

Thompson places big at cheer and dance invitational



Thompson Intermediate cheerleaders and dance teams competed in the inaugural San Jacinto Intermediate Cheer and Dance Invitational earlier this month against seven other teams in their division. The dance team came away with first place in Team Hip Hop and Team Kick, and second place in Team Pom. The cheer team won first

place in Small Team Cheer Performance. Left to right, are cheer team members (front row) Bella Hernandez, Alyana Montes, Isabella Squier, London Rodriguez, (back row) Dora Campos, Brooklynn Reyes, Gabriella Franklin, Kallie Troxlar, Kayleigh Mitchell, Julissa Bonilla and Xara Oddo.



Left to right, are dance team members (front row) Madalyn Parrish, Emma Gurrusquieta, Chloe Maycott, Giselle Ayala, Aubrey Hernandez, Madeline Salgado, Yanell Vasquez, (middle row) Isabella Guer-

tero, Delilah Deleon, Valerie Sanchez, Mia Palacios, Maite Ortega, Aaliyah Benavides, Jocelynn Thach and (back row) director Katina Morris.

Meador competes in district science fair



Meador Elementary officials have recognized district science fair participants and coaches who represented Meador. Left to right, are (front row) third-graders Joseph Santiago, Galilea Rodarte, Grace Longoria, read-

ing instructional coach Derenda Dehoyas (back row) math instructional coach Connie Daumas, fourth-graders Angela Nunez and Rubi Aleman.

Photo submitted

Dobie FFA students participate in HLSR

Dobie High School's FFA students recently participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo goat competition. See additional photos in upcoming editions of the *Leader*.



Melanie Avalos



Jenna Molina

SoHo announces 2025 Hall of Honor

Continued from Page 1
Ashby-Pike and Drury-Tyrone remain active in their chosen fields. Ashby-Pike formally retired from teaching in 2013, but soon returned to the

district for a part-time position, filling in as a facilitator where needed. She is a volunteer with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and with programs that assist handicapped adults.



Amy Ashby-Pike

high school drill programs in 1965. Except for a three-year hiatus, she served in that role until 1982 with award-winning results. Her students remember her as the driving force behind the drill team's popular spring shows.



Debbie Drury-Tyrone

While still a SHHS senior, she volunteered as a special-education helper within the district. She later returned to the South Houston campus as a life skills instructor. Drury-Tyrone is president and founder of Market Doctors, a Houston-based marketing agency that offers a wide range of on-line advertising platforms for use as a marketing engine for the automotive industry. It has since grown to include more than 350 enterprises nationwide and has made Drury-Tyrone one of the most successful businesswomen in this part of the country.

Equally beloved by her students was Crumpler, who returned to South Houston after graduating in 1969. The school's yearbook sponsor she replaced another Hall of Honor inductee, Diane Stafford in 1982, extending a period of publications excellence that covered 30 years. Crumpler passed away in 2020.

She has channeled much of her wealth into charitable endeavors which have brought her additional acclaim. She has served on the board of EquiSearch and is founder of Divine Design10, a faith-based organization that provides healing and empowerment support for women. She also serves on the board of Hope Haven Belize, an orphanage and abuse shelter for women in need.

Although Hall of Honor bylaws provide for former members of the school's support staff to be inducted, Thibodeaux is the first to be selected. He is warmly remembered by both students and faculty for his quick attention to campus needs - from predawn air conditioning failures to jammed lockers.

Schomber was selected to organize and direct the first team of Jannettes when the Pasadena ISD approved

The school's "Gentile Giant" for 27 years, Thibodeaux died in 2013. The six new honorees will be formally inducted during Homecoming activities, tentatively set for September.

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)
A contract for repairs of fire damage at Burnett Elementary was awarded to Stoner Construction Co. with the low bid of \$235,500.

John Robinson, senior at J. Frank Dobie, set a state record of 4:04.9 in the mile run at a 23-4A district track meet.

Contracts for the design phase of the improvements to Turkey Creek were awarded. The design would be for construction on the two waterways to enable them to carry the runoff of the watershed at full development.

Two young male employees of the New Vaudeville Pizza on Hughes Road were instrumental in the apprehension of a Houston man suspected of being responsible for approximately 250 robberies since Christmas.

40 years ago (1985)
Buzzy Kieth was named head football coach at Dobie. He came from El Campo. Dobie freshman Barbara Myers was in a coma in the intensive care unit at Texas Children's Hospital after being hit by a car driven by an underaged driver. Myers recovered and eventually worked on the *Leader* staff.

The Texas Department of Health ruled water samples taken from the Sagameadow Utility District by an independent lab were safe to drink.

35 years ago (1990)
For the 10th straight year, Dobie's Latin Club swept the competition and won the state championship. Clear Creek Independent School District was expecting a sharp decline in students at Weber Elementary because of the proximity to the Brio Superfund site. Weber Elementary also received transfer requests from 13 of its 31 classroom teachers, a 42 percent rate. A group of remaining Weber parents called a meeting regarding a lack of commitment by the district in solving the Weber problem.

30 years ago (1995)
The San Jacinto College Board of Regents unanimously accepted the retirement of Chancellor Tom Sewell. Two South Belt principals, a J. Frank Dobie assistant principal and a Dobie coach were among 225 Pasadena Independent School District employees who opted to take the district's voluntary exit incentive. A Sagamore Park teenager remained in jail after being charged with the stabbing death of Jimmy Dickson, 18, of Green Tee. The newly constructed Parker Williams Library on the campus of San Jacinto College South received the quarterly Community Improvement Award from the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

25 years ago (2000)
A record 26 teams were to compete in the fourth annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff. Stuchbery had 104 years of experience retiring at the end

of the school year when Gladys Scheidt, Frances Fuller, Carolyn Frailley and Barbara Charba retired. Constable Gary Freeman incorporated new computer technology, which resulted in the arrest of 16 criminals since January. The Bulgier family donated a monument for two fire-fighting victims, Lewis Mayo and Kimberly Smith of Fire Station 76. Atkinson observed its 30-year anniversary with an open house celebration. St. Frances Cabrini Project launched announced its project to raise \$2 million in funds for a long-awaited church building.

20 years ago (2005)
The ninth annual barbecue cookoff held at El Franco Lee Park was believed to be the most successful to that date. Forty-two teams participated, and nearly \$9,000 was raised for the annual Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

The search for Austin Childs, Scott Keller and John Zimmerman wound down. The trio disappeared off the coast of Freeport during a fishing expedition. Childs' family had exhausted every resource in their search.

Willprecht, 52, was flying alone in his 1973 Bellanca Super Viking when the plane crashed in a field north of the Wilderness Trail subdivision between FM 528 and FM 2351.

Sagameadow resident Cathy Massey was named Volunteer of the Year for Shriners Hospital in Galveston. Early voting was underway for the San Jacinto College Board of Regents. Dobie senior Christopher Ritchel won first place in the national Business Professionals of America competition held in Anaheim.

