

Ellington recycling Dec. 12

The City of Houston will hold its monthly recycling program at Ellington Airport Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A joint endeavor between the city's Solid Waste Department and the collection program Compucycle is now contactless due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents are asked to wear masks when speaking to staff and place all items to be recycled in the trunk of the vehicle to ensure no direct contact is made.

Items accepted include computers, routers, laptops, power cords, UPS, cellphones, VCRs, scrap metal/wire, monitors, hubs, printers, cables, servers, DVD players, cable boxes, inkjet cartridges, TVs (CRTTVs up to 27 inches and flat screens up to 50 inches), mice and keyboards, switches, fax machines, telephones, toner cartridges and copiers.

No batteries, oil, antifreeze or paint will be accepted at this recycling event. If one wishes to recycle those materials, they may be taken to a City of Houston Environmental Service Center.

To get to the Ellington recycling site from Interstate 45 and Beltway 8, drivers should take I-45 south toward Galveston and turn left onto FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road. Proceed to Highway 3/Old Galveston Road and turn right, drive two blocks and turn left onto Brantly, go past a dock with signs to the right and turn left onto Loop Road/Broussard. The recycling center is on the left-hand side.

To learn more about free recycling services, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/depositories.html.

COVID numbers increase

As of Wednesday, Dec. 1, a total of 78 South Belt residents had been confirmed dead from COVID-19, according to Harris County officials. That number is up three from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 2,604 confirmed cases in 77089, 324 remain active, while 2,245 have recovered from the virus. To date, 35 from the ZIP code have died from the disease — up two from last week.

In 77075, 206 of the 1,920 confirmed cases remain active, while 1,693 have recovered. A total of 21 from the ZIP code have died. The number of deaths is one less than reported by the county the previous week in the ZIP code. At press time, the reason for the discrepancy was unclear.

Of the 2,139 confirmed cases in 77034, 207 remain active, while 1,910 have recovered from the disease. To date, 22 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease — up two from the previous week.

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from preexisting health issues.

Countywide, there are 192,127 total confirmed cases. Of those, 168,980 have recovered from the disease, while 20,693 cases remain active. A total of 2,439 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within both the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Re-sources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH 288 to the Gulf Freeway daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 8.

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Greenshadow to SH 225 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, Dec. 9. At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 20.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 20. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Gulf Freeway closures set

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway at NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one lane of the northbound and southbound entrance ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 and exit ramp from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Two alternate lanes on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The northbound connector ramp from the Gulf Freeway to IH 610 South Loop, along with one inside lane, will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31. At least two alternate main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

The northbound and southbound entrance ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street and the northbound and southbound exit ramp from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

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.

Christmas pop-up shop

The Gardens Christmas Pop-Up Shop has been extended to Sunday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot at the Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer Road (weather permitting). Vendor space is available. Contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545 or Carmen Garza at 281-481-0181.

New toy and monetary donations for the South Belt Toy Drive will be accepted during the event.

Leader corrects error

The Nov. 26 *Leader* article titled "Homeowners reminded to take advantage of all tax breaks" contained an error.

Residents wishing to file for a school homestead exemption should call 713-957-7800, rather than 713-920-4641.

The *Leader* staff apologizes for any confusion.

Christmas program undergoes COVID changes

The annual *South Belt-Ellington Leader* Christmas food and toy drive is currently underway and this year, due to COVID, is undergoing major changes.

Now in its 38th year, the program is aimed at helping needy families in the immediate South Belt area.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,

16-year-old shot by male suspect

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a juvenile male that took place around 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in the 10600 block of Sabo Road.

The victim, 16, was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

According to police, the victim was walking to a convenience store with friends when he be-

gan arguing with an unidentified male suspect. The suspect then shot the victim in the right arm and torso before fleeing.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

whether or not help has been sought elsewhere and whether or not the *Leader* has provided assistance in past years, the grade level and school attended for all those in school as well as first and last names and ages of all children.

All applicants must undergo a screening

process to determine the family's need. This is done through various means, including verification from school nurses.

To qualify, one must be a South Belt area resident and provide one form of identification

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Kennedy recognized by PISD



Stacey Kennedy

Throughout this season, Pasadena ISD is spotlighting a few of the great teachers around the district for whom they are thankful.

At the suggestion of Beverly Hills Intermediate, PISD is shining a spotlight on Stacey Kennedy, an eighth-grade U.S. history teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Kennedy has worked relentlessly to familiarize herself with new technology tools and to overcome any obstacles in providing her students with an education.

Through the challenges brought on by COVID-19, Kennedy works diligently each day to meet the needs of both her virtual and face-to-face students.

"This year is full of reasons that could have Kennedy down, but she continues to rise to the occasion with a smile," said Jennifer Teichelman, an assistant principal at Beverly Hills.

In addition to giving her all to her students, she also serves as a mentor to a student teacher, determined to have a positive impact on this future educator. "We are thankful that Stacey Kennedy is a BHI Bear," said Teichelman.

FBI warns about holiday scams

With the holiday shopping season underway, criminals are gearing up to do a little "shopping" of their own. The FBI reminds residents to look out for scams designed to steal their money and personal information, especially while shopping online. When shopping online, residents should make sure a site is secure and reputable before providing their credit card number. One should not trust a site just because it claims to be secure. Residents should beware of purchases or services that require one to pay with a gift card.

If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. Scammers often scheme to defraud consumers

Missing 11-year-old girl found safe

A missing 11-year-old South Belt girl was found safe the night of Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Zia Byakika had gone missing Friday, Nov. 27, leaving her house in the 10000 block of Victoria Falls near Alameda Genoa and Rowlett.

The juvenile was reportedly with her 20-year-old sister who suffers from mental disabilities. According to social media, the pair may have been spotted at a homeless encampment near Walgreens at Fuqua and Sabo. The girl's mother, Pinky Byakika, shared the news on Facebook Wednesday, Dec. 3. "Thank goodness my baby has been found," she said. "Thanks everyone for your support! Houston showed up!"

Fatal El Dorado crash investigated

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place around 1:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, in the 600 block of El Dorado near SH 3/Old Galveston Road.

The identity of the male victim, 27, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. According to police, the victim was driving a gray Toyota Tacoma at a high rate of speed over railroad

tracks at the above address when he failed to maintain a single lane and drove off the roadway on to the center grassy median. The Toyota partially rolled over, causing the roof to strike a tree. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the driver dead at the scene. Three passengers, two males, 18 and 19, and a female, 20, were transported to area hospitals in unknown conditions.

COVID updates on titles, licenses, etc.

With the COVID-19 threat still looming, several government agencies are continuing to do business exclusively online or in-person by appointment only, while other requirements such as vehicle registrations have been given a temporary waiver.

Vehicle registration, titles

In an effort to reduce the need for in-person transactions, the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, working with Gov. Greg Abbott, has temporarily waived certain requirements for vehicle registration, vehicle titling and disabled parking placards.

The temporary waiver applies to vehicle

owners in all Texas counties as set forth in the above-referenced proclamation and statement. This temporary waiver is in effect until 60 days after TxDMV notifies the public that normal vehicle registration, vehicle titling and related services have resumed. The 60-day period will be the same for all counties.

