson Intermediate reopened for class on Tuesday, Feb. 20, following an approximate five-month closure after suffering extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey. The campus's roof alone suffered more than \$1 million in damage during the historic storm. The school's gym, library and orchestra room were also severely damaged. During the interim, Thompson students were temporarily housed with their ongoing rivals at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

A man was fatally shot Sunday, Feb. 18, in the parking lot of Walmart in the 9500 block of Rowlett near Almeda Genoa and the Gulf Freeway. Continued on Page 4A

Abbott praises Harvey heroes



Much of 2018 was spent still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey the previous year. In July, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (left) joined the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at the group's 34th annual banquet to honor local heroes from the historic storm. Abbott is pictured above showing those in attendance a photograph on the back cover of the event's program that he felt embodied the heroic efforts being recognized that evening. Abbott described the photo, which showed Dobie student Reena Benitez wading through waist-high floodwater to volunteer at the Dobie shelter, as "what the future of Texas looks like." Pictured with Abbott is the Rev. Emory Gadd. Photo by Bruce Summers

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Stuchbery holds spelling bee

Stuchbery Elementary held its annual spelling bee, and after 14 rounds, fourth-graders prevailed. Anne Tran (left) was declared the winner and Duy Lam (right) was the runner-up. Shown are Tran; Lauren Nalepa (middle), school librarian and spelling bee coordinator; and Lam.

Photo by Kristin Wallis

Melillo fifth-graders submit 2019 New Year's resolutions

Continued from Page 4A

My New Year's Resolution is to learn German. **Francisco Serrano**

My New Year's Resolution is to dominate in the amateur class for Motocross. **Kinotsu Ploucha**

My New Year's Resolution is to pop fireworks and firecrackers. **Morgan McGee**

My New Year's resolution is having my whole family (including my stepsiblings) come and watch fireworks outside! **Audrina Hernandez**

My New Year's Resolution is to do better in school. **Luke Penalzo**

My New Year's resolution is to get better at Math. **Damarion Copeland**

My New Year's resolution is to have passing grades through this year and next year. **Rafael Lopez**

My New Year's resolution is to pop fireworks. **Adrian Arreola**

My New Year's Resolution is to make better grades. **Emily Golenko**

My New Year's resolution is to get better grades. **Natalie De Hoyos**

My New Year's resolution is to get good grades. **Ayden Munoz**

My New Year's Resolution is to support students to feel confident about reading. **Elizabeth Soto**

My New Year's resolution is to play more Basketball. **Jordyn Brown**

My New Year's Resolution is to pay more attention in class and try to get better grades. **Addison McAfee**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better at math. **Amari Wilks**

My New Year's Resolution is to get good grades in every subject. **Nathan Le**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better at basketball. **Ozzi Fuentes**

My New Year's Resolution is to work harder at boxing and at home when I am working out at home. **Avian Alexander Arredondo**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better grades and eat healthier. **Suri Rocha**

My New Year's Resolution is to be a better person by **Oscar Saucedo**

My New Year's Resolution is to start playing soccer in the spring and be more athletic. **Morgan Hill**

My New Year's Resolution is to do well on the CBA's. **Bao Ngo**

My New Year's Resolution is to be healthier. **Julian Acevedo**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better grades in all subjects and be a better friend. **Fernando Vargas**

My New Year's Resolution is to get straight A's in all subjects. **Kylie Campos**

My New Year's Resolution is to spend less time on my phone. **Alana Baulch**

My New Year's Resolution is to get an A in conduct. **Adam J. Baker**

My New Year's Resolution is to change my tone to others. **Payton Sigun**

My New Year's Resolution is to get all A+ in class. **Joshua Arredondo**

My New Year's Resolution is to throw lefty all year. **Julian Salinas**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better at my trumpet. **Nathan Montez**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better at band. **Danton Le**

My New Year's Resolution is to become a waiter when I go to college. **Stephen Wright**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better at over hand serving. **Mia Mata**

My New Year's Resolution is to practice drawing and go to art school. **Brendan Parrish**

My New Year's Resolution is to be better at school, Fortnite, and Math. **Mark Domingo**

My New Year's Resolution is to play outside for 1 hour a day. **Serena Delgado**

My New Year's Resolution is to have all 100's. **Blessing Akinloye**

My New Year's Resolution is to have good grades. **MiaBella Sudario Garza**

My New Year's Resolution is to get all A's. **Ivan Ayala**

My New Year's Resolution is to read 1,000,000 words. **Michelle Nguyen**

My New Year's Resolution is to do 300 pushups and sit-ups. **Nathan Rodriguez**

My New Year's Resolution is to lose weight. **Kian Ton**

My New Year's Resolution is to get better at typing. **Melanie Sanchez**

My New Year's Resolution is to get stronger and lose weight. **Jaiden Flores**

My New Year's Resolution is to play my oboe more and get better grades. **Olivia Wheeler**