15 years ago (2010)
Former Pasadena Independent School District Director of Fine Arts and longtime music educator Barbara F. Eads died after a battle with cancer. South Belt resident James "Jimmy" Myron Willprecht died when his plane crashed in a wooded area in Friendswood.

10 years ago (2015)
South Belt attorney John Eddie Williams Jr. was named the Pasadena Independent School District's 2015 Distinguished Alumnus. A 1972 Pasadena High School graduate, Williams is a managing partner at the Williams Kherker Law Firm on the Gulf Freeway. He, along with his wife Sheridan, supports many organizations, including MD Anderson and Memorial Hermann hospitals, as well as the PISD Education Foundation.

5 years ago (2020)
A 20-year-old man was taken into custody early Saturday, April 25, after allegedly shooting his mother to death at their home in the 10100 block of Sagedale. Deputies

from the Harris County Sheriff's Office and Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office responded to the incident at approximately 12:20 a.m. According to investigators, the son and his 37-year-old mother were in a verbal argument when, at one point, the male went outside to retrieve a gun from a car, came back inside the house and shot his mother multiple times. Theresa Winters was pronounced dead at the scene. Winters' son, Jacob McMorough, was apprehended and later charged with murder and booked into the Harris County Jail. Investigators said elderly relatives, ages 91 and 96, were also inside the residence at the time of the incident. Winters was a longtime South Belt resident, attending both Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School.

The Harris County Flood Control District began construction on two new stormwater detention basins in the Clear Creek watershed. Funded by the 2018 bond program, the new basins will provide safe storage for more than 566 million gallons of excess stormwater. Construction started in mid-April on the final phase of the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin, located near the Beamer Ditch at Beamer Road and South Fork Boulevard. Construction also began on the Dagg Stormwater Detention Basin on Clear Creek at Dagg Road near Christia V. Adair Park. Both basins were part of a \$16.9 million construction contract awarded by Harris County Commissioners Court Jan. 28, 2020.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAY!
Best wishes are sent April 27 for a wonderful birthday to former *Leader* staffer, Dobie and UT graduate Jay Do from friends and the *Leader* staff.

School DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 24 through April 30.
Genoa Elementary
Send a happy birthday wish April 25 to Stephanie Toepoel. Join in the birthday celebration April 26 for Portia Alvaro.
Meador Elementary
Light the birthday candles April 25 for Anna Medellin.
Moore Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting April 25 to Demetria Pitts.
South Belt Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Roseann Herte April 26.

Stuchbery Elementary
Happy birthday wishes are sent April 27 to Iris Montemayor.
Melillo Middle School
On April 24, light the birthday candles for Nicole Ram. The day for a birthday celebration for Jacqueline Carmona is April 27.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
Criselda Bocanegra celebrates a birthday April 24. Break out the cake and ice cream April 27 for Ursula Chambers.
Thompson Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles April 27 for Lashawn Waller. Light the candles April 29 for a special celebration for Nicole Horne-Sherman.
Dobie High
Lynn Capell and Edith Martinez celebrate a birthday April 24. Send a happy birthday wish April 26 to Bridget Warren. Send a birthday greeting April 27 to Amber Allan. A double-layer birthday cake April 30 is in order

for Erica Moreno and Mathew Ortiz. **FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS** Thursday, April 24: Theresa Flower, Lisa Castellano and Claudia Espinoza; Friday, April 25: Steve Jones, Misty Kuehn and Liana Pena; Saturday, April 26: Traci Thompson, Stephen Brady and Dan Fortson; Sunday, April 27: Emily Walker, Amber Allan and Penelope Villeda; Monday, April 28: Ralph Jackson, Kelly Schwel, Jason Stonestreet, Monica Rasmussen and Carrie Ramirez; Tuesday, April 29: Kevin James, Jonathan Ellis, Ben Bryant and Melissa Rahman; and Wednesday, April 30: Walter Trojanowsky, Norma Partida, Cindy Munoz, Diana Guzman, Scott Koplin and Mathew Ortiz. **LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS** Email announcements etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication. For birthdays, type "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line.



Over The Back Fence by Nicole

Gibson Insurance
Specializing in Auto, Home, Commercial, Life and Recreational Vehicle insurance for the South Belt Community since 1980.
• Farmers • Foremost • Bristol West • Hagerty • Kraft Lake and many more
713-941-3221
Jeffrey@jeffreylgibsoninsurance.com

Gibson Insurance
Specializing in Auto, Home, Commercial, Life and Recreational Vehicle insurance for the South Belt Community since 1980.
• Farmers • Foremost • Bristol West • Hagerty • Kraft Lake and many more
713-941-3221
Jeffrey@jeffreylgibsoninsurance.com

Gibson Insurance
Specializing in Auto, Home, Commercial, Life and Recreational Vehicle insurance for the South Belt Community since 1980.
• Farmers • Foremost • Bristol West • Hagerty • Kraft Lake and many more
713-941-3221
Jeffrey@jeffreylgibsoninsurance.com

Gibson Insurance
Specializing in Auto, Home, Commercial, Life and Recreational Vehicle insurance for the South Belt Community since 1980.
• Farmers • Foremost • Bristol West • Hagerty • Kraft Lake and many more
713-941-3221
Jeffrey@jeffreylgibsoninsurance.com

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Wolverines' Bolden qualifies for 6A state

Clear Brook senior Darwin Bolden II has advanced to the University Interscholastic League's 2025 State Track and Field Championships May 3 at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas as after finishing second in the discus at the Region III Championships April 18 in Webster.

Gold medalist Adam Carter of Katy (186 feet, 2 inches) and Bolden, who delivered a personal record of 182-6 for the silver medal in the event, were dominant at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster in qualifying for the state championships.

Bolden helped extend a streak of what is now six consecutive seasons (2020 excluded due to the pandemic) of at least one Wolverine athlete reaching the state championships.

The Dobie track and field program completed a memorable season at the regional championships, with a pair of decorated seniors, Lauren Garza and Christopher Torres, finishing out remarkable runs within the program.

Certainly the Longhorns' most successful distance runner in program history at the current 5,000 meter mark during the cross-country season, Garza was a state qualifier as a junior and went on to win the 22-6A individual crown as

UIL State Track and Field
May 3, Austin
Mike A. Myers Stadium
University of Texas
6A Boys' Discus: 3 p.m.

a senior before taking 20th at regionals at 19 minutes, 19.90 seconds last October.

This spring on the track, Garza was the 22-6A champion at 3,200 meters for the second straight season and finished her illustrious career in the burnt orange at regionals, winding up 11th at 11:45.07.

Garza has signed to begin her collegiate education and running career at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla.

While Alberto Campa and others should get credit for kicking off what has been a rebirth of sorts within the Dobie boys' distance running program, Torres has certainly been remarkable as a 4-year varsity performer.

Torres first helped the Longhorns win a district cross-country team championship last October, then was the top overall medalist in the district at both the 1,600 and 3,200 distances.

