

### Flickinger recovers

The Leader has received several messages from concerned South Belt residents regarding the health of Leader publisher Marie Flickinger, who was hospitalized at press time. Flickinger had already been in the hospital for a scheduled surgery when she suffered a medical incident the night of Friday, Aug. 19, causing her to completely lose her pulse – twice. Never known to rest for too long, Flickinger is expected to be released soon and back to work on the Sept. 1 edition. All thoughts, prayers and concerns are greatly appreciated. More information to follow.

### Holiday closings set

**South Belt-Ellington Leader**  
The Leader office will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day. Normal business hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 9 a.m.

### Clear Brook City MUD

Clear Brook City MUD will close Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day and reopen Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

Clear Brook City MUD residents with trash pickup on Monday/Thursday will have service Labor Day, Sept. 5. All trash should be at curbside no later than 6 a.m. Monday. Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Thursday, Sept. 8. Residents with Tuesday/Friday service will not be affected.

### Leader requests assistance

Residents are reminded to not take bulk copies of the Leader from local dispensers at area stores, as the physical copies of the newspaper are intended to be read by residents and not for any other uses. When some residents take mass copies of the newspapers from area machines, loyal readers cannot find copies.

Precinct 2 deputies are aware of the situation and have intervened in one instance. A white box truck has subsequently been spotted taking large amounts of the papers.

Anyone who witnesses such bulk removal of the newspapers from local machines is urged to not make contact with the individual(s) but rather contact the Leader office at 281-481-5656. If possible, witnesses are urged to get vehicle make/model and license plate number.

### COVID cases decline

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community is down for the second consecutive week, with decreases being reported in all three local ZIP codes.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 23, there were 421 active cases in 77089, down 52 from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 296 active cases, down 42 from the previous week. To date, there have been 82 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 286 active cases, down 30 from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one southbound frontage road lane and at least one northbound frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway 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 Friday, Sept. 30.

At least one southbound main lane and frontage road lane and at least one northbound main lane and frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

### Beltway closures planned

Two northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 30. Significant delays are expected.

Two inside Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Conklin daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Aug. 26.

### Leader correction

The story titled CSH continuing “cookies for cops,” that ran in the Aug. 18 edition of the Leader erroneously said CSH stood for Corporation for Supportive Housing, when the letters correctly stand for Congregation Shaar Hashalom. The Leader apologizes for any confusion.

# Thompson Intermediate celebrates 50 years

## Public invited to golden anniversary celebration Aug. 27

Thompson Intermediate will host a 50th-anniversary celebration Saturday, Aug. 27, at the local campus, located at 11309 Sagedowne. The public is invited to attend the event, set to take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Opened in the fall of 1972, Thompson was the ninth intermediate school in Pasadena ISD. The campus was named in honor of George Thompson, a past superintendent of Pasadena ISD.

At the time of its opening, Thompson had 1,100 students enrolled and 48 teachers on staff. The campus currently has around 990 students enrolled. Enrollment, however, has decreased with the adoption of middle schools in the district.

During Earl J. Ritchey’s tenure as principal in 1976, enrollment was recorded as 1,028.

To date, the area intermediate school has had nine principals. The following is a list of those who have served in the position:

- Frank Braden, 1972-1974.
- EJ Ritchey, 1974-1989.
- Vicki Thomas, 1989-1994.
- Cheryl Fowler, 1994-1996.
- Greg Jones, 1996-2007.
- Angela Stallings, 2007-2009.
- Toni Lopez, 2009-2015.
- Melissa McCalla, 2015-2018.

– Tanis Griffin, 2018-present.

In the early 1970s, Thompson opened an updated reading lab, which was the only facility of its kind in the school district at the time. Around that same time, fifth-grade students from neighboring Stuchbery Elementary were bussed to Thompson due to growth in the Sagemont community. In 1998, a science wing was added to the local intermediate school.

In recent years, Thompson has become the first of Pasadena ISD’s intermediate schools to pilot the Connect program, further integrating technology and the use of data in the learning process.

Thompson has been damaged by flooding on multiple occasions.

During Hurricane Allison in 2001, the campus’s orchestra room flooded. Many years later in 2017, Hurricane Harvey produced disastrous flooding, and all of Thompson was flooded with 4 inches of water.

From September 2017 through February 2018, while repairs were made to Thompson’s campus, the school was relocated to the backside and parking lot of Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Pasadena ISD funds originally earmarked for an 11th intermediate school in the district were **Continued on Page 4**

## GOP candidates visit area



A group of Republican candidates appearing on the upcoming November ballot recently visited the South Belt to meet with community leaders including representatives from the Clear Brook City MUD, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and various local civic groups. Candidates shown above are, left to right, state Rep. Greg Bonnen, seeking House District 24; Alexandra del Moral Mealer, seeking county judge; Jack Morman, seeking Precinct 2 commissioner; and outgoing state Sen. Larry Taylor, who is stepping down from his Senate District 11 this year after serving nearly two decades in the Legislature. Current state Rep. Mayes Middleton (not pictured) is the Republican seeking to replace Taylor.

## 3rd suspect arrested in Nyack murder

Houston police have arrested a third suspect charged in the fatal shooting of a man this past June in the 12900 block of Nyack near Algoquin.



Javier Contreras

The suspect, Javier Raul Contreras, 20, was charged with two counts of aggravated assaults with a deadly weapon in the 174th State District Court.

Two other suspects, Johnathan Rashon Carter, 18, and Damon W. Steber, 18, were previously arrested and charged in the same court with capital murder and aggravated assault in the incident.

All three suspects are accused for their roles in the killing of Jorge Jaimes, 18, and the wound-

ing of Julian Becerra, 18. Becerra sustained a gunshot wound to the leg.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting call in a parking lot at the above address about 9:50 p.m. June 15 and were advised that Jaimes and Becerra were meeting with two males. While they were talking, another male approached and all three males pulled guns on the victims, attempting to rob them.

Jaimes was shot when he tried to drive away. Becerra returned fire and struck one of the suspects.

Houston Fire Department paramedics transported Jaimes to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was pronounced dead.

Further investigation identified Carter as the suspect who was shot. He was driven by private vehicle to HCA Houston Healthcare Pearland **Continued on Page 3**

## CDC relaxes COVID-19 requirements

### Those exposed no longer required to quarantine

This past week, the CDC relaxed its COVID-19 guidelines, no longer recommending that individuals exposed to the virus quarantine themselves.

According to CDC officials, the organization streamlined its COVID-19 guidance to help people better understand their risk, how to protect themselves and others, what actions to take if exposed to COVID-19, and what actions to take if they are sick or test positive for the virus. COVID-19 continues to circulate globally, however, with so many tools available to us for reducing COVID-19 severity, there is significantly less risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death compared to earlier in the pandemic.

“We’re in a stronger place today as a nation, with more tools—like vaccination, boosters, and treatments—to protect ourselves, and our communities, from severe illness from COVID-19,” said Greta Massetti, Ph.D., MPH, MMWR author. “We also have a better understanding of how to protect people from being exposed to the virus, like wearing high-quality masks, testing, and improved ventilation. This guidance acknowledges that the pandemic is not over, but also helps us move to a point where COVID-19

no longer severely disrupts our daily lives.”

In support of this update CDC is:

– Continuing to promote the importance of being up to date with vaccination to protect people against serious illness, hospitalization, and death. Protection provided by the current vaccine against symptomatic infection and transmission is less than that against severe disease and diminishes over time, especially against the currently circulating variants. For this reason, it is important to stay up to date, especially as new vaccines become available.

– Updating its guidance for people who are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines on what to do if exposed to someone with COVID-19. This is consistent with the existing guidance for people who are up to date on COVID-19 vaccines.

– Recommending that instead of quarantining if one is exposed to COVID-19, they wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on Day 5.

– Reiterating that regardless of vaccination status, one should isolate from others when they have COVID-19.

– One should also isolate if they are **Continued on Page 4**

## City resumes monkeypox vaccinations

### Eligibility expanded to include HIV patients

This past week, the Houston Health Department switched to intradermal monkeypox vaccination, an injection just under the skin, and expanded eligibility criteria to the estimated 26,000 people living with HIV in Houston and Harris County.