My New Year's Resolution is to eat all my meals and get better grades. **Natalie Rangel**

My New Year's Resolution is to lose weight and get stronger. **Raymundo Solis**

My New Year's Resolution is to exercise more. **Julietta Garcia**

My New Year's Resolution is to pass all my subjects for school. **Valerie Ortiz**

My New Year's Resolution is to be a better person, do good in school and to have a good year/time. **Elijah Lewis**

My New Year's resolution is to do good in school. **Jordan De Robles**

My New Year's Resolution is to have a better year. **Mahika Singh**

My New Year's Resolution is to have good grades and have fun at school! **Lillian Thomas**

My New Year's Resolution is to get all A's on all my report cards. **Maddox Gonzalez**

My New Year's Resolution is to have better grades and pass all my classes. **Ricardo Delgado**

My new year's Resolution is to have better grades in school. **Minh Nguyen**

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Dobie soccer programs to hit tournament trail

The holidays are certainly near, which means the 2019 high school soccer is set to begin.

And nowhere are expectations higher than at Dobie, where the varsity boys' team has racked up four consecutive District 22-6A championships and a 2017 Region III title.

The 2018 squad was eliminated from the post-season by North Shore, but the Longhorns are primed for a bounce back in 2019 as the chase to unseat defending state champion Alief Elsiek begins.

Dobie will scrimmage at Morton Ranch Jan. 28 and at Klein Jan. 31 in preparation for the regular season.

As for the Dobie girls, who will scrimmage Clear Creek Dec. 28 and Alvin Dec. 29, both at Veterans Stadium, the Lady Longhorns know the road to the 2019 postseason figures to be much more difficult what with newcomers Atascocita and Kingwood now in the District 22-6A mix.

Kingwood, 25-2-2 last season, advanced to the Region III Final Four before a loss to Tompkins.

Atascocita defeated Dobie 5-0 in the bidistrict round but then lost to Clear Springs in the area round to finish at 22-2-2.

But 2019 brings a fresh start, and the Lady Longhorns will look to spark

their season with a strong showing at the 2019 Waller Classic, Jan. 3-5, as the locals face Concordia, Cy-Ridge and Bellville in round robin play.

The Dobie boys have owned the competition in previous Pasadena ISD Cup appearances and will look to do so again this

season.

The Longhorns will go against fellow Region III power Channelview to begin tournament play Jan. 3 at Veterans Stadium.

The locals will also take on Clements Jan. 4 and Manvel Jan. 5 in hopes of reaching the championship game later in the day

on Jan. 5.

During the second week of the season, the Dobie boys will again ramp up things with a Jan. 10-12 appearance at the prestigious Austin Lakes Elite Showcase.

On Jan. 10, the Longhorns will be at Westlake High School in Austin to

take on Juarez Lincoln.

Looking ahead to Jan. 11, Dobie will go against 2017 Region III semifinalist Seven Lakes at Lake Travis High School.

Dobie will also face

San Antonio Johnson Jan. 12 at Lake Travis High School.

The Lady Longhorns will attend the Port Nech-

es ISD Invitational Jan.

10-12, where several of the state's top programs will also be in action. District 22-6A play begins

Jan. 22.

Dobie Girls' Soccer at 2019 Waller Classic

Jan. 3 – versus Concordia/Waller ISD/ 4 p.m.

Jan. 4 – versus Cy-Ridge/Schultz Stadium/ 11 a.m.

Jan. 5 – versus Bellville/Prairie View / 1:30 p.m.

Dobie Boys' Soccer at 2019 PISD Cup

Jan. 3 – versus Channelview/Veterans/ 2 p.m.

Jan. 4 – versus Clements/Veterans/ 11 a.m.

Jan. 5 – at Manvel H.S./9 a.m.

Jan. 5 – Trophy round matches/TBA

SBGSA/SBHLL spring leagues continuing online registrations

Registration opportunities remain for youths wishing to take part in either the South Belt Girls Softball Association or Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League 2019 spring seasons.

SBGSA details

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has initiated early registration activities for the 2019 spring season.

Parents may register their children, ages 4 through 16 as of Jan. 1, 2019, online at www.southbeltssoftball.com.

