

### 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 can not 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.

### Church donates supplies

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, located at 9850 Mango, will host a school supply starter pack giveaway Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bags with a starter kit of school supplies will be distributed at the drive-thru event while supplies last.

### Heavy trash pickup planned

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Aug. 11 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Aug. 12 (second Friday of the month). August is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For information, visit [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste) or call 311.

### Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell-phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit [www.houston.gov/solidwaste](http://www.houston.gov/solidwaste) or call 311.

### Church seeks bus drivers

St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road, needs a pool of bus drivers who can be contacted when events arise requiring transportation using the church bus. Some examples of events when drivers would be needed include retreats, ministry outings, church campus-to-campus transportation, etc. For more information, visit [stlukescatholic.com/news/bus-drivers-needed](http://stlukescatholic.com/news/bus-drivers-needed).

### COVID cases decrease

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has decreased following a small increase the previous week.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 2, there had been 13,528 confirmed cases in 77089. Of those, 433 remain active, down 36 from the previous week. To date, 132 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 133 the previous week.)

In ZIP code 77075, there had been 10,625 confirmed cases. Of those, 319 remain active, down 48 from the previous week. To date, there have been 78 deaths in the ZIP code. (Harris County reported 79 the previous week.)

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there had been 9,352 confirmed cases. Of those, 317 remained active, down 28 from the previous week. To date, 91 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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](http://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.

## City, county address growing monkeypox issue

### Local officials appeal to feds for vaccine assistance

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner this past week held a joint news conference to discuss the growing number of monkeypox cases across the Houston area in what Turner described as a "public health emergency."

Both local leaders stressed the need to get ahead of the virus.

"Today's conversation was about working together to chart a different path, Hidalgo said at the event. "Together, we can get ahead of this virus. It's not the time for fear; it's the time for action from both the government and the community."

A similar sentiment was shared by Turner. "If you wait too long, you will be chasing after

the pandemic," Turner said. County and city officials presented educational awareness and preparedness plans related to monkeypox and provided testing options available for the public.

Officials said the virus is spreading rapidly across the world, and many countries are now facing high case rates. Texas has the sixth highest case count in the United States with 220 reported cases. Harris County has confirmed 57 cases. While cases remain relatively low in the region, city and county officials remain vigilant and prepared, officials said.

Hidalgo noted that while the number of cases may be rising, residents are fortunate in that there

is a vaccine, as the smallpox vaccine, developed decades ago, appears to ward off the disease.

"The spread of monkeypox is alarming, but we are not helpless," said Hidalgo. "For one, there is already a vaccine. Mayor Turner and I are asking that the federal government procure and allocate more vaccines to our region. With the right coordinated response and strategy, we can stop the spread and keep transmission under control. We're grateful to the federal leaders who helped us secure the vaccines we have now. But we need to

be prepared and get the resources we need in the event this outbreak grows."

Turner expressed agreement that more vaccines are needed for the area.

"We are the fourth largest and the most diverse (city) in the country and we need more vaccines," said Turner. "The number of cases in the Houston area is rising, and because of the limited supply of the vaccine, it is still very concerning."

The Texas Department of State Health Services

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## County cleans Beamer debris



County crews recently began clearing debris abandoned by the contractor hired to make drainage improvements to the Beamer Ditch near Scarsdale. Harris County Flood Control District officials and Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia were quick to act following a Sageglen Civic Club the previous week, in which residents expressed concerns of the debris increasing the risk of flooding this hurricane season. The *Leader* and South Belt community thank the officials for their efforts and fast response. See related photo on Page 2.

## State sales tax holiday set for Aug. 5-7

The state's annual sales tax holiday is set to take place Friday, Aug. 5, through midnight Sunday, Aug. 7.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar encourages all taxpayers to support state businesses while saving money on tax-free purchases of most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks (sold for less than \$100) during the annual tax-free weekend.

Qualifying items can be purchased tax free from a Texas store or from an online or catalog seller doing business in Texas. In most cases, one does not need to give the seller an exemption certificate to buy qualifying items tax free.

The sales tax exemption applies only to qualifying items one buys during the sales tax holiday. Items one buys before or after the sales tax holiday do not qualify for exemption, and there is no tax refund available.

**Online purchases and telephone orders**  
To promote social distancing, the Texas

Comptroller's office wants all taxpayers to know that during the Tax-Free Weekend, one can buy qualifying items online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) tax free, when either:

- the item is both delivered, and paid for, by the customer during the exemption; or
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

A seller accepts an order when the seller has acted to fill the order for immediate shipment. An order is filled for immediate shipment regardless of whether the shipment is delayed due to a backlog of orders or because stock is currently unavailable to, or on back order by, the seller.

**Delivery charges**  
Delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges by the seller are part of the item's

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## 2 men die following Fuqua altercation

Two men died early Monday, Aug. 1, following an altercation at a gas station at the intersection of Fuqua and Monroe.

Two individuals have been detained in connection to the event.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the incident began around 1:45 a.m. when two men in a white Mercedes met two men in a black Nissan Altima at a convenience store in the 10600 block of Monroe.

Police said the men were involved in some sort of transaction, and at one point, the passenger from the Nissan got into the backseat of the Mercedes. An altercation transpired inside the vehicle, then shots were fired, investigators said.

Struck by gunfire, the driver of the Mercedes ran inside the gas station, reportedly dropping large

sums of money.

According to police, the gunman then jumped in the front seat of the Mercedes and fled the scene with the passenger still inside.

The driver of the Nissan also fled the scene.

Houston police were able to locate the stolen Mercedes, and a chase ensued. During the pursuit, the passenger was thrown from the Mercedes. Police later discover the man had been shot prior to being thrown out of the vehicle.

The police chase came to a stop near Dixie Farm Road and Beamer when the driver of the Mercedes lost control and crashed the vehicle.

The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The original driver of the Mercedes was trans-

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## Legislation introduced authorizing Coastal Spine

U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, and U.S. Rep. Randy Weber recently released the following statements after introducing the Texas Coastal Spine Authorization Act which authorizes

the construction of the coastal barrier protection system known as the Coastal Spine:

"Protecting the Texas Gulf Coast isn't just an important local priority - it's a national impera-

tive," said Cornyn. "Our coastal communities are home to millions of Texans and pivotal industries that fuel our country and economy. This bill will ensure our coastline has the necessary infrastructure to help protect against future storms and I will continue fighting for this project."

"In Texas, we know how destructive storms and natural disasters can be. A coastal barrier protection system will reduce the impact of hurricanes and tropical storms, and help keep Texas communities safer," said Cruz. "It's not only an important safety measure, but it will save mon-

ey in the long term by softening the destructive power of storms along the Gulf Coast. This is a win-win, not just for Texans, but for taxpayers nationwide."

"The coastal barrier is a matter of national security. The Texas Gulf Coast is home to millions of people, countless homes and jobs, and numerous refineries. The Texas Coastal Spine Authorization Act will strengthen the resiliency of the Gulf Coast," said Weber. "It's imperative that we complete this critical barrier protection

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## County to address nuisance properties

Harris County Public Health will expand its effort to create safer, healthier and more sustainable neighborhoods across the county, thanks to the recent approval by Harris County Commissioners Court to abate or demolish properties deemed nuisances that pose a risk to public

health.

Examples of neighborhood nuisances include accumulated rubbish, standing water, conditions that harbor insects and rodents, abandoned swimming pools, high weeds and dilapidated

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## Hit-and-run crash leads to felony arrest

A hit-and-run accident at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Beamer led to a felony arrest for deputies from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office.



