

St. Luke's Horn dies at 76

Rev. Stephen R. Horn, former pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Church, died early Tuesday, Aug. 10, from complications of COVID-19. He was 76. Horn was assigned to St. Luke's from 1994 to 2007. At press time, services were pending at St. Dominic Village, located at 2401 E. Holcombe Blvd.

Class of '91 holds reunion

Tickets are currently on sale for the J. Frank Dobie High School Class of 1991's 30th reunion, to be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Black Swan nightclub at the Omni Hotel, located at 4 Riverway, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. To follow the event online, visit www.facebook.com/groups/dobie-hsclassof91. To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketstrip.com/fjdobieclassof1991reunion. For additional information, email Noel Aleman at noel.aleman1@gmail.com. See related ad on Page 2.

Active COVID cases up

As of Wednesday, Aug. 11, there were 183 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up five from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 6,232 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 436 remain active, up 123 from the previous week. To date, 70 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 320 of the 4,519 confirmed cases remain active, up 197 from the previous week. A total of 57 from the ZIP code have died, up two from the previous week.

Of the 4,636 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 326 remain active, up 184 from the previous week. To date, 56 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

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

Countywide, there have been 441,301 total confirmed cases. Of those, 406,706 have recovered from the disease, while 29,453 cases remain active, up 12,864 from the previous week. A total of 5,111 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

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

At-home vaccines offered

Harris County Public Health staff will provide vaccinations in the home. This is available to Harris County residents who are bedbound or homebound due to medical reasons, regardless of age. The staff will observe clients for 15-30 minutes after vaccinations to ensure no immediate reactions occur. For additional information, contact HCPH at 832-927-8787.

Highway 3 closures set

At least northbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to NASA Road 1 daily (excluding Sundays) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Monday, Aug. 23.

At least northbound lane and one southbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from NASA Road 1 to FM 518/Main Street daily (excluding Sundays) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Scott Street/ Fellows Road to Kirby Drive daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, Aug. 14.

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. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Sept. 6.

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528. At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Sept. 30.

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Sept. 30.

Two alternate northbound and southbound 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 Friday, Dec. 31. Both the northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps between IH 610 South Loop and Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with an ongoing 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.

GLO reverses course on Harvey rebuilds

South Belt community members scored a rare win against state bureaucracy this past week when officials from the Texas General Land Office announced at a meeting Tuesday, Aug. 10, they had reversed course in constructing Hurricane Harvey replacement homes deemed substandard by many in the area.

The announcement came one week after GLO representatives hinted at such a reversal at a similar meeting held in the Pleasantville neighborhood.

The proposed construction of new houses in the South Belt area to replace those destroyed during Harvey in 2017 has been an ongoing controversy, as the GLO's initial plans called for rebuilding houses that bore little resemblance to their neighbors' existing homes.

Such a move threatened the property value of

the surrounding homes, civic leaders argued.

New cessions by General Land Office include adding two-car garages and masonry to the current bare-bone home designs, provided a rudimentary survey of the neighboring community produces such things.

According to GLO officials, a "windshield survey" will be conducted to determine the aesthetics of the affected neighborhoods. If a surveyor sitting in his car looks up and down the block and sees garages and brick on all homes, the GLO will go forward with plans to reconstruct homes that also have garages and brick.

While houses being rebuilt in the flood plain must be, by law, elevated 2 feet, GLO will take steps to mask the elevation. Such masking, however, may not be brick, as it would hinder water flow.

GLO officials stopped short of saying it would replace all homes with the same number of bedrooms as before, as all new houses will be constructed to accommodate the current number of occupants.

"This is not an insurance program," said GLO Senior Deputy Director Heather Lagrone. "This is not a program designed to make people whole. This is a program designed to get you housed. This is a program to get you into a safe, sanitary, decent home. This is to get you into a home. This is not to get you back into what you had before. In fact, HUD doesn't allow us to do that."

Attending the meeting were representatives from the Sagemont, Sagemont and Kirkwood civic groups. Lagrone said the groups must first submit paperwork to the GLO so the state can

recognize their authority before the new construction policies may be adopted.

Lagrone said the new changes place the GLO at risk, as it may have to repay the extra funds, should a HUD audit later successfully challenge the spending.

In all, 127 Sagemont residents have applied for assistance in the GLO program, Lagrone said. Of those, at least 90 percent are expected to be approved.

Help won't come quick, however. "The wheels of government turn very slowly," Lagrone said, adding that reconstruction of area homes could take at least three years.

Lagrone suggested, however, that sometimes the squeaky wheel gets the grease, noting that residents who are more responsive often get quicker service.

Sleeping driver topples truck



An alleged sleeping driver was responsible for crashing his large truck into a smaller one the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 7, near the Riverstone Ranch swimming pool. According to investigators, the truck ran into a pair of trees before going airborne and colliding with the parked truck, which was unattended at the time. It took emergency crews roughly half an hour to separate the two vehicles. The driver remained on the scene and suffered no serious injuries.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Dobie faculty/staff produce a play

The J. Frank Dobie High School Fine Arts program is delighted to announce a faculty and staff production of the play "Steel Magnolias."

The show is cast with teachers and administrators from various departments around campus. All proceeds from the exhibition will support Walt Disney's "High School Musical," the 2021 Fine Arts play set to run in early November.

"Steel Magnolias" will be performed Friday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Seating is limited; email MagnoliaTickets@gmail.com to reserve tickets.

The stage play "Steel Magnolias" by Robert

Harling, was the source material for the classic 1989 movie of the same name. The story revolves around a group of close friends in a small Louisiana town as they navigate the joys and sorrows of life. The cast includes Lauren Calderaro, assistant principal, as Truvy; Juliet Rogers, theater department, as M'Lynn; Nichole Johnson, social studies department, as Clairee; Tracie Richeson, CTE department, as Annelle; Rachel Rodriguez, english department, as Shelby and Tracy Whately, science department, as the eternally grouchy Ouiser. Clinton Hopper, assistant principal at

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City offers \$25 vaccine gift cards

The Houston Health Department is offering gift cards to people who get fully vaccinated for COVID-19 at many of its sites.

The \$25 gift cards will be awarded to anyone who completes their vaccination series within 42 days of their first dose at a health department health center or multiservice center clinic.

The incentive promotion lasts until 1,900 total gift cards for Walmart, Target, Old Navy, Ross, Amazon, Shell, Walgreens, and METRO are awarded.

"We are at a pivotal point in the fight against this deadly virus. Positive cases and hospitaliza-

tions are increasing, primarily among the unvaccinated, despite vaccines being free and readily available," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "It is our hope the new incentive offered by the Houston Health Department will encourage people to take their best shot and help save lives in the process."

Getting vaccinated prevents serious illness, hospitalization and death. It also helps reduce the spread of COVID-19.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, 99.5 percent of Texans who

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South Belt returns to school Aug. 16, 17

Summer is coming to a close, and that means it's time for South Belt students to return to school.

With the exception of incoming freshmen, students in the Pasadena Independent School District will return to class Tuesday, Aug. 17. To familiarize ninth-grade students with high school campuses before halls become crowded, they will begin class the previous day on Monday, Aug. 16.

Clear Creek ISD will start the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, Aug. 16, with transition grades only, i.e. prekindergarten (including special education prekindergarten), kindergarten, sixth grade and ninth grade. This day is designed

to allow time for students to get to know their new school. The remaining grades will return on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

In PISD, elementary students will attend school from 7:45 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.; middle school students will attend school from 8:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.; intermediate students will attend school from 8:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and high school students will attend school from 7:15 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. Students are tardy if they are not in class by the official start time. To prevent tardiness or disruption to the classrooms, students should arrive 15-30 minutes earlier than the start time. During that time they may eat breakfast, visit with friends and arrive at the classroom on time to put away

supplies and prepare for the school day.