At regionals at the 3,200 distance, Torres ran his final race as a Longhorn as he was 13th in a



Adam Carter of Katy (center) was the Region III discus champion with a throw of 186 feet, 2 inches, while Clear Brook senior Darwin Bolden II (right) came up with a personal record throw of 182-6 for the silver medal as both qualified for the state championships. At left is bronze medalist Cornelius Francis of Summer Creek.

Continued on Page 8

Dobie softball gets Ridge Point

Dobie and Ridge Point will meet in the postseason for the first time ever in a Class 6A Division I best of three bidistrict playoff series April 24-26.

Dobie is in the playoffs after finishing off a 13-3 run through District 22-6A to earn the second seed within the league in the D1 field. Ridge Point, meanwhile, dominated the District 21-6A mix of Fort Bend ISD programs en route to a 12-0 run to the championship.

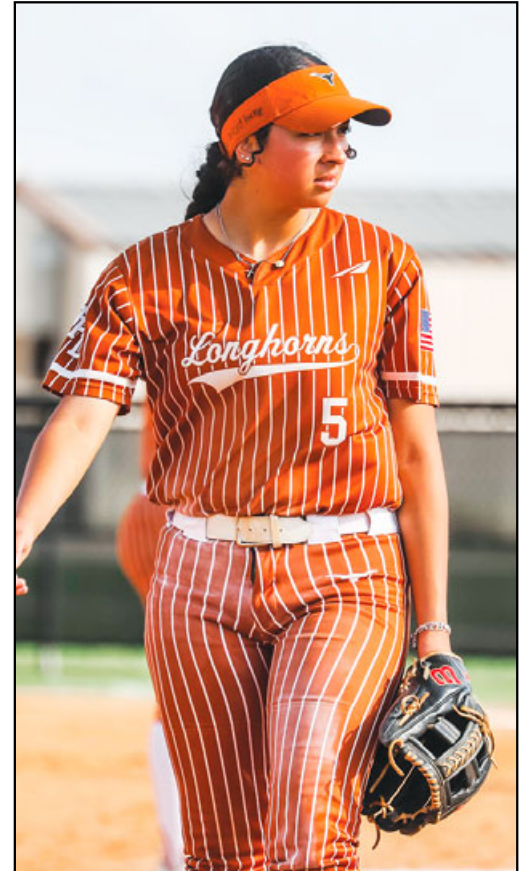
Dobie and Ridge Point will meet in the opener of a three-game series April 24 at San Jacinto College South, beginning at 6 p.m. The second game comes April 25 at Ridge Point High School, beginning at 6 p.m. A third game, if needed, will begin 30 minutes following the completion of game 2.

The Panthers have put together a terrific season and boast a powerful offense to go with an extremely effective pitching staff that includes several capable performers, but the Longhorns are in position to put together quite a postseason run of their own.

Dobie has 16 overall wins of its own, with Persephone Soria hitting .472 and leading the team in several other offensive categories. Viviana Fernandez and Natalie De Hoyos are also hitting well above .400 this season.

Vanessa De La Fuente is likely to handle the majority of the pitching duties for the Longhorns against a Panther lineup that had no trouble coasting through the District 21-6A ranks.

This is the first year the University Interscholastic League has split playoff divisions, with 22-6A undefeated champion Pearland representing the district as the top seed in the Division 1 field of competitors.



Dobie's Alexis Martinez (5) and her teammates will go against Ridge Point in a D1 bidistrict softball best-of-three series beginning April 24 at San Jacinto College South.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

ENROLL TODAY
 Ask about our Introductory Specials
 Join our martial arts family today!
USA Karate - Now serving East Pearland

- Licensed after school program
- Homework assistance
- Evening Karate Classes
- Self Defense Classes
- Mighty-Mights Program (Ages 3-5)
- School-age Program (Kindergarten and Up)

We pick up from CCISD, Pasadena ISD, and Pearland ISD Schools

PEARLAND 832-238-9008 HOUSTON 281-874-9008

Dobie baseball locks up Division 1 playoff berth

Winners of 10 of their last 12 district games and six overall, the Dobie varsity baseball team has surged into third place in the District 22-6A standings with a series remaining against Manvel prior to the start of the postseason.

The Longhorns are most likely to enter the playoffs as the No. 2 seed out of 22-6A in the Division 1 bracket, with Pearland having secured the top seed in the division courtesy of a series sweep over the locals.

Dawson has finished league play at 14-2 and has won a district championship for the first time

since 2018, with Pearland second and Dobie third. Dawson will be the top seed out of the 22-6 ranks in the Division 2 playoff bracket.

Dobie remained on a roll courtesy of a two-game sweep of Alvin April 15 and April 17. In the opener at Alvin April 15, Juelz Martinez tripled, scored two runs and earned the save on the mound as the Longhorns officially qualified for the playoffs with a 7-5 victory over the Yellowjackets.

Williard Joiner III was 2 for 3 with a run scored and Angel Molina knocked in two runs.

Jaylen Aguilar also

drove in a run, with starting pitcher Giovanni Ramirez fanning three over three innings of work.

Fast forward to Dobie main April 17, where the Longhorns blanked Alvin 10-0 as Martinez went 4 for 5, driving in four runs and scoring three times.

Joiner was 3 for 4 with a run batted in and another run scored.

Aguilar started the game on the bump and struck out eight over 4 2/3 innings.

Thomas Turrubiarres struck out three over 1 1/3 relief innings. Miguel Mercedes drove in two runs while Aiden Sanchez tripled and scored a run.



Williard Joiner III (17) has once again played a huge role for the Dobie varsity baseball team as the locals have ensured a playoff berth.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

Longstreet named PISD's incoming athletic director

Patrick Longstreet, who has been the varsity head football coach at South Houston High School since 2018, has gained Pasadena ISD board approval and is the district's incoming director of athletics.

Longstreet replaces Rupert Jaso, who is retiring from education after a lifelong career that began in 1992 at Clear Creek

ISD's Space City Intermediate. He shortly thereafter joined varsity head coach Bob Cobb's staff at Clear Lake High School and later served as head coach of the Falcons from 2007 to 2013.

Jaso was an assistant principal at Clear Creek High School prior to joining PISD.

Longstreet is also expected to play a role in the hiring of his top assistant within the district as current Assistant Director of Athletics Donna Branch is also retiring after parts of five decades in the district.

A member of the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame since her induction in 2016, Branch is a 1975 Sam Rayburn High School graduate who later starred collegiately in the javelin. She won more than 500 career matches as head volleyball coach at Dobie High School before moving on to administration after the 2003 season.

The Leader will have additional details on Longstreet's hiring in the May 1 issue.

dena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame since her induction in 2016, Branch is a 1975 Sam Rayburn High School graduate who later starred collegiately in the javelin. She won more than 500 career matches as head volleyball coach at Dobie High School before moving on to administration after the 2003 season.

The Leader will have additional details on Longstreet's hiring in the May 1 issue.