Enrique Galicia

Precinct 2 Evening Shift Patrol were flagged down to respond to the accident and were able to obtain a suspect vehicle description and immediately began canvassing the area.

Deputies were able to locate the suspect vehicle traveling west down the beltway feeder road and proceeded to catch up to it. Deputies observed the

suspect vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and weaving in and out of traffic.

A traffic stop was attempted, but the suspect vehicle failed to pull over immediately. Instead, the suspect was observed throwing several objects out of the driver-side window.

It was later discovered that the suspect had disassembled a stolen firearm and was throwing the pieces of it out of his car window.

The suspect eventually pulled over and was detained without incident.

Once detained, deputies completed their investigation and were able to get felony charges for felon in possession of a firearm on the suspect after it was discovered he was a previously convicted felon.

The suspect was identified as 32-year-old Enrique Galicia.

## Traffic stop leads to drug, gun arrests

On Saturday, July 16, at approximately 10:38 p.m., Harris County Precinct 8 Deputy Morgan, along with his K9 partner Duke, were conducting narcotic interdiction in the 12000 block of Beltway 8 at the Gulf Freeway when Morgan observed a vehicle exit a parking lot of a business known for a high narcotic activity.

Morgan proceeded to monitor the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop after observing multiple traffic infractions.

Morgan made contact with the vehicle and identified the driver as 31-year-old Jimmy Wayne McCartney and the passenger as 42-year-old Alan Thomas Barnes II.

While speaking with both occupants, Morgan detected several signs of nervousness.

Upon further investigation, K9 Duke was de-

plored and positively alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. Deputy Morgan proceeded to conduct a probable cause based search of the vehicle and recovered the following:

- Two handguns.
- 273 grams of methamphetamine.
- 12 grams of heroin.
- 2 grams of Xanax.
- 10.5 grams of cocaine.
- 44.5 grams of marijuana.

## Multiple felony charges leveled



A traffic stop led to multiple felony charges for Harris County Precinct 8 Deputy Morgan and his K9 partner Duke Saturday, July 16, while patrolling the 12000 block of Beltway 8 at the Gulf Freeway, an area known for drug activity. After detecting nervousness from the car's two occupants, Morgan searched the vehicle, discovering two handguns and multiple drugs, including methamphetamine, heroin, Xanax, cocaine and marijuana.

# Gun buyback successful

Due to an overwhelming response from the public, the One Safe Houston Gun Buyback collected 845 firearms and distributed nearly \$100,000 in gift cards July 30.

As a result of the unprecedented response, the event, which began at 8 a.m. and was scheduled to end at noon, did not conclude until almost 7 p.m., when the last person collected a handful of gift cards.

Dozens of vehicles were turned away due to demand and long lines. However, more than 150 people were given priority vouchers for a place in line at the next gun buyback. Mayor Sylvester Turner and the Houston Police Department will announce a date soon for a second event.

"We used best practices to plan and hold today's event. I did not know what to expect, and the turnout was overwhelming," said Turner. "The turnout demonstrates there are too many guns on our streets,

and people want to get them out of their possession. The gun buyback is not the only solution, but we can and will make our streets safer and help reduce gun violence."

The successful event was a collaboration between Turner, Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee and the Houston Police Department. U.S. Rep. Al Green, Council Member Abbie Kamin and other elected officials and community leaders attended Saturday's event at Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church.

Mayor Turner extended a note of gratitude to the volunteers and all who participated. "Thanks to all who made our gun buyback event such an incredible success. By all measures, it was one of the most successful gun buyback events in the nation. I commend the partnership between the City of Houston, HPD and Harris County, who put this event

together. The work continues. Tomorrow we'll continue to roll up our sleeves and work to stop gun violence," said Harris County Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis.

The buyback was no questions asked and the type and working condition of the gun determined the gift card amount. HPD will check each gun collected to determine if it was stolen or used in a crime. HPD will destroy all guns that cannot be returned to their rightful owners or not considered evidence in a crime.

"I am so proud of our city. People can say what they want, but time and again, Houstonians step up with common sense and love. I thank all the men and women in uniform and the volunteers who made this day successful. I knew there would be a lot of people, but even I did not think there would be this many people the first time," said Houston Police Chief Troy Finner.

# Thank you, flood control



Harris County workers on Tuesday, Aug. 2, began clearing debris from the site at Beamer and Scarsdale where a contractor hired to make drainage improvements recently abandoned the job. Many area residents have complained about the appearance of the property since work was unexpectedly halted this past April. Officials said silt fencing and debris, such as Rebar and lumber, must be collected first before any mowing could be done. See related photo on Page 1. Photo by Marie Flickinger

# Local dancer Sydney Hile to star in upcoming musical

South Belt's very own Sydney Hile (pictured at right) will star in an upcoming production of "An American in Paris" by the Bay Area Houston Ballet & Theatre.

Sydney's mother, Lisa Hile, grew up in the South Belt Area and decided to raise her own family here.

Demi-soloist Sydney Hile, 14, attended Stubberty Elementary and then Morris Middle School before shifting to home school. Dancing since the age of 3, and now in her fourth year of training at the Feijóo Ballet School, this is also her third year as a BAHBT company dance member.

"An American in Paris" revolves around the love story of an American soldier and a French girl, "set to the immortal score from George and Ira Gershwin," expresses the ballet company's website.

This upcoming musical will be performed Aug. 5-7, and 12-14 at the Bayou Theatre, University of Houston-Clear Lake. To access showtimes and tickets, visit this link, <https://bayareahoustonballettheatre.thundertix.com/events/196535>.



Photo by Caitlin Cannon Photography

# Coastal bill introduced

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As soon as possible, since it's a question of when – not if – another big storm barrels up the upper Texas Gulf Coast."

The Coastal Spine is a large-scale coastal storm risk management and ecosystem restoration project that will

help protect Texas's coast from storm damage.

Last year, Cornyn praised the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief's Report signing of the Coastal Texas Study making the project eligible to be authorized by Congress in the upcoming Water Resources and Development Act.

In Congress, Cornyn secured full funding in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 to ensure the completion of this study.

Cornyn introduced legislation to accelerate the study and worked to obtain a critical exemption from statutory costs and time limitations.

# Clear Brook City MUD negotiates with county to develop rec facility

**By Madisson Taylor Duke**

Clear Brook City MUD officials said they are in talks with Harris County officials about possibly transforming the infamous site that once housed the now-leveled South Bend neighborhood into a new park for the South Belt community to utilize.

"It was a scheme of mine for years," joked Clear Brook City MUD board member Chris Clark.

While the project itself is

still in its very early preliminary stages, site of the former neighborhood (across from the San Jac South campus, off Beamer) could potentially be turned into a recreational park in the near future.

Suzanna Castillo, community liaison for Harris County Precinct Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office, stated this project is a possibility but might not even be confirmed until next year.

While negotiations be-

tween county and city officials are still taking place, Clark and Castillo explained the proposed plans include approximately 1.5 miles of hike-and-bike trails encircling a constant-level lake and picnic tables; complete with parking and landscaping.

"We wanted to make it a positive for the community," said Clark about the property itself. If this project continues to move forward, the current-

ly fenced-in property will no longer serve as a reminder of

the far-reaching effects the Brio site had on the residents

of South Belt, but rather an

enjoyable environment for families to enjoy for years to come.