Last year, Clear Creek ISD added 10 minutes to the school day to allow time to wash hands and practice COVID-19 prevention protocols. This year, CCISD will keep five of those minutes as part of the school day. New school dismissal times are as follows: high school 2:35 p.m.; elementary school 3:20 p.m.; intermediate school 4:05 p.m.

Both Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD will return 100 percent on-campus instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

While many students had at least some face-to-face instruction for the 2020-2021 school year, others haven't set foot in a physical classroom since the spring of 2020 when COVID-19 pandemic shuttered Texas schools.

The shift from virtual was done, in part, to lack of funding.

House Bill 1468 would have allowed funding for virtual instruction but it died on the floor. Despite bipartisan support, the measure died when House Democrats walked off the floor in an effort to block a controversial voting bill.

Without the legislation, there is no statutory framework to authorize remote instruction in the coming school year, and the disaster authority TEA used to allow distance learning during the 2020-21 school year cannot be used again.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone 12 years and older get the COVID-19 vaccine. School districts, however, are prohibited from making the vaccine mandatory.

Similarly, school districts are prohibited by the state from requiring face masks.

Gov. Greg Abbott has issued an executive order barring local entities, including school districts, from requiring people to wear masks.

The Texas State Teachers Association has urged Abbott to reconsider ahead of the new school year, given the rise of the Delta variant.

Abbott has since, however, double-downed on his position, making it clear he has no plans to change his stance on the matter.

All Texas students will be offered free daily meals this year. Typically, a student's household

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CDC issues new eviction moratorium

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday, Aug. 3, issued a new moratorium on evictions, saying that such removals could be detrimental to public health control measures that slow the spread of COVID-19.

The new order, which will expire Oct. 3, covers counties experiencing "substantial" or "high" levels of COVID-19 spread. This accounts for approximately 80 percent of U.S. counties, or about 90 percent of the U.S. population.

According to CDC officials, the eviction moratorium allows additional time for rent relief to reach renters and to further increase vaccination rates. In the context of a pandemic, eviction moratoria — like quarantine, isolation and social

distancing — can be an effective public health measure utilized to prevent the spread of communicable disease. Eviction moratoria facilitate self-isolation and self-quarantine by people who become ill or who are at risk of transmitting COVID-19 by keeping people out of congregate settings and in their own homes.

The move could save up to 11 million people from being evicted.

"The emergence of the Delta variant has led to a rapid acceleration of community transmission in the United States, putting more Americans at increased risk, especially if they are unvaccinated," said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky.

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Driver hits cop, charged with DWI

A driver was charged with DWI early Wednesday, Aug. 4, after hitting a Precinct 2 deputy who was outside his vehicle during a traffic stop on Beltway 8 between Blackhawk and Pearland Parkway.



Oscar Villegas

Precinct 8 Deputy M. Self, who is assigned to the Precinct 8 DWI Task Force, was dispatched to the auto-pedestrian accident at approximately 1:30 a.m. Upon his arrival, Self discovered the suspect driver failed to stop at the scene and continued driving.

As medical aid was rendered a Precinct 2 deputy was able to catch up to the suspect vehicle, described as a gray Chevrolet S-10 truck.

The driver, identified as 33-year-old Oscar Ivan Villegas, was detained for further investigation. Self arrived on scene and made contact with the driver.

While speaking with Villegas, Self observed obvious signs of intoxication. The deputy proceeded to administer the standardized field sobriety test and determined Villegas was unable to safely operate a motor vehicle, and he was subsequently taken into custody.

A search of Villegas' vehicle yielded open beer cans and bottles.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted charges for driving while intoxicated and felony fail to stop and render aid. Villegas was transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. His bonds were set at \$1,100 total.

The Precinct 2 deputy sustained injuries and was transported to the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

The driver initially pulled over by the injured deputy was given special thanks by Precinct 2 officials for rendering aid on the officer until EMS workers arrived.

The cost for Villegas to get out of jail was reportedly less than his bar tab that night, according to sources familiar with the case.

Pct. 2 seizes gambling cash



At the request of the Galveston Police Department, Harris County Precinct 2's Special Operations Unit assisted in cracking down on illegal game rooms in the area. Over the course of the operation, more than \$90,000 in cash was seized. Shared with Precinct 2, this money will go toward buying new equipment and future training.

Former resident J.R. Richard dies



Former South Belt resident and Houston Astros pitcher J.R. Richard (rear in blue) died Thursday, Aug. 5, at the age of 71. In his later years, the all-star pitcher led a local foundation to help area youth. Richard is shown above visiting the Leader office in June 2019. Shown with him are, left to right, Diddy Clark, Laura Benavides Scallan, Rosa Graham, David Flickinger, Alexis Lochner, Lula Richard (Richard's wife), Natalie Abarca, Bobby Griffin and James Bolen. Photo by Marie Flickinger

City offers vaccine gift cards

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 died from COVID-19 from Feb. 8 through July 14, 2021, were unvaccinated. Texas hospitals report more than 90 percent of patients currently hospitalized for COVID-19 are unvaccinated.
 "The Delta variant is different because it is much more contagious and, while rare, vaccinated people may get infected and spread it to others," said Dr. David Persse, chief medical officer for the City of Houston. "While this can seem discouraging, it's important to remember the vaccines prevent almost everyone who gets a breakthrough infection from serious illness and death. Vaccines are the best tool to protect you and those around you."
 The gift cards will be provided at the time of the second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or with the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are currently authorized for people age 18 and older and Pfizer is approved for people age 12

Deaths

Oscar Aaron De Los Santos



Oscar Aaron De Los Santos passed away July 30, 2021, in Houston. He was born April 17, 1994, in Corpus Christi. He is survived by his mother Terry Dickinson; his father Oscar De Los Santos; his brother Adrian A. De Los Santos; his two younger siblings Matteo A. and Reign Amada De Los Santos; and his beloved dog Snow.

Oscar graduated from Dobie High School in 2012, where he served as class president during his senior year. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and San Jacinto College in Houston. He went on to teach and coach at Houston Gateway Academy for several years and was passionate about coaching soccer after school.

Oscar was an outgoing, funny and kind, loving young man, who would go above and beyond to help others and spread positivity everywhere he went. His passing leaves so many heartbroken and sorrowful, but his loved ones say the many memories he made will keep him alive in their hearts.

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Kenneth Ray Griffin



Kenneth Ray Griffin, 89, of Pearland, passed away Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021. He was born in the small North Texas town of Memphis April 24, 1932. He married Bobby Whitmire in January 1962.

Kenneth grew up mostly in the small Texas panhandle town of Sunray where he attended K-12. After graduating from high school and doing a short stint in college, Kenneth served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1956, earning a Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal. After being honorably discharged, using the skills he had developed in the Navy, Kenneth worked in various disciplines in Louisiana and Tennessee, finally returning to the great state of Texas in 1966.