Dobie offers boys' and girls' hoops camp

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Rachel Flores and her staff are now accepting registration for the 2025 Longhorn Youth Basketball Clinic June 23-25 at Dobie main as incoming first- through ninth-grade boys' and girls' students will be eligible to attend the fun-filled, three-day event at \$60 per participant. First- through fifth-grade students will attend the clinic from 8 to 10 a.m., while incoming sixth- through ninth-grade students will attend from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game of basketball, including shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding, offensive and defensive team concepts and more. Visit DoBiEGBB on X, then scan the QR code to begin registration or direct email to Flores at RRodriguezFlores@PasadenaISD.org.

Dobie baseball to host Mantle tryouts May 14

The Dobie baseball coaching staff has set Mickey Mantle summer league baseball tryouts for May 14, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Dobie baseball field on the main campus. Incoming freshmen as of the 2025-2026 school year are invited to compete for a spot on a Longhorn team that will play a summer schedule against similar teams from across the area. Those trying out will be required to bring their own gear and water to drink, and be ready to compete.

Wolverines' Mantle tryouts are May 14

Clear Brook head baseball coach Gene Flores and his staff will host Mickey Mantle summer baseball league tryouts for incoming freshman players May 14, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Clear Brook baseball field. Those trying out must bring their own glove, bat, cleats and necessary catching gear to the tryout. Freshmen as of the 2025-2026 school year will compete in a summer schedule against similar programs from across the Houston area. Those competing for the Wolverines must reside in the Clear Brook attendance zone.

The Sold Team
 281-464-SOLD

More Buyers. More Sellers. More SOLD. #1 in South Belt.

THE EXPERIENCE YOU NEED. THE NAME YOU TRUST.

281-464-SOLD (7653)

Sandra Yandell, Broker Associate
 Laura Yandell, Sales Associate

Top Real Estate Group

Las Haciendas MEXICAN BAR & GRILL

Lunch Specials
 Dine in • To-Go • Catering
 Order Online @ www.lashaciendasgrill.com

Margaritas to-go, available with food orders!
 Gift Cards • Party Rooms • Lunch & Daily Specials
 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
South Belt • 281-484-6888
 12933 Gulf Freeway

NASA • 281-557-3500 316 W. NASA PARKWAY
 League City • 281-334-2175 2951 MARINA BAY DR. STE. 150
 Stafford • 281-240-3060 12821 SOUTHWEST FRWY.

Auto Service Center & Car Wash

Now Hiring CASHIERS, CAR WASH PERSONNEL & LUBE TECHNICIANS

Mon. - Sat. 8am - 6pm
 Sun. 9am - 5pm

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL WASH SERVICES
 (Wash Packages, Details and Hand washes)
 All vehicles SANITIZED (\$10 value) www.islandbreezecarwash.com

No need to wait shuttle service now available!
 shuttle service only available within a 5 mile radius

\$10 Off Auto Alignment
 With coupon only. No reproductions. Not valid with any other discount.

11210 Scarsdale (Between I-45 & Bearner)
281-484-5945

ISLAND BREEZE CAR WASH

Now Offering A Full Line Of Exterior Washes "Wash & Go in under 5 min."

- The Works Includes \$20**
 • Island Breeze LAVA Carnauba Wax
 • Underbody Rinse
 • Wheel Cleaning
 • Clear Coat Protectant
 • Tire Shine
 • Hand Drying
- Wheels & Tires \$15**
 Includes "Shine & Polish" Plus
 • Rain-Guard
 • Tire Shine (In Tunnel)
 • Clear Coat Protectant
- Express Exterior \$8**
 • Wash
 • High Velocity Drying (In Tunnel)
- \$35 Monthly**
 • Tire Shine
 • Hand Drying

***MONTHLY UNLIMITED WASH PLANS (PER VEHICLE)**

Full Service Oil Change \$49.99

Includes our 16 point inspection - Oil Change (Up to 5 Quarts Conventional Oil)

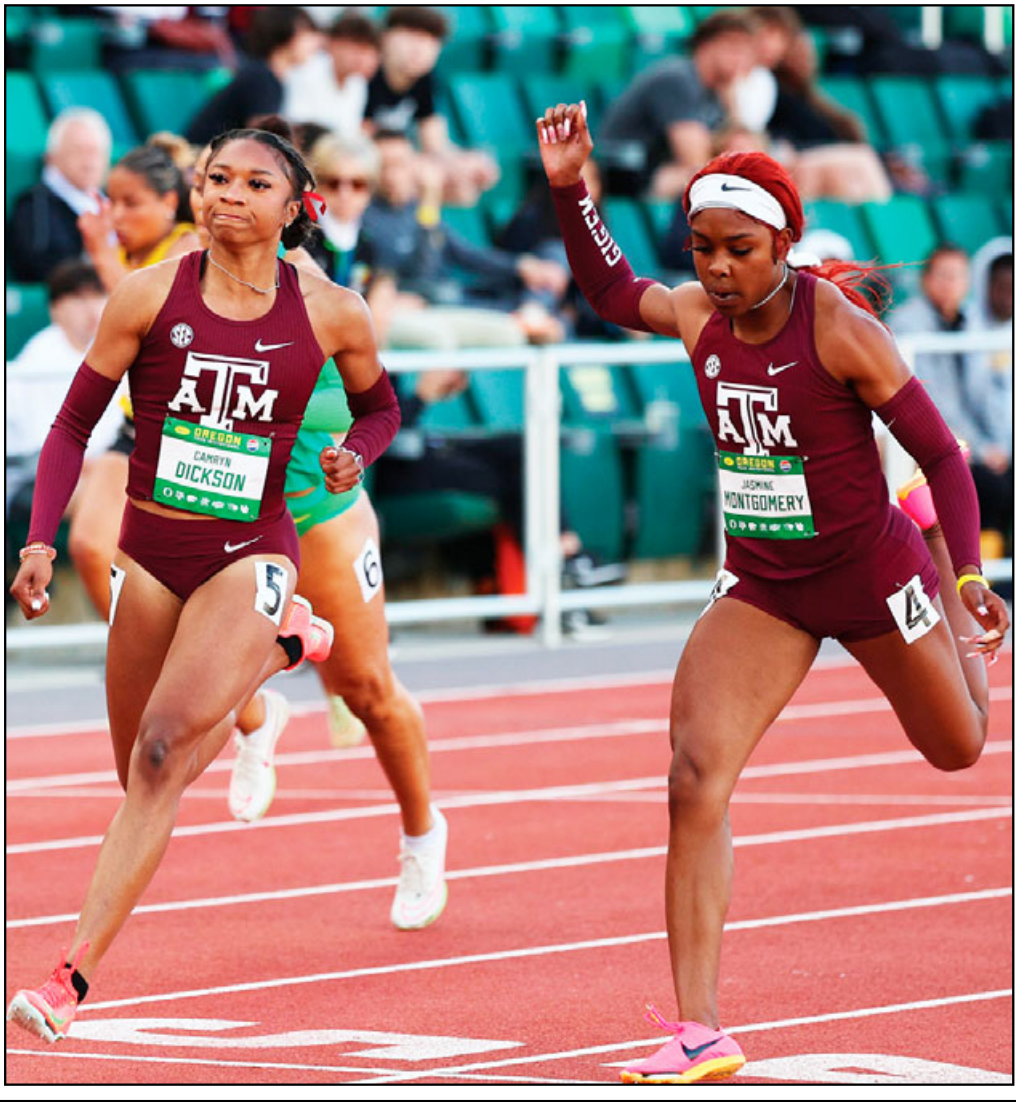
- Install New Oil Filter
- Complete Chassis Lube
- Check Brake Fluid
- Check & Fill Power Steering Fluid.
- Check & Fill Transmission Fluid
- Check Air Pressure in all Tires
- Check Gear Boxes
- Check Battery Fluid
- Check & Fill Windshield Washer
- Vacuum Interior
- Check Air Filter & Cabin Filter
- Check Breather Element
- Check PCV Valve
- Check Radiator Overflow Reservoir
- Check Belts
- Check Wiper Blades