Clear Brook City MUD officials are in discussions with Harris County officials about the possibility of transforming the site that formerly housed the South Bend neighborhood into a new park. Now determined by watchdogs to be safe, the once-hazardous site previously contained 667

# Houston Food Bank plans event

The Houston Food Bank will be sponsoring a distribution pilot event at Trader's Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Parkway, to distribute fresh food to the community on Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 8 to 11 a.m. (or until product runs out). Disas-

ter boxes with nonperishable items and some produce will be distributed at this event. This is a drive-thru event, but walk-ups are welcome.

The Center of Science and Industry will also be onsite distributing learning lunchboxes

to families. The goal is to serve around 1,000 families, with approximately 50 pounds of food per household.

Tips and recipes for using the fresh produce is also available from the food bank's nutrition education department.

## 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. 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Polliwog Club. The program will explore the animal kingdom and learn about mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, spiders, and insects. Registration is required for this event.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 4 – 5 p.m. Kids Craft. Geared for kids ages 5-10.

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6 – 7:30 p.m. English Class - Money & Banking - Living English Lessons. Registration is required for this event.

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

### Book drops

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. 4, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time. This program is designed for 18 months to 4 year olds, all children and families are welcome to join.

Friday, Aug. 5, 1 – 3 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Aug. 8, 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.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 10 – 11:15 a.m. Story Time. Families with preschool age kids are welcome to join for stories and rhymes.

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 5 – 6 p.m. Teen Games – Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza. Teens/young adults are welcome to learn the chant: taco, cat, goat, cheese, pizza!

### 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).

– Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.

– Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.

– Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.

– Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.

– Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

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# Turner launches startup competition

Applications are now open for the Liffott Houston Startup Business Plan Competition, where three winners will each receive \$10,000 in seed money to fund their dreams of entrepreneurship. Applications must be received by 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19.

The competition, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, is sponsored by Capital One Bank and administered by the Houston Public Library (HPL) and the Office of Business Opportunity (OBO). Since its inception, Capital One has invested more than \$280,000 in startup funding to winners in three categories – innovation, product and service.

"For 10 years, Liffott Houston has empowered participants to achieve financial mobility through entrepreneurship," said Mayor Sylvester Turner.

"They have become key drivers to the success of Houston's economy, and they have contributed to our communities by creating jobs and by providing much needed goods and services."

To be eligible for the competition, applicants must live in, and operate their busi-

nesses within the city limits of Houston. The business should be for-profit, in operation for less than one year, and have verifiable revenue that does not exceed \$10,000. Those who are not eligible to compete can participate in the Educational Pathway, which allows access to all educational and mentorship components of the program.

Upon acceptance into Liffott Houston, participants attend workshops over a 4-month period that cover essential business topics including business planning, marketing, financing and pitching. Participants also receive additional support by professional mentors from SCORE Houston and Capital One Bank to further refine their business plans, which are required to advance to the final round of the competition.

The event culminates to Pitch Day on Nov. 5, where three businesses in each contest category are selected to present their business plan to a panel of judges.

All who fulfill requirements of the Educational Pathway receive a certificate of completion.

# Federal guidelines alter local school lunch policy guidelines

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress authorized spending that allowed schools to serve free meals for all students.

Those funds are not authorized for the current school year. As a result, Beta Academy must return to charging for school meals and offering free and reduced-price meals based on student eligibility. Starting now Beta Academy will begin distributing letters and applications to households of children in the district about eligibility benefits. Families should complete and submit the Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals online at [www.schoolcafe.com/betaacademy](http://www.schoolcafe.com/betaacademy) (registration required). Paper applications are available at both campuses' front offices or to print at [www.betaacademy.org/print-documents](http://www.betaacademy.org/print-documents).

Children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if their household income is less than or equal to the Income Eligibility Guidelines. The guidelines are effective through June 30, 2023.

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

1. Income: Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels.
2. Categorical or automatic eligibility: Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; or Food Distribution Program on Indian

Reservations Program Participant.

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster.
4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start.

Income Eligibility

For households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must complete the meal application online at [www.schoolcafe.com/betaacademy](http://www.schoolcafe.com/betaacademy) or complete a paper application to email to [cnp@betaacademy.org](mailto:cnp@betaacademy.org) or return it to Beta Academy 9701 Alameda Genoa Road Houston, TX 77075. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members.
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member.
3. Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a Social Security number, check the box for "No Social Security number."
4. Signature of an adult household member attesting the information provided is correct.

Beta is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. Beta will notify households of children that don't need

to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have, should contact Child Nutrition Director at 346-385-0203. Any household wishing to decline benefits should contact the CND at 346-385-0203.

The information provided on the application will be used in determining eligibility. Applications may be verified by school officials at any time during the school year.

Under provisions of the free and reduced meal policy, the Child Nutrition Director will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the reviewing official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request orally or in writing to the Federal Compliance Officer at 346-385-0203 or mail to Beta Academy P.O. Box 34458 Houston, TX 77234.

If a household member becomes unemployed or the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below current income eligibility guidelines. In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture civil rights regulations, this institution is prohibited

from discriminating.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling 866-632-9992, or by writing a letter to USDA containing the complainant's name, address, phone number and written description of alleged discriminatory action in sufficient

detail to inform the assistant secretary for Civil Rights about the nature and date of alleged violation. The AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

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# Monkeypox vaccines are now available

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 recently received a shipment of nearly 15,000 doses of the monkeypox vaccine, which the Houston and Dallas communities each received approximately 5,000 doses.  
 The remainder of the state doses will be provided to local health departments and DSHS regional offices to vaccinate people with a documented or presumed exposure to the monkeypox virus, officials said.  
 CDC recommends vaccination for people who have been exposed to monkeypox and people who are at higher risk of being exposed to monkeypox, including the following:  
 - People who public health officials have identified as a contact of someone with monkeypox.  
 - People who may have been exposed to monkeypox, such as people who are aware that one of their sexual partners in the past two weeks has been diagnosed with monkeypox; and people who had multiple sexual partners in the past two weeks in an area with known monkeypox.  
 - People whose jobs may expose them to orthopoxviruses, such as laboratory workers who perform testing for orthopoxviruses; laboratory workers who handle cultures or animals with orthopoxviruses; and some designated health care or public health workers.  
 Officials dispelled rumors that the disease is limited to only men who have sex with other men, stating that other groups also have known cases and that two children have now been diagnosed with the virus.  
 For additional information on the Harris County's response to the monkeypox virus, visit [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/monkeypox](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/monkeypox). For additional information on the City of Houston's response to the monkeypox virus, visit [houstonhealth.org/services/disease-prevention/monkeypox](http://houstonhealth.org/services/disease-prevention/monkeypox).

# Dobie cheerleaders qualify for All-American



Dobie cheer just completed their Universal Cheerleaders Association summer camp. Shown above are the Dobie cheerleaders who tried out and qualified for UCA All-American Cheerleader. Left to right are Makayla Johnson, Audrey Paredes, Isabella Lara, Leilani Moorman, Destiny Ramirez, Zoe Espinoza and Sarah Salazar.