“We are eager to protect many more people in our community,” said Dr. David Persse, chief medical officer for the City of Houston. “We hope to avoid the high number of cases that other large cities are currently reporting.”

Changing to intradermal administration of the JYNNEOS vaccine follows revised clinical guidance recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The department has vaccinated 2,942 people subcutaneously, injecting the medication into the tissue layer between the skin and muscle.

More than 800 people received their first doses this past weekend at a special clinic that the de-

partment organized to progress quickly through booked vaccination appointments. The department has also coordinated with local physicians to ensure vaccination for another 242 people.

The department for about two months has strongly advocated for additional vaccines from the federal government and will continue to do so. The federal government has allotted 16,780 **Continued on Page 4**

## Sagemont Church honors local educators



To celebrate the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, Sagemont Church at its Aug. 21 service recognized local educators from Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD. Educators shown above at the celebration are, left to right, (front row) Jorly Thomas, George Cervantes, Rebecca Dietz, Jae Lee, Allison Lewallen, Lyndsi Price, Jennifer Chavez, Bobby McCain, Stacey Barber, Toni Lopez, Christine Veltman, Tanis Griffin, Diane Wheeler, Diane Phelan, Alyta Harrell, (back row) Casey Phelan, Angela Stallings, Stephen Harrell, Matt Carter, DeeAnn Powell, Kenny Fernandez and Kasey Fernandez. Shown upper left corner are Sagemont staff members Chris Collins (left) and Kevin Henson.

## Sandlin honors local hero



On Tuesday, Aug. 16, Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (left) recognized Richard Borsgtrom (right), the hero responsible for saving the life of Deputy K. LeMelle (center) by pulling her from her burning patrol vehicle during an incident Tuesday, July 26, in the 1300 block of the East Sam Houston Parkway. This marked the first time the two had seen each other since the accident.

## Baders celebrate 50 years



Hood and Diane Bader are celebrating 50 years of marriage on August 25, 2022. They met in the Baptist Student Union while attending University of Houston in 1971. They married a year later in August 1972. The wedding was performed by the Rev. H. Perry Cox at Riverview Baptist in Houston. Hood was Sr Sales Manager at Sysco Foods and retired in January of 2015. Diane was a kindergarten school teacher with Pasadena ISD and retired in December 2013. They welcomed their first daughter, Mandy Bader Dillehay in 1973 and added a second daughter, Marla Bader Nickelson in 1977. Their family expanded again with the births of triplet grandsons, Cole, Cooper and Carson Nickelson in 2011 and were pleased with the addition of grandson, Blake Dillehay and only granddaughter, Camryn Taylor Dillehay in 2016. They love spending time with their grandchildren (and spoiling them) as often as they can. Additionally, they love family time, trips to the mountains, casinos, fishing and spending time at their lake house in Conroe. Said Diane's sister Mandy Robinson, "Your entire family is so proud of you both and we love you very much!"

### Local library events set

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

#### Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Aug. 25, 4 - 5 p.m. Family Storytime. Join for a socially distanced, indoor storytime featuring books and activities for everyone in the family. Encourage family's love of reading through this cross generational literacy experience. Registration is required.

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 4 - 5 p.m. Kids Craft. Geared for kids ages 5-10.

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

#### Book drop

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

#### 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](http://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](http://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.

#### Parker Williams Library

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

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Aug. 25, 10 - 11 a.m. Toddler Time. This program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join.

Monday, Aug. 29, noon - 1 p.m. Adult Computer Class: Mastering the Library Website. The class will be covering how to get the most use out of the Harris County Public Library page including searching for books, requesting books, and placing holds. Registration required.

Monday, Aug. 29, 5 - 7 p.m. Building Job Search Skills with Workforce Solutions. Registration required for entire series. Each week will cover a different topic related to finding jobs, getting ready for interviews, and networking, among other topics.

#### Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.  
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.  
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.  
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.  
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are: Monday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

#### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.  
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).  
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## Elected officials share their words

### Inflation is up, but Homestead ISD tax bills are not

Sen. Paul Bettencourt

Sen. Paul Bettencourt calls on cities and counties to adopt the No-New-Revenue-Rate this fall.

Taxpayers should visit the state's new tax portal to get their estimated property tax bill.

Bettencourt (R-Houston) comments that while the current national inflation rate is 8.6 percent, millions of under-65 Texas homesteads should see their Independent School District (ISD) tax bills cut this fall. In May of this year, Texas voters overwhelmingly approved Propositions 1 and 2, which provided direct tax cuts to homeowners with homestead tax bills in 2022 and 2023. 2.1 million over-65 or disabled homeowners will receive the benefits of the state's compressed property tax rate for school maintenance and operations (M&O) in 2023. Proposition 2 increased the statewide school homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000, meaning that over 3.5 million under-65 homestead homeowners will receive this tax cut this year. My senate office calculations indicate an actual cut of \$44 on average for an average \$301,000 taxable homestead in Texas despite massive appraised value increases across the state. An office survey of the top 25 ISDs in the state indicates a range of cuts from \$107 to \$8. These calculated cuts come before cities and counties set their tax rates in the fall, which could save the average taxpayer hundreds of more dollars on their tax bills.

"The Cavalry is coming over the hill for Texas Homesteads in the fall, just like in an old John Wayne movie!" said Bettencourt. "Because of the passage of Props

1 and 2 in May, 3.5 Million homesteads will on average pay less on their school tax bills this year than they did last year. Over-65 homeowners are frozen this year, but will get an actual property tax cut in 2023, too." He added.

Property Appraisals are rising amidst a booming Texas economy, but taxpayers can be assured that property tax rates are on the way down to offset these increases. This is attributed to the significant reforms contained in SB 2 and HB 3 that the legislature passed in 2019, and the additional property tax legislation that was passed in 2021. In fact, there are 16 cents of property tax relief, overall a \$482 savings compared to last year's tax rate.

"Lawmakers have given property owners valuable protections against rising tax bills in this red hot real estate market, but there is no substitute for vigilance. Taxpayers must be prepared to weigh in with their local taxing jurisdictions if they believe tax rates are too high," stated Dale Craymer, president of Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. Note: TTARA supplied county and city penny rate reduction estimates.

The no-new-revenue-rate is the rate that provides the same amount of money to a taxing entity this year as last year. As Texans are having to be extra careful with their dollars due to very high inflation, government entities should be doing the same thing or go to the voters for adoption. "I am calling on all cities and counties to adopt the no-new-revenue-rate, it will save the taxpayers' money!" concluded Bettencourt.

#### Tax Bill Example

	Homestead Taxable Value	ISD Tax Rate	County Tax Rate	City Tax Rate	ISD Tax Bill
Last year	\$285,000	\$1.23	\$0.37	\$0.46	\$3,506
This year	\$301,000	\$1.15	\$0.33	\$0.42	\$3,462
<b>Change</b>		<b>\$(0.08)</b>	<b>\$(0.04)</b>	<b>\$(0.04)</b>	<b>\$(44)</b>

	County Tax Bill	City Tax Bill	SPD Tax Bill	Total Tax Bill	
Last year	\$285,000	\$1,055	\$1,311	\$538	\$6,409
This year	\$301,000	\$993	\$1,264	\$590	\$6,309
<b>Change</b>		<b>\$(61)</b>	<b>\$(47)</b>	<b>\$52</b>	<b>\$(100)</b>

## State to increase flood readiness

Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday, Aug. 22, directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management to increase the readiness level of the Texas State Emergency Operations Center to Level II (Escalated Response) in support of the state's response to flooding impacting communities across Texas.

"The State of Texas remains proactive in our emergency response efforts, and we continue to monitor rainfall and flooding conditions across the state," said Abbott. "I want to thank emergency response personnel and first responders for working around the clock to protect lives and property amid these storms. As we work together to protect our communities, I urge Texans to heed the guidance of their local officials and avoid dangerous roadways that could be affected by heavy rain and flash flooding in the days ahead."

At the direction of Abbott, TDEM also activated five additional Texas A&M Task Force 1 swift-water boat squad to support local response efforts.