Up to 5 Qts Conventional Motor Oil - 16 Point Check - With coupon. Not valid with any other offer or discount. Expires 1/14/25.

FREE Car Wash

Dickson leads TAMU at Oregon

Clear Brook High School graduate and current Texas A&M junior track and field star Camryn Dickson was a key performer in the Aggies dominant performance at the Oregon Open in Eugene, winning the 100 at 11.27 seconds and adding to TAMU's gold medal win in the 4x400 relay at 3:31.54. At right the 4x400 quartet included Jasmine Montgomery, Jaydan Wood, Dickson and Clear Falls High School graduate Kennedy Wade. The Aggies put their stamp on the track in Oregon, as the group won 12 of the possible 22 events, adding five all-time marks and seven personal bests. TAMU's Debora Cheron broke the school record in the women's 1,500, finishing at 4:15.99. At right, Camryn Dickson (left) delivered a win in the 100 at 11.27 seconds for the Aggies while team member Jasmine Montgomery was second for a silver medal with her clocking of 11.33 in Eugene. Overall, the Aggies came up with several personal bests and came away with a slew of gold medals as part of an impressive performance on the University of Oregon's Hayward Field, one of the nation's biggest stages.



Atkinson runners excel at PISD Get Fit Jog

At right, Atkinson Elementary third- and fourth-grade students stood out during the Pasadena ISD's annual Get Fit Jog program, which called for the district's students to jog 40 miles or more during the school year to be eligible for the districtwide Get Fit Jog final race at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena late last month. The third-grade and fourth-grade course was just more than a mile in length. Those taking part for the Eagles included, left to right, (first row) Jayden Hernandez, Esmeralda Saucedo, Josiah Thomas, (second row) Jacob Escamilla, Adrian Sigaran, Eduardo Martinez, Olivia Guzman, (third row) Julian Peralta, Martha Fajardo, Max Ramirez, (fourth row) Jayden Hernandez, Esmeralda Saucedo and Josiah Thomas.



Several Atkinson Elementary students garnered top 30 finishes during the Pasadena ISD Get Fit Jog finale last month at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. In the third-grade boys' race, Adrian Sigaran finished in 24th place and Max Ramirez was 27th. In the third-grade girls' race, Esmeralda Saucedo finished in 15th place. In the fourth-grade boys' race, Josiah Thomas captured 30th place. In the fourth-grade girls' race, Olivia Guzman finished in eighth-place.



Adrian Sigaran



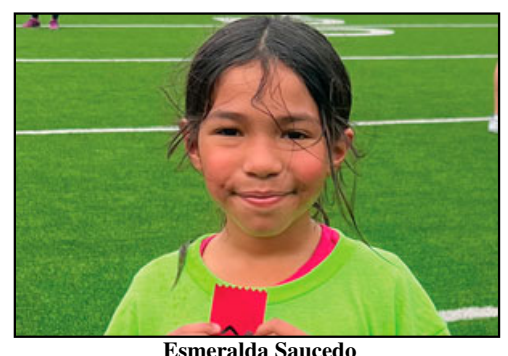
Josiah Thomas



Max Ramirez



Olivia Guzman



Esmeralda Saucedo

SJC softball, baseball near postseason play

Both the San Jacinto College softball and baseball programs will qualify for the postseason and are at this point in the schedule looking to finish strong prior to that postseason run. Career win No. 800 in hand, San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz is more focused on getting her team to the finish line within the Region 14 South division as the Ravens will finish with a pair of two-game sets against Blinn and then Angelina prior to preparing for the start of the conference tournament. As for Saenz, her 800th career victory came April 21 as the Ravens defeated Lamar-Port Arthur by a 10-9 count.

mond, defending national champion Blinn is back at it again this season with a 35-10 overall record, and the Bucs lead the South division with a mark of 23-5. San Jacinto, at 29-15 overall, has more than held its own within the South

as the Ravens are firmly in second place with a record of 20-8. Clear Brook graduate Landon Hunt has continued to have a big season for the Ravens as he has hit .359 this season, while McCabe Moyer has hit .343.

Colton Wemhoff leads the team with 34 runs driven in, while Eduardo Castillo has driven in 29. Adrian Pedro has 25 runs driven in, and Rafael Furcal Jr. has knocked in 22 runs. Ty Roman has been the leader of the pitching staff,

posting a 7-0 record with an earned run average of 1.32. The Ravens will close out the regular season May 1-2 with a three-game set against Coastal Bend before preparing for the postseason tournament.

Longhorn boys' hoops will have new leader

Dobie campus athletic coordinator Danny Fitzmorris is heading up the charge to hire the school's next varsity boys' basketball coach, and says there has been plenty of interest in the position as the process continues. "We have an outstand-