# County abates nuisance property

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 structures.  
 The court approved HCPH to abate 18 nuisance properties as part of a \$3 million American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) fund to support HCPH's Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement (NNA) Program with plans to abate approximately 1,100 properties over a four-year period.  
 "We've heard from the community that, too often, abandoned structures can be havens for criminal behavior," said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. "I'm proud to support this initiative, as part of our historic, multifaceted approach to tackle crime and work toward a more vibrant Harris County."  
 The properties proposed for abatement are in violation of the Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement Act, a Texas law designed to abate public nuisances in unincorporated areas of counties throughout the state.  
 The HCPH Environmental Public Health Division conducts a thorough investigation of all nuisance properties and works closely with all four Harris County precincts to target those neighborhoods with high abatement needs based on a cyclical review of nuisance reports.  
 Following an investigation that results in a nuisance notification, a property owner or occupant has thirty days to eliminate the nuisance. Failure to comply can result in civil action or criminal prosecution.  
 "The ARPA funds support our department's ongoing mission to create healthier and safer neighborhoods and improve the quality of life of all residents," said Harris County Public Health Executive Director Barbie L. Robinson. "We are grateful for the support from the Commissioners Court today to accelerate our efforts to improve communities in all four Harris County precincts through our nuisance abatement program."  
 For additional information, visit HCPH's Neighborhood Nuisance page at [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Services-Programs/Services/NeighborhoodNuisance](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Services-Programs/Services/NeighborhoodNuisance) or call 713-274-6300.

# NASA Aglow Lighthouse names August speaker

Jeanette Simpson-Brown will be ministering at the next NASA Aglow Lighthouse Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m., at Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy 3, Webster. Jeanette is an anointed teacher of the Word of God.  
 She operates in the gifts of healing, miracles and deliverance while praying for the lost and hurting. Come with us into the Presence of The Lord, bring a friend and be blessed. Save the date, Thursday, Aug. 25 for a second August NASA Aglow Lighthouse Meeting.  
 For additional information contact Lorene Kelling at [lorenenieto@yahoo.com](mailto:lorenenieto@yahoo.com) or [nasaglow74@gmail.com](mailto:nasaglow74@gmail.com).

# Congress drops free school meals for all; reinstates applications

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress authorized spending that allowed schools to serve free meals for all students.  
 Those funds are not authorized to continue for the 2022-2023 school year. As a result, Pasadena Independent School District must return to charging for school meals and offering free and reduced-price meals based on student eligibility.  
 Starting August 1, 2022, Nutrition Services will have the online application system and paper applications available.  
 Families are encouraged to complete the application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals.  
 To apply online, visit <http://pasadena.schoollunchapp.com>.  
 The process is safe, secure, and fast.  
 If needed, instructions are available in Spanish by selecting that option on the upper right side of the first screen.  
 Once an online application is completed, it communicates to Nutrition Services office the same day.  
 Applications in English and Spanish are also available in Nutrition Services at 1515 Cherrybrook Lane. Return the completed form online or to any school office.  
 The application will determine a child's eligibility for free and reduced-price

meals and may assist in the determination of eligibility for other state or federal benefits.  
 Only one application needs to be completed per household.  
 Nutrition Services will notify the applying household of the child's eligibility.  
 The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) administers school nutrition programs in Texas and offers an eligibility calculator at [www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility](http://www.SquareMeals.org/ProgramEligibility).  
 Decisions regarding payment for school meals are made at the national-government level, not by the school nutrition team or TDA.  
 The dedicated staff at the Pasadena Independent School District is looking forward to serving healthy, balanced meals to students in the new school year. These meals, whether paid, free, or reduced-price, offer a good source of nutrition for children.  
**Criteria for free and reduced-price meal benefits**  
 The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits. Breakfast is free to all students.  
**Income eligibility**  
 - Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels.  
**Categorical or automatic eligibility**  
 - Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Program Participant Eligibility.  
 - Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster.  
 - Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start Income Eligibility.  
 For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application and return it to Mary Harryman, Director of Nutrition Services at 1515 Cherrybrook.  
 Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information, including the  
 - Names of all household members.  
 - Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member.  
 - Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security number."  
 - Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct.  
**Directly certified**  
 Nutrition Services is working with local agencies to identify all children who are directly eligible.  
 Nutrition Services will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application.  
 Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should, can contact Blanca Banda, Secretary of Nutrition Services at 713-740-0146.  
 Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Blanca Banda, Secretary of Nutrition Services at 713-740-0146.  
 Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.  
 The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility.  
 Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.  
**Determining eligibility**  
 Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Blanca Banda, Secretary of Nutrition Services will review applications and determine eligibility.  
 Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on

an informal basis.  
 Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Ben Pape, Chief Financial Officer at 713-740-0146.  
**Unexpected Circumstances**  
 If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school.  
 Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.  
 In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.  
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to USDA.  
 The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation.  
 The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or (2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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## CCART to meet Sept. 13

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its first meeting of the 2022-2023 year on Tuesday, Sep. 13.  
 The program will be presented by Harris County Precinct 8.  
 Flu shots will also be available and there will be a book sale benefiting the Children's Book Project.  
 The group will begin gathering at 9:30 a.m. for coffee; a salad luncheon will follow the meeting.  
 Members are asked to bring a salad, sandwiches or dessert.  
 The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m.  
 All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited.  
 Annual dues are \$50.

## SJC fall semester begins

San Jac officials have set the first day of classes for the fall semester for Monday, Aug. 22.  
 However, registration continues for the 2022 fall semester through Monday, Aug. 22.  
 All financial obligations not covered by financial aid, installment payment plan, third party agreement, exemption, or scholarship must be paid on the date of registration.  
 Visit [sanjac.edu/registration](http://sanjac.edu/registration) for details.

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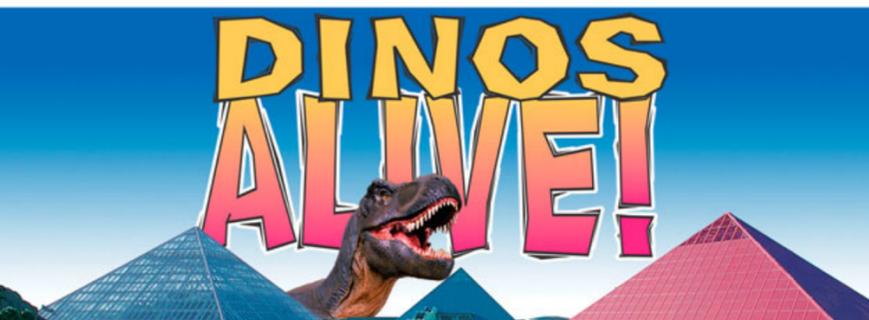
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**JFD announces 2022-2023 cheerleaders**

Dobie's varsity cheerleading squad is ready to support the Longhorns during the 2022-2023 school year. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Giselle Valencia, Leilani Moorman, Destiny Ramirez, Sarah Salazar, (middle row) Mandilyn Riley, Audrey Paredes, Isabella Lara, Ashlyn Otero, Alyssa Allen, (back row) Itzel Romero, Zoe Espinoza, Jazmyne Martinez, Kim Tovar, Adrianna Avila, Makayla Johnson, Malia Martinez, Bella Rivera, Brissa Marroquin and Angelina Sanchez.

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**Annual sales tax holiday set for Aug. 5-7**

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For example, you buy a pair of jeans for \$95 with a \$10 delivery charge for a total price of \$105. Because the jeans' total price is more than \$100, tax is due on the entire \$105 price.  
If a delivery charge is billed per item, and an invoice has both exempt and taxable items, only the qualifying exempt item's delivery charge is exempt.  
If the delivery charge is a flat rate per package, and the amount charged is the same regardless of how many items are included in the package, the total charge can be attributed to any one of the items in the package.

**2 dead following Fuqua incident**

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The passenger of the Mercedes vehicle was also transported to an area hospital, where he, too, was pronounced dead.  
Police said, however, it was unclear at press time if he was killed from the gunshot or being thrown from the vehicle.  
Police said an individual with ties to the Nissan was tracked down at a residence and also detained for questioning.  
This investigation was ongoing at press time.