The early registration session is running now through Dec. 31, 2018, and is \$70 per player in addition to participation in the league's candy fundraiser buyout fee.

Regular registration within the league begins Jan. 1, 2019, and will cost \$75 per player in addition to a \$135 candy fundraiser buyout fee.

For more details on the registration activities or the league itself, visit www.southbeltssoftball.com.

SBHLL details

Online registration is currently underway within the Sagamont-Beverly Hills Little League as officials prepare for the 2019 spring season.

For players ages 3 and 4 (born between Sept. 2014 and Jan. 1, 2016), the cost is \$125, while those ages 5 through 16 (born between Sept. 2002 and Aug. 2014) will pay \$200 per player.

The league will also for the seventh season offer

children ages 5 to 18 with physical and/or mental disabilities the chance to compete in the Challenger division free of charge.

While online registration is preferred, there will be additional in-person sign-up dates coming in Jan. 2019.

For more information on sign-up opportunities, including documents required to be turned into the league during the sign-up process or the Challenger division, visit www.eteamz.com/sbhll.



Some of the players' names will change for 2019, but expectations remain the same as the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team will begin its quest for a fifth consecutive District 22-6A championship this season.

CB soccer has high hopes

The Clear Brook boys' and girls' soccer programs are among those using the holiday break to prepare for the upcoming season, and there are high hopes surrounding both.

On the girls' side of things, Jamie Scott is back to lead the Lady Wolverines into action.

The Lady Wolverines were 4-4-1 a season ago and in striking range of a playoff spot before a pair of ties and two losses in the team's final five matches quelled those aspirations.

This season, the Lady Wolverines will look to get off to a strong start at

the Jan. 3-5 Humble ISD Classic.

Meanwhile, Ricardo Canales is set for his first season as the Brook boys' head coach after having been the varsity assistant for several seasons.

The Wolverines will begin their season at the Jan. 3-5 Katy Showcase.

Brook Girls' Soccer at 2019 Humble Classic

Jan. 3 – versus Lumberton/Atascocita H.S./3 p.m.

Jan. 4 – Cy-Woods or Elkins/Atascocita H.S./ TBA

Brook Boys' Soccer at 2019 Katy Showcase

Jan. 3-5, TBA

CB, JFD boys' hoops to hit Medina invite

There will be plenty of holiday basketball action on the hardwood as the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity boys' teams will be in action at the Eric Medina Memorial Christmas Classic Dec. 28 and Dec. 29 at various locations across Pasadena ISD.

Medina, a former Pasadena High School basketball player, died in 2015 after experiencing a health issue while exercising on campus. The tournament, named in Medina's honor, has expanded to dual 16-team brackets this season.

Clear Brook, under the guidance of first-year head coach Nathan Janak, is cast in the Platinum bracket and will take on Milby Friday, Dec. 28, in a 10:30

a.m. contest at Sam Rayburn. The Wolverines will then face either Bellaire or Beaumont United in a second-round game, also Dec. 28.

Dobie, in the Gold bracket, will host Heights Dec. 28, in a noon game at Dobie. The Longhorns will then face either Galveston Ball or Stratford later in the day.

The Gold and Platinum bracket championship games are set for Saturday, Dec. 29, at Phillips Field House. The Gold title game will tip off at 3 p.m., followed by the Platinum title game at 4:30 p.m.

The Dobie varsity girls basketball team will head to the Dec. 27-29 Barbers Hill ISD Classic.

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2018 – a year of outstanding sports achievements in South Belt community

Editor's note: As has become an annual tradition at the *Leader*, we have taken a step back to take a look at the 2018 Year in Review.

There were many special moments over the course of the year – far too many to list in fact. So here we go. This is our best shot at remembering the greatness 2018 brought.

The tournament has changed official names a

sel began to turn Jan. 22 as Dwayne Lane, formerly of South Houston, was approved as the new head football coach and campus athletic coordinator at Clear Creek High School.

In a move of pure formality, the Clear Creek ISD board of trustees unanimously voted by a 7-0 count to bring Lane to Clear Creek High School, where he replaced the retired Darrell Warden.

Lane's move to Clear

a specially-called meeting of the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees Feb. 7.

Berneathy served as the offensive coordinator at Angleton High School for the previous three years, where he helped lead the Wildcats to a 13-1 record and a 5A Division I Region 4 Championship in 2017.

With more than 10 years of coaching experience, he also previously served as offensive co-

ordinator at La Marque High School, a defensive line coach at Dickinson High School and an offensive line coach at La Porte High School.