The purpose of the waiver is to prevent customers from having to physically visit a county tax assessor-collector office to obtain initial registration, to obtain a 30-day temporary permit, to transfer title or to renew registration or a permanent disabled parking placard.

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PISD Foundation to hold fundraiser

The Pasadena ISD Education Foundation is hosting its first-ever virtual fundraising event called "Back 4 the Future" on Dec. 8, 2020, starting at noon. (See related letter Page 2.)

The event will raise funds to provide mini-grants for teachers, student scholarships, support for virtual learning, district-wide COVID-19 relief and more.

Organizers are hoping to raise \$250,000 to support Pasadena ISD students and teachers during its giving period, starting Dec. 1 through

Dec. 8. The event's grand finale will be live-streamed from noon to 8 p.m. on the final day of giving, Dec. 8.

The virtual event will feature live entertainment from students and staff to community members and alumni, including special hosts Nate Griffin (Fox 26 News) who will co-host with Cynthia Cisneros (ABC 13 retiree), Jennifer Almaguer (actress and producer known for "Prison Break"), famous YouTubers Eduardo

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Murder suspect arrested in Sagemont



A murder suspect was arrested Saturday, Nov. 28, in the 10900 block of Sageleaf near Beamer. Anthony Castellanos, 21, was charged with killing his girlfriend Megan Ficklen, 21, earlier that morning in San Leon. Multiple law enforcement agencies, most in unmarked vehicles, took part in the arrest. As a safety precaution, police completely closed Beamer Road prior to the arrest.

Photo by Jim Elder

Castellanos on \$400,000 bond

A 21-year-old man wanted for the murder of a woman in Galveston County was arrested the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 28, in the 10900 block of Sageleaf.

Anthony Castellanos has been charged with murder for the killing of Megan Ficklen, also 21. The pair were reportedly dating.

According to police, Ficklen was shot multiple times that morning shortly before 7 a.m. in the 300 block of 7th Street in San Leon, where it is believed the couple lived together. Ficklen was transported to



Anthony Castellanos

Clear Lake Regional Hospital, where she later died.

Investigators said they recovered a handgun at the scene of the arrest, but it remained unclear at press time if it was used in the killing. At press time Wednesday, it was unclear what led to the shooting.

At the time of his arrest, Castellanos was on parole for two drug charges and had an open warrant for a parole violation. He is currently in the Galveston County Jail on a \$400,000 bond.

Ficklen was the mother of two young sons. A GoFundMe page has been established to raise money for her family.

At press time, almost a third of the \$15,000 goal had been reached.

To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/t/megan-benefit?utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_cp+share. The investigation is ongoing.

COH sets heavy trash schedule

Despite some delays associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department is maintaining its normal heavy trash pickup schedule.

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Dec. 10, (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, Dec. 11, (second Friday of the month). Due to increased volume associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, city collection crews may run behind schedule.

December is for junk waste. While junk waste is not accepted during tree waste months, tree waste is accepted during junk waste months. However, to ensure that tree waste is recycled, residents should hold tree waste materials until the next tree waste designated month or bring it to a neighborhood depository.

The heavy trash rules, according to the City of Houston website, are as follows:

Dixie to retire



Dixie King, longtime Sagemont resident with nearly 40 years at Hair Care Gallery beauty salon, was given a surprise retirement party Monday by the hair dressers at the local establishment. Dixie, who will retire later this year, has owned the shop most of those years. Dixie and husband Terry will now have even more time to enjoy their grandchildren.

– Tree/junk waste should be placed adjacent to the front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle between the hours of 6 p.m. the prior Friday and 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

– Tree/junk waste material should not be stacked under low overhead electrical wires or other cabling, signs, or mailboxes; next to fences or posts; or on top of water meters, gas meters, fire hydrants; or other exposed utility components.

– Materials should not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk or other right-of-way or in any manner which would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

– Tree/junk waste collection is limited to residential units and vacant residential lots only if the waste generated is in connection with the maintenance of the property.

– No more than 8 cubic yards of junk waste or tree waste may be placed for collection.

– A maximum of 4 cubic yards of building material – not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster or concrete – generated by the resident in connection with the maintenance of the residential property may be collected by Solid Waste Management Department crews.

– Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying that a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant.

– The Solid Waste Management Department is not allowed to collect any material that was generated by contractors who were retained by a resident to perform work on his or her residential property.

– It is the responsibility of the contractor to remove all debris that may arise from the contractor's activities. These contractor-related activities include, but are not limited to: trimming and removal of trees, remodeling, new construction and roofing.

– If authorized items placed for collection are mixed with unauthorized items, department personnel shall not be obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load.

– Solid Waste Management Department collection services are not available to multi-residential structures of more than eight units.

– Residents who put heavy trash in the front of their yard before the allowed time are subject to citation. Fines can range from \$50 to \$2,000 for first-time violators and from \$250 to \$2,000 for repeat offenders. Each day a violation continues may be punishable as a separate offense.

For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html or call 311.

Group to pray for schools

School Prayer Walks USA will host a conference call Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. for Atkinson and Mae Smith elementary schools to pray for the protection and safety of school staff and students in Pasadena ISD. This is a monthly event. Those interested should call 281-484-0901.

In My Opinion

Kurz concerned about area trash

Thank you Marie for returning my call on 11-18. As I said in our conversation, I have noticed an unusually large amount of trash on Beamer from the Beltway down to Dixie Farm Road.

Most of the grass has been cut back next to the railings along the ditch and in doing so has revealed a lot of trash under there. Same can be said for the esplanade and other grassy areas close to the street.

I have lived in Sagemeadow since 1977 and can never recall that street in such sad shape. I love this little neighborhood and it hurts me to see it neglected.

As we discussed, maybe we can all get together as a community in the Spring when the COVID threat isn't so great and have a volunteer clean up. Let me know what I can do to further the progress.

Sincerely,
Karen Kurz

Harrison asks support for PISD foundation

I am asking you to support the Pasadena Schools Education Foundation by donating to our virtual fundraiser "Back 4 the Future of our kids".

The coronavirus pandemic has certainly changed our lives in 2020! One of

the many challenges we are experiencing is providing our children with a safe learning environment. In March, when the Pasadena schools shifted from face-to-face classrooms in school buildings to virtual learning from home, the Education Foundation stepped up and gave the district \$200,000 to help provide laptops and wi-fi hotspots so that all students would have the tools they needed to be able to continue to learn. This unexpected expense, gladly given, depleted our funds. With our three major fundraising events (Shining Stars Gala, Golf Tournament, McDonald's Invitational Basketball Tournament) being cancelled due to the virus, we are short on funds that we use to give grants to teachers for innovative classroom learning projects. Those of you who have school aged children understand the wonderful job our teachers are doing to continue the educating process during this challenging time! The Education Foundation wants to continue providing teachers with programs and equipment that aid in that learning process.

Please consider giving in support of our kids and their teachers. Donations of any amount help the Foundation help the Pasadena School District provide a quality education to our children!