**In-store purchases**  
The comptroller's office urges all taxpayers buying certain qualifying items at their local retailers to practice appropriate social distancing as described in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines during the sales tax holiday.

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**35 years ago (1987)**  
Elizabeth Pelzl, 18, crashed through the home of Ray and Christi Garcia, 11202 Sageyork. A police officer said she was apparently traveling at a high rate of speed when she hit the home.

Jason Brantly was transported by Life Flight from Trinity Pines Camp in Livingston where he was attending church camp. He suffered a neck injury after diving into shallow water.

**30 years ago (1992)**  
The H-E-B grocery store chain purchased nearly five acres of land on Beamer

Road at Kirkfair for a proposed H-E-B Pantry grocery store. H. E. Butt was the successful bidder at \$353,489 for the land.  
Dobie High School principal Jerry Speer welcomed Bob Ingram to the school. Ingram, who came from Sam Rayburn High School, replaced Merlin Mohr as Dobie's assistant principal.

**25 years ago (1997)**  
Dr. B.J. Garner was named one of three private practitioners to the nine-member Texas Optometry Board.

Pasadena Independent School District had 14 of its elementary campuses earn a "Recognized" rating by the Texas Education Agency.

Three Dobie athletes, Shaun Stanton, Nathan Mitchell and Zach Roberts, helped the Texas Heat win the AAU 17-and-under baseball national championship.

**20 years ago (2002)**  
Fourteen South Belt schools received either "Recognized" or "Exemplary" ratings from the TEA as Pasadena and Clear Creek independent school districts were named "Recognized" for a fifth and six consecutive year respectively.

More than 400 people were in attendance at the funeral service held for Dr. George "Robbie" Baylis at Sagemont Church.

There were two separate suicides in the Woodmeadow subdivision. A 28-year-

old female hung herself in the back yard of her home on Grapewood. A 66-year-old male fatally shot himself at his home on Sageglen Drive.

**15 years ago (2007)**  
Under pressure from the Leader, city officials acknowledged that nearly half of the tickets that were written for illegal possession of fireworks during the Fourth of July holidays were issued in error.  
The tickets in question were given on Beamer between Astoria and Dixie Farm Road.  
The northbound lanes are within the city limits and affected by the fireworks ban, but the southbound lanes are not. Those who received tickets faced fines of up to \$2,000 and had their fireworks confiscated.  
Clear Creek Independent School District Superintendent Sandra Mossman announced her plans to retire on Jan. 2, 2008.  
Mossman had served at this post since January 2003 and was the first female superintendent in the district's history.  
Three new Thompson Intermediate staff members were confirmed at a district board meeting on Tuesday, July 24.  
These included new principal Angela Stallings, new assistant principal Dan Hopie and new counselor Erin Richardson.

**10 years ago (2012)**  
After all votes were counted in the controversial runoff race for the Democratic nomination of Harris County Precinct 2 constable, candidate Chris Diaz expanded his lead over Zerick Guinn from three to 16. The announcement came just one week after the Harris County Clerk's Office marred the July 31 results, which originally showed Guinn to have a significant lead with nearly all precincts reporting, prompting party leaders and others to call for an inquiry.  
Longtime South Belt resident Cynthia Hendricks died along with her mother, Dorothy Kissinger, in a house fire July 30, in Weston, Texas. Hendricks was in Weston visiting her mother at the time of the fire, which investigators believe was caused by an overloaded electrical circuit.  
A Girl Scouts volunteer for 28 years, Hendricks also devoted much of her spare time to helping the volleyball and soccer programs at Clear Brook.  
**5 years ago (2017)**  
The Clear Creek Independent School District announced the second class of inductees for the district's Athletic Hall of Honor. Due to the volume of alumni worthy of such an honor, 2017 nominations were only considered for candidates active or enrolled from 1948 to 1972 and whose athletic career was linked to the former Webster High School or Clear Creek High School.  
In all, 12 individuals were inducted, including 12 student athletes and one coach. The 2017 CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Inductees included the following student athletes and coach: Kathleen Trcka Taylor, Clear Creek High School, 1960 (tennis and basketball); Bill Doty, Clear Creek High School, 1962 (basketball); Dwayne "Curley" Lenox, Clear Creek High School, 1963 (basketball); Rosemary Fleener Durham, Clear Creek High School, 1964 (basketball and volleyball); Paul Hackett, Clear Creek High School, 1966 (basketball, baseball and football); Terry Mathis, Clear Creek High School, 1967 (baseball and basketball); Steve Stewart, Clear Creek High School, 1967 (football); Larry Kelly, Clear Creek High School, 1967 (football, basketball and track); Mike McClelland, Clear Creek High School, 1968 (cross country and track); Richard Huhn, Clear Creek High School, 1968 (basketball); Jody Medford, Clear Creek High School, 1971 (football); and, posthumously, Coach Max Blansit, Clear Creek High School, 1960-1989 (track and football).

**1 year ago (2021)**  
Harris County Public Health announced the county had surpassed 5,000 COVID-19 deaths. The milestone had been met the previous day.  
Earlier in the week, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo raised the county's COVID-19 threat level amid a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations fueled by the spread of the Delta variant and a slowdown in vaccinations.  
The threat level was raised from yellow, or moderate, to orange, or significant, in the midst of the spiking cases during a fourth wave of the pandemic.

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**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 4 through Aug. 10.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Dee Davis** Aug. 9.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Send birthday greetings Aug. 5 to **Isabel Amaya** and **Daniel Kornelis**. **Guadalupe Trevino** celebrates a birthday Aug. 8. Send a happy birthday greeting Aug. 10 to **Cassandra Moon**.

**Genoa Elementary**  
**Emily Delano** celebrates a birthday Aug. 4.  
Join in a birthday celebration Aug. 7 for **Erica Halligan**.

**Moore Elementary**  
**Patty Valdez** celebrates a birthday Aug. 6. Break out the balloons and party favors for **Gisela Villagarcia** and **Rosie Brown** Aug. 7.

**South Belt Elementary**  
**Jacquelyn Anderson** is wished a happy birthday Aug. 5. **Salma Mezozi** celebrates a happy birthday Aug. 10.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Aug. 7 are sent to **Elida Delafuente**. Send birthday greetings to **Jessica Reed** on Aug. 8.

**Melillo Middle School**  
**Melissa Torres** celebrates a birthday Aug. 4. Remember to wish **Audrey Medina** a happy birthday Aug. 7. Enjoying a special birthday Aug. 10 is **Kayla Joos**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Sing a happy birthday song Aug. 10 to **Kevin Schulba**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Sing a chorus of a birthday song Aug. 10 to **Yvette Giron**.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Longhorn team tennis serves up busy stretch

A string of 14 matches in 25 days begins Aug. 5 as the Dobie team tennis squad helps christen Friendswood High School's new on-campus tennis facility under the lights as part of a 7 p.m. start.

Dobie, looking to reload after a couple of years of considerable graduation losses, has Ashley Huynh and Hailey Maldonado leading the way on the girls' side of things, with Dominic Ortiz and William Ho heading the boys' ladder.

Dobie's busiest week of the 2022 fall season will commence Aug. 8 as the locals host opponents on five consecutive days, including Dickinson Aug. 8, Region III power Dawson Aug. 9, neighboring Clear Brook Aug. 10; with Clear Creek visiting Aug. 11 and Ridge Point rounding out things Aug. 12.