He continued utilizing his skills in various small Texas towns until he found his final and permanent job at Texas Marine Supply in Houston. There, selling marine coatings and paint, he was known as one of the best "paint peddlers" along the entire Gulf Coast area. Kenneth sold coatings and paints that were applied to

the hulls and decks of ships, barges and various vessels of the sea. In the '70s, Ken sold paint that protected the hull and deck of one of the most amazing oceanic research vessels known to mankind, the Calypso. The Calypso was operated by the fascinating marine researcher, undersea explorer and filmmaker, Jacques Cousteau. Kenneth retired from Texas Marine Supply in 1994 at the age of 62.

Kenneth was an avid outdoorsman enjoying golf, fishing, car restorations, woodworking, hunting and so much more. He was witty, had lots of funny sayings and kept everyone on guard with his unique satire, which sometimes could be quite colorful. Kenneth is survived by his wife Bobby; son and daughter-in-law David and Angie Griffin; daughter and son-in-law Tracy and Jim Giles; grandsons Robert Griffin, Kenneth Griffin and wife Lacie; Aaron Giles and wife Ashley; Cody Giles and wife Liz; and granddaughter Kristen Giles. He's also survived by his great-grandsons Jaxson and Jace Giles; and great-granddaughters Ellie Griffin and Braelyn Giles. Kenneth will be missed by all his family members and so many friends of the community, his past schools and his military acquaintances.

However, everyone knows he is in a wonderful place wrapped in the arms of our creator.

A visitation for Kenneth will be held Friday, Aug. 13, 2021, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Freeway. Following the visitation will be a private (family member) graveside service from 4 to 5 p.m. at the cemetery next to the funeral home in Webster.

JFD faculty/staff produce a play

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 Dobie, directs the production. According to Hopper, "This project will help to earn funds necessary to pro-

duce our schoolwide musical this fall, but another benefit has been the new friendships created between the teachers cast in the show. Dobie is a big school, and most of

the ladies had never interacted with one another. The relationships built during rehearsals are a crucial part of the great performances they are giving."

Green Thumb lecture set Aug. 17

A Green Thumb Gardening lecture "Gardening for Beginners" by Harris County Master Gardeners with Harris County Public Library System is set for 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 17. This is a free virtual lecture and registration is not required. One can watch the lecture via Facebook Live at facebook.com/harriscountyp/live.

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.
Bracewell Branch Library
 Bracewell Library, 9002 Kingspoint, is open. Customers are encouraged to come into the building to browse the collection, check out and return materials, use the library's computers and Wi-Fi, and check out their own holds. In addition, customers may continue to schedule appointments and have curbside delivery of their items. For information, visit https://houstonlibrary.org/. For online learning, visit https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556 or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, noon - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Book drop
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Additional resources
 The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site. All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Dec. 31, 2021.

Parker Williams Library
 Parker Williams Library has now officially reopened its doors, subject to limited capacity. See the website at https://www.hcpl.net/reopening for information. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing. The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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Thursday, Aug. 12, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library to get a weekly invitation.

Friday, Aug. 13, 5 p.m. Is It Wrong to Watch So Much Anime? Episode 24: "At the Movies." What better way to beat the heat than the movie theater? Discover some cinematic anime favorites from Jason Cruz and John Harbaugh and get ready to pop that popcorn. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Friday, Aug. 13, 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ariel Perez who tries something a little more difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Residents will be needing pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.

Saturday, Aug. 14, 1 p.m. Kyouma Laboratory Anime Club for Adults. Do adults like to watch anime? Join the Kyouma Laboratory to meet up and chat with other adults who love anime. Sign up with a valid email address online at https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library and register.

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time Join John Harbaugh and Celeste Plew. This program will be on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, Aug. 17, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 11 a.m. Bilingual Vietnamese Storytime. Enjoy storytime in English and Vietnamese with Kathy Pham with singing, reading and learning in both languages. This video will be available on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 5 p.m. Virtual Teen Advisory Board. Looking for a way to volunteer? Need to get some hours for National Honor Society? This is a virtual meeting. For more information, email John Harbaugh at john.harbaugh@hcpl.net.

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Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
 A member of *People of Sagemont* Facebook page posted a picture of an individual allegedly caught stealing in the parking lot at the Home Depot on Dickinson Road. The member stated that their uncle witnessed a male suspect and another suspect who apparently were inside a white truck. As soon as the suspects saw the member's uncle snap a picture they left. The uncle tried to get a picture of the license, but the vehicle had paper plates. The suspects were in a small Nissan truck.

The member stated that the suspects stole hardware from the white truck and possibly a stereo. The uncle waited at the scene until the owner of the truck returned. The owner was told of the robbery and a police report was made. The post was shared on other social media pages.

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group shared a post of a woman in a blue car. The member stated that the woman ran surveillance for a theft ring. The woman looked through windows of a house to see if anyone was at home. Then the occupants of the neon blue car came with a crowbar and broke into the home. The mem-

ber stated that the vehicle has been seen at H-E-B on Blackhawk and at Target on the Beltway. Suspects have been allegedly involved in several robberies in the Sageglen and Sagemeadow subdivisions. The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable has open investigations on these suspects. This post was shared on other social media pages.

A member of the Neighbor's app posted a video of a man that went into the member's driveway and was looking through the member's things. The man was traveling in a white Chevy Silverado. The incident occurred Friday, Aug. 6, during the day at Windswept Townhomes near the Gulf Freeway.

Another member of the same app posted a video from the ring cam that a man stole the member's package from their front door Thursday, Aug. 5, at 10600 Regency Apartments.

Another member on the same app posted a surveillance video of a man who took a package from the porch.

The incident took place Saturday, Aug. 7, on Sageheather Drive near Hughes Road.



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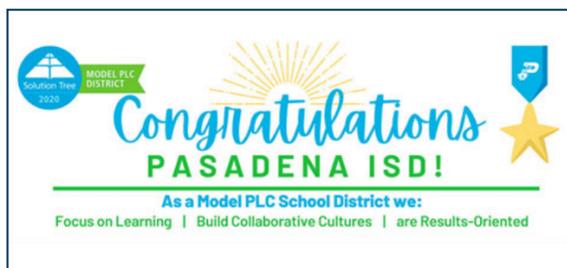


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The district boasts a rich history of success that stems from our award-winning educational programs to our talented students and staff. We are proud to highlight a few of Pasadena ISD's and the South Belt's top moments from the 2020-2021 school year.

DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Pasadena ISD named top Model PLC School District Pasadena ISD is one of only two school districts in the state of Texas to be recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work™. Only 24 school districts throughout the country and Canada have been selected for this prestigious honor.



Pasadena Independent School District achieves Better Buildings Challenge energy savings goal The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recently recognized Pasadena ISD for achieving its energy savings goal as a partner in the Better Buildings Challenge. Through the challenge, the district achieved an energy savings of 28 percent due to greater efficiency efforts.

Pasadena ISD named TAEA District of Distinction Pasadena ISD has been recognized by the Texas Art Education Association as a District of Distinction for its visual arts program, making it one of only 42 districts from across the state to receive the award.

Seventeen schools in Pasadena ISD named CREST award winners The counseling programs at 17 Pasadena ISD schools have been named "Counselors Reinforcing Excellence in the State of Texas" (CREST) award winners for the 2020-2021 school year.

Pasadena ISD finance team earns perfect score The Pasadena ISD Finance Department has earned a perfect score of 100 by the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for the first time since the Texas Education Agency (TEA) changed the indicators in 2015-2016.

FIRST ratings are based on 14 financial indicators, such as administrative cost expenditures, the accuracy of a district's financial reporting and any financial vulnerabilities or material weaknesses as determined by an external auditor.

Pasadena ISD Trustees win technology education Board of the Year award for the state of Texas The Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees has been named the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) 2020-2021 School Board of the Year.