On Saturday, Abbott led a statewide weather call with local response officials and ordered the following resources staged across the state:

- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service: six Texas A&M Task Force 1 swift-water boat squads.

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: two search and rescue boat teams.

- Texas Department of Public Safety: Tactical Marine Unit - three helicopters with hoist capabilities.

- Texas National Guard: three helicopters and three ground transportation companies totaling more than 60 vehicles and more than 150 personnel.

- Texas Emergency Medical Task Force: two severe weather packages including ambulances, ambulance buses, and emergency medical service personnel.

Texans are encouraged to report damage to homes and businesses using the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool damage survey at [damagetdem.texas.gov](http://damagetdem.texas.gov). The information provided in the survey aids emergency management officials gain an understanding of damages that have occurred and help officials determine if the state meets federal requirements for various forms of disaster assistance, as well as identify any immediate resource needs.

For additional flood safety tips, visit [ready.gov/floods](http://ready.gov/floods).

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### Carmen P. Davalos



Carmen P. Davalos was born on Sept. 25, 1924 in Port Arthur, Texas and went over the rainbow on Aug. 16, 2022. She was a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School.

Carmen enjoyed bowling and was an avid gardener. Her home was mostly recognized by her unique red bridge. She also held ballroom dancing lessons for her family on Sundays. She and her husband, Rudy, were foster parents to 20 foster children over the years.

Carmen's biggest joy in life was to enjoy and support her family no matter how big or small the occasion was. She was a resident of the South Belt area since 1968.

Carmen is preceded in death by her husband, and her sons Ronald P. Davalos and Bobby C. Davalos.

She is survived by her daughter, Gina Wilcox (Bubba); her brother, Richard Pedraza (Connie); grandchildren Danette Locher, David Villareal, Angelique Garcia, Amber Mackechney and Lance Wilcox; great-grandchildren Fabian Davalos, Blake Villareal, Dylan Hill, Jocelyn Garcia, Joey Garcia, Abigail Villareal, Olivia Villareal, Madison Mackechney, Blake

## Deaths

Crisman and Maci Mackechney; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of lifelong friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, Aug. 25 at South Park Funeral Home at 5 p.m. with rosary recitation starting at 6 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, Aug. 26 at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road at 11 a.m.

### Gary "Dean" Fuller



Gary "Dean" Fuller, 79, passed away on July 30, 2022 at 10 a.m. at home surrounded by family.

Dean was the husband of Lois Marie Gregory Full-

er; they shared 47 years together. Born in Liberty, N.Y., Dean was son of Arthur James Fuller and Ruth Moore.

He attended Livingston Manor Central School in Livingston, N.Y.

Dean worked for Werner Enterprises as a specialized flatbed carrier, driving more than three million miles.

He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed being an antique collector and wildlife.

Dean is survived by his wife; daughters Roxanne Valiente (Fidencio) and Lisa Fuller; sons Alan Fuller (Nancy) and James Fuller (Maria); grandchildren Grace James, Anna Xochital, Cassandra Marquez, Eda Chavez, Jena Fuller, Ezekia Francher (Zach); and great-grandchildren Ryllyn, Brayleigh and Makena Francher.

He is also survived by his brother Arthur Fuller; sister-in-law Theda Fuller and former sister-in-law Cruz Fuller; nieces Sandy Klien and Judy Murphy and families; and nephew Scott Fuller and family.

Viewing was held Aug. 22, at Carnes Funeral Home, South Houston, TX 77587.

## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of the *South Belt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook group shared a post of a video that shows a person that crashes into a parked vehicle on the street Saturday, Aug. 20 in the Lakes at Golfcrest subdivision. It was later updated that the person responsible was found and information was turned over to the local police to investigate. This post was shared on other so-

cial media pages.

A member of the Neighbors app posted photos of a man that has been seen breaking into storage units. The member states that the man was last seen walking down Rowlett Road toward Alameda Genoa Road, Monday, Aug. 22. The suspect is described as African American male, black hair, wearing black/orange top and black/red bottom, mid-thirties, 5'10 and about 165 pounds.

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# Meador Elementary students return to class

Meador Elementary teachers and staff were excited to welcome back their Mustang school family for the first day of school. "There were lots of smiles, hugs and excitement on the first day of school from students, parents and staff," said counselor Tara Merida. "We are excited for a wonderful school year."

Shown at right is second-grader Nefertiti Williams hugging her former first-grade teacher Kourtney Roofwah.



Shown above is third-grader Alana Rivas Lopez being dropped off by her parents Alan and Kenia Rivas Lopez on her first day of school at Meador.



Shown above, left to right, are Meador third-grade students Bethany Cabriaes, Adalyn Renteria and Jaielle Guillory, smiling and posing for the new school year.

# Frazier Elementary students are all smiles on first day of school



Shown above, A'ani Riles smiles at the camera on her first day of kindergarten at Frazier Elementary. At right, Elizabeth Umana starts her first day of first grade.



Shown above are new second-graders Andrew Chapa (left) and Juan Mejorado. Shown at left, second-grader Julian Gurrusquieta holds up his pizza. Gurrusquieta said he was so excited to come back to school he couldn't sleep the night before.

# Mercury to kick off Bayou Theater 2022-2023 season

When musicians get together to perform just for fun, something enchanting happens. The Bayou Theater at University of Houston-Clear Lake will open its 2022-23 season as it always does — with a magi-

cal performance by Mercury Chamber Orchestra (shown below), Friday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert, aptly titled "Music Among Friends," features many of Mercury's favorite selections per-

formed by a 15-piece string orchestra and a percussionist.

"This program brings in the new season in a really gentle way, with a program based on romantic music from the 'salon,'" said Mer-

cury's Artistic Director Antoine Plante.

The salon, Plante explained, refers back to a time in Paris when there was no television or radio, and people had a dinner party and then afterwards, sat around the piano, pulled out the violins, and played together.

"That's the atmosphere of this concert," he said. "That's the idea of the title. We are gathering together to do beautiful live music."

The selections begin with bits from the Gershwin opera, "Porgy and Bess," a piece from Edward Elgar, and some waltzes by Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky. "We'll also have a bit from

Beethoven, the most famous melodies from 'Fur Elise,' and we'll go with some French music from 'Clair de Lune' by Debussy," Plante said. "Then we'll add some tango and some gypsy music, too."

The performance ends with a selection from film composer Ennio Morricone, who famously wrote over 400 scores for television and cinema. "That selection is a surprise, we will not mention it," he said. "You must come to the show to find out what it is."

For tickets, or for more information about events in the Bayou Theater, go to <https://apps.uhcl.edu/ECommerce/Schedule/BayouTheater>.



## Nyack murder

Continued from Page 1 where he was then transported to Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center.

Carter was charged and booked into jail on June 20.

The investigation identified Steber as a second suspect. He was arrested on June 24 and charged in the case.

Detectives identified the third suspect as Contreras and, on July 29, he was subsequently charged for his role in the incident. Contreras was taken into custody on Saturday, Aug. 20, without incident.

## Baybrook apartment complex catches fire

An apartment complex in the 200 block of El Dorado Boulevard near the Gulf Freeway adjacent to Baybrook Mall caught fire the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 18.

According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters arrived on scene within a minute of receiving the call around 4:50 p.m. to find fire coming through the roof of a two-story apartment building and began an attack.

Aerial operations were set up and a primary search was conducted. A second alarm was requested, as was the power company due to reports that part of the building was still energized despite turning the power off to the building.

The fire was contained, and a secondary search was completed. In all, 12 apartment units were damaged.

Damage was estimated at \$695,000. At press time, it was unclear how much property firefighters saved.

HFD Arson investigators responded to the scene to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Investigators determined that lightning caused the blaze.

Two Metro buses were requested for rehab due to the heavy rain and lightning.

The American Red Cross was notified to assist the residents.

One firefighter was injured while forcing entry and was treated on scene, remaining on duty.

Firefighters from stations 23, 8, 20, 26, 70, 71, 36, 61, 72, 93, 94, 11, 18, 55, 37, 24, 30, Rescue 42 and Rehab 17 responded to this incident.