Longtime Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. acknowledged prior to the start of preseason workouts that his team's schedule is daunting, yet he's confident growth will come from it.

"We are going to take some lumps early on, but I've always believed you improve by facing solid competition," Moreno said.

"The ultimate goal is to be as prepared as possible for district play, and we will certainly have played a lot of tennis by then."

Dobie will compete in each of its District 22-6A battles in September, beginning with two-time defending league champion Deer Park Sept. 6 at Dobie. If the schedule holds true - no rainouts - the Longhorns will have played 15 nondistrict matches by then. Let the fun begin.

## High school volleyball season nears start

At right, Dobie juniors Aly Frias (4) and Alexa Gonzalez (11), both returning All-District players from the 2021 volleyball squad that went 25-12 overall, led this year's varsity squad into preseason workouts Aug. 1. Dobie will scrimmage at Barbers Hill Aug. 5 and will host a tri-team scrimmage Aug. 6 at Dobie. For more details on the start of the 2022 season, see Page 8.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

### Aug. 9 Openers

**Dobie at Baytown Sterling Varsity 6 p.m.**

**Clear Brook at St. Agnes Varsity 5:30 p.m.**

**LSA hosts Iowa Colony Varsity 6:30 p.m.**



## Clear Brook, Dobie football coming soon; freshmen under way, returnees start Aug. 8

Clear Brook's Patrick Sanders and Dobie's Demond Stafford will lead their respective football programs into action against one another to open the 2022 regular season later this month, and preseason preparation is now ongoing.

The University Interscholastic League set forth Aug. 1 as the practice start date for incoming freshmen, while all other returnees will hit the field for the first time Aug. 8. By Aug. 11, roughly two weeks prior to opening night, everybody will don football pads.

Sanders and Stafford are first-year head coaches at their current schools but have vast experience in the Region III ranks.

Sanders was last at Deer Park High School as the program's defensive coordinator as the Deer claimed the 22-6A championship in 2021.

When then Wolverines' head coach John Towels this summer took over the

Lewisville Hebron head job, Clear Brook in late June tabbed Sanders to take over.

At Dobie, Stafford arrived in March to replace the departed Kevin Berneathy, who's now at La Porte.

Stafford, for three seasons before now the head coach at Sam Rayburn, is

a former Dobie assistant coach and finds himself leading the way.

Dobie will scrimmage at Clear Springs High School Thursday, Aug. 18, with freshmen in action at 4:30 p.m., junior varsity play at 5:30 p.m. and then the varsity groups at 7 p.m.

The Longhorns will

then host the Wolverines Friday, Aug. 26 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. as the two programs go against each other for the first time in 15 years. The 2007 Wolverines handed Dobie a defeat. As for now, both programs want to start anew with a win on Aug. 26.



At right, Dobie's Cameron Mathews got his feet wet at the varsity level in 2021 as a freshman and will now have an opportunity for a considerably bigger role this season. The Longhorn returnees begin preseason workouts Aug. 8.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

## Team Tennis Gets Started

**Dobie at Friendswood Fri., Aug. 5, 7 p.m.**

**Aug. 8 - Dickinson, 3:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 9 - Dawson, 3 p.m.**

**Aug. 10 - Clear Brook, 2:30 p.m.**

**Aug. 11 - Katy, 2 p.m.**

**Aug. 12 - Clear Creek, 9 a.m.**

## Dobie great Kramer reaches TTCA hall

Former longtime Dobie High School tennis head coach Bobby Kramer has been selected for induction into the Texas Tennis Coaches Association's Class of 2022 Hall of Fame.

Kramer, who in 2017 was welcomed into the Dobie High School Hall of Honor, presided over the Longhorns' tennis program from 1977 through 1995, putting together a stellar 18-year run.

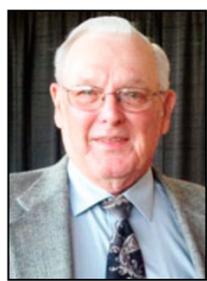
Under Kramer's leadership, the Dobie girls' program won five straight District 23-5A crowns from 1983 through 1987, with the Dobie boys championing the 23-5A ranks from 1985 to 1987.

Dobie reached the Region III semifinals in 1985, 1986 and 1987, pushing through to the regional finals in 1986.

In the spring of 1986,

Kramer watched as two of his top boys' players, Bobby Burton and Steven Scarbrough, won the Region III spring doubles crown and played in the state quarterfinals.

Kramer, who now resides in Uvalde, will be inducted into the TTCA Hall of Fame Dec. 9 at the organization's annual convention and banquet at the Horseshoe Bay Resort in Horseshoe Bay, Texas, roughly 45 minutes west of Austin.



Bobby Kramer

## Bay Area Football League kicks off Aug. 13

The first several days of preseason practices are in the books as the Bay Area Football League moves toward the start of the 2022 regular season, which

kicks off Saturday, Aug. 13 across the Southeast Houston area.

The Sagemont Cowboys will open the season with a road trip to take

on the Southeast Houston Wildcats, who play their home games at 4911 Holy Bay Court in Pasadena. Meanwhile, the Southbelt Dolphins will also hit the

road on opening weekend, facing the East End Eagles at Gragg Park, 6200 Wheeler St. in Houston.

With full rosters at each of the program's five lev-

els, the Cowboys have as many as 130 youth players set to compete this season, and athletic director Denry Wranich Jr. said things are moving ahead just fine as opening day approaches.

"Everybody is excited, and this promises to be a great season for us and the entire league," Wranich said. "We have some new kids and new families, and we have two first-year head coaches to go with three returning head coaches."

"To evolve and to continue to grow as a program and as a league, you need new faces coming into the mix. The league has been in existence for 46 years (1977), and we certainly plan to make 50 years and beyond."

Also the athletic director for the BAFL organization, Wranich is thrilled to see growth within the league as 19 programs in all will take to the field for 2022. This summer, BAFL fired up a 9-on-9 league for the first time, which was deemed a huge success.

"As a league, we are always exploring ways to

## Intermediates making plans

The Pasadena ISD intermediate athletics season won't officially begin until the start of school Aug. 16, but coaching staffs at Beverly Hills and Thompson are making plans ahead of time.

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff has announced girls' volleyball tryouts for the 2022-2023 school year.

Incoming eighth-grade students will try out from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, while the tryouts for incoming seventh-grade students will be held from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Team practices for seventh- and eighth-grade teams will begin Aug. 18-19 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. both days.

The Pasadena ISD intermediate volleyball season begins Aug. 31, with Beverly Hills playing at Jackson.

Also, first-year head football coach Joseph Peterson has laid out some key dates for the Bears' football program.

From Aug. 8-10, the Bears will attend a Back

to School camp from 3 to 4:30 p.m. each day, and Peterson and his staff will also host equipment pickup days Aug. 11-12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m., with players required to attend one of the days.

At Thompson, the Lions are gearing up for the start of the 2022-2023 school year as the football staff has set football equipment pickup sessions both Aug. 5 and Aug. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.

2022 preseason football practices begin Aug. 16,

which is the first official day of classes.

Football players will practice in pads for the first time Aug. 20, and the season begins Aug. 27.

Prior to the start of the regular season, the Lions and Bears have elected to go against one another in scrimmage action.

The intermediate volleyball season opens Aug. 31 with Beverly Hills playing at Jackson and Thompson hosting Park View. Matches begin at 5 p.m.