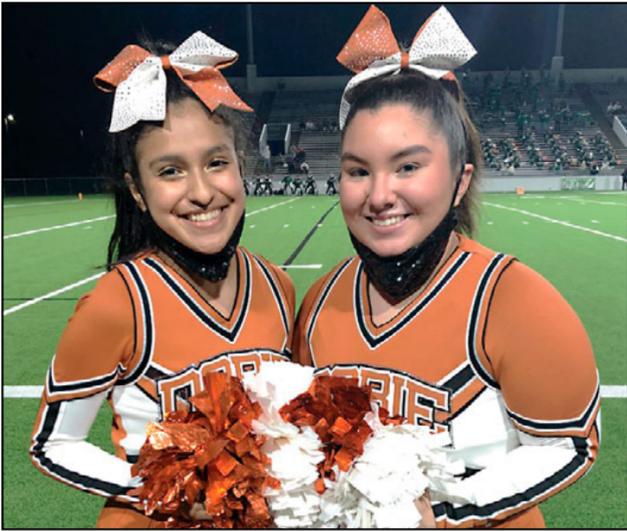
Judy Harrison,
President-Elect
Pasadena ISD Education Foundation
To donate: Text B4TF31 to 71777 or visit <https://app.mobilecause.com/vt/B4TF/JudyHarrison> online.

Pct. 2 gets evacuation vehicle



Pct. 2 Constable officers proudly show off their latest high-water vehicle, a military grade Stewart and Stevenson five-ton troop and equipment mover. Pct. 2 purchased this vehicle which was put into service during the last tropical storm to hit the area. The constable's office made more than 15 high-water rescues, proving it to be an effective tool for evacuation. Shown above are Lt. Clint Brown (left) and Corp. Carlos Betancourt, two members of Pct. 2 who have worked to make the truck ready and effective for service to the community. The vehicle is shown here during a short visit to the South Belt Leader office last week.
Photo by Marie Flickinger

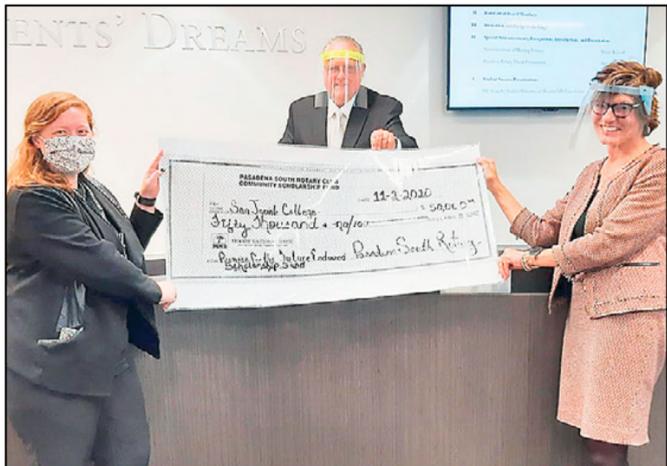
JFD varsity names cheerleaders



Sophomore Isabella Lara, left, daughter of Diana and Edward Lara; and junior Gabbi Lozano, daughter of Deadra and Lionel Lozano, were named Cheerleaders of the Week for the week of Nov. 23.

SJC receives \$50K donation

The San Jacinto College board of trustees received a \$50,000 donation from the Pasadena South Rotary Club for the San Jacinto College Foundation's Promise for their Future scholarship endowment fund at its November board of trustees meeting. Shown are, left to right, **Mandi Reiland, manager, executive operations for the chancellor and board of trustees; Larry Wilson, board of trustees member and Pasadena South Rotary Club member; and Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor.**



The San Jacinto College Foundation received a \$50,000 donation from the Pasadena Rotary Club for its Promise for their Future scholarship endowment at the November board of trustees meeting.

More than a decade ago, the San Jacinto College Foundation created a scholarship endowment to benefit first-year San Jacinto College students.

The Promise for their Future scholarship fund was established in order to help alleviate some of the financial burdens that first-year college students encounter such as tuition, books, lab supplies and other college-related expenses.

Today, the Promise for their Future scholarship fund has been one of the most impactful endowed scholarships for San Jacinto College students.

What began as a \$1 million scholarship funding goal has now surpassed \$1.2 million. Promise for their Future scholarships continue to ensure San Jacinto College student success by removing financial barriers so that the cost of higher education does not hinder a student's goal of completing their credential.

Since 2009, more than 11,000 students have received San Jacinto College Foundation scholarships totaling more than \$6 million.

For additional information about the Digital Learning Call Center, visit <https://www.1.pasadenaisd.org/>.

Digital center at PISD

Pasadena ISD has partnered with Harris County to launch the Digital Learning Call Center.

Pasadena ISD and Harris County would like to hear from those who are having difficulty with online learning after regular school hours or on weekends.

The call center has been created for Pasadena ISD families to log any online learning-related issues.

Harris County Digital Learning Call Center number is 281-885-1374 and hours are weekdays from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For additional information about the Digital Learning Call Center, visit <https://www.1.pasadenaisd.org/>.

FBI warns about scams

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not be legitimate. Residents should protect themselves by securing banking and credit accounts with strong and different passwords, as well as all other accounts that contain anything of value, such as: rewards accounts, online payments that save one's payment information or accounts containing their private, personal information.

One should check credit card and bank statements regularly to make sure no fraudulent charges have been made to their account.

If one suspects they've been victimized, they should do the following:

- Contact their financial institution immediately upon suspecting or discovering a fraudulent transfer.
- Request that their bank reach out to the financial institution where the fraudulent transfer was sent.
- Contact law enforcement.
- File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.IC3.gov, regardless of dollar loss.

Publisher's Opinion

Christmas program needs community

Every year at this time, the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* presents its annual Christmas program which helps families of the community that are in need.

We have been doing this for 38 years. The program is organized by the *Leader*, but is put on by numerous community groups, including school children, clubs, and, in many cases, individual residents.

Sandra and Stacey Robb have been working on the program for years and are our most longterm volunteers.

This Christmas, like most of 2020, will be different. We will be distributing donations outside our office building. The date has not been determined and will depend on the weather forecast. Updates will be in the paper weekly. The neat thing about our program is that it is community. So many families that have received in the past, donate to others when they can. An awesome circle of life! Thanks to all who help.

Marie Flickinger,
Publisher

Death

Ernest "Ernie" Gonzalez



On Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, Ernest "Ernie" Gonzalez was ushered into the presence of heaven at the age of 63. He was preceded in death by his mother Sarah Gonzalez and daughter Ariel Renee Gonzalez.

Ernest was born in Houston March 11, 1957. He grew up playing and loving the game of baseball and continued instilling that love and passion in his sons. He was able to witness that same passion in his sons as they played through high school and college. He also

coached several baseball teams and influenced each player to be successful both on and off the field. He was a father figure to many young men. He remained a loyal and avid fan of the Houston Astros.