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# Thompson celebrates 50 years

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An 11th intermediate school in the district were subsequently shifted to provide for the construction of a Thompson campus.

**New campus**  
Pasadena ISD officially broke ground on the new Thompson Intermediate campus at a ceremony held at the school site Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021.

To be located on a 21-acre plot of land on Hughes Road near South Belt Elementary, the new 178,000-square-foot campus was approved by voters in 2017 as part of a \$135 million bond referendum.

Drymalla Construction Company was awarded the \$39.5 million contract to construct the new campus.

Originally to be constructed on Highland Meadows Drive in the Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek subdivision, the project was met with opposition from residents of both the Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek and Green Tee Terrace subdivisions, the two neighborhoods

which would have bordered the campus.  
Some Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek residents felt the proposed location presented a safety hazard, as it was to be located deep within the subdivision, with the school's only entrance being within a 90-plus-degree curve with limited sight of oncoming traffic in both directions.

Green Tee Terrace homeowners further complained that the initial site of the campus would have generated additional traffic in their community.

To rectify the problem, Pasadena ISD officials proposed a land swap with Meritage Homes, the developer in the area surrounding the school. Such a move, however, would have cost the district significantly more money.

New plans called for relocating the Thompson campus to a piece of property in the 8700 block of Hughes Road in the Pearland city limit.

The current Thompson campus suffered extensive damage during Hurricane

Harvey.  
Following the historic storm, Thompson students were temporarily housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate for five months, while school officials and an independent committee studied the issue.

"To say I am excited would be an understatement," said Thompson Principal Tannis Griffin. "Thousands of Lions have walked the halls of Thompson on Sagedowne since opening the doors in the fall of 1972, establishing the high standards and traditions that help make Thompson the heart of the South Belt. As we approach the 50-year anniversary of Thompson on Sagedowne, we celebrate the precious memories made and traditions established that will carry on in our new building on Hughes."

Construction of the new school was already underway prior to the ceremonial groundbreaking and is expected to be complete by March 2023. The school is scheduled to open in August 2023.

# Fuqua store burglarized



An industrious thief used tools to break through the back wall of a convenience store at Fuqua and Beamer Monday, Aug. 22, in order to gain access to the shop's ATM. The crook also had to cut through the store's refrigerator to gain entry. A similar burglary took place approximately two years ago at the same store, except the suspect entered through the front of the store last time.

# COVID requirements relaxed

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symptomatic and suspect that they have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results.

- If results are positive, follow CDC's full isolation recommendations.

- If results are negative, one can end their isolation.

- Recommending that if one tests positive for COVID-19, they stay home for at least five days and isolate from others in their home, one is likely most infectious during these first five days. Wear a high-quality mask when one must be around others at home and in public.

- If after five days one is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and their symptoms are improving, or they never had symptoms, they may end isolation after Day 5.

- Regardless of when one ends isolation, avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 until at least Day 11.

- One should wear a high-quality mask through Day 10.

- Recommending that if one had moderate illness (if one experienced shortness of breath or had difficulty breathing) or severe illness (one was hospitalized) due to COVID-19 or one has a weakened immune system, they need to isolate through Day 10.

- Recommending that if one has severe illness or has a weakened immune system, consult their doctor before ending isolation. Ending isolation without a viral test may not be an option for them. If one is unsure if their symptoms are moderate or severe or if they have a weakened immune system, talk to a health care provider for further guidance.

- Clarifying that after one has ended isolation, if their COVID-19 symptoms worsen, restart their isolation at Day 0. Talk to a health care provider if one has questions about their symptoms or when to end isolation.

- Recommending screening testing of asymptomatic people without known exposures will no longer be recommended in most community settings.

- Emphasizing that physical distance is just one component of how to protect oneself and others. It is important to consider the risk in a particular setting, including local COVID-19 Community Levels and the important role of ventilation, when assessing the need to maintain physical distance.

Actions to take will continue to be informed by the COVID-19 Community Levels, launched in February. CDC will continue to focus efforts on preventing severe illness and post-COVID conditions, while ensuring everyone have the information and tools, they need to lower their risk.

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# Babin leads effort for STARCOM

U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) issued the following statement after leading the entire Texas Congressional Delegation in a letter to U.S. Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall III, urging him to consider Texas as a potential basing location for the U.S. Space Forces' Space Training and Readiness Command

(STARCOM). Babin serves as the ranking member of the House Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee, as well as the co-chair of the Congressional Space Force Caucus.

"From supporting military readiness to leading the charge in human space exploration, Texas has played a dynamic role in civil, com-

# BAHEP, others to host transportation summit

On an annual basis, the Bay Area Houston region is home to 27 percent of Texas' GDP. Houston, the country's fourth largest city, has the ninth largest economy in the world. Texas leads the nation in exports with Port Houston claiming first place in exports.

The growth in the region is not showing any signs of slowing down as indicated by the nearly 20 percent year over year growth in containers shipped through Port Houston. Meeting infrastructure requirements to support this growth is critical to minimize supply chain disruptions.

To bring awareness to this urgent need, the leadership within the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP), the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BAYTRAN) and the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region will host the Inaugural Southeast Texas Transportation Summit on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Pasadena Convention Center, located at 7902 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena.

"Infrastructure investment must include a critical transportation network as well as a coastal protection system to ensure that the assets we have are safeguarded from storm surge," said BAHEP President Bob Mitchell.

A similar sentiment was shared by Economic Alliance Houston Port Region President Chad Burke.

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"With more than 20 cities, the world's largest petrochemical complex, and the nation's busiest port, the stakeholder consensus for infrastructure development in this greater region is like nowhere else in Texas. It should serve as a blueprint for regional and economic development and infrastructure support," said Burke.

BAYTRAN Executive Director Amy Skicki also stressed the need for infrastructure improvements.

"The Houston region is a powerhouse for this nation," said Skicki. "It is imperative that our freight corridors and evacuation routes be improved and expanded with projects such as adding capacity to SH 225 and the completion of Grand Parkway Segments A, B and C."

Doors to the Inaugural Southeast Texas Transportation Summit open at 8 a.m.; the program starts at 9 a.m. and will end at 2 p.m. with lunch included. A VIP Reception will take place immediately following the summit with limited VIP tickets available. The summit features the following sessions:

- Industry Growth panel moderated by Bob Harvey, Greater Houston Partnership,

featuring Scott Campbell / LyondellBasell, Mike Nagle / INEOS (invited), Karen McKee / EXXON (invited)

- Project 11 and Coastal Protection discussion panel moderated by Bob Mitchell, BAHEP, featuring Michel Bechtel / Gulf Coast Protection District, James Koch / TxDOT, Byron Williams / US Army Corps of Engineers (invited), and Charlie Jenkins / Port Houston

- Mayor Sylvester Turner (invited)

- Supply Chain Update featuring Margaret Kidd, program director, Supply Chain, University of Houston

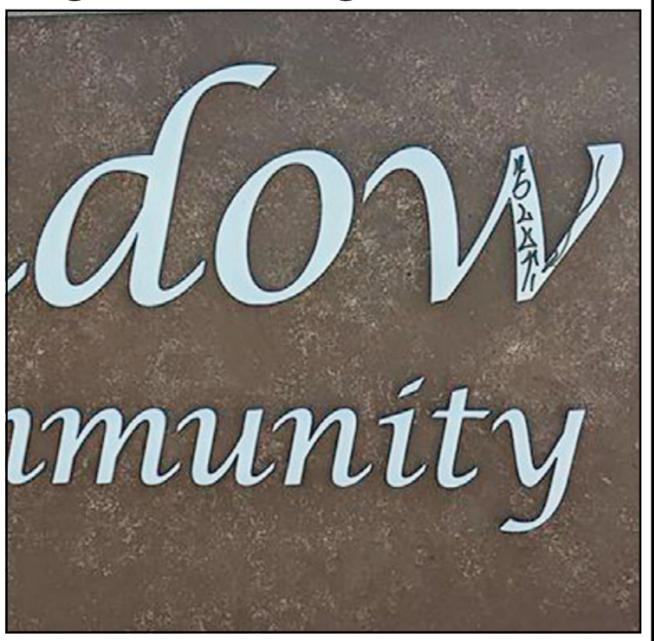
- Federal Infrastructure Bill panel discussion moderated by Marc Williams, TxDOT (invited), featuring Congressman Brian Babin, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, and Congressman Randy Weber (invited)

- Keynote Speaker - Gov. Gregg Abbott (invited)

Registration is open to all and can be found at [allianceportregion.com/events/southeast-texas-transportation-summit](http://allianceportregion.com/events/southeast-texas-transportation-summit).