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### Sagemont Cowboys 2022 BAFL Schedule

Aug. 13 at SE Houston Wildcats  
 Aug. 20 Angleton Wildcats  
 Aug. 27 at Hitchcock Red Raiders  
 Sept. 3 Barbers Hill Eagles  
 Sept. 10 League City '49ers  
 Sept. 17 Bye week  
 Sept. 24 Manvel Texans (HC)  
 Oct. 1 at Pearland Texans  
 Oct. 8 Bay Area Buccaneers  
 Oct. 15 at Pasadena Panthers  
 Oct. 22 Southbelt Dolphins (HC) Homecoming weekend

Game times: Pee Wee - 8 a.m.; Seniors - 9 a.m.; Juniors - 11 a.m.; Sophomores - 1 p.m.; Freshmen - 3 p.m.

### Southbelt Dolphins 2022 BAFL Schedule

Aug. 13 at East End Eagles  
 Aug. 20 Alvin Raiders  
 Aug. 27 at Angleton Wildcats  
 Sept. 3 League City '49ers  
 Sept. 10 Barbers Hill Eagles  
 Sept. 17 Magnolia Park Sharks  
 Sept. 24 Bye week  
 Oct. 1 Pearland Patriots  
 Oct. 8 at Santa Fe Braves  
 Oct. 15 Brazosport  
 Oct. 22 at Sagemont Cowboys (HC) Homecoming weekend

Game times: Pee Wee - 8 a.m.; Seniors - 9 a.m.; Juniors - 11 a.m.; Sophomores - 1 p.m.; Freshmen - 3 p.m.

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### Dobie grad Morris boosts HSU Readies



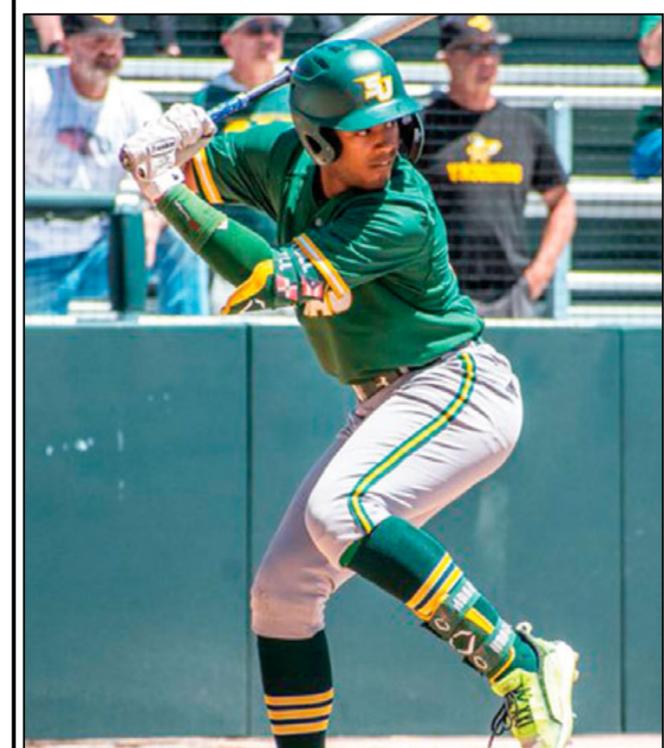
Dobie Class of 2018 graduate Kris Morris (22) will look to build on a solid first season at Henderson State University as the Readies open the 2022 campaign ranked 22nd in the College Football America NCAA Division II pre-season poll. Morris, a redshirt sophomore, rushed for 329 yards on 69 carries as he saw action in seven games as a freshman a season ago. The Readies open the 2022 season Sept. 1, hosting Southwestern Oklahoma State. Morris was a four-year varsity football standout during his time at Dobie.

### Miles signs with Italy's Mantova



Mantova basketball of the EuroLeague has announced the arrival of guard Anthony Miles for the 2022-23 season as the Clear Brook High School graduate continues his stellar professional basketball career abroad. During 2022, Miles dominates in the Jordanian championship with the Al Widhat shirt, with which he ends signing 22.9 points per game.

### SJC's Ceballos doesn't sign; to Oregon instead



San Jacinto College's Sabin Ceballos was selected in the 14th round by the Anaheim Angels in last month's MLB draft but did not sign by the Aug. 1 deadline and instead will honor his commitment to the University of Oregon in the coming days. Ceballos hit .338 with 14 doubles, eight homers and 46 runs batted in to help pace the Gators to the 2022 JUCO World Series.

## Pasadena ISD 2022 Varsity Football Schedule Set

<u>Dobie</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Pasadena</u>	<u>Rayburn</u>	<u>South Houston</u>
Fri., Aug. 26 Clear Brook, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 25 Randle, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 25 at Milby 7 p.m. Delmar Stadium	Fri., Aug. 26 at Caney Creek, 6 p.m. Moorhead Stadium	Fri., Aug. 26 at Baytown Lee, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Sept. 1 at Grand Oaks, 7 p.m. Woodforest Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 1 at Kempner, 7 p.m. Mercer Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 1 Spring Woods, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 2 Milby, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 3 Houston Sterling, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Fri., Sept. 9 at Dickinson, 7 p.m. Vitanza Stadium	Fri., Sept. 9 at Clear Brook, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 9 (HC) Washington, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 8 Santa Fe, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 9 at Clear Lake., 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Fri., Sept. 16 at Lamar 7 p.m. Delmar Stadium	Fri., Sept. 16 (HC) Clear Creek, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 17 Sam Houston, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 17 at Chavez, 6 p.m. Barnett Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 15 Westside, 7 p.m. Barnett Stadium
Thurs., Sept. 22 *Deer Park, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 24 *at Rayburn, 6 pm. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 23 *at S. Houston, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 24 *Memorial, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 23 (HC) *Pasadena, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Sept. 29 *at Pasadena, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 30 *S. Houston, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 29 *Dobie, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 30 *at Channelview, 7 p.m. Maddry Stadium	Fri., Sept. 30 *at Memorial, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Fri., Oct. 7 *at Memorial, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 7 *at Dobie, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 7 *at Deer Park, 7 p.m. Abshier Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 13 (HC) *S. Houston 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 6 *Channelview 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Fri., Oct. 14 *at Channelview, 7 p.m. Maddry Stadium	Fri., Oct. 14 *Deer Park, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 20 *Memorial, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 21 *at Dobie, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 13 *at Rayburn, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Fri., Oct. 21 (HC) *Rayburn, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 20 *at Pasadena, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 28 *at Channelview, 7 p.m. Maddry Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 27 *Deer Park, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 28 *Dobie, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
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## Clear Creek ISD 2022 Varsity Football Schedule Set

<u>Clear Brook</u>	<u>Clear Creek</u>	<u>Clear Falls</u>	<u>Clear Lake</u>	<u>Clear Springs</u>
Fri., Aug. 26 at Dobie, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 25 Kingwood, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Aug. 26 Pearland 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Aug. 27 at Dulles, 6 p.m. Mercer Stadium	Fri., Aug. 26 Katy, 7 p.m. Challenger Stadium
Fri., Sept. 2 Bay. Sterling, 7 p.m. Challenger Stadium	Fri., Sept. 2 Deer Park, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 2 at Summer Creek, 7 p.m. Turner Stadium	Fri., Sept. 2 at Angleton, 7 p.m. Wildcat Stadium	Fri., Sept. 2 at Shadow Creek, 7 p.m. Freedom Field
Fri., Sept. 9 (HC) Pas. Mem., 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 9 at Channelview, 7 p.m. Maddry Stadium	Fri., Sept. 9 at Lamar, 7 p.m. Delmar Stadium	Fri., Sept. 9 S. Houston, 7 p.m. Challenger Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 8 at Klein For., 7 p.m. CFISD Stadium
Fri., Sept. 16 at Deer Park 7 p.m. Abshier Stadium	Fri., Sept. 16 at Pas. Mem., 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 15 Heights, 6 p.m. Challenger Stadium	Fri., Sept. 16 Channelview, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 15 Huntsville 7 p.m. Challenger Stadium
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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.  
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7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
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 meeting, 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 6**  
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-