In varsity girls' basketball news, Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Shane Brown did not want to flip a coin this year. He preferred to let the players decide the final outcome on the hardwood.

Well, his Lady Longhorns took care of their business, defeating rival Deer Park 40-29, at Dobie, securing the team's second straight District 22-6A crown.

The Lady Longhorns went on to defeat North Shore in overtime, reaching the area playoff round for the second straight season before a loss to Alief Elsie.

In the excitement against North Shore, sophomore guard Charlee Peters forced overtime with a free throw with 14 seconds left.

In the overtime, Dobie got a lay-in from Alexis Oses and short jumpers from Briasia Garza and Destiny Estes.

After a late technical foul against North Shore, Dobie freshman guard Vanessa Lam hit one of two free throws to seal the victory.

In one click of the return key, competing for a playoff berth in most team sports became much more difficult for the five Pasadena ISD high schools.

The University Interscholastic League released its biannual athletics realignment Feb. 1, sending shock waves in a variety of directions.

Perhaps no deeper was the reverberation felt than within Pasadena ISD. In a nutshell, Deer Park, La Porte and West Brook (in all sports but football) were jettisoned from 22-6A beginning in 2018-2019 and continuing through 2019-2020.

That's fine, but the new reality was a tough one to take.

The five PISD high schools, including Dobie, now compete in 22-6A along with Humble ISD's four high schools, which include Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood and Summer Creek.

The 2017-2018 swimming season concluded at

Dobie High School, but what memories several of the team's competitors made this season.

Having become the school's new record-holder in the 100-yard fly at the District 22-6A Championships, senior Allie Parker then grabbed another school record at regionals.

With Parker, David Lukner and others excelling at the Region VI Championships, the Longhorns finished 13th as a team with 84 points.

As for Parker, she earned a time of 1 minute, 6.39 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke preliminaries, setting a new school record in the final competitive high school meet of her tremendous career.

Lukner, a sophomore, delivered the best overall finish for Dobie at regionals. Coming in at 4:40.67, Lukner was fourth in the 500-yard freestyle. His brother, Joseph Lukner, was 11th in a time of 5:02.47.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, the Longhorn boys were eighth overall, clocking in at 3:22.02 behind the effort of David Lukner, Samuel Parker, Joshua Woernley and Joseph Lukner.

At 22:39, Woernley was ninth in the 50-yard freestyle, and Joseph Lukner's time of 1:53.32 was 12th in the 200-yard freestyle event.

Dobie also fared well for itself in the 200-yard freestyle relay in both divisions.

Joseph Lukner, Parker, Victor Nguyen and Woernley teamed in the boys' 200-free, placing 11th in a time of 1:35.14.

The Lady Longhorns' 200-yard freestyle relay, featuring Madison Caballero, Parker, Sophia Colmenares and Bella Woernley, placed 15th at 1:52.90.

At 1:46.74, the Dobie boys' 200-yard medley relay squad placed 12th at 1:46.74 as David Lukner, Parker, Woernley and Nguyen represented the locals.

Kingwood, now part of District 22-6A, won the boys' and girls' regional crowns.

Dobie junior Jase Young took center stage for the Longhorns at the Jim Kethan Relays in Deer Park, reeling in a pair of third-place honors.

Young and Devin Childs booked the Longhorns' best finishes of the meet as the Dobie boys got things going.

In the 100-meter dash, Young's time of 12.02 seconds placed him third for a bronze medal. Shifting to the 200-meter dash, Young again came up third as he delivered a clocking of 23.89.

Childs' third-place

medal came in the shot put as his best throw of 42 feet, 4 1/2 inches placed him third overall.

Junior Justin Laviner was fourth in the pole vault as he cleared 11-0, and teammate Christopher Rolon was fifth in the 110-meter hurdles at 20.35.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Mason Douglas crossed the finish line fifth at 46.66, and Jeffrey McCall threw the discus 114-0 for fifth place.

Dontavion Crosby's best long jump effort was good for fifth place at 18-5, and Crosby also placed fifth in the triple jump after making his way to 36-1/2.

Going up against a very talented field of teams at the season-opening Wolverine Relays at Clear Brook, the host Wolverines delivered a few bright moments.

Long jumper Kenneth Pree, certainly aiming to get back into regional contention during his senior season, got off to a great start.

Going to the 21 feet, 11 1/4 inch mark, Pree won the event, with teammate Loranzo Thompson placing fourth at a distance of 20-7 1/2.