Ernest had an equal passion for music which was also passed down to his sons. He was a skilled and passionate musician as a drummer and saxophonist and loved to sing as loudly as he could. By simply sitting right next to their father as he played the drums, his sons have become incredibly talented and anointed drummers as well. When he played the saxophone, he played with all his heart and those who had the privilege to hear him were moved. The greatest highlight of the Gonzalez family is when Ernest, along with his wife singing and his sons playing, would come together for praise and worship. He had a heart of worship for God and loved what the power of worship could do. He would often be moved to tears as he stood in awe of God's goodness.

Ernest had a great outlook on life and lived his life to

make everyone happy through jokes, wit, and daily pranks which is another legacy passed down to his sons. He knew no stranger and had a way of impacting everyone he knew and met. More than anything, he never met or knew anyone with whom he didn't share the love of God and the Word of God. He was never ashamed to pray for those who would ask. He had a way of encouraging others and making them a better person. His absence will be a void in everyone that knew and loved him.

Ernest is survived by his wife Rhonda Gonzalez; sons Ernie Jr., Eric, Adrian, Aaron and Jadon; father Julius Almeida and Connie Keys; and brothers John Gonzalez and Joseph Gonzalez. He also leaves behind several grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Friday, Dec. 4, at 11 a.m. at Peevy Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery, 1310 North Main Street in Pearland.

Leader checks out social media

By **Natalie Abarca**

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page shared a post of the Houston police investigating the shooting of a juvenile male at 10601 Sabo Road about 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. The victim, 16, began arguing with an unidentified male suspect while walking to a convenience store with friends. The victim was shot in the right arm and torso and was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. The suspect fled. Anyone with information is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS. (See related

story on Page 1.)

Another member of the same Facebook page posted that a woman in her early to mid 40s came to the member's door knocking and acting like she knew them when the member's mother answered the door. The member states that the woman said that she used to live down the street and then she pushed her way in. The member said she was in the back when she heard voices she quickly joined her mother. The woman asked for water and tried to convince the member and her mother that she knew them and wanting to sit down and chat. Then the woman said that she was raising money for her mom's funeral. At that point the member told the woman that she had to leave so the woman stormed out and left in a mid-

to-early 90s maroon/burgundy ended cab Chevrolet pickup, driving toward Hughes Road. The member stated that their first thought was that the woman was a distraction while someone else may have tried to break in, so the member called and reported the incident to the police. Other members commented and shared similar incidents and it appears that elderly people are being targeted in their homes.

A member of *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook page shared a photo of a 12-year-old girl missing since Friday, Nov.27. She was last seen leaving the Walgreens on Fuqua heading toward Beltway 8. Call HPD or Brandy the mother at 651-983- 1449. This post was also shared on other social media pages. (See related story on Page 1.)

Program changes with COVID

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verifying their address.

Food and toys will be distributed outside the office in the parking lot this year due to the COVID-19 threat. Distribution dates are to be determined based on weather conditions. Estimated dates range from Friday, Dec. 18, through Monday, Dec. 21. Approved applicants will be called by the *Leader* with an exact date and time. Applicants are urged to come alone for pickup. Children will not be allowed.

The *Leader* is also seeking donations for the annual drive. Desired items include toys for children of all ages, nonperishable food items, paper products and cash. There is a particular need for gifts appropriate for older children and teens, such as clothing, sporting goods, makeup kits and gift cards. All gifts should be new and unwrapped.

Those wishing to donate items should visit the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer Road at Beltway 8.

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www.stlukesatholic.com

LITURGY SCHEDULE
(Modified during COVID-19)

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*

*Also Available on Facebook Live

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

Parish Office: 281-481-6816
Children's Faith Formation: 281-481-4251
Adult Faith Formation: 713-538-2862

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Sunday School • 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting • 7:00 p.m.
Worship Service • 9:00 a.m.	Mid-Week Service • 7:45 p.m.

Nursery Available at all Services

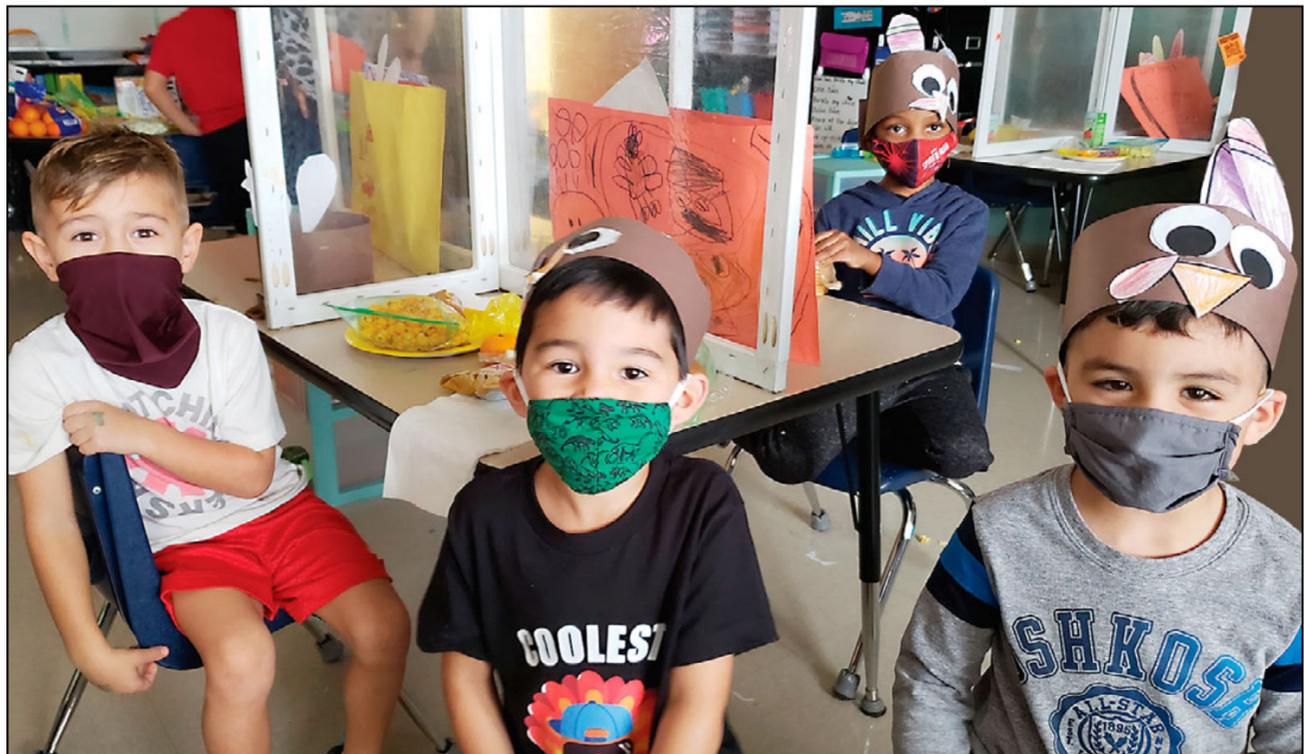
Dobie Colorguards of the Week



Dobie High School Band Colorguard honorees for the week of Nov. 19 were Jennika Lim-Tom, sophomore, (left) and Eleezabeth Torres, junior. The girls were selected for their hard work and dedication.