TCEA, a non-profit organization that supports the use of technology in education, annually presents the award to a school board that "recognizes the importance of technology in the teaching and learning process and actively promotes the use of technology throughout the district," according to the organization website.

Pasadena ISD receives "Best Communities for Music Education" designation for 15th year in a row The award program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of the curriculum. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education to all students.

Texas Schools to Watch Beverly Hills and Bondy Intermediate, Milstead, Melillo, Roberts and Keller Middle Schools earn national distinction by being recognized as Schools to Watch by TAASP.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Nabila Munshi wins National Gold Medal at Scholastic Writing and Art contest Dobie High School senior Nabila Munshi has earned the prestigious National Gold Medal award in the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest for her artwork titled, "Ornate Origins."

District Championships 2020-2021 Dobie Football, Dobie Girls Cross Country, Pasadena Boys Basketball, Dobie Girls Basketball, Dobie Boys Track, Dobie Girls Track, Dobie Boys Soccer, Memorial Baseball

Dobie's Lady Longhorns make it to the regional quarterfinal playoffs After winning against Alvin in a 7-5 victory, Dobie's Lady Longhorns headed to the softball regional quarterfinal playoffs.

CTHS students win Best Overall Project at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo During the 2020 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Industrial Craft competition,

the organization announced that CTHS students earned Best Presentation and Best Overall Project.

Dobie grad continues career as a postdoctoral researcher in Germany Khanh 'Kate' Nguyen, a 2012 Dobie High School graduate, hit a new milestone recently, as she joined the Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory of the German Primate Center in Göttingen, Germany as a postdoctoral researcher - marking the start of her career.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Morales Elementary science teacher wins NSTA Shell Science Teaching Award Ritu Gandhi, a science teacher at Morales Elementary received the Shell Science Teaching Award, which recognizes outstanding K-12 science teachers who are dedicated to serving their students and the community by providing a top-notch education in science.

PISD Communication Team Wins Platinum Award The Pasadena ISD communication team brought home the prestigious Platinum Award during the annual Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) conference held in Denton, Texas. The award is the highest recognition for school PR in the state.

Dobie Tennis coach set to receive prestigious Lloyd Sessions Educational Merit Service Award This year, Manuel Moreno Jr, Dobie's tennis coach of over 20 years received the 2020 Lloyd Sessions Educational Merit Award at the Annual United States Tennis Association (USTA) Texas Awards Banquet.

PISD Principals of the Year - Franklin Moses and Scott Pollock Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Pasadena ISD Superintendent of Schools, recognized this year's principals of the year - Franklin Moses of Dobie High School and Scott Pollack of Milstead Middle School.



Moses and Pollack will go on to represent Pasadena ISD in the Region 4 Principal of the Year competition, at a date to be determined.

Carmelites meet Aug. 18

The Carmelites, a social group for seniors 50+, will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at St. Bernadette Church, 15500 El Camino Real. Come for fun, fellowship, games and coffee. Day and extended trips are available. Call Marilyn at 713-444-6744 for more information.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pasadena Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 24, 2021 in 1515 Cherrybrook Pasadena TX 77501. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.0712/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.3100/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	-4.30 % decrease
Debt Service	-0.25 % decrease
Total expenditures	-3.95 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$20,983,107,514	\$21,221,358,238
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$185,900,708	\$169,453,149
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$17,056,268,032	\$17,249,931,826
Total taxable value**** of new property**	\$151,110,711	\$137,741,196

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$690,055,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.0730	\$0.3100*	\$1.3830	\$4,492	\$6,480
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.0364	\$0.2875*	\$1.3239	\$4,838	\$6,333
Proposed Rate	\$1.0712	\$0.3100*	\$1.3812	\$4,745	\$6,548

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$158,902	\$165,149
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$121,077	\$128,932
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.3830	\$1.3812
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,674.49	\$1,780.81
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$106.32

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3812. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.3812.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$167,798,621
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$32,014,736

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)

The board of regents of San Jacinto Junior College approved a record budget of \$12,540,354.12 for the 1976-1977 school year.

A Kirkwood South resident disputed his taxes at the Sagemeadow equalization meeting. He was the only resident to appear before the board to disagree with the evaluation of his home.

40 years ago (1981)

A county survey revealed that Beamer Road from Kirkfair to Hall Road had the heaviest traffic (12,359 cars) of any South Belt road in a 24-hour period.

The congregation of Cokesbury United Methodist Church overwhelmingly approved issuing \$1.1 million in bonds to finance the purchase of land on Scarsdale Boulevard near Blackhawk Boulevard for a new church.

35 years ago (1986)
Dobie's People to People ambassador Becky Stockinger attended a dinner in which she had an opportunity to ask President Ronald Regan a question in front of national television cameras.

A capacitor, which was attached to an electrical pole and linked to a transformer, exploded in the backyard of a Sageglen home, scattering materials covered with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) over the area.

A fire of unknown origin started on Dixie Farm Road on the property of Vernon Young Jr. burning tires and other trash that had been continually dumped at the site.

30 years ago (1991)

David Sullivan was appointed principal of Weber Elementary School in a meeting of the Clear Creek

Independent School District board of trustees.

The Clear Creek Independent School District school board voted to institute a \$15 fee to bus any child within a two-mile radius of the school regardless of whether or not the route was dangerous.

25 years ago (1996)

Donald Roventini Jr., 16, died after collapsing following a workout for the Dobie sophomore football team.

Sagemont's Bill Robinson traveled to Chicago to be a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

20 years ago (2001)

At the Brio site, installation of a 1,700 linear foot wall began which would be pounded into the ground to a depth of an average of 45 feet. The wall would consist of 920 sheets of half-inch thick steel which had to be manufactured in Germany

because no firms in the United States made the product.

South Belt residents faced a considerable increase in property taxes. PISD's proposed tax rate increase was expected to be \$1.6649. CCISD was to meet to discuss the new tax rate.

15 years ago (2006)

Two months after the murder of Erik Garcia, Houston Police Department investigators were stumped

and sought help from South Belt area residents.

Houston Police vice officers raided an alleged illegal gaming operation in the 12400 block of Scarsdale. Two employees were arrested and charged with possession of a gambling device. Class C citations were issued to 12 customers inside for gambling.

Tom DeLay announced he would withdraw from

the congressional race after a ruling from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia stated that his name would remain on the ballot.

Local law enforcement officers responded to an attack on a jogger and an attempted home invasion. Arrests were also made for possession of cocaine and driving while intoxicated, and Precinct 2 deputy constables assisted Harris County Sheriff's dep-

uties executing a warrant on a robbery suspect.

CCISD received the Recognized rating from the Texas Education Agency.

10 years ago (2011)

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees named two new principals for the 2011-2012 school year - Wendy Wiseburn for Frazier Elementary and Scott Pollack for Milstead Middle School. Wiseburn replaced Rhonda Parmer, who resigned to take an assistant superintendent position in the Dickinson Independent School District and Pollack replaced Shan non Trejo, who resigned to accept an administration position with a Dallas-area school district.

5 years ago (2016)

The Pasadena Independent School District officially broke ground on the new Dobie Ninth Grade Campus Tuesday, Aug. 9. To be located at the corner of Fuqua and Monroe, the campus will alleviate overcrowding at the area high school. The campus was scheduled to open August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.