The Wolverine boys' 4x100-meter relay squad was fifth in a time of 43.05 seconds, and the team's 4x400-meter squad was also fifth, this time at 3:30.41.

On the girls' side, sophomore Christina Winger was sixth in the discus throw at 88-10.

Four Clear Brook High School class of 2018 seniors decided where to continue their education and playing careers.

Boys' soccer standout Jordan Greenshield, girls' soccer team captain Cameron Koerner and football players Jarrett Smith and Braelon Hill inked letters of intent.

Greenshield is now at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, while Koerner, meanwhile, is at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Smith is a member of the University of Texas football program, and Hill this season played at Kilgore College in Ranger, Texas.

In his freshman season at Seattle Pacific, Greenshield played in five matches, starting one.

Koerner, meanwhile, started in goal for the Lady Rattlers seven times in 10 total matches.

Twenty-nine total games played. More than 930 minutes of high school basketball. Yet the Dobie varsity boys' basketball season came down to the last second of the regular season before the reward finally came.

Dobie sophomore Mar-



In addition to helping lead their Clear Brook team to the regional championship, Kassandra Razo (left) and Adrianna Gammon reached state in individual competition. Brook finished in the Final Four at the state competition, and Gammon advanced to the Great Eight in the individual competition before being dinged by the No. 1 seed.

Wincher and Jacqueline Garcia, who drove in a pair with a double.

The Lady Longhorns also got a big lift from Leslie Longoria, who doubled among her three hits, and Martiza Elizalde, who tripled, scored a run and drove in two more.

Midway through the District 22-6A varsity soccer season, the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' teams were trending in different directions.

The biggest of big games awaited the Dobie and Memorial varsity boys' soccer teams with first place on the line.

Dobie, despite a 1-0 loss to Sam Rayburn, leapt to the top of the standings at 5-1-0 for 15 points.

In that league race, Deer Park was comfortable at 5-0-1 for 22 points, with La Porte second after its 2-0 victory over Dobie.

Dobie was still in good shape to grab a playoff slot down the stretch, but the race had suddenly turned.

After earning a key point after a shootout loss to Deer Park, the Lady Longhorns were a win over La Porte away from popping into sole possession of second place. It, however, didn't occur.

The Lady Longhorns will play the rest of the season without key all-district player Tania Collier, and then there are road games against Deer Park and La Porte in the second half of league play.

Clear Brook senior bowler Kassandra Razo, who is now continuing

her education and bowling career at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, was inducted into the Greater Houston Coaches/Parents Association's Hall of Honor.

A four-year letterwinner and one of the top bowlers in Brook history, Razo has always been active in her community, raising funds for charity, including the Special Olympics and more. She was also a member of Clear Brook's Peer Assistance and Leadership programs and assisted in the senior living community.

The race to the Region XIV junior college baseball championship got underway and defending league champion San Jacinto College was again looking like the team to beat.

Moving to 12-2 overall early this year, the Gators opened Region XIV action with a three-game sweep of Laredo.

The first game was a nail-biter as the locals needed a pair of late home runs to win. After that, though, the Gator offense came alive for 26 runs over the final two games.

In the series opener Feb. 23, the Gators trailed 2-1 through five before scoring once each in the sixth, seventh and ninth innings for the 4-2 win.

Mario Moralez homered in the top of the sixth inning to tie things at 2-2. Alerick Soularie then homered in the top of the ninth as part of a 3 for 5 effort at the plate to ensure

the win.

Staff ace Jacob Cantleberry allowed just one earned run over six innings while fanning seven for the victory.

Reid Morgan was terrific in relief, fanning five and allowing just one hit over the final three frames for the save. San Jacinto overcame striking out 16 times in the game.

Slugging four home runs in the first of two games, the Gators rolled past Laredo 11-1 in seven innings.

Matt Goodheart, Segio Macias, Soularie and Nick Neville all went deep in the game for the winners.