South Belt celebrates with feast

South Belt Elementary held a feast for kindergarten and first-grade students on Nov. 20 to celebrate Thanksgiving before taking a weeklong break for the holiday. Students learned about the first Thanksgiving in America, and the students were able to experience what the feast was like.



South Belt kindergarten students feasted on a Thanksgiving meal. Left to right are, (front row) Kenneth Hernandez and Christian Machado, (back row) Reddic Calvillo and Jordan Wallace. The students enjoyed a meal together and wore hats that they made to celebrate the holiday.



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South Belt first-graders celebrated the holiday with a meal and wore the hats they constructed. Celebrating the Thanksgiving festivities are, left to right, (front row) Christopher Melchor, Nick Hinojosa, (back row) Sean Rodriguez, Jax DeSoto and Emma Hernandez.

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Meador announces turkey bowl champs



Congratulations are in order for the third-grade team and friends who reign as Meador Elementary staff turkey bowl champs for the fourth consecutive year. This team-building activity is always a staff favorite and the winning team members go home with their own turkey. The cafeteria is set up with bowling lanes and pins and the "bowling ball" is a frozen turkey. This event has been an annual Meador staff tradition for many years. Enjoying their prizes are, left to right, (front row) Tracie Nair, music teacher; Tara Merida, counselor; (back row) John Holder, third-grade teacher; Megan Mayes, third-grade teacher; Kacie Hedge, third-grade teacher; Heather Cline, technology teacher, and Maria Gonzalez, third-grade teacher. Photo submitted

Frazier celebrates with Thanksgiving parade

For the first time in 71 years, the Thanksgiving Day parade in downtown Houston has been canceled. To bring some joy during this difficult time, Frazier family members created floats at home as a family project and the Frazier Owls hosted their very own Thanksgiving parade. Shown are a few of the festive entries and the students that created them with the help of their family members.



Delilah Gomez stands proudly next to her colorfully decorated Shopkins float.



Luke Irizarry is all smiles under his Spiderman mask as he stands next to the float he made with his family.



Ethan Hernandez stands next to his glistening Christmas-themed float displayed in the hallway for all to see.



Lauren Hinojosa is all smiles behind her whiskered mask. She displayed a Trolls World Tour Float for the Thanksgiving Parade.



Shown holding his larger-than-life Snoopy float is Adam Aguilar.



Parade floats made by Frazier students for the Thanksgiving holiday were displayed in the hallway for the enjoyment of all.

Remember When

40 years ago (1980)
Registration for several new classes offered by the Sagemont Recreation Center were scheduled to begin Jan. 5, 1981. Many of the courses were offered for no fee. Included in the courses were jazz and aerobic exercise for adults, Play school for ages 4 and 5, acrobatics for ages 4-10, country western dance for adults and teens, plaster crafts for ages 4-7, plaster crafts with staining for ages 8-15, ballet dance for ages 4-10, macrame and glass painting for teens, boys' body building and table games for children of all ages.

Two dogs, 11 cats and 13 chickens were removed from a Sageway residence after a four-day search for the homeowner whom Houston Police had reported as being in violation of city ordinances pertaining to the keeping of animals.
Clear Creek ISD juniors fared well above the state average in the TEAMS (Texas Education Assessment of Minimum Skills) taken in October, according to figures released by the Texas Education Association.
30 years ago (1990)
Two Dobie graduates were killed and one seriously injured in a 10-car accident in Austin. Killed were 1989 Dobie graduates Thi Hien Tiet and Long Hoang Ta. Injured in the accident was former Dobie student Loc Bui. The victims were attending the University of Texas. One other person was killed and 11 more injured in the accident caused by wet, slick road conditions.
South Belt resident John Burke was killed in a plane accident in Detroit when

two airplanes collided on the runway during dense fog. Burke was a 1978 Dobie High School graduate.
Dobie High School sophomore Deanna Kenisell won best model and third runner-up at the annual teen competition of the Miss San Jacinto Classic Pageant. She is the daughter of Bill and Debbie Kenisell.
Anna Maria Carrara, a kindergarten student at Stuchbery Elementary, won second runner-up in the San Jacinto Classic Cover Girl contest. She is the daughter of South Belt residents Angelo and Glenda Carrara.
25 years ago (1995)
Construction on the center lanes of the Sam Houston Tollway began and the entire section from the Gulf Freeway to U.S. 59 was expected to open within 15 months.
Speed limit signs boosting the speed limit to 70 miles per hour on the Gulf Freeway southbound from the Sam Houston Tollway to Galveston were erected.
The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon team won the district champion-

ship with nine Longhorns earning individual medals. Dobie students swept all categories - honors, scholastic and varsity - for overall best students. Dobie's 12-person team won first place in the super quiz.
Local constable deputies decided to issue citations throughout the Christmas season to juveniles violating the county's curfew. Those under the age of 17 who were out without a guardian between midnight and 6 a.m. any night of the week would be taken into custody.
Clear Lake attorney Rob Todd, 32, received more than 63 percent of the vote to beat the Rev. Andrew C. Burks Jr. for the District E seat on the Houston City Council.
20 years ago (2000)
Construction plans for the new J. Frank Dobie High School's \$57,000,000 complex were underway.
Brittany Garlington, 15, a freshman at J. Frank Dobie High, died in her sleep. She suffered from a congenital heart disease.
Mallory Stevens, the

18-month-old daughter of James and Angie Stevens, died in a hot tub.
15 years ago (2005)
South Belt resident Emory Gadd was presented a plaque naming him the PISD 2005 Distinguished Citizen during a ceremony at the district's administration building.
Deputies from Pct. 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office rounded up truant students as well as several parians during a warrant sweep. A total of 15 juveniles and adults appeared in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's court to answer charges of truancy and contempt of court.
The 23rd annual Leader Christmas food and toy drive was underway to provide needy local residents with items to make the Christmas season better.
U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Robert Alexander Martinez, 20, son of former South Belt resident Kelly Hunt, was killed in action while on foot patrol outside Fallujah, Iraq. Martinez was the nephew of longtime Southeast Volunteer Fire Department

firefighter Robert Cino.
A Harris County grand jury indicted Jerry Michael Cook, 41, for manslaughter. The charges were in connection with the death of Ruth Young, 9, who was killed as the school bus that Cook was driving ran over her on Hughes at Sageburrow.
10 years ago (2010)
Deputies Aaron Baldwin and Roland Rivera from the Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's office responded to an alarm at a computer repair store in the 12300 block of Scarsdale. When the deputies arrived, they discovered a male suspect still in the store, who then broke through the building's back door and fled on foot. The deputies, joined by Deputy Jason Curry, gave chase through the surrounding neighborhood. The suspect, Gregory Shanks, was caught roughly 20 minutes later hiding at a residence on Poplarwood Drive with bags of money from the store's safe. Shanks, 48, was subsequently arrested and charged with burglary of a business.
The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon team won first place overall and first place in Super Quiz at the district meet with a score of 48,196. On the seven multiple-choice objective tests, the team achieved the highest score not only in Texas, but in the nation. This was the first time since 2001 that any team outside California had achieved the highest score on a test. The team advanced to Regionals, that was held at Clear Brook High School in January.