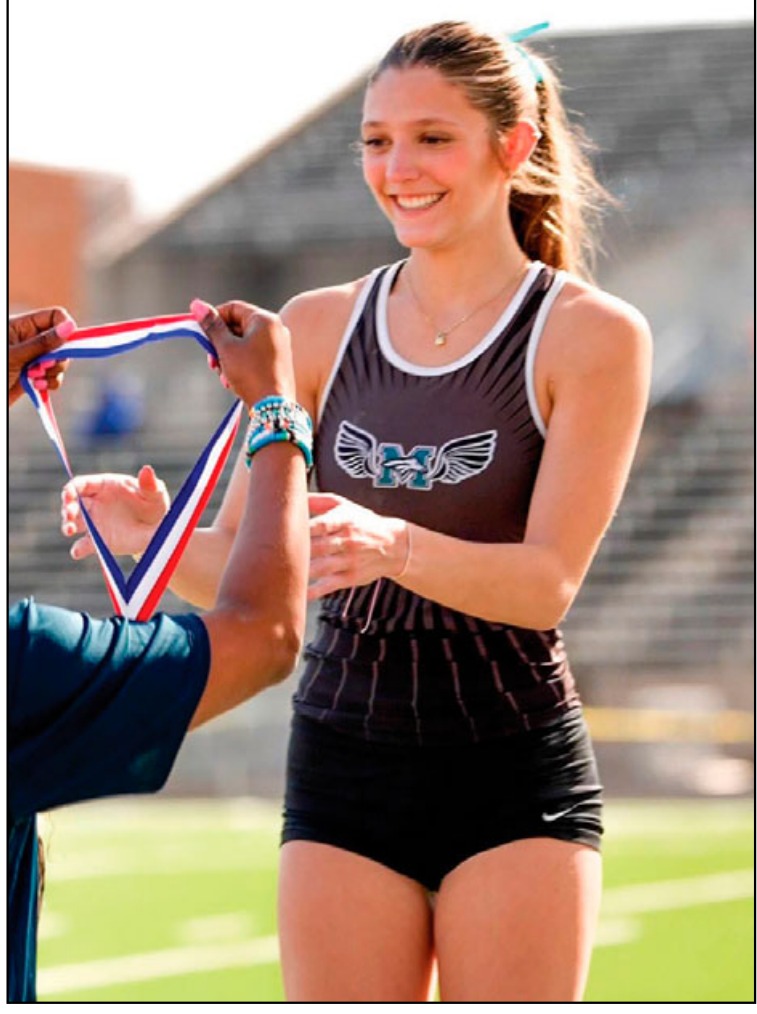
ing group of coaches here at Dobie, and we are very excited to add someone who we believe will ultimately bring stability and a desire to have a great deal of success with the Longhorns on the court," Fitzmorris said. "We have a talented

group of young men within the program at all levels, and they are looking forward to a change at the top and being led by somebody who wants the best for the program moving forward. "We feel like we have a terrific program in place, and the new head coach

will be able to come in and get the ball rolling toward what we believe will be an incredible run of success in the future." Dobie will welcome its third head coach since Kevin Cross retired from the sport following the 2019-2020 season.

Fernandez vaults 9-6 at RIIs

At right, Kenzie Fernandez of Pasadena Memorial advanced to the Region III track and field meet in the pole vault at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster, ultimately tying for 10th place at 9 feet, 6 inches. Fernandez was the silver medalist at both the 22-6A championships and the 21-6A/22-6A area round, clearing 9-6 at district and 10-0 at areas to pave her way to regionals. She is the daughter of Riverstone Ranch residents Kasie and Dobie graduate Kenny Fernandez. Junior Breeana Borreson of Cinco Ranch was the regional gold medalist at 12-6 and will advance to state along with Seven Lakes sophomore Carla Angueira-Columbani, who cleared 12-3 for the silver medal.



ST. LUKE FOOD FEST

April 29, 2025, 5-7:30 P.M.

KC Hall - 2320 Hatfield Rd., Pearland, TX 77581

Come and sample great food from local eateries and enjoy DJ music and fellowship!

\$20 Ticket

Free for children 5 years of age and under. All youth must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Scan QR code to purchase tickets

For tickets or more information, visit www.stlukesatholic.com under Our Parish/Upcoming Events.





If you are a restaurant owner, caterer or beverage shop owner and would like to participate in the Food Fest, we have limited space available. Please fill out the Participant Agreement to register and someone will contact you with additional information. Go to <https://stluke.breezechms.com/form/6d5ef0>.

SERVICE

Attention advertisers, make your ad stand out with color. Call 281-481-5656 for information. Participants will be limited to 10, so call soon if you want to be included.



SOUTH BELT
A/C & HEATING INC.

CALL FOR A/C CHECK-UP

Free Estimates on New Equipment

American Standard
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

100% Financing to Qualified Buyers

281-484-1818

4403 F.M.2351

www.Southbeltair.com

TACL B26543E

GET IT TODAY!

After Hours Plumbing Service
Commercial, Industrial & Residential
Sewer • Water Heaters • Drains
Leaks • Water • Repairs • Gas

\$75 OFF Any Service w/coupon

Free Estimates - MPL#41513 - Hablo Español
Military, Law Enforcement & Senior Discount
www.afterhoursplumbingservicehouston.com

832-715-6441

BONANZA AIR & HEAT*
281-922-5665

Someone You Can Trust • NEVER A SERVICE CALL CHARGE
We Service ALL Makes & Models • We Honor Competitor Coupons

Call about our Preseason A/C Systems Upgrade Specials Save \$\$\$\$\$\$

Goodman Financing Available TACL B002755C

Serving South Belt since 1978

• Vinyl • Hardi Board Siding
• Replacement & Storm Windows

5 Year Labor Warranty

WINNER OF BEST ROOFING COMPANY IN BAY AREA

281-481-9683

The Handyman Can.

Fences (Wood or Chain link), Decks, Painting, Siding, Flooring, Shower Conversions, Granite & Laminate countertops

Work done right at the right price
Serving South Belt and surrounding areas.

713.701.7400

Looking to sell or lease your home?
Let us help you!
Place an ad in the South Belt-Ellington Leader's weekly Real Estate section!
11555 Beamer
281-481-5656

ANY SEASON TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, LLC
Residential & Commercial
TRUSTWORTHY and RELIABLE

Providing environmentally friendly services with your children and pets' safety in mind.

Jimmie Sue Orth, Richard (Dick) Orth
Owner, Operator
B.S. Chemistry, Trinity University

281-484-6740
Family Owned and Operated Since 1984

G & F APPLIANCE REPAIR

We service all major home appliances. Our Professional Technicians will provide you with service you can trust.

MENTION THIS AD AND SAVE \$10
281-650-4777
SAME DAY SERVICE

ELECTRIC
45 Years Experience

REPAIRS & INSTALLATIONS
• Free Estimates
• Senior Citizen Disc.
• No Service Charge
• Res./Comm.
• Master Electrician
• Insured
TECL#21246

281-484-8582
LOW PRICES HIGH QUALITY

SAGEMONT ELECTRIC SVCS.

Support Leader Advertisers

Triple M Plumbing
281-455-1175

Melvin D. Glover III
Master License # 40217

JT Garage Door Systems
Repair, Replace, Install
Over 20 Years of Experience
Contact Jason Teel
281-991-7697

Primary Plumbing Services
COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL

713-643-7228
Ruben Muñoz - MPL 17449

COUPON
\$200 OFF FOUNDATION REPAIR OR SEWER REPAIR
(on jobs \$2,500 & up)
Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per house.

FOUNDATION REPAIR UNDER SLAB SEWER REPAIR HOUSE LEVELING

Allied Foundations
281-479-5247
FREE ESTIMATES

LEADER READERS

25 words: Personal: \$8 for 1 week/ \$21 for 3 weeks;
Business: \$10 for 1 week/ \$27 for 3 weeks

HELP WANTED

FURNITURE
HILTON FURNITURE. Serving over 27 yrs. 12100 Gulf Frwy., Hou., 77034. Mattress clearance - \$99 twin mattress or \$149 full mattress. Offering free delivery to the South Belt area. Call Today - 832-857-4881.