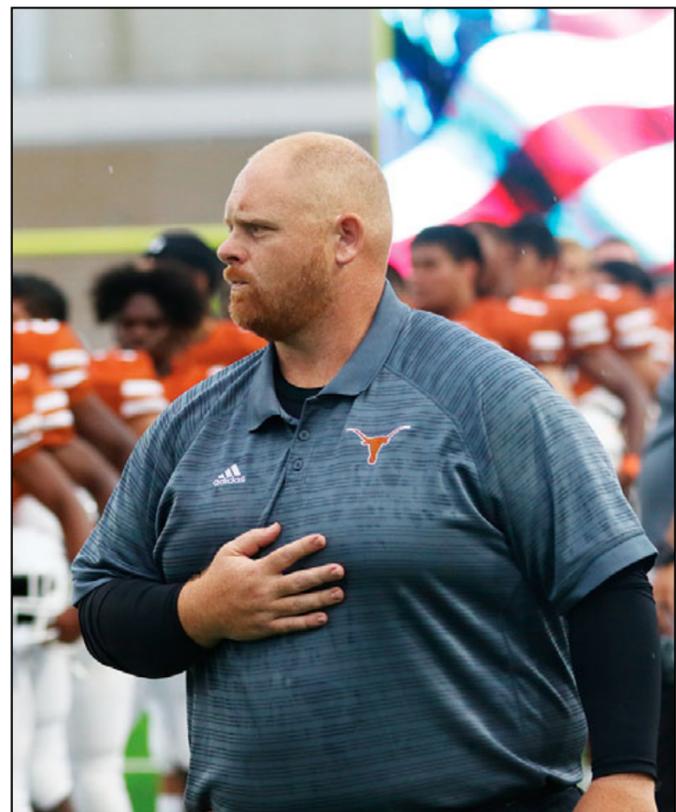
Patrick Longstreet was named South Houston High School's head football coach/athletic coordinator, giving the Trojans a new leader.

Longstreet had served as the offensive coordinator for B.F. Terry High School at Lamar Consolidated Independent School District for the previous seven years and helped lead the Rangers to a 5-5 record in 2017.

With more than 13 years coaching experience, Longstreet also previously served as an assistant coach at both Clements High School and Bastrop High School.

Dobie High School Class of 2017 graduate and current Lindenwood University freshman guard Jade Giron celebrated while cutting a portion of the net down after the Lions cap-

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Hired Feb. 7 to lead the turnaround of the football program at Dobie High School, Kevin Berneathy did just that. Emphasizing a belief in the process, Berneathy was eventually able to guide the varsity football team to a 7-3 finish and a playoff berth. Along the way, the Longhorns led the 22-6A ranks in total rushing yardage.

Photo by Jade Wise

few times over a 13-year span, but some things simply stay the same, especially in January.

Coming up with a tremendous defensive effort against Region IV power Brownsville Hanna, defending Region III boys' soccer champion Dobie came away with a 2-0 win in one of two trophy title matches at the Pearl/ Pasadena ISD Cup Jan. 6 in Pasadena.

It was Dobie's third tournament championship win in four years and second straight.

Defeating Goose Creek Memorial 4-0 and then topping George Ranch 4-2, the Longhorns finished pool play with a draw against Houston MacArthur, forging a championship match against Hanna.

Dobie entered the season ranked No. 2 in Region III by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches, while Hanna was at No. 7 in Region IV.

San Jacinto College head baseball coach Tom Arrington added "Hall of Fame" to his signature, as the veteran coach entered the National Junior College Athletic Association Baseball Hall of Fame during the JUCO World Series. The official announcement surrounding Arrington's induction came in January.

"I am shocked and surprised. It hasn't really sunk in yet," said Arrington, who has now completed his 18th season at the helm of the San Jacinto College program.

"As a coach, my success starts with the players. They are the ones playing the game. It is my responsibility to guide them and transition them along their path. I am very blessed and thankful to have this opportunity."

Entering 2018, Arrington owned an overall record of 742-298 (.713) in his previous 17 years as head coach.

He has now guided San Jacinto College to 14 conference titles, 12 regional championships, six national runner-up finishes at the Junior College World Series, four third-place national finishes and one fifth-place national finish.

The high school head football coaching carou-

Creek came as little surprise to those in the know, given his coaching experience at both Clear Creek and Clear Lake, as well as Alvin and others. Lane previously spent six years each at Clear Creek and Clear Lake.

In five seasons at South Houston, the Trojans were just 15-35. However, the varsity team reached the postseason in 2016 and 2017, both ending in bidistrict playoff losses to Kingwood.

Clear Brook High School varsity football star Caleb Chapman, certainly in the conversation as the most productive wide receiver in the Houston area over the 2016 and 2017 seasons, officially inked a letter of intent with Texas A&M University.

Chapman, who had 39 touchdowns grabs for his varsity career at Clear Brook, played early on for the Aggies but suffered a season-ending knee injury and is on track to be ready for the 2019 season.

The musical chairs game – that is high school football coaching – is continuing.

Pearland ISD, meanwhile, has found its men for the Pearl and Dawson head coaching spots.

The biggest news locally is that Mike Allison ended his three-year stay at Clear Brook after being selected to lead the Dawson program.