was the owner of both Niday Funeral Home and Niday Public Storage. Niday was committed to the South Belt community and was instrumental in supporting the South Belt Security Alliance, which later evolved into the current patrol contract with the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office. Niday also played a pivotal role in the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and was responsible for financing the construction of the chamber office and overseeing the work, serving as foreman. A native Houstonian, Niday lived in the Southeast portion of the city most of his life. Niday began his professional career as a ship pilot, before opening an ambulance service in 1959. He opened his first funeral home in 1961.
1 year ago (2019)
On Dec. 2, the infamous local panhandler known as the "Gas Can Man" was found guilty of the Oct. 16 assault of a peace officer and sentenced to two years in prison. A second charge of evading arrest by the panhandler was dismissed.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

CRYSTAL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Crystal Saucedo** Dec. 4 from friends and the *South Belt Leader* staff.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRANCES!
Frances Valigura celebrates a birthday Dec. 5. Best wishes are sent from children **David** and wife **Katha Valigura**, **Donna** and husband **Gary Whitted**, **Deborah Lea Tindall**, and **Carl Wayne** and wife **LuAnn Valigura**. Their 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren **Riley** and **Kinley Whitted**, **Bryce** and **Pressley Williams**, **Lanse Rogers**, **Addy Valigura**, **Abigail Tindall** and **Alana Huston** wish their beloved **MeMaw** the happiest of all birthdays with many more to come.
SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 3 through Dec. 9, 2020.
Atkinson Elementary
Enjoying a winter birthday Dec. 6 is **Jennifer Chapa**.
Burnett Elementary
The day for a birthday celebration for **Mary Davitt** is Dec. 6.
Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Dec. 7 to **Lupe Palacios**. **Ashley Kirkpatrick** enjoys a

birthday Dec. 8.
Genoa Elementary
Sing a birthday song Dec. 8 to **Christa Wiggins**.
Meador Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Dec. 8 is **Miriam Reyna**.
South Belt Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Heather Garcia** Dec. 7.
Stuchbery Elementary
Send a warm birthday greeting Dec. 3 to **Haleigh Conklin**. Give a birthday shoutout Dec. 9 to **Lehang Nguyen**.
Roberts Middle School
Break out the balloons and party favors for **Jorly Thomas** (principal) Dec. 5. **Christopher Martin** enjoys a birthday Dec. 9.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
Tracy King celebrates a birthday Dec. 5. Dec. 8 is the day for a party for **Maria Garcia**.
Thompson Intermediate
Remember to send happy birthday wishes to **Sally Thacker** Dec. 3.
Dobie High
Break out the cake and ice cream Dec. 4 for **Megan Lambert**. The day for a celebration for **Patricia Landrum** is Dec. 7.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.
Thursday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee**, **Kyle Smith**, **Timothy Hardcastle** and **Allison Bobby**; Friday, Dec. 4: **Nick Barnett**, **Nick Medina**, **David Miles**, **Mary Elliott** and **George Mejica**; Saturday, Dec. 5: **Shawn Sims**, **Angela Domokos**, **Mandi Gullede**, **Angelita Negrete**, **Anna Cavazos-Cantu**, **Suzanne Pollock** and **Craig Williams**; Sunday, Dec. 6: **Natalie Saucedo**, and **Billie Benson**; Monday, Dec. 7: **Matt Adams**, **Amber Clark**, **Edna Elizalde**, **Tim Allen**, **Holly Rhodes** and **Bill Hanson**; Tuesday, Dec. 8: **Damon Miles**, **Adriana Garza**, **Shannon Sims**, **Mandy Bennett** and **Susanne Cook**; and Wednesday, Dec. 9: **Angela Preciado**, **Melissa Gallegos**, **Mary Bogan**, **Paul Garza**, **Jacob Pena** and **Alex Blancas**.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

District championship highlights Longhorns' three-year run

What a historic time it is for the Dobie High School football program.

The varsity team's 53-0 victory over Sam Rayburn Nov. 19 has delivered at least a share of the District 22-6A championship.

With it comes the opportunity to host a Class 6A Division I playoff game against Atascocita at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

With a single remaining league game coming Dec. 4 at Channelview, the Longhorns have a chance to win nine regular sea-

son games in consecutive years for the first time since the 1998 and 1999 seasons. A win over the Falcons would give the Longhorns sole possession of the 22-6A crown.

What's all the fuss about? Prior to the 2019 season, Dobie had won nine games or more in an entire season, playoffs included, just eight times since 1970.

Now, the Longhorns could very well get to nine regular season wins in back-to-back seasons, a good pace indeed.

Officially hired as Dobie's new varsity football head coach Feb. 7, 2018, Kevin Berneathy certainly deserves plenty of credit for following through on the grand plan he set forth upon the hiring committee then.

That plan obviously swayed the decision-makers in his favor, and it's easy to see why as season three continues with Berneathy's Longhorns having won 24 of 28 regular season games during his stay.

Berneathy has proven to be the right man for the job at Dobie, and in the beginning, it could not have been an easy job.

Dobie went 8-2 in 2010, defeating rival Deer Park en route to the crown. That year, Dobie lost to Beaumont West Brook in the bidistrict playoff round.

Then there were the 2011 through 2017 seasons in which the varsity team went a combined 33-35 in the regular season with two games lost to Hurricane Harvey.

That 33-35 mark isn't terrible, but speaks little of a rich history per say.

How's 24-4 look now? Yes, Dobie still covets its first postseason win since claiming two in 2004, but the possibilities certainly seem greater than ever.



With 24 regular season wins in just 28 games, Dobie varsity football head coach Kevin Berneathy has overseen a revival of a program that went 33-35 over the seven prior regular seasons. The 22-6A champion Longhorns have earned the right to host a Class 6A Division I playoff game against Atascocita.

Dobie principal Franklin Moses has no doubt reveled in the success of the program under Berneathy's guidance. The program is in the midst of its best overall run since the 1990s, and that's something that should not be ignored no matter what

plays out later this month. "It's been great watching this early run by coach Berneathy, his staff and players," Moses said of what has played out since Berneathy's arrival.

"One of the keys to the success of the program, and the search committee

saw the potential early on in the interview process, was Berneathy's ability to assemble a staff that was unified and focused on his plan, along with their ability to get the athletes to completely buy in on the style and philosophy that

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Playoff matchups become clear, Longhorns set to host Atascocita

District 22-6A champion Dobie will take on Atascocita in the Class 6A Division I bidistrict playoff round as much of the region's postseason bracket fell into place over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The undefeated Longhorns still must close out their regular season Dec. 4 at Channelview, but the outcome will not affect any of the playoff matchups moving forward.

Dobie, the No. 1 seed out of 22-6A in the Division I (larger school enrollment) bracket, will host Atascocita, the No.

2 seed from 21-6A. The game is Friday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

North Shore, the District 21-6A champion and holder of a Division I top seed, will host Deer Park.

In the Division II smaller school bracket, Pasadena Memorial of 22-6A will host Beaumont West Brook.

C.E. King, the top Division II seed from 21-6A, will host Channelview.