1 year ago (2020)

SWAT officers responded to an incident on Astoria Boulevard Sunday, Aug. 9, in which an individual poured flammable liquid on himself and property, threatening to ignite. Some online reports suggested the individual may have also been nude and in possession of a machete. Officers were able to de-escalate the situation and take the individual into custody for a mental evaluation.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

JANNIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday wishes are sent to former Leader staffer Jannie Scarberry who celebrates a birthday Aug. 13 from her family, friends and the Leader staff. She and her husband, Robert, are former longtime South Belt residents. The Leader staff is appreciative of the many years she has devoted to the Leader.

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 12 through Aug. 18.

Atkinson Elementary
Send a birthday greeting to **Martha Reed** Aug. 12. Aug. 15 is the day to celebrate a birthday with **Rebecca Garcia**.

Burnett Elementary
Share in the birthday fun Aug. 17 with **Jennie Graham**. Send a happy birthday greeting to **Melisa Evans** Aug. 18.

Bush Elementary
Light the birthday candles for **Laura Ramsahai** Aug. 17.

Genoa Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout Aug. 16 to **Jackie Moreno**.

Meador Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Aug. 17 is **Tracie Nair**.

Moore Elementary
Nancy Revils celebrates a birthday Aug. 12. **Jill Lacamu**, Moore principal, is wished a happy birthday Aug. 13. Send a happy birthday greeting Aug. 18 to **Roxanne Carbajal**.

Melillo Middle School
Aug. 13 is the day for a double-layer cake for **Patricia Concha** and **Debra Yocum**. Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 18 to **Valerie Espinosa**.

Thompson Intermediate
On Aug. 13, Light the birthday candles for **Cliff Neel**. Happy birthday wishes are sent Aug. 15 to **Daniel Sawyer**. Give a birthday shout-out Aug. 17 to **James MacGregor**.

Dobie High
Aug. 12 is the day for a cake for **Chantel Dolson**. **Bryan Due** celebrates a birthday Aug. 14.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The South Belt-Ellington Leader sends birthday wishes to friends. 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, Aug. 12: **Leslie Rojas, Maricela Lopez and Mike Millikin**; Friday, Aug. 13: **Nicole Foster, Carlos Gomez, Shawna Merchant, Anthony Dittrich, Erica Sadler, Dinah Palmer and Bill Weatherford**; Saturday, Aug. 14: **Roger Woest, Connie Alberti, Richard Golenko and Pete Ortiz**; Sunday, Aug. 15: **Janna Hipps and Hector Pombo**; Monday, Aug. 16: **Nicole Love, Brandon Gray, Larry Bozka, Cynthia Weaver, Brandon Gray, Yvonne Molina and Irl Ellis**; Tuesday, Aug. 17: **Denise Mochtezuma, Linda Rodriguez, Michelle Brovey and Paulo Espinoza**; and Wednesday, Aug. 18: **Marty Gomez, Cathy Shipley, Shametia Benson, Corina Lopez, Jo Anne Muse, Vita Bernal, Annette Barrientos and Chris Cook**.

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

Badon inspires Bui to strive for success

J. Frank Dobie High School's Shining Star Tony Bui (left) is shown with distinguished educator Angela Badon who teaches 9th- through 12th-grade orchestra.

Commenting on his teacher, Bui said, "Ms. Badon is a supportive, determined music director who fosters an environment for students to express their musicality and develop their techniques. Although my journey is coming to an end, I would never have been the violinist I am now without her guidance and trust within me. The performances, the music festivals, the private violin lessons - she offered me all of these opportunities and much more for me to grow. Even at my lowest point, she stood by me, encouraging me to be creative for myself, which is the greatest lesson she has ever taught me."

Bui has shown leadership as Latin Derivatives mentor and First Violin section leader. Extracurricular activities for Bui include varsity orchestra, Latin, HOSA and Key Club.

Community service activities for Bui included Houston Symphony Orchestra String Quartet lobby music, Thomas Hancock Elementary School dance volunteer, Laura Bush Elementary School Trick-or-Treat volunteer and Frazier Elementary School movie night volunteer.

"After high school, I hope to major in mechanical engineering at Baylor University and work for a company that advocates renewable energy consumption," Bui said.

The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor.



The Shining Stars represent the top J. Frank Dobie High School students. The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from South Houston, Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical and Pasadena Memorial high schools.

CDC issues eviction moratorium

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"This moratorium is the right thing to do to keep people in their homes and out of congregate settings where COVID-19 spreads. It is imperative that public health authorities act quickly to mitigate such an increase of evictions, which could increase the likelihood of new spikes in SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Such mass evictions and the attendant public health consequences would be very difficult to reverse."

The new moratorium is expected to face legal challenges, as the Supreme Court recently determined the Biden administration couldn't extend the previous eviction moratorium through executive action.

While most in power sought to extend the moratorium, the correct way of going about doing so wasn't so clear.

As the July 31 expiration date of the previous extension approached, the White House encouraged Congress to act, while Congress called on the White House to act. The White House said it lacked the authority to do so unilaterally.

In June, the Supreme Court decided in a 5-4 decision to allow the eviction ban to continue through July. Justice Brett Kavanaugh, one of the justices voting in the majority, made clear that he would block any additional extensions unless there was "clear and specific congressional authorization."

Many lawmakers were hesitant to pass legislation authorizing a new moratorium, saying many states and cities have been slow to release the nearly \$47 billion already approved for rent relief.

Rep. Cori Bush, a freshman congresswoman who once lived in her car as a young mother, camped outside the U.S. Capitol for five days to protest the potential

end of the moratorium.

"On Friday night, I came to the Capitol with my chair," Bush tweeted. "I refused to

accept that Congress could leave for vacation while 11 million people faced eviction. For five days, we've

been out here, demanding that our government acts to save lives. Today, our movement moved mountains."

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By **John Bechtle**
Sports Editor

Normalcy? What is normal these days? The University Interscholastic League has done its part to give the 2020-2021 public school extracurricular calendar a familiar look, with the fall portion of the schedule in the early stages.

Tennis got the first jump, with the Dobie team tennis squad having already enjoyed a team-building trip to Dallas in the first week.

The high school volleyball season got going in a big way on Aug. 11, with Dobie hosting Baytown Sterling at Phillips Field

House and Clear Brook hosting St. Agnes, both after press time Aug. 11.

Tournament play returns to the volleyball court for the first time since 2019 Aug. 12-14 as the Clear Brook varsity program will be one of 32 to compete at the Adidas John Turner Classic in Pearland.

At press time, the tournament's daily match schedule was unavailable.

Fast forward to Aug. 19 and Aug. 21, and the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity programs will be at the Dickinson ISD Gator Invitational.

The football preseason began Aug. 2 for the fresh-

man programs at Clear Brook and Dobie, with the sophomore through varsity programs having then started Aug. 9.

The Longhorns' freshman program is headed to Ridge Point High School Aug. 13 for a scrimmage

while the Clear Brook freshmen will host Fort Bend Marshall, also Aug. 13, in an on-campus scrimmage at 5 p.m.

Moving ahead to Aug. 19, and Clear Brook's varsity, junior varsity and sophomore programs will

host Westside at 5:30 p.m. on the Brook campus.

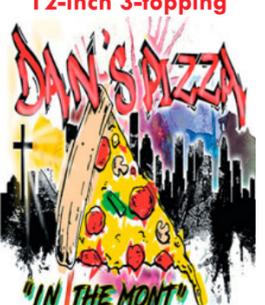
Dobie's full program will take on Clear Springs in a scrimmage series Aug. 20 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Clear Brook and Dobie football programs

are preparing for opening week, with the Wolverines hosting Texas City Thursday, Aug. 26 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

A night later - Dobie goes against Alief Elsie at Alief ISD's Crump Stadium as week zero of the 2021 season kicks off in earnest.