Allison had been the Eagles' defensive coordinator for eight seasons at Dawson before coming to Clear Brook in the spring of 2014.

The Dobie varsity team tennis squad was rewarded following the 2017-2018 season, with several players grabbing all-district first team honors.

In mixed doubles, Dobie's Alex Cuaping and Leilani Vargas were first-team selections, and Emily Nguyen was the choice as first team girls' singles ladder No. 3 player.

Among the first team boys' singles ladder honorees, "Big" Tommy Nguyen and Cuaping were at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, with Alex Tamez at No. 5 and Sebastian Delgado at No. 6.

Kevin Berneathy was named the new Dobie High School varsity football head coach during



The Lutheran South Academy boys' soccer team captured the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II state championship after overcoming previously unbeaten Garland Brighter Horizons in a sudden death penalty kick session. Members of the team are, left to right, (first row) Zach Guigliano, Jordan Hill, Will Pfeiffer, Levi Shaider, Noa Miller, Aaron Morales, Kyle Dagley, Blake Baggott, Matthew William, Mark Guigliano, Zach Roberts, (second row) Eli Garrabrant, Joel Diaz, Nick Little, Alex Canales, Jacob Freeborn, Charlie Beck, (third row) Patrick Dooley, Hayden Huber, Bryan Edwards, Fernando Bejarano, Ben French, Kyle Kerr, Darryl Sheer, Jonah Garrabrant, Ian Schaidler, Braden Leimkuhler and coaches Dikeh Agbor, Diego Santillan and Nate Hage. The Lions finished the regular season with a 27-7-3 record with the state title.

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 tured the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association's women's basketball postseason tournament title with a 58-51 win over Fort Hays State University.
 It earned the Lions their first-ever NCAA Division II postseason berth in program history. Lindenwood, 20-12 and the winner of six straight games, took on Central Region host and top-seed Augustana University (Sioux Falls, S.D.), losing that first-round playoff game.

Dobie sophomore standout Daniel Garza floundered with a no-hitter before Clear Brook broke through, but the sophomore was nonetheless terrific in leading the Longhorns to a 7-4 win over the Wolverines.

Mixing his pitches well, Garza held the Wolverines hitless through 5 1/3 innings before a hit came.

San Jacinto College quickly staked its claim to first place in the Region XIV South Division race with a 6-0 start, courtesy of three game sweeps over Laredo and Wharton.

SJC, 15-3 overall this season at that point, got terrific pitching over the three-game series against Wharton, which included 4-1, 5-4 and 10-0 victories.

The Clear Brook girls' bowling program captured its first-ever regional title, which includes a berth in the state competition, joining Dobie.

Members of the Brook team included Alexis Hernandez, Xander Mata, Lynn Cao, Rabeeah Bhaty, Adrianna Gammon, Cassandra Razo, Kayla Chavez and Allison Lee.

In addition to helping lead their Clear Brook team to the regional championship, Razo and Gammon reached state in individual competition.

Dobie High School graduate and Paris Col-

lege sophomore pitcher Tyler Myers continued to lead the way for the Dragons early in the 2018 season.

Myers, who is now set to pitch as a junior at the University of Mississippi, improved his record to 4-0 with a 6-1 victory over Panola in support of Paris.

Myers, who only began pitching on a regular basis as a senior at Dobie in 2016, was the Dragons' closer in 2017 and is back in the bullpen with Ole Miss.

Against Panola last season, Myers threw a two-hit complete game, allowing a home run for the Ponies' run and striking out four.

Myers has gone 4-0 with a 2.45 earned run average over 33 innings.

Defeated two years running in the regional final, the Lutheran South Academy varsity soccer team simply wouldn't settle for the same during the 2018 season.

Instead, the Pioneers pushed things to the very end, handing Garland Brighter Horizons its first loss of the season en route to winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II state championship in a sudden death shootout.

Goalkeeper Kyle Dagley stopped Brighter Horizons' first and fourth shots in the shootout session, with the Pioneers successful on each of their first four.

What ensued was nothing short of pandemonium as the Pioneers celebrated their first state title in boys' soccer since 1984.

Head coach Nate Hagge took over the program prior to the 2016 season and watched as his team fell in consecutive seasons one step short of the state tournament. Not this time.

"You always start a season with the goal of winning another district title so you can have a chance to win in the playoffs,"

Hagge said.

"Once we did that, it was about taking it one match at a time and getting it done. Obviously we thought we had a good shot at it, but you still have to go play."