For more information about the Southeast Texas Transportation Summit, contact Amy Skicki at [Director@BayTran.org](mailto:Director@BayTran.org).

# Sagemeadow sign vandalized



One of the Sagemeadow subdivision's new entry signs was recently vandalized. Several street signs in the community were also defaced by the same suspect(s). Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia has been made aware of the crimes. Anyone with information on this or other area vandalism is urged to contact Garcia's office at 713-477-2766.

# Meador Elementary faculty start the new school year



Meador's new administration team is ready for take-off. Shown above, left to right, are Kevin Fox, assistant principal, Jennifer Chavez, principal and Tara Merida, counselor.

# Houston Health resumes monkeypox vaccinations

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doses in separate shipments for Houston and Harris County.

This week the department expects to receive a second shipment of about 10,100 doses. It received the first shipment totaling 6,740 doses on August 2.

Delivery of the second shipment will boost the department's inventory to 21,301 doses. The monkeypox vaccination regimen is two doses given four weeks apart.

The department in late July received 5,024 doses separate from the current allotment.

It provides 30 percent of all shipments to Harris County Public Health.

Houston currently has 265 confirmed cases. Most of the cases are among gay, bisexual men or men who have sex with men.

Monkeypox vaccine has not been widely available nationwide.

However, widespread vaccination is not recommended at this time.

Groups prioritized by the department for monkeypox vaccination include the following:

- People confirmed to have had high- or intermediate-risk contact with someone with monkeypox, as defined by CDC.

- People who attended an event or venue where there was a high risk of exposure to someone with confirmed monkeypox virus through skin-to-skin or sexual contact.

The department works with event or venue organizers to identify people who may have been present and at risk of exposure while at the venue.

- Other groups receiving vaccination priority include the following people:

- Men who have sex with men and have had multiple and/or anonymous sex partners within the past 21 days.

- Those diagnosed with gonorrhea or early syphilis within the past three months.

- Those on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

The threat of monkeypox to Houston's general population remains low.

Monkeypox is rare and doesn't spread easily between people without close, personal, skin-to-skin contact.

Symptoms include a rash or sores that can look like pimples or blisters and may be extremely painful, fever, headache, weakness, chills and swollen lymph nodes.

Monkeypox can spread from person to person through prolonged face-to-face contact, intimate contact and/or close contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids. Contact with items such as clothing or linens that previously touched the rash or body fluids is another way monkeypox spreads.

The illness usually lasts two to four weeks. It can spread from the time symptoms start until the rash heals and a fresh layer of skin has formed.

People who suspect that they have monkeypox symptoms such as new unexplained rash or sores need to contact their doctor to set up a screening appointment.

For more details, visit [houstonhealth.org](http://houstonhealth.org) or call the call center at 832-393-4220.

# Remember When

45 years ago (1977)

Pearland Police arrested Christopher Larkin Crew for armed robbery of a Green Tee Terrace home.

The Dobie-South Houston American Legion Baseball team won first place in the American Legion State Championship.

40 years ago (1982)

Clear Creek school trustees approved a \$49.9 million budget for the 1982-83 school year. In other action, trustees, in a split decision, approved offering UIL boys and girls varsity soccer.

Joe Hearse, superintendent of Entex's measuring and system operations, said the Beamer site was where Entex got the natural gas from United Texas Transmission Company, and that was where Entex added the foul-smelling odor to UTT's natural gas, which has no odor. Hearse said spillage of the odorant was what was making local residents fear there was a leak at the Beamer site.

35 years ago (1987)

The Strawberry Mall, which the PISD board of trustees planned on using as an administrative annex, was slated to become the new administration building.

All Reich Heating & Air Conditioning, a local air-conditioning repair company, and one of its technicians were indicted for deceptive business practices and criminal mischief, charges which resulted from a sting operation conducted by county authorities.

30 years ago (1992)

Enrollment in the Pasadena Independent School District schools was up by 400 students. Districtwide enrollment was 38,628 students. Beverly Hills and Thompson intermediates and Dobie High School all experienced increased enrollment.

The Clear Creek school board voted 5-2 to waive all facilities use charges. By doing this, the board cut the district out of an estimated \$155,000 in revenue.

25 years ago (1997)

The city of Houston's gang task force raided the Exis club located at 11030 Kingspoint and temporarily shut down the club.

Trung Luong, an immigrant from Vietnam, was at the top of

his Dobie class.

20 years ago (2002)

Former Dobie baseball standout Shane Nance made his major league debut pitching two innings in relief for the Milwaukee Brewers in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Pasadena Independent School District received additional state assistance through the Instructional Facilities Allotment that was to go toward the district's \$199.05 million bond received in 2000. By receiving the extra funding, taxpayers would see an increase of only 2.25 cents instead of the estimated 14 cents before the additional funding.

Applerock expected to be proceeding with the construction of a landfill at 313 Alameda Genoa Red Bluff Road after a legal battle lasting longer than a year.

15 years ago (2007)

The South Belt-Ellington

Chamber of Commerce and the South Belt-Ellington Leader hosted a meeting to discuss area flooding. The discussion included representatives from the Harris County Flood Control District and the Army Corps of Engineers. The main topic of the meeting was the construction of a local watershed. The proposal, referred to as the National Economic Development Alternative, would require that all in the area (17 cities and four counties) agree on the project which would include major improvements to both Mud Gully and Turkey Creek.

The Clear Creek Independent School District announced that its teachers would receive a minimum raise of \$1,500.

Former Dobie student Roland Clark Lambert III, 47, was found stabbed to death in his Kingwood home. No immediate arrests were made.

Daniel Lawrence Witt, the husband of 1997 Dobie graduate Joy (Madsen) Witt, died when a rain-soaked roof at a Clear Lake Randall's grocery store collapsed. Originally taken to Ben Taub General Hospital with two broken legs and a broken arm, Witt was conscious and expected to survive. Unfortunately, his condition quickly deteriorated after his arrival.

10 years ago (2012)

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, Zerick Guinn filed a civil lawsuit against Chris Diaz, contesting the runoff election results for the Democratic nomination of Harris County Precinct 2 constable. Guinn contended that Diaz's campaign, which narrowly defeated Guinn in the controversial May 29 runoff and subsequent recount, benefited from illegal voting practices.

A man critically injured in

a traffic accident in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway service road on Aug. 27 died from his injuries. Lawrence Lemaire, 65, was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital with head trauma. Doctors pronounced him dead on Monday, Sept. 3. According to police, the victim was operating a black Kawasaki motorcycle and leaving a private driveway on to the service road when he was struck by a beige Nissan Sentra traveling north. The driver of the Nissan was not injured. Further investigation determined Lemaire was at fault in the accident.

Barbara Legler, wife of the late state Rep. Ken Legler, was sworn in to fill the remainder of her husband's term. Ken Legler died June 1 from a heart attack.

Two area residents trying to save someone's life Thursday, Sept. 6, inadvertently also

helped arrest a suspected home burglar. David Matthews Jr. and Ryan Baier had stopped at the Shell gas station in the 10300 block of Blackhawk to eat breakfast when they spotted someone pulling into the parking lot driving erratically. Matthews said the driver was bloody from head to toe and in and out of consciousness. Although he could barely speak, the driver told the pair he had been in a fight with his girlfriend and had swung to hit a wall in anger but instead hit a window on accident, slicing his wrist. The two good Samaritans sat the man down, elevated his arm and wrapped a belt around it to stop the blood loss. They then called 911 for help, and paramedics took the man to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital for treatment. Unbeknownst to Matthews and Baier, Sgt. Zerick Guinn of the Harris County Precinct

2 Constable's office was conducting his own investigation into a home burglary on Sagemark that had taken place that same day, where the suspect left a large puddle of blood at the scene near a window that had been broken. After putting the pieces together, Precinct 2 deputies were able to tie the two incidents and arrested the suspect. Sergio Garcia, 18, was charged with attempted burglary of a habitation. At the time of the incident, Garcia was reportedly with a 15-year-old female runaway from Pearland, who was subsequently returned to her family.