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S.B. youth soccer club registration ongoing

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is continuing online registration for the fall 2021 season.

Families may visit the league website at www.southbeltsoccer.org to get started.

Only credit or debit cards will be accepted as forms of payment.

All registered players will receive a uniform, which includes jersey, shorts and socks. Parents will be required to provide shin guards, a ball and cleats.

The discounted fees are \$120 per under-4 through under-8 players, \$140 per under-9 and under-10 players, \$160 per under-11 and under-12 players and \$180 per under-13 through under-19 players.

The league is returning to action after missing a calendar year due to the pandemic.

At right, Natalie Onozie (6) and Ariana Garza (8) teamed for plenty of big moments in leading the Dobie varsity volleyball team to a 15-10 record, and they are back in 2021 as the team begins a quest to eventually take down Deer Park for first place in 22-6A. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Dickson, HTown star at AAU finals

Camryn Dickson's whirlwind summer on the Amateur Athletic Union track and field scene has at long last come to a close, with the Clear Brook senior-to-be walking away with four national medals.

The AAU's Junior Olympic Games closed out the summer Aug. 7 at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium, with Dickson and her HTown Hurricanes' teammates walking away with plenty of hardware

for their efforts. Dickson, who in late May won silver and bronze medals at the UIL Class 6A state championships in Austin, this time claimed bronze in the 200 and the 4x4 relay in addition to fourth-place honors in the 100 and 4x1 relay.

In the 200, Dickson went 23.94 seconds for third place as Kelia Jackson of Detroit's Track Life University took the gold at 23.34. Jackson also took

top honors in the 100 at 11.51 while Dickson's clocking of 11.91 was fourth.

As for the relays, the Hurricanes' 17-18-year old girls' 4x4 group that included Dickson, Ja'Nyla Tucker, Jaiden Itson and Kennedy Wade took the bronze at 3:43.34.

Jackson led Track Life University to a win in the 4x1 as well, while HTown's foursome of Dickson, Christina Pleasant, Wade and Timijah Furlow placed fourth in a time of 45.92.

It was an action-packed week for the athletes in Humble, with the respective event finalists first needing to clear preliminary and semifinal rounds prior to the finals.

In Dickson's case, she ran the 200 final on Aug. 6 and then took part in the 100 and the two relay finals in the span of just

over three hours Aug. 7.

"My body really started to feel (the physical toll) it on that last day," Dickson said. "I didn't run the times that I hoped for in all of the events, but I did my best, as did my teammates. We're happy to have won

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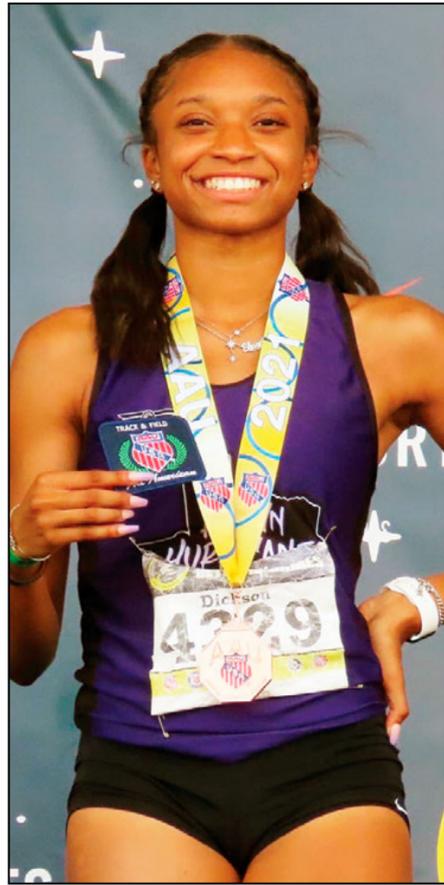
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At left, HTown Hurricanes' sprinter Camryn Dickson shows off some of her hardware as she had two bronze medals for third place and a pair of fourth places at the Amateur Athletic Union's Junior Olympic Games in Humble. A senior-to-be at Clear Brook High School, Dickson has drawn heavy interest from several of the nation's most prolific NCAA track and field programs.

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Pasadena ISD sets intermediate start

The Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediate school fall athletic seasons will get started in September with football and volleyball action.

The Pasadena ISD volleyball season starts Wednesday, Sept. 1 as Beverly Hills hosts the Jackson Wildcats and Thompson plays at the Park View Cowboys. The action begins with B team play at 4:30 p.m.

The football season kicks off Sept. 7-8 with Beverly Hills taking on Jackson and Thompson going against Park View. Each of the games will start at 5 p.m.

As for the Beverly Hills versus Thompson rivalry, it's Beverly Hills at Thompson Sept. 22 on the volleyball court, while the football series plays out Sept. 27-28.

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Dobie team tennis starts strong during first week Dallas trip

An 18-1 team win over DeSoto coupled with 17 wins in 19 matches against Cedar Hill served as the top on-paper results of the Dobie's team tennis opening week trip through the Dallas/Fort Worth area. And if Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. were to grade the trip in celebration with the start of classes Aug. 16, he'd go with an A+.

"We had a season last year, but it was shortened and we had a lot of things outside of tennis that we

had to work through," Moreno said. "Kids have been cooped up for two years (seasons), so it was nice to enjoy a team-building experience. I could see that the kids were having a great time, so it was great to have that for the kids."

The overall success of the Longhorns' season will be determined next month and beyond as the District 22-6A schedule plays out, but Moreno has every reason to believe his group will be proud of the results.

"Our captains, Megan (Rodriguez), Lael (Martinez), Brian (Nguyen) and Ashley (Huynh) really stepped up as the leaders that they are capable of being," Moreno said. "Overall, even though we have quite a few seniors, we are inexperienced. And we are asking kids like Megan to make big jumps. I was really proud of how we competed, and we came away with a couple of victories."

Dobie will continue its busy nondistrict schedule,

with a neighborhood duel against Clear Brook coming Aug. 17 at Dobie. The matches will begin at 2:30 p.m. The District 22-6A schedule starts Sept. 7 as the Longhorns play host to the Channelview Falcons, beginning at 3 p.m.

Dobie grad Jackson suffers torn Achilles

Dobie graduate Blake Jackson has seen his Canadian Football League journey come to an end for the 2021 season after suffering a torn Achilles tendon last month during the latter part of preseason workouts with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Now 27, Jackson at quarterback led Dobie to the 2010 District 22-5A championship and then went on to guide Mary Hardin-Baylor to a Division III national crown, also as the team's quarterback. A transition to receiver has led Jackson to a brief stay with the Cleveland Browns as well as action in the NFL with the Houston Roughnecks.

Dickson also hosted collegiate coaches during the summer recruiting frenzy, with big-time interest coming via some of the nation's top track and field programs. In many ways, Dickson has already done the heavy lifting. She won a bronze at state as a freshman in 2019 and claimed silver and bronze medals in the 200 and 100, respectively, in 2021. She has the mettle and medals to prove her athletic talents

and also does very well for herself in the classroom. That stated, she will chase gold at state in 2022 with Clear Brook and currently plans to compete one last time next summer on the AAU scene. "This has been a great year to this point, and I'm sure once I've had a chance to recharge a little bit, I'll be ready to get back out there and give it my all," Dickson said. "There's always more to go after."