The title was likely to eventually come anyway, but it was Dobie's emphatic delivery that wound up netting the varsity boys' soccer program its fourth straight District 22-6A championship.

Midway through the first half, the Longhorns scored goals just 30 seconds apart for a 2-0 half-time lead over La Porte.

A hail of second-half goals then provided the final punches as the locals went on to win 8-1.

Family and friends celebrated senior night prior to the match, and Dobie head coach Justo Manrique properly extended extra playing time early on to those of the Class of 2018.

In the end, seventh-place La Porte had little chance as the Longhorns won their 12th straight 22-6A match, moving to 12-1 overall with the season finale against Memorial rendered pointless.

Gulf Coast State College (Fla.) used a 15-8 fourth-quarter run to hold off the San Jacinto College women, advancing to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Basketball Championships with a 54-45 victory.

While second-seeded GCSC moved on to the Elite Eight and maintained national title hopes, San Jacinto's women's basketball program officially ended. Yet what a run it was.

Winning nine straight games, San Jacinto advanced to nationals for the second straight season. An opening-round win over Hutchinson (Kansas) gave the program its first-ever national tournament win.

Against GCSC, it simply wasn't meant to be. All-American guard Eryka Sydney scored 17 points to lead San Jacinto, and Princess Clemons added 11 more.

Deer Park stayed atop the District 22-6A softball world, but Dobie sent a strong message by pushing the Lady Deer to the limit.
 The defending 22-6A champion Lady Deer got three hits and a pair of runs from Courtney Plocheck, and reliever Alysa Torres got a huge double-play lineout in the sixth inning as Deer Park held off Dobie 5-4, but the locals stayed in the hunt throughout.

The Lady Deer led 3-0 before Dobie scored three runs in the third inning to tie the game. Alana Ortega singled and scored before Taylor Pleasants rocketed a two-run homer to knot the game at 3-3.

Deer Park went ahead in the bottom of the fourth inning on an RBI single by Plocheck, and Sarah Vanderford's RBI double scored Plocheck for a 5-3 Deer Park lead.

Trailing again, Dobie responded in the top of the fifth inning. Leslie Longoria singled, stole second base and moved to third base on an error before she came home on Pleasants' ground out.

Dobie also got a runner to first base with one out, but Dani Colunga's line drive to shortstop was caught and turned into a double play to end the frame.

Dobie senior Victoria Onozie was named the Defensive Player of the Year in District 22-6A following the 2017-2018 season after leading the Lady Longhorns' varsity basketball team to a second consecutive league championship and subsequent bidistrict title.

Onozie, a three-year varsity letter winner, was also the Lady Longhorns' top scorer and rebounder during the season. Over her junior and senior campaigns, she helped the program go 26-2 in 22-6A action.

In the District 22-6A varsity boys' ranks, Dobie's Justin Thomas and D.J. Garrett made the first team all-league list. Clear Brook's Kendrick Christian was a first-team pick in the District 24-6A ranks.

On certainly not the

prettiest of days, Dobie and Memorial combined to play a not so pretty softball game.

Yet in this heated rivalry, Dobie's 4-1 victory over the Lady Mavericks was as beautiful as they come for the locals.

With the win, Dobie

ended the first half of District 22-6A play at 5-2, a game ahead of Memorial, which fell to 4-3. Deer Park was a perfect 7-0, with La Porte at 6-1.

It was again a playoff chase that was destined to go down to the wire in terms of playoff seeding.

Thanks to pitchers Alana Ortega and Miquela Guajardo, star center fielder Yvonne Whaley and others on Dobie's side, the Lady Longhorns were able to gain an edge over their rivals as the first round of league play completed.

Ortega pitched around bases-loaded trouble both in the first and third innings, but would not surrender the big blow as Dobie went on to win.

That's all for now, *Leader* readers. But starting with the Jan. 10, 2019 issue, we will have another

look back at the year in review. What were more of the year's biggest moments? Who else stole the show individually in the area? The *Leader* staff is taking a bit of a break for the holidays, but things will be back in line soon enough.

10-U Momentum wins tourney title at Conroe event

At right, the South Belt Girls Softball Association's 10-under Momentum softball team went undefeated to win the tournament championship at the Gene Campbell Sports Complex in Conroe. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Arianna Serna, Chloe Coronado, Vanessa De La Fuente, Lizandra Garcia, Natalie De Hoyos, (back row) coach Fernando Nunez, Khloe Nunez, Persephone Soria, Kennedy Gupton, Eniko Sanchez, Avril Escamilla and coach Freddy De La Fuente.

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