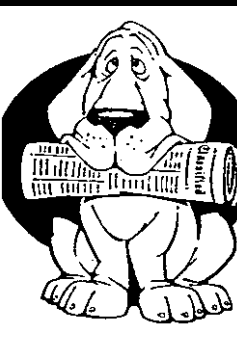
ESTATE SALE
10418 SAGEGLOW DR. Thurs. only, April 24, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Antiques, lots of furniture, refrigerator, new red electric car - \$1,500. Everything must go! Homemade peanut brittle will also be available.

GARAGE SALE
2516 S. VENICE at BellaVita. Sat., April 26, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Multi Family Garage Sale. 4-24

SERVICE
CARPENTER/HANDY-MAN. Light electrical, plumbing & painting, replace/repair. No Job Too Small. 281-948-8887. 6-30

PRESSURE WASHING!
Free Estimates. Call Scott and Sons at 979-235-0645. House, driveways, sidewalks, boats, R.V.s, etc. We also clean solar panels. Time for cleaning. Free Estimates! 6-30

V.L. LAWN CARE & Tree Service. Lawn mowing, mulch, tree trimming & removal. Wood fences and pressure washing. Free estimates. 346-577-3347. 6-30



Hydraulic equipment repair technician needed.

Flexible hours full or part time. Paid vacation and holidays. Fluent Spanish required! Will train the right person \$14.00 per hour and up with experience.

832-671-0978

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale
This property is being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held online at www.bid13.com. Facility is Boat and Camper Storage, Inc. located at 9021 Alameda Genoa Rd., Houston, TX, 77075. Bidding will open (4/29/25 8 a.m.) and Conclude (5/6/25 10 a.m.)

Cleanup deposit is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Unit items sold as-is to highest bidder. Property includes the contents of spaces of the following tenants:

Sean A. Deaton: 1974 RayCraft 17'0" (SAG106270374), outboard motor (parts only) and 1993 Home boat trailer (TX tag 25YNHK).
Henry McCoy: boat, trailer, outboard motor (parts only for all).
Jairo L. Lara: "Oasis" water dispensers.
Dora Castaneda: various car parts, metal scrap.
Tommy N. Tyler: pneumatic gun, various pool equipment and craftsman tool box.
Timothy G. Turbeville: 1970 Pontiac CV (VIN: 252670X114948).
Darrell Jackson: 1970 Cadi 2D (parts only).
Jeremy S. Strawhun: 1972 Olds Delta 88 2D (VIN: 3L57H2X100045).

Annual maintenance will save you money.

A/C Systems on Sale Now
Call for Free Estimates.

Airstream
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING
TACL B23730E
281-481-6308

R.B. GARAGE DOORS
Garage Door Experts • 20 Years Experience
Affordable Prices • Free Estimates

*Replace Garage Doors *Garage Door Openers
*Crashed Door Resets *Lube, Tunes & Springs

ROGELIO 832-755-5245
www.rbgaragedoorshouston.com rbgaragedoors@gmail.com
•Genie •Craftsman •Lift Master •Chamberlain

Let the Leader help with your advertising.
Call 281-481-5656

Looking to sell or lease your home?
Let us help you!
Place an ad in the South Belt-Ellington Leader's weekly Real Estate section!
11555 Beamer
281-481-5656

Notice of Public Sale
This property is being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale to be held online at www.bid13.com. Facility is Boat and Camper Storage, Inc. located at 9021 Alameda Genoa Rd., Houston, TX, 77075. Bidding will open (5/6/25 8 a.m.) and Conclude (5/13/25 10 a.m.)

Cleanup deposit is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Unit items sold as-is to highest bidder. Property includes the contents of spaces of the following tenants:

Michael D. O'Connor: 1980 Grady White 18'0" (NTLV0987M80G), Shoreline trailer (model#970-1), no motor.
Geverly J. Torres: 1971 OLDS (342571R155569).
William D. Archer: collectibles, furniture, brass, tupperware sets and tools.
Carlos Gallo: furniture, exercise equipment, pool table and misc.
Larry Houton: appliance, furniture, bikes, engine block and scrap metal.

A & M PAINTING
• PAINTING INTERIOR/EXTERIOR • REMODELING • SHEETROCK
• TAPE & FLOAT • DEMOLITION • HAULING • FENCES
• CARPENTRY • PRESSURE WASHING

Alvaro Bravo **281-642-2939** Free Estimates

Licensed • Insured

Lighthouse ELECTRIC
Master Electrician Johnny R. Gibbs
"Look on the bright side"
281-847-1111
www.lighthouseelectrictexas.com TECL #19197

LAWN & GARDEN

ADRIANS TREE-SERVICES.COM

Licensed, Insured, Affordable
• Free Estimates • Trimming, Shaping, Removal, Grass Installation, Mulching

713-501-0184

Arbor King Tree Service
• Tree Removal • Tree Topping • Trimming
• Thinning Out • Elevating • Stump Grinding
• Emergency Storm Damage
Free Estimates
South Belt Resident **832-660-3622** We will work with you

Support Leader Advertisers

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 24
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

www.shaarhashalom.org.
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.
SUNDAY, APRIL 27
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, at the Life Recovery Church, 5215 Preston Ave., Pasadena TX, 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
MONDAY, APRIL 28
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Chapter #0683 Friendswood meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, APRIL 29
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. - **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** -

See Sunday's notice.
6:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - Club #05324194 meets in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit sehouston.toastmastersclub.org or call 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Noon Ballroom Dancing - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, APRIL 28
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Chapter #0683 Friendswood meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, APRIL 29
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. - **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** -

THURSDAY, MAY 1
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m., Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Advertise in the Leader

BOOKKEEPING

Cynthia L. Veters, CPA
Individual-Corporate-Partnership & Estates

- All Tax Preparations
- Financial Statement Preparation
- Monthly Accounting Services
- Individual & Business Tax Planning
- Payroll & Other Related Services

281-481-4184

Sagemont Cowboys' Goddesses to play 7-on-7 football game April 27 at Dobie main

The Sagemont Cowboys organization has formed its first ever 7-on-7 football team. With the recent growth in the skill at the high school level, the Bay Area Football League is following suit. The Sagemont Goddesses will be participating in BAFL's first ever girls 7-on-7 tournament and skills challenge event. The event will be hosted by Dobie High School's football head coach, Danny Fitzmorris at Dobie main April 27, beginning at 3 p.m. The group includes, left to right, coach P.J. Herrera, Ella Laredo, Adriana Rodriguez, Faith Herrera, Savanna Rodriguez, Callie Slaughter, Jazzalynn Herrera, Gianna Garcia, Haylie Cooper, Head Coach Shay Martin and Gabriella Cowan (not pictured).