Camryn Dickson's 2021 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games experience included four medals in four tries as she garnered third place in the 200 and fourth place in the 100 individually and was a part of third- and fourth-place relays, respectively.



The Dobie varsity tennis program enjoyed a fun-filled team building experience during a trip through the Dallas/Fort Worth area to begin the 2021 season. Members of the team are, front to back, (first row) Vincent Turner (DeSoto), Brian Nguyen, (second row) Ryan Le, Lael Martinez, Andrew Huynh, Dominic Ortiz, Eric Huynh, (third row) Leena Pham, Megan Rodriguez, Sametria Childress (DeSoto), (fourth row) Ashley Huynh, William Ho, Hailey Maldonado, Kim Nguyen and Thang Tran.

Dickson collects AAU medals

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the medals, and now there's a little break coming."

Classes within Clear Creek ISD begin the week of Aug. 15, and Dickson will start her senior year as a Class of 2022 graduate. If she takes a few moments to reflect, so be it as what a summer it was.

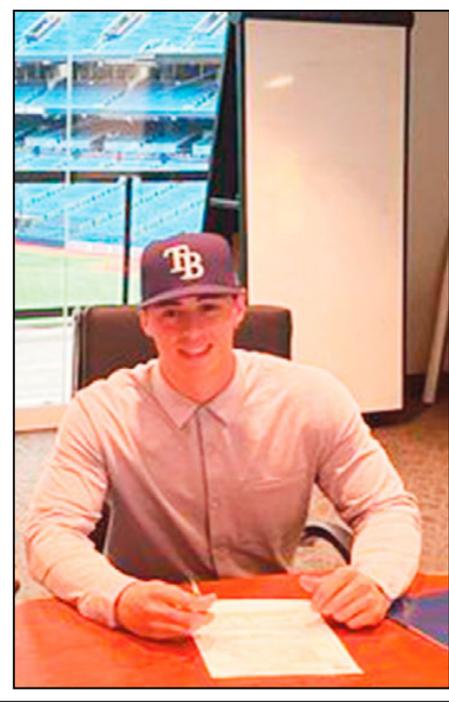
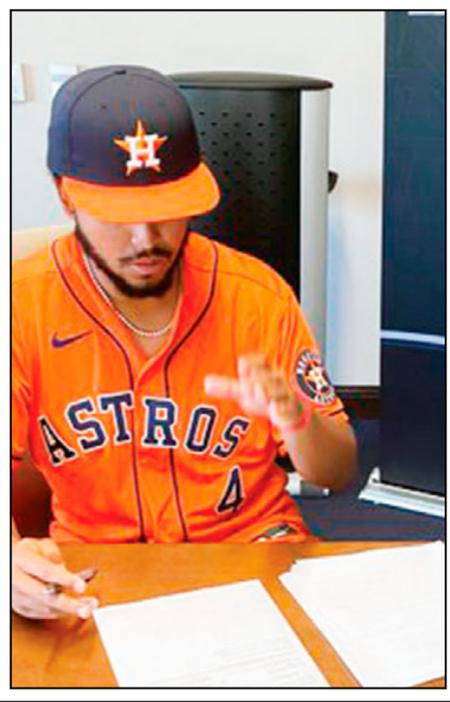
Dickson and her teammates have been training and competing regularly with the HTown Hurricanes for months, and

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Players with San Jacinto College baseball ties join MLB organizations

At right, Bryant Salgado has signed with the Houston Astros and is at the organization's training facility in Florida after being a 14th round selection in the 2021 MLB First-Year Player Draft last month. A Klein Forest High School graduate, Salgado pitched at San Jacinto College during the 2019 and 2020 seasons before making the jump to Oregon State University for 2021. In 23 relief appearances with the Beavers, Salgado was 3-0 with a 1.01 earned run average as he was a Pac-12 all-conference, honorable mention pick. Salgado was a 34th-round pick of the San Diego Padres in 2019 but chose to remain in college.



At left, 2021 San Jacinto College outfielder/pitcher Mason Auer signed with the Tampa Bay organization after being a fifth-round pick of the Rays in the July MLB First-Year Player Draft. After hitting .373 with 11 home runs and 11 doubles and helping the Gators to a fourth-place finish at the JUCO World Series, Auer was picked by the Rays and reportedly received a \$315,000 signing bonus. Also a 39th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs in 2019, Auer was first viewed as a pitcher who could also hit but is now expected to be a full-time outfielder with Tampa Bay.

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Pasadena ISD 2021 Varsity Football Schedule Set

<u>Dobie</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Pasadena</u>	<u>Sam Rayburn</u>	<u>South Houston</u>
Fri., Aug. 27 Alief Elsik, 7 p.m. Crump Stadium	Fri., Aug. 27 Bay. Sterling, 7 p.m. Stallworth Stadium	Fri., Aug. 27 Caney Creek, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 26 Wisdom, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Aug. 27 King. Park, 7 p.m. Turner Stadium
Fri., Sept. 3 Bellaire, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 4 Clear Falls, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 2 Spring Woods, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 4 Milby, 6 p.m. Barnett Stadium	Fri., Sept. 3 G. C. Memorial, 7 p.m. Stallworth Stadium
Fri., Sept. 10 Friendswood, 7 p.m. Winston Stadium	Fri., Sept. 10 Alvin, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 9 Clements, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 10 Northbrook, 7 p.m. Tully Stadium	Sat., Sept. 11 Santa Fe, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Fri., Sept. 17 Dickinson, 7 p.m. Vitanza Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 16 Westbury, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 17 Brazosport, 7 p.m. Hopper Stadium	Fri., Sept. 17 Sam Houston, 7p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 17 Grand Oaks, 7 p.m. Woodforest Stadium
Thurs., Sept. 23 *Channelview, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 30 *Sam Rayburn, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 24 *South Houston, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 24 *Deep Park, 7 p.m. Abshier Stadium	Fri., Sept. 24 *Pasadena, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Oct. 7 *Pasadena, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 8 *South Houston, 7p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 1 *Channelview, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 30, *Memorial, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Oct. 2 *Deer Park, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Oct. 14 *Deer Park, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 15 *Channelview, 7 p.m. Maddry Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 7 *Dobie, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 15 *South Houston, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 8 *Memorial, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
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Fri., Oct. 29, *Sam Rayburn, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 28 *Pasadena, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 28 *Memorial, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 29 *Dobie, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 29 *Channelview, 7 p.m. Maddry Stadium
Thurs., Nov. 4 *South Houston, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games	Fri., Nov. 5 *Deer Park, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games	Sat., Nov. 6 *Sam Rayburn, 2 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games	Sat., Nov. 6 *Pasadena, 2 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games	Thurs., Nov. 4 *Dobie, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games

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NOTE: The following have activities on several days through the week.

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

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a nonthreatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details, email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com, visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.

Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday - Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aa-houston.org/meetings/>.

10 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment.

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Alcoholics Anonymous - Imperfect Nooners Group, Monday - Thursday, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. Call 713-686-6300 for details.

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Hometown Heroes - Ballroom dances Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 - 3:30 p.m. and Fridays, noon - 1:30 p.m. These are not dance lessons but casual dances. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group meets daily, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nastuff.com/>.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and

Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12
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. Information is on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar tab.

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. Call 281-910-1971 for information.

11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association Meetings are held at Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd., Pearland. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (\$20 cash or check). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speakers. Women of all ages/occupations invite. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org for more information.

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Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the second Thursday at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlandareaarepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13
7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Services are live and on Zoom. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.