The matchups for 23-6A versus 24-6A are also set, with District 24-6A champion and Division I

top seed Clear Springs set to host Pearland.

Dickinson, the No. 2 Division I seed out of 24-6A, will likely travel to The Rig in Pearland to go against District 24-6A champion and Division I top seed Dawson.

Shadow Creek, a Class 5A state champion a season ago, is the top Division II seed out of District 23-6A and has earned the right to host the Clear Creek Wildcats.

Clear Falls, the No. 1 seed in Division II from District 24-6A, will host 23-6A's Strake Jesuit.

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Clear Brook Class of 2021 senior Aaron Calhoun (seated) is set to take his talents to the University of Oklahoma in Norman after signing a letter of intent to join the Sooners' baseball program last month. Those with Calhoun at the signing included, left to right, B.J. Durant (Brook varsity baseball assistant coach), Gabrielle Calhoun (sister), Gary Calhoun (father), Akilah Calhoun (mother), Gianna Calhoun (sister) and Gene Flores (Brook varsity baseball head coach). See more in the Dec. 10 Leader issue.

Brook boys', JFD girls' hoops roll on

A red-hot Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball

team showed up at Dobie Dec. 1 after press time to take on the Longhorns following a 5-0 start to the regular season.

The Wolverines have rolled early on to the five straight wins and still await the arrival of sophomore standout Zyon Little, who is currently finishing the Wolverines' varsity football season.

Meanwhile, Dobie is 2-5 in the early action under first-year head coach Franklin Paul, which included a 73-72 double-overtime loss to

Dekaney.

Lady Horns start 5-1

A considerable loss to defending Region III champion Cypress Creek notwithstanding, the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team looks very much on course to begin the District 22-6A race later this month.

The Lady Longhorns headed into play Dec. 1 against Clear Springs at 5-1, having taken down Friendswood, Dickinson, North Shore, Clear Falls and Pearland in the early going.

The locals have remaining nondistrict games with Clear Creek and Shadow Creek before opening District 22-6A action Dec. 11 at home against Sam Rayburn.

The Clear Brook varsity girls' team is 3-4 to start the season as senior Parker Burris is averaging nearly 10 points per game to lead the way.

Stratford sinks Brook

Clear Brook senior Jayson Price continued to build quite the recruiting video with a pair of long scoring runs, but visiting Stratford took the lead early in the fourth quarter and held on for a 17-14 victory Nov. 27 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

The Wolverines, not in the playoff mix out of District 24-6A but looking to finish the 2020 season strong, fell to 4-5 overall with a road game against Morton Ranch coming Dec. 4 at Rhodes Stadium to wrap up things.

A week after delivering 140 yards receiving in a loss to Clear Springs, Price broke off a 70-yard touch-

down run midway through the first quarter and added an 82-yard scoring dash to open the second half.

The senior all-purpose Brook struggled in the passing game against Stratford as Wolverine quarterback Cameron McCalister was 9 of 25 for 106 yards.

The Spartans wound up at 6-4 overall with the win and previously went 4-3 in District 17-6A action, forcing a three-way tie for third place with Jersey Village and Cypress Creek.

Clear Brook wraps up its first season under head coach John Towels III, playing at Morton Ranch.

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Moore students excel at Punt, Pass and Kick



Moore Elementary School honored its 2020-2021 Punt, Pass and Kick winners following the completion of the district-wide competition. To qualify, these students first had to win the respective third- and fourth-grade events at the school. The winners, shown with Moore's physical education instructors, are, left to right, coach Cade Robeson, Izaia Roncancio (fourth-grade winner), Rhylan Harmon (third-grade winner), Madison Montemayor (fourth-grade winner), Clarisa Mendez (third-grade winner) and coach Rod Whitehurst.

JFD's football run since 2018 one for the books

Continued from Page 5 we are currently seeing.

"He has ingrained a toughness, a discipline and structure that our athletes have thrived in during these first three years.

"These current seniors were freshmen when he came in the spring of 2018 and are showing the benefits of three off-seasons in the program.

"We are obviously excited about where the football program is currently, this district championship

run, and are also looking forward to the continued success with coach Bernneathy at the helm of the Dobie football program."

With the District 22-6A championship in hand, the Longhorns have earned the right to host a playoff game for the first time in the "home field advantage" era. They will now look ahead to Atascocita.

Dobie also avoided yet another first-round matchup with two-time defending Class 6A Division

I state champion North Shore.

As one of the state's largest 15 high schools based on enrollment, Dobie, with a number of roughly 4,200, is almost always going to fall into the University Interscholastic League's Division I playoff football bracket, reserved for those with the largest student bodies.

That means going head-to-head with the likes of North Shore, Pearland, Clear Springs, Dickinson,

Atascocita, etc., in the football playoffs. In that regard, there simply are no easy ways out when the postseason begins.

Yet, the Longhorns seem positioned as solidly as ever to advance. And Bernneathy is a big reason why.

Coaches don't execute the plays on the field. It's up to players to do that. But coaches are responsible for putting their players in the best possible position to succeed. Bern-

neathy and his coaches have definitely done that.

1999. That's the last time the Dobie football program finished a regular season undefeated.

A win over Channelview will give the Longhorns that unbeaten mark. It will also give Bernneathy 25 wins in 29 regular season games, eclipsed only by the 1998 through 2000 squads.

What a memorable time for the Longhorns, and it's well-deserved.

Atkinson honors Punt, Pass and Kick champions



Atkinson joined the rest of the Pasadena Independent School District elementaries in taking part in the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition. The winners from Atkinson included, left to right, Jacob Moreno (fourth-grade winner), Natalie Hodgson (fourth-grade winner), Lyric Turner (third-grade winner) and Isaac Perla (third-grade winner).

Cowboys, Dolphins begin postseason run

The League City 49ers earned top billing as unbeaten senior and sophomore teams allowed the organization to win 33 of 40 overall games during the regular season.

But as the Bay Area Football League playoffs kick off Dec. 5, the Sagemont Cowboys' senior and sophomore division squads are among those seeking to upend the

49ers' perfect season as the road to Rice Stadium and the BAFL Super Bowl games get underway.

In the senior division, the 7-1 Cowboys will begin the playoffs Dec. 5 at Alvin, taking on the host Alvin Raiders in a 3 p.m. game.

In the sophomore division, the Cowboys, also 7-1 overall, look to advance by taking down the

Magnolia Park Sharks in first-round playoff action. That game is also set for a 3 p.m. kickoff.

The Southbelt Dolphins are also involved in the postseason mix in the sophomore and freshman divisions.

At the sophomore level, the Dolphins are set to take on the Pasadena Panthers at 11 a.m.

As for the freshman

contest, the Dolphins will play the Pearland Texans in a 3 p.m. game.

The BAFL semifinals will come Dec. 12 as teams look to punch their respective tickets to Rice University.

For the Cowboys, that could mean getting a rematch with the 49ers, and it would be the perfect way to conclude this 2020 season.