5 years ago (2017)

A man was found shot to death in his vehicle around 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in the 12100 block of Teaneck near Astoria. According to the Houston Police Department, the victim, Preston Alan Blue, had arranged a meeting to purchase an item, possibly a cellphone, from the suspected shooter. During the transaction, however, Blue, 27, was shot multiple times in the head, chest and upper extremities. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Surveillance footage of the incident from a nearby home was posted on Facebook, reportedly showing shots being fired from a passenger inside the vehicle, who then fled the scene on foot. The footage was subsequently turned over to HPD Homicide investigators.

The Walgreens pharmacy at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital on Astoria near Beamer was burglarized early Saturday, Aug. 19. According to police, the crook(s) broke into the pharmacy, located in the professional building adjacent to the main hospital, around 3:30 a.m. The forced entry triggered the facility's alarm, but the suspect(s) had already fled the scene by the time police arrived. No immediate arrests were made.

1 year ago (2021)

A man was killed in a crash Sunday, Aug. 22, in the 8700 block of SH 3/Old Galveston Road. Saucedo Hernandez was pronounced dead at the scene. No other persons or vehicles were involved in the crash.

U.S. Rep. Troy Nehls, who represents much of the South Belt community, announced on Twitter he tested positive for COVID-19.

# Over The Back Fence by Natalie



## DITTRICH'S ENJOY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday wishes are sent to Joyce Dittrich who enjoys a birthday Aug. 25 and to her husband Milton Dittrich who celebrates a birthday Aug. 30, from family, friends and the Leader staff.

## CODY CELEBRATES 24th BIRTHDAY

Cody Giles of Kirkwood South celebrates a birthday Aug. 27. His wife Liz and daughter Braelyn, along with the rest of the Giles and Griffin families wish him a wonderful birthday.

## BIRTHDAY CHEERS FOR ASHLEY

Ashley Giles celebrates her birthday Aug. 27. Her husband Aaron and sons Jaxson and Jace; and the rest of the Giles and Griffin families wish her a wonderful birthday.

## JAXSON TURNS 4!

Special birthday wishes for Jaxson Giles who turns four years old Aug. 30 from his parents Aaron and Ashley Giles, grandparents Jim and Tracy Giles, great-grandmother Bobby Griffin and the rest of the Giles and Griffin families wish him a wonderful birthday.

## SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 25 through Aug. 31.

## Atkinson Elementary

Rosa Quintana enjoys a birthday Aug. 25. Break out the balloons and party favors Aug. 27 for a special birthday for Deyanira Quintero.

## Burnett Elementary

Lisa Orr is wished a happy birthday Aug. 28.

## Bush Elementary

Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 25 to Marie Marler.

## Frazier Elementary

A double-layer birthday cake is in order Aug. 27 for Amanda Brewton and Veronica Huitron. Send a birthday greeting Aug. 29 to Kalpana Mobley.

## Meador Elementary

The day for a party for Sabina Torres is Aug. 29.

## Moore Elementary

Remember to wish Lakennia Cole a happy birthday Aug. 30.

## South Belt Elementary

Break out the party favors and cake and ice cream for Jason Watson Aug. 28. The day for birthday fun for Courtney Moran is Aug. 31.

## Stuchbery Elementary

Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Aug. 30 for Dylan Richter.

## Roberts Middle School

Celebrating a birthday Aug. 27 is Fred Leggin.

## Beverly Hills Intermediate

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## Thompson Intermediate

Break out the balloons and the birthday

## cake Aug. 28 for Melinda Mathis.

Dobie High

The day for cake and ice cream for Diane Bledsoe is Aug. 25. Christopher Swinnen celebrates a birthday Aug. 29. Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Aug. 30 for Chelsea Henning and Trent Morgan.

## FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Aug. 25: Bubba Zapalac, Andrea Moorehead-Ford and Jesse Saenz. Friday, Aug. 26: Alette Jarmon, Marci Chiovaro, Fred Manly, Stephanie Mayo and Rick LaMantina; Saturday, Aug. 27: Jesse Garcia, and Jeff Jones; Sunday, Aug. 28: Tanya Keller and Yvonne Ramirez;

# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

**Dobie Longhorns (0-0) host Clear Brook (0-0)**  
**Fri., Aug. 26, 7 p.m.**  
**PISD Veterans Stadium**

*Of note: Programs are going head-to-head for the first time since the 2007 regular season.*

## Leader's pickers start this week

The Leader's annual high school football predictions contest kicks off this week as newcomer Stephen Sutton joins a veteran group that includes 2021 champion Emory Gadd.

In addition to the Dobie High School graduate Sutton and Gadd, a decades-long associate pastor at Sagemont Church, the panel of pickers includes Leader sports editor John Bechtle, Troy Leland of Shiflett Realtors and Debbie Vaughn, former longtime C&D Burger Shop staffer and JFD football fan.

Sutton, a 1999 Dobie

graduate, played football at the school and was for several years a multisport assistant coach and instructor before stepping away from education last school year to focus on his real estate career.

Beginning this week, the panel will select their choice of winning teams of high school varsity football games involving Dobie, Clear Brook and other area programs.

With the exception of pride, there is nothing gained from winning the contest. That said, the serious competition is about to begin. See this week's picks on Page 6.

## First-year coaches excited

# For openers, it's Brook versus Longhorns

By John Bechtle  
 Sports Editor

Their campuses separated by a scant few miles, the Clear Brook and Dobie football programs will go head-to-head for the first time in 15 years as the 2022 high school season kicks off.

The Wolverines and Longhorns will meet Friday, Aug. 26 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as Brook's Patrick Sanders and Dobie's Demond Stafford, both making their head coaching debuts with their respective varsity programs, don the head sets on opening night.

Clear Brook has won seven total games over the previous seasons while Dobie is looking to add a fifth straight playoff berth to its resume, yet past history might mean little.

Starting with opening night, it's all about doing what is needed to get that first victory in-house.

In addition to the leadership change at the top, both programs have also undergone a talent overhaul at the varsity level due to heavy graduation losses.

It's overstated in the

game of football, but both the Wolverines and Longhorns will start first-year quarterbacks in the 2022 opener.

Former Clear Brook two-year starter Cam McCalister is now at McNeese State University, and Dobie three-year starter Cameron Gray, a winner of 25 games with the Longhorns from 2019 to 2021, is a freshman at Mississippi College.

The Wolverines have seen Kingston Cramer and Jesse Shelton as the front-runners in the offseason and now the preseason, while the Longhorns' new group includes sophomore Kaden Dillard as well as juniors A.J. Hernandez and Juan Huerta.

Aside from the quarterback spot, there will be a bevy of first-year varsity performers on the field for both teams.

Michael Lewis is one of District 24-6A's top returning receivers for Clear Brook, while the Longhorns have Jalen Baldwin and Elijah Howard ready to go along with several newcomers.

Along the offensive fronts, Dobie's Evan Jordan is the lone returning starter, while the Wolver-

ines' work up front begins with linemen Jude Effinger and Charles Holt.

Dobie has a strong group in the running back room as Raynard Hall and sophomore Cameron Mathews both have previous varsity success to display, but the Wolverines will be looking for a load carrier after the graduation of Trent Lacy. In the opener, Brook's Jaylon Richardson will get the bulk of the carries.

On defense, the Wolverines will lean on end

John Baldwin up front while Jaylen Price is an all-league player in the secondary.

The Longhorns will expect a lot from returning starters Rodrick Drumgo, Anfony Lee

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Cameron Mathews (16) got a taste of the pace of play at the varsity level for Dobie as a freshman last season and now figures heavily into the team's ground game as the 2022 season opens. Photo by Gloria Wallace

## Intermediate VB gets going Aug. 31

The Pasadena ISD intermediate athletics season is about to get started as the girls' volleyball season is served up Wednesday, Aug. 31 across the district.