8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
9:30 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For adults who have

lost a loved one. Meets Sundays at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details.

6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meet the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. Call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For more information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.

7 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For additional information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education bldg., room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801 for more information.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets at League City Library (Helen Hall Library), 100 W. Walker St. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary and fossil and mineral collecting. Visit www.clgms.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18
2 p.m.
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South Belt area students return to on-campus instruction at PISD, CCISD Aug. 16, 17

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must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has offered to provide meals to all students at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year.

to meeting the challenges of protecting health of the community through school district health protocols.
Every decision made will take into consideration the latest guidance and direction from local, state and federal authorities.

Health and safety protocols
- Recommend face coverings, but not require them for all students, staff, and visitors on Pasadena ISD property.
- Maintain social distance of three feet where feasible.
- Continue mitigation strategies, such as daily self-screening and hand-hygiene.

Potential mitigation measures
- Increase sanitation of facilities and equipment as advised by local, state or federal health authorities.
- Modify or adjust transportation services as required by local, state or federal health authorities.
- Limit access to areas prone to congregation and sharing of equipment.
- Postpone, cancel or limit assemblies and other activities for large groups of staff and/or students.
- Modify menus, service and daily operations provided by Child Nutrition.
- Adapt guidelines for athletics, fine arts and other activities as governed by the University Interscholastic League.
- Limit outside visitors or guests to those essential to school.

Personal protective equipment
- Face coverings will be available by personal choice.
- Employees in need of a workplace accommodation must contact CCISD Human Resources.
Attendance and exemptions
- CCISD will regularly communicate the importance of staying home if ill.
- Parents may utilize Skyward Family Access Center to report an absence. Parents may call the campus or send in a doctor's note to receive an excused absence for illnesses.
- Absenteeism reports will be shared with the school nurse for health surveillance purposes.
- Perfect attendance awards will not be presented, and attendance criteria will not be used for exam exemptions.
- Students out ill with COVID-19 symptoms should remain home and follow CDC guidelines and CCISD illness protocols.

Breakfast and lunch
- Refillable water bottle stations and water fountains will be available.
- Grab-and-Go meals will continue for those who prefer individually wrapped items.
Positive cases, Contact tracing
- As required, Clear Creek ISD will report any known COVID-19 cases to the local health authority.
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Clear Creek ISD
Clear Creek ISD will open and operate schools in the 2021-2022 school year with the activities and routines that are synonymous with the school district, including but not limited to, full use of classroom supplies and labs, campus performances, classroom celebrations, holiday lunches, etc.
In accordance with Gov. Greg Abbott's Executive Order issued May 18, 2021, face coverings will not be required in any CCISD facility.
Clear Creek ISD, with the assistance of the 2021-2022 School Opening Committee, identified instructional, operational and health practices from the 2020-2021 school year that should be added to the blank slate of prepandemic practices.
Cleaning procedures
- Each teacher will have access to district-provided hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes and cleaning supplies.
- Frequent cleaning of high-touch areas including restrooms and cafeterias will occur throughout the school day by CCISD custodial staff.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout all buildings, in common areas and on school buses.
- Each campus will be cleaned nightly.
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MHSH earns Magnet Recognition
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital recently earned the designation of a Magnet Recognition Program by the American Nurses Credentialing Center - one of the highest levels of recognition for nursing excellence. With this achievement, MHSH facilities - including Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital and Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Center in League City - join the Magnet community, a distinguished group of health care organizations and hospitals that demonstrate excellence in nursing services.
The Magnet Recognition Program recognizes superior nursing processes that lead to the highest levels of safety, quality and patient satisfaction. It is the highest possible organizational credential granted by the ANCC, the largest and most prominent nursing credentialing organization in the United States.
Achieving Magnet recognition is a tremendous honor and reflects the hospital's commitment to delivering quality and compassionate care to patients and community. Research shows that Magnet-recognized organizations demonstrate better patient outcomes and higher patient satisfaction. As a Magnet-recognized organization, MHSH is making a significant contribution to the community by keeping patients healthy and safe.
Through the coronavirus pandemic, the three facilities have remained dedicated to providing comprehensive and evidence-based care for residents of Houston's Bay Area, Pearland and Brazoria and Galveston counties.

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Clear Creek ISD will communicate COVID-19 active cases daily through email and the district website. In the event a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, a separate classroom notification will be sent to parents informing families to monitor their health.
The school district has also established a health surveillance system which may require Clear Creek ISD to implement certain health mitigation measures in stages dependent on the rate of a virus infection in the community and/or a specific school. To view the mitigation protocols, visit www.ccisd.net/covid19.

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PISD intermediates list school supplies

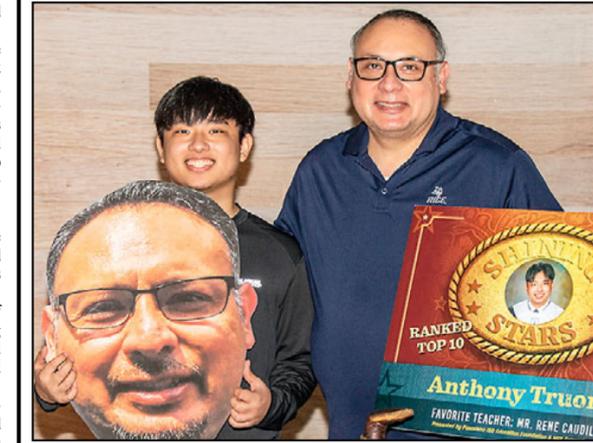
Pasadena ISD released its school supply list for all elementary, middle and intermediate schools in the district. Listed this week are the supplies needed for South Belt area intermediate schools.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
One pack of colored pencils, seven pocket folders with brads, two boxes of tissues, five pens (blue or black), two packs of #2 pencils, two highlighters, three glue sticks, four composition books, one pack of 3x5 index

cards, one pencil pouch (optional), one mouse (optional) and one roll of paper towels.
Thompson Intermediate
Four composition notebooks, four folders with brads, one binder, notebook paper, pencil pouch, pencils, erasers, scissors, thin markers, pens (red and black), colored pencils, highlighters (multicolors) and ear buds.
Items needed for the homeroom include one roll of paper towels, one box of tissues and one hand sanitizer.

Truong motivated by Caudillo's encouragement

Pasadena Memorial High School's Shining Star Anthony Truong (below, left) is shown with distinguished educator Rene Caudillo who teaches 11th-grade U.S. history.
Commenting on his teacher, Truong said, "Great teachers have the strongest influence to shape tomorrow's youth and leaders. Mr. Caudillo is one of these teachers. During my high school years, he was the teacher who was influential to me. Mr. Caudillo could be strict at times, but he always encouraged his students and make them learn from their mistakes. He is

one of my role models when it came to my academic career. Seeing that Mr. Caudillo has always had a positive attitude and dedication to push his students further to do better, he became an important role model to me to keep going and reach for my highest potential."
"After high school, I plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin and pursue a business finance degree. I've always loved doing business related activities. I took interest in money and financing myself in the future as I took on side hustles such as flipping items on eBay and my local area. I'm hoping to elevate my business skills, knowledge, my own personal network, and later on, build more sources of income with my father who's already doing real estate. Secondly, one of my biggest future plans is to continue my small online e-commerce business while attending college. I loved being able to sell online and have an easy source of revenue just by buying online, selling it, and shipping it off at the post office," Truong said.



The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top Pasadena Memorial High School students. The information and photos were submitted by Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running the Shining Stars from South Houston, Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical and Dobie high schools.

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