Lutheran South Academy golf trio earns TAPPS All-District status



Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' golfers Emma Poffinbarger (left), Addison Trahan (center) and Olivia Rivas each earned first team All-District



accolades while finishing in the top 10 at the district golf tournament. Poffinbarger was fourth after firing a single round 81, while Trahan was sixth with



her 85. Rivas completed a round of 92 to finish ninth overall. Lutheran South Academy was second as a team.

TAPPS soccer honors LSA's Riekert, Smith

Lutheran South Academy varsity girls soccer standouts Jemma Riekert and Addi Smith have been recognized as Academic All-State honorees by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. Smith was also a second-team All-State selection as a defender for the Pioneers. First-team All-District honorees for the Pioneers included Smith at defender and forward Cassidy Pfeiffer. Midfielder Peyton Lawrence and Riekert at defender were second-team honorees, while forwards Jade Barefield and Olivia Rivas as well as goalkeepers London Cathey and Skylar Catron were honorable mention choices.

LSA swimming trio honored academically

Lutheran South Academy swimmers Elijah Brown, Lauren Ferguson and Luis Ordaz have been recognized as Academic All-State honorees by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. The trio also qualified for the state championships in various events, with Ferguson winning a pair of medals.

Pioneer boys' hoops scores All-District

Three Lutheran South Academy varsity boys basketball players earned All-District honors following the 2024-2025 season, including senior and first-team performer David Streeter. Other LSA players, including Harry Burkett, Mike Matthews and Ralston Wagoner, earned All-District second team honors. The Pioneers' Jashaun Brooks collected All-District honorable mention status.

LSA girls' basketball picks up honors

Lutheran South varsity girls basketball player Natalie Browning earned Texas Association of private and parochial schools academic All-State honors for the 2024-2025 school year and was also a second team All-District performer on the court following the pioneers' season. LSA's Annie De La Pena was an All-District first-team pick while Sam Avery, Browning and Olivia Varanauski were named to the second team. Lutheran South's Elisabeth Hergenrader, Anna Schepmann and Ava Zamora were honorable mention choices.

LSA to run at TAPPS regional track and field

The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 4A/5A South Regional track and field championship meet April 24 at Matador Stadium in Seguin is on tap for Lutheran South Academy athletes as the quest to reach the state championships continues.

The Pioneers' top state hopeful could be sophomore Jeremy Gaitan as he collected three gold medals at district, winning both the 800 and 1,600 distance events and adding to the Pioneers' victorious 4x400 relay squad.



Darwin Bolden II of Clear Brook is headed to the 6A state track and field meet after finishing second for a silver medal with a throw of 182 feet, 6 inches in the discus. Katy's Adam Carter was the gold medalist and is also off to state with a throw of 186-2.

CB's Bolden reaches state discus

Continued from Page 5

Bolden has admitted that he is typically nervous prior to a track meet, but this time he felt relatively calm and relaxed going into the regional meet. The result was that Bolden PR'd three times on his way to the silver medal, with his throw of 182-6 his best ever by more than 13 feet. "I came into the season motivated by the fact that I missed out on regionals last year and wanted to give myself an opportunity to make a run at state this year," Bolden said.

"My goal all season really

was to throw 180. That's a distance that really gets college coaches to start paying attention. I really feel like I can contribute at the next level and just want the opportunity."

As for the state meet, Carter has been the best performer within the region in both the discus and shot put events, but Bolden is going to Austin intent on coming back with a gold medal.

"I'm going to go to Austin and let it all hang out," Bolden said. "This has been a goal of mine in the discus for quite some time. And now that I have the opportunity, my goal

is to do my best and come back with a win."

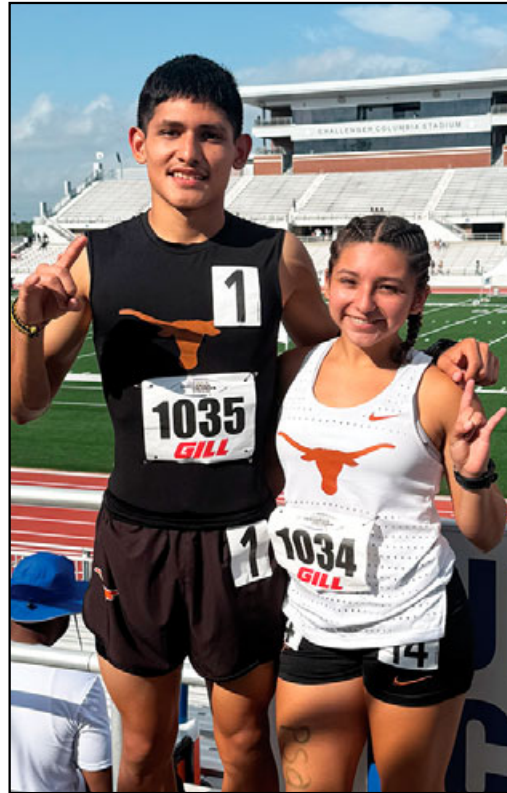
The Wolverines' Jalen Erskine saved his best for last as he produced personal records in his final three high school meets, including at the 24-6A meet, the 23/24-6A area around and then at regionals. The senior finished fifth at the Region III Championships with a school record of 37.82 in the 300 hurdles.

Kamryn McLaurin advanced to regionals in the high jump with a bronze medal at areas and then again cleared 5-4 to wind up sixth at regionals as she rounded

out her career at Clear Brook.

A star on the basketball court at Clear Brook, McLaurin averaged 20 points per game as a senior and was named the 24-6A Most Valuable Player. She will now focus on playing collegiate basketball at Houston Christian University.

Smith to La. Tech Azayla Smith, a 2023 Clear Brook graduate and 400 and 800 specialist, has joined the Louisiana Tech University women's track and field program, as announced by Louisiana Tech track staffers on X.



Christopher Torres and Lauren Garza of Dobie both competed at the 3,200 distance in the regional track and field championships to round out what was a memorable career for both athletes for the Longhorns. Both will run collegiately as Torres is headed to the University of St. Thomas in Houston, with Garza off to Southeastern Oklahoma State in Durant, Okla.



Dobie juniors Da'Marcus Hodges (left) and Marcus Jones have returned to the spring football practice field after competing in the Region III Track and Field Championships April 18. Hodges competed in the triple jump while Jones was part of the field in the 100 preliminaries.

Richard MIP for Illinois State FB



Dobie class of 2023 graduate and varsity football stand out CJ Richard has been named the Most Improved Player during the spring session at Illinois State University as he works his way toward a larger role with the Red Hawks aiming toward the 2025 season. Richard, an All-District performer with the Longhorns as part of a 3-year varsity career, redshirted at Illinois State during the 2024 regular season.

COUPON
\$200 OFF FOUNDATION REPAIR OR SEWER REPAIR
 (on jobs \$2,500 & up) Not valid with any other offer. One coupon per house.

FOUNDATION REPAIR
 UNDER SLAB SEWER REPAIR
 HOUSE LEVELING

Allied Foundations
281-479-5247
 FREE ESTIMATES