The Thompson Lions will host the Park View Cowboys, while Beverly Hills will travel to Jackson to take on the Wildcats.

Both seventh- and eighth-grade play will take place on the host campuses this season, with the B team matches getting things started each week at 4:30 p.m.

Football scrimmages within the Pasadena ISD ranks are allowed Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, with neighboring Beverly Hills and Thompson planning a series of action both days.

The regular season kicks off Sept. 6-7, with Beverly Hills going against South Houston and Thompson doing battle with the San Jacinto Tigers.

**Thompson hosts Park View, 4:30 p.m.**

**B matches at 4:30 p.m. A matches at 5:45 p.m.**

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## Volleyball teams picking up steam

The first full week of the high school varsity volleyball season is now in the books, with the Dobie and Clear Brook squads feeling much more stable on the court as the non-district and tournament portion of the schedule continues.

Following an opening night loss at Baytown Sterling, the Longhorns responded with four straight victories at one point.

Despite final-day losses to Barbers Hill and that same Baytown Sterling team at the Dickinson Invitational Aug. 20, Dobie entered nondistrict play after press time Aug. 23 at 6-4 overall.

Clear Brook, which also fell on opening night to St. Agnes, has now moved to 6-8 overall while going against tough fields in consecutive Pearland and Dickinson tournaments. The team's best day of the season came Aug. 18 during pool play at the Dickinson event as the Wolverines swept six

sets in best-of-three pool play matches against Fort Bend Hightower, Port Neches-Groves and Needville. Like Dobie, Clear Brook also suffered a loss to a very talented Barbers Hill squad.

Both programs will look to press forward with district play coming Sept. 9.

Dobie is at the Battle of the Brazos tournament Aug. 25-27, while Clear Brook is not in a tournament this week.



At right, the Dobie varsity volleyball team delivered an impressive second week as Belle Perridone (9) and Ariana Garza blocked Crosby's path in a three-game sweep. Protecting the service line is the Longhorns' Bella Perez (10). Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Brook is not in a tournament this week.

Dobie, twice the No. 2 seed behind District 22-6A champion Deer Park, will host the Deer Sept. 9 to open district play, while Clear Brook starts play within District 24-6A on Sept. 9 at Clear Falls.

## Despite weathery week, JFD netters look ahead

The Dobie tennis program did not necessarily need Mother Nature to come along at such a key time of the season, yet head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. knows the group will put in the work needed to keep progress moving.

Annually one of the busiest fall team tennis groups in the region, Dobie watched as both rain and lightning either ended play (George Ranch) or canceled play altogether against Pearland, Ridge Point and others.

"It's not the type of break we needed, but you can't do anything about the weather," Moreno said. "But the kids voluntarily did some extra running yesterday and are willing

to do what it takes to stay in shape - ready to play." Despite the "off" week, Moreno has seen enough to solidify the Longhorns' doubles teams as the 22-6A opener nears.

The No. 1 boys' team is William Ho and Ryan Le, with Ashley Huynh and Hailey Maldonado the top girls' pairing.

The No. 2 groups are Dominic Ortiz and Thang Tran for the boys, with Tiffany Tran and Natalie Vo on the girls' side. At No. 3, it's Diego Flores and Nolan Tran for the boys, with the girls going with Leena Pham and Kayla Tran.

Dobie's Nestor Garza is playing mixed doubles with either Leslie Figueroa or Amalia Reyes.

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# JFD opens against Clear Brook

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 heading into week two as Brook will host Baytown Lee and Dobie plays at Grand Oaks.  
 And while they won't likely have much time to savor the moment, Aug. 26, 2022 will be big for Sanders and Stafford. A longtime varsity assistant coach in Region III and most recently the defen-

sive coordinator at Deer Park, Sanders now gets his shot with the Wolverines.  
 Stafford, formerly an assistant at Dobie and for three years before now the head coach at Rayburn, now has his chance to lead the Longhorns to new heights.  
 It should make for quite an opening night.

There will be plenty of other players, returnees or first-year, who aren't mentioned here but will set the foundation for solid careers on this night. From a team standpoint, a win on opening night will simply deliver momentum

## South Belt football predictions

					
John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Troy Leland	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn	
Clear Brook at Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Manvel at Shadow Creek	Manvel	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Dickinson at Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Kingwood at Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
Pearland at Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Pearland	Clear Falls	Pearland	Clear Falls
Katy at Clear Springs	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy
Deer Park at La Porte	Deer Park	La Porte	Deer Park	La Porte	Deer Park
South Houston at Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee	South Houston	Baytown Lee
The Woodlands at North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Houston Lamar at Beaumont West Brook	BWB	BWB	Lamar	BWB	Lamar
Last Week's Results	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Season record	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0



Dobie defensive back Charles Richard (25), one of the Longhorns' team captains for 2022, will no doubt have his teammates fired up for the opener Aug. 26 against Clear Brook.  
 Photo by Gloria Wallace

### Brook boys' cross-country solid at La Porte

The Clear Brook boys' cross-country group completed another successful pairs performance at the Bulldog Relay four-miler in La Porte Aug. 19 as Eden Diaz and Joseph Trevino teamed for second-place overall with a clocking of 21 minutes, 02.94 seconds and Tristan Ecord and Ruben Herrera also turned in a great effort at 24:18.54 for 23rd place. At right, Ecord, Herrera, Trevino and Diaz took time for a team photo upon returning from Northwest Park in La Porte.



### Pleasants earns additional accolades



Dobie High School graduate Taylor Pleasants continued to pick up athletic and academic honors this spring as she enters her fourth academic year at Louisiana State University for the 2022-2023 year. After a stellar season on the field in 2022, Pleasants was a National Fastpitch Coaches Association first-team All-Region choice and was also named a Louisiana Sports Writers Association first-team honoree. Pleasants was also an All-Southeastern Conference second-team selection. Following the spring semester, Pleasants was named to the SEC's Spring Academic Honor Roll. This summer, Pleasants, a kinesiology major, was one of 2,155 Division I spring sport athletes with a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be named to the NFCA's All-American Scholar Athlete list for the 2021-2022 academic year. Due to the pandemic, Pleasants is a redshirt junior on the field entering the 2023 season with the Tigers.

### Dobie varsity cross-country programs off and running in 2022

Following a successful yet roster reload type of a season in 2021, the Dobie varsity boys' cross-country team has come out of the gates strong in 2022 behind the effort of, left to right, Jose Munoz, Damian Rosas, Chris Lopez, Kim Paderal, Max Delgado and Francisco Dunn. "We are running the Clear Creek (5K) Invitational (Aug. 26), and with a good week of training, we are looking forward to our first 5K event of the season," Dobie boys' cross-country coach Stephen Cross said. The Longhorn boys joined Dobie's girls at pairs runs at both Clear Lake and La Porte to open this season.



The Dobie varsity girls' cross-country squad continued a solid buildup to the key part of the regular season, placing fifth overall in the team standings at the La Porte ISD-hosted 4-mile relay event at Northwest Park in La Porte. The Longhorns' Ashlee Garcia and Kyla Lobo combined for ninth, with Valerie Salazar and Lauren Garza 12th. Isela Munoz and Ashley Dunn were 17th as the ladies prepared to shift to individual 5K races from this point forward. Following the event, the finishers (left to right) Dunn, Garcia, Lobo, Munoz, Salazar and Garza celebrated after wrapping things at La Porte. "We have a solid core group back from the last two district championship teams, and we are getting faster every week," Dobie girls' head coach Mo Hickman said, citing both the performance and leadership of Garcia, Munoz, Lobo and Garza. "We had one of the best summer conditioning programs (effort) that we've had, and have proven to be race ready. It's been a great start to our season. We take it one week at a time."