Sr. Division Quarterfinals Sat., Dec. 5 at Alvin Raiders	Fr. Division Quarterfinals Sat., Dec. 5 at Santa Fe
8 a.m. — League City vs. Pear. Texans (Pee Wee)	8 a.m. — Mag. Park vs. Pear. Oilers (Pee Wee)
9 a.m. — League City vs. Hitchcock	9 a.m. — Pear. Panthers vs. Angleton
11 a.m. — Angleton vs. Pas. Panthers	11 a.m. — Pear. Oilers vs. Pas. Panthers
1 p.m. — Mag. Park vs. Pear. Texans	1 p.m. — Hitchcock vs. Magnolia
3 p.m. — Sagemont vs. Alvin	3 p.m. — Pear. Texans vs. Southbelt
Jr. Division Quarterfinals Sat., Dec. 5 at Hitchcock	Jr./Fr. Division Semifinals Sat., Dec. 12 at M.P. Sharks
8 a.m. — Angleton vs. South Belt (Pee Wee)	8 a.m. — 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed (Pee Wee)
9 a.m. — Hitchcock vs. Pear. Patriots	9 a.m. — Jr. 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed
11 a.m. — League City vs. Pas. Panthers	11 a.m. — Fr. 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed
1 p.m. — Pear. Texans vs. Santa Fe	1 p.m. — Jr. 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed
3 p.m. — Mag. Park vs. Alvin	3 p.m. — Fr. 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed
Soph. Division Quarterfinals Sat., Dec. 5 at Pasadena Panthers	Sr./Soph. Division Semifinals Sat., Dec. 12 at Pasadena Panthers
8 a.m. — Hitchcock vs. Pas. Panthers (Pee Wee)	8 a.m. — 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed (Pee Wee)
9 a.m. — League City vs. North Shore	9 a.m. — Sr. 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed
11 a.m. — Pas. Panthers vs. Southbelt	11 a.m. — Soph. 1 Seed vs. 4 Seed
1 p.m. — Angleton vs. Pear. Patriots	1 p.m. — Sr. 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed
3 p.m. — Sagemont vs. Mag. Park	3 p.m. — Soph. 2 Seed vs. 3 Seed

BAFL Super Bowl XLIV Championship
Sat., Dec. 19, Rice Stadium
Pee Wee: 8 a.m.; Sr.: 9 a.m.; Jr.: 11 a.m.;
Soph: 1 p.m.; Fr.: 3 p.m.
Tickets: \$7 per all persons; gates open 7 a.m.
All attendees required to wear face covering

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Eli Tanksley	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at Channelview	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook at Morton Ranch	Brook	Morton Ranch	Morton Ranch	Brook	Morton Ranch	Clear Brook
Beaumont United at Goose Creek Memorial	United	United	United	GCM	GCM	GCM
Strake Jesuit at Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Strake Jesuit	Ridge Point	Strake Jesuit
Atascocita at Beaumont West Brook	TASCO	TASCO	BWB	TASCO	TASCO	TASCO
Texas City at Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Texas City	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill
Santa Fe at Port Neches Groves	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG
Clear Falls at Clear Lake	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls
Clear Creek at Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Seven Lakes at Cinco Ranch	Seven Lakes	Seven Lakes	Seven Lakes	Seven Lakes	Seven Lakes	Seven Lakes
Last week's record	7-2	6-3	6-3	4-6	5-4	6-3
Season record	72-21	71-22	65-28	60-33	66-27	65-28

CALENDAR

It is advisable to verify if face-to-face meetings are being held prior to attending. For Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings>; for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, visit www.hascona.com; for Al-Anon meetings, visit www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html.
NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club — Although the bridge club is currently closed visit <https://aclblunit174.org/clearlak/clean-blue-working/clearlake.html> for details of online games that can be played or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
7 a.m.
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland — Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details are on Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under calendar.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. For details, call 713-686-6300.
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 713-661-4200 or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
7 a.m.
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday, Dec. 3, notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous — Vigilance Group. See Friday, Nov. 27.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom — See Friday, Nov. 27.

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.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous — meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
7:30 a.m.
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" Saturday, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
9:30 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom — All in-person events are canceled at this time. All services will be performed online. Join the Friday night service at 7 p.m. or the Saturday service at 9:30 a.m. at <https://zoom.us> with the Meeting ID 917 102 8979 and the Passcode 18csh1818. For members who wish to download a copy of the prayer book for the online service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/prayer-book-for-friday.html>. For the general website, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/shabbat-online.html>.
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, drop in or visit <http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html>.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous — meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners. See

Thursday noon notice.
6:30 — 7:30 p.m.
Toastmasters — The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 has gone virtual at <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. To be a guest at the virtual meeting, select the "contact us" button on the toastmasters' home page to obtain access to the virtual meeting platform. For more information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.
7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.
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 or call 832-416-1177.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
7 a.m.
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice for more information.
10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women — General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Susan Hooper at 832-723-7671.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9
7 a.m.
AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.
Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention — Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous — meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
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 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
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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 or visit aglownet.org.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300.

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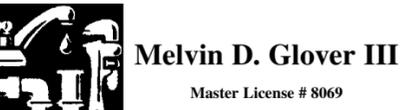
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Roberts MS hosts Giving Tree project

Fred Roberts Middle School is hosting a Giving Tree holiday service project which started Nov. 30.

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The Giving Tree is an opportunity to sponsor RMS students and their families by giving gifts based on their individual needs.

How it works

The needs of each family are listed on the shared Google sheet Giving Tree Sign-Up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b5p54jmHYwgr_0I1L_VM73oRr8n02-bETfL41fJiCc/edit#gid=145303714.

The school staff will type the sponsor's name next to each item or family whom they would like to sponsor.

Homeroom teachers can select items or families from the list for which students may donate. Teachers may request coin donations from students to raise funds for their selected family/item or students may donate new unwrapped toys.

Monetary donations will also be collected via Venmo @RMSCourtesy (Giving Tree).

As items are sponsored, an ornament with the sponsor's name will be placed on the tree in the cafeteria.

Collection bins are located inside the library. When dropping off items, the family's number needs to be attached to each donation.

The deadline is Dec. 15 to drop off unwrapped donations marked with the family's number.

Pasadena ISD Foundation to hold fundraiser Dec. 8

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Verastegui and Princess Th along with TV personality Jennifer Reyna.

The telethon is being hosted in lieu of the Foun-

ation's annual Prize Parade fundraising event, in which teachers were awarded minigrants to enhance student learning. The Prize Parade annually raised nearly

\$200,000.

This year, program organizers are optimistic that they will not only be able to meet their annual goal, but surpass it partly due to the

accessibility of the giving process, which will be exclusively based online through the telethon website.

"Collectively, we came up with the idea to create a

telethon and perhaps involve a greater segment of our community than has been previously involved.

"We are excited about the possibilities of this new effort

and hope you will join us in helping to meet our annual goal, so that we may continue to support our students and teachers," said Cheri Hutcherson, foundation president.

Individuals can donate, watch or sponsor the event by visiting the website <https://tinyurl.com/y2bkxf4k> or send the text B4TF to 41444 from a cellphone.

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No previous self-defense or martial arts experience is necessary. To preregister, visit the website <https://tinyurl.com/askdefense> and fill out a short form.

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