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**  
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7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.  
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.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Genealogical Society - meets either online or at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Virtual attendees need to register for each webinar session. Visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.  
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group of NA, open, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200.  
8 p.m. Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**  
7:30 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.  
11 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787.  
1 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**  
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. Call 281-479-7285.  
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Meets Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m. AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays with a different dance rhythm each month. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.  
5 p.m. New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For details, Call Grant at 281-814-4750.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com. Visit the website or call 281-467-1880.  
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational building, room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479.  
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Meetings are open to those 55+, with no dues. Call 713-444-6744.  
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Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - 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.  
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# 2022 Bay Area Football League Divisional Standings through Aug. 21

Freshman Div. Standings				Sophomore Div. Standings				Junior Div. Standings				Senior Div. Standings				PeeWee Div. Standings			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Angleton	2	0	0	Bay Area	2	0	0	League City	2	0	0	Angleton	2	0	0	Bay Area	2	0	0
League City	2	0	0	La Porte	2	0	0	Pearland Pats	2	0	0	Brazosport	2	0	0	La Porte	2	0	0
North Shore	2	0	0	League City	2	0	0	Sagemont	2	0	0	East End	2	0	0	East End	2	0	0
Hitchcock	2	0	0	Hitchcock	2	0	0	Pearland Texans	1	0	0	Hitchcock	2	0	0	League City	2	0	0
Southeast	2	0	0	Sagemont	2	0	0	Brazosport	1	0	0	Sagemont	2	0	0	Pearland Pats	2	0	0
Brazosport	1	0	0	Magnolia Park	1	0	0	East End	1	0	0	Magnolia Park	1	0	0	Magnolia	1	0	0
Pearland Texans	1	0	0	North Shore	1	0	0	Magnolia Park	1	0	0	Angleton	1	1	0	Alvin	1	1	0
Pearland Pats	1	1	0	Pearland Texans	1	0	0	Alvin	1	1	0	Bay Area	1	1	0	Angleton	1	1	0
La Porte	1	1	0	Alvin	1	1	0	Angleton	1	1	0	East End	1	1	0	Hitchcock	1	1	0
East End	1	1	0	Pearland Patriots	1	1	0	Bay Area	1	1	0	La Porte	1	1	0	Pasadena	1	1	0
Bay Area	1	1	0	Barbers Hill	0	1	0	Hitchcock	1	1	0	Pasadena	1	1	0	Sagemont	1	1	0
Alvin	1	1	0	Brazosport	0	1	0	Manvel	1	1	0	Santa Fe	1	1	0	Santa Fe	1	1	0
Barbers Hill	0	1	0	Southbelt	0	1	0	Santa Fe	1	1	0	Brazosport	0	1	0	Barbers Hill	0	1	0
Magnolia Park	0	1	0	Angleton	0	2	0	Barbers Hill	0	1	0	Pearland Texans	0	1	0	Brazosport	0	1	0
Manvel	0	2	0	Manvel	0	2	0	Southbelt	0	1	0	Barbers Hill	0	1	0	Pearland Texans	0	1	0
Pasadena	0	2	0	Pasadena	0	2	0	Pasadena	0	2	0	Alvin	0	2	0	Manvel	0	2	0
Sagemont	0	2	0	East End	0	2	0	La Porte	0	2	0	North Shore	0	2	0	North Shore	0	2	0
Santa Fe	0	2	0	Santa Fe	0	2	0	Southeast	0	2	0	Pearland Patriots	0	2	0	Southbelt	0	2	0
Southbelt	0	2	0	Southeast	0	2	0	North Shore	0	2	0	Southeast	0	2	0	Southeast	0	2	0



## NCSAA nationally recognizes LSA graduate Mallard Smith

At left, the National Christian School Athletic Association has recognized Lutheran South Academy's Ayana Mallard Smith as the 2021-2022 Girls' Track and Field National Athlete of the Year. Mallard Smith, now a freshman student athlete at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, won the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 5A state gold medal in the 100 at 11.75 seconds and anchored the Pioneers' 4x100 relay squad to a state medal (50.01) as well, capping a tremendous prep career. She holds school records in the 100, 200 (25.05) and long jump (19 feet, 1 inch) individual events and is also part of the 4x100 relay school record squad.

## Bay Area Football League Week 2 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Wildcats	0	6	0	46	6
Cowboys	13	7	19	0	0
Raiders	0	44	49	26	22
Dolphins	42	0	26	20	0

**Week 3 Games – Saturday, Aug. 27**  
 Cowboys at Hitchcock Red Raiders, Hitchcock High School, 77563  
 Dolphins at Angleton Wildcats, 1 Wildcat Dr., Angleton, 77515

## High school football delivers tough openers

While Clear Brook and Dobie will be renewing its acquaintance for the first time in 15 years, there are plenty of other top-notch matchups that will serve to highlight the opening week of the high school football schedule across the Region III ranks. Dickinson, for instance, won't have to wait long at all to avenge a 2021 loss to Atascocita. The Gators led the Eagles 14-0 at halftime of an area round playoff game before Atascocita rebounded for a 22-21 victory, ending the Gators' season along the way. Now, the two programs will meet again to open the regular season. How about a reboot of the annual Deer Park/La Porte rivalry? This one also comes as part of opening week as the defending District 22-6A champion Deer go against La Porte, which is aiming at better results with former Dobie head coach Kevin Beneathy in charge. Manvel is at Shadow Creek as another clash of Houston area powers takes place in the first week. Shadow Creek is a former Class 5A state champion looking to do similar things at the Class 6A level out of District 23-6A, where the Sharks are a definite league title contender once again after going 7-0 against the field in 2021. The Sharks advanced to the area round a season ago, where a loss to C.E. King left the squad at 99-3. As for Manvel, the Mavericks were 10-3 a season ago, having gone three rounds deep in the postseason before a loss to Hightower in the 5A regional quarterfinals. There's plenty of optimism in Pearland these days as first-year head coach B.J. Gotte is ready to lead the Oilers into action. But Gotte, who captained a state championship last season at Katy Pae Tow, will be tested against a Clear Falls program that is looking to make a deep postseason push out of District 24-6A. The North Shore versus The Woodlands season opener might look good on paper, but the Mustangs are the best program in the entire Class 6A ranks until proven otherwise. Clear Springs, which believes it has what it takes to unseat Dickinson as champion in District 24-6A, again opens with state power Katy. Clear Creek, for two seasons the Division II second playoff seed from District 24-6A, gets its season rolling against Kingwood, and South Houston would love to get off to a fast start by taking out Baytown Lee as part of opening-week action. It's all about to kick off.

## San Jacinto College softball program plans fall schedule

### San Jacinto College Fall Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 28	Illusions
Oct. 1	UHV Jaguars
Oct. 7	at Lamar
Oct. 8	at College Classic
Oct. 12	at Houston
Oct. 15	at Houston Baptist
Oct. 16	Hotshots
Oct. 21	Texas Southern
Oct. 22	at Sam Houston
Oct. 25	at McNeese
Nov. 5	at Nicholls

At right, San Jacinto College softball head coach Kelly Saenz (right) and assistant coach Kelsey Walters will welcome the 2023 squad into the program as the Coyotes begin the fall season in September. Saenz was the Region 14 Coach of the Year a season ago as she guided the program to its second straight berth at nationals.



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## Clear Brook Class of 2022 bowlers take home hardware



Clear Brook Class of 2022 graduates Muskaan Hasan (second from left) and Nathan Galicia (third from right) were honored this summer as they prepared for their freshman collegiate years. Hasan, now at Blinn College, was the fifth Brook bowler in program history to receive the Houston USBC Association's Marla Bennet Memorial Scholarship, named in honor of Bennet, who was instrumental in the development of the youth bowling program in the Houston area. Galicia, meanwhile, was inducted into the Greater Houston Coaches/Parent Association Hall of Honor for outstanding skill and service. He received a scholarship for this honor. Galicia, now a freshman at Newman University, also received the Greater Houston Service Award Scholarship and the Ed Calcote Memorial Scholarship. The Ed Calcote Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of Ed Calcote and is awarded to a graduating senior that best encompasses the qualities he so valued and displayed during his years of coaching and service - integrity, compassion and love of the sport. Those with the honorees at the presentation included, left to right, Clear Brook bowling coach Cecil Rutherford, Brook bowling coach Roxy Casas and Brook bowling coaches Dario Vaccaro and D.J. Casas.

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