2815 prior to coming.  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7**  
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 8**  
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.  
6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. 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 virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.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 9**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
10:30 a.m. Tri County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. To RSVP, visit www.tricountyrw.club/ or call Gaylyn at 832-250-8901.  
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 10**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
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.  
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

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# Area volleyball teams have lofty expectations in 2022



Dobie's Ariana Garza (hitting) returns for her junior season after she was a first-team All-District honoree recognizing a standout sophomore campaign in 2021 as the Longhorns won 25 total matches. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

It'll take time for many of the answers to develop, but there are plenty of intriguing questions that come with the start of the high school volleyball season from a local standpoint.

Within the District 22-6A ranks, Deer Park has ruled the roost over the previous two seasons involving the current group of competitors.

The Deer have reeled off 24 consecutive victories in league play through 2020 and 2021 and will be favored again this time around as the two-time defending champion.

A rival of Dobie's for decades, Deer Park has controlled the head-to-head series for many seasons.

In fact, Deer Park head coach Cortni Cox has won 92 consecutive league matches dating back to her debut during the 2015-2016 school year, and the program last lost within district play during the 2012-2013 school year.

This time around, Deer Park is set to lean on a roster that is stacked from a season ago. Junior Tatum

Busch had 180 kills, while senior Ella Gilbert added 173 and Emmaleigh Vincent had 163 more.

Junior setter Kayleigh Dyson returns after dishing more than 540 assists a season ago, so the Deer would appear to have things well in order as the 2022 season dawns.

No one understands more than Dobie the power that Deer Park has displayed really for a couple of decades, but that won't stop the Longhorns from having some big expectations themselves after a 25-12 run a season ago that included 10 wins in 12 league games.

Dobie has spent the off-season reworking its plan of attack after the graduation of 22-6A Most Valuable Player Natalie Onozie.

Head coach Dawn Sexton, who last season won her 400th career match and now enters her eighth season at Dobie, has a trio of returning first-team All-District players to rely on, including Aly Frias, Alexa Gonzalez and Ariana Garza.

As sophomores in

2021, Gonzalez had more than 230 kills, and Garza had more than 130. Frias, meanwhile, was one of the top-performing liberoes in the Houston area as she had 375 digs.

While Onozie will certainly be missed at setter, Gonzalez actually led the team with nearly 450 assists as she prepares for her second varsity season.

From a 22-6A overall standpoint, Memorial usually puts itself in position for a playoff run as Kasey Fernandez has had an outstanding run as head coach.

In 2021, Memorial was third in the league standings at 8-4 as the Mavs went 22-17 overall. Pasadena was the fourth-place team, going 6-6 in the standings.

In the 24-6A ranks, can Clear Brook make a move back to the postseason after winning just three times over the past two league seasons?

Kailyn Hitch and Olivia Hines are attack options up front, and Kennedy Thompson led the team in blocks a season ago and returns at blocker. Raina

Cantu is also a great option in the attack as the Lady Wolverines aim to get back in the mix.

Clear Falls, Clear Creek and Clear Springs all have very good teams on paper and would appear to be the top candidates to reach the postseason.

Clear Brook went 11-1 to win its first Class 6A league crown three seasons ago and has struggled since, but with much of the roster returning from a season ago, head coach Meredith Thompson has to have plenty of optimism.

How good can Lutheran South be this season under the guidance of head coach Geoff Stressman in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II District 4 ranks?

Junior libero Taylor Crain has announced her collegiate commitment to Baylor University following a sophomore season in which she delivered 360 digs.

Kenna Sambrano led the Pioneers in kills as a freshman with 165, and Makynna Robbins had more than 115 as she

heads into her junior season.

Remy Keller also had more than 100 kills last season, and transfer Kirra Musgrove is on the scene after starring at Clear Falls as a freshman last season.

There are many possibilities out there to go with the questions that need to be addressed.

One thing is for certain. The programs at Dobie, Clear Brook and Lutheran South plan to be in the mix for big success this season.

The matches start Aug. 9 as it all unfolds across the state.

## Lutheran South Pioneers 2022 Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 9	Iowa Colony	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 11-13	at AVA tourn.	TBA
Aug. 16	at Incarnate Word	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 23	at St. Pius	6 p.m.
Aug. 25	at Cypress Christian	6 p.m.
Aug. 30	at Legacy/Sports Sciences	6 p.m.
Sept. 1-3	at Pop North tourn.	TBA
Sept. 6	at Beaumont Kelly	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	St. John XXIII	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 9-10	at Fast tourn.	TBA
Sept. 13	TWCA	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	*at Frassati	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	*F.B. Christian	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	*at Emery Weiner	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	*Second Baptist	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Beaumont Kelly	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	*at St. John XXIII	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*at TWCA	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	*Frassati	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at F.B. Christian	6 p.m.
Oct. 19	*Emery Weiner	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*at Second Baptist	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	HHA	6 p.m.

\*TAPPS District 4 matches

## Clear Brook Lady Wolverines 2022 Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 9	at St. Agnes	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 11-13	at Pearland tourn.	TBA
Aug. 16	Kingwood	6 p.m.
Aug. 18, 20	at Dickinson tourn.	TBA
Aug. 19	at Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 23	Jersey Village	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	at Cy-Creek	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 30	at Summer Creek	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 1/3	at Clear Creek ISD tourn.	TBA
Sept. 2	at Deer Park	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	*Alvin	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	*Clear Falls	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 13	*at Brazoswood	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	*Clear Lake	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	*at Clear Creek	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	*at Clear Springs	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	*at Dickinson	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	*Clear Falls	6 p.m.
Oct. 7	*Brazoswood	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	*at Clear Lake	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	*Clear Creek	6 p.m.
Oct. 21	*at Clear Springs	6 p.m.
Oct. 25	*Dickinson	6 p.m.
Nov. 3	Bidistrict playoff round	TBA

\*District 24-6A matches

## Dobie Lady Longhorns 2022 Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 9	at Baytown Sterling	6 p.m.
Aug. 12	G.C. Memorial	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 16	Crosby (Phillips F.H.)	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 18/20	at Dickinson tourn.	TBA
Aug. 19	at Marshall	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 23	Spring	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 25-27	at Battle of Brazos tourn.	TBA
Aug. 30	at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 1/3	at Santa Fe tourn.	TBA
Sept. 2	at Shadow Creek	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	La Porte	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	*Deer Park	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	*at Pasadena	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	*Memorial	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	*at Channelview	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	*Rayburn	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	*at South Houston	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Manvel	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	*at Deer Park	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	*Pasadena	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	*at Memorial	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	*Channelview	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	*at Rayburn	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	*South Houston	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Bidistrict playoff round	TBA

\*District 22-6A matches

### Meet the Team set at Dobie9

The Dobie freshman football program will host a Meet the Team pre-season celebration Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Dobie9 dining hall, with events set to begin at 11 a.m.

The freshman group began pre-season workouts Aug. 1, and all other returning players will get started Aug. 8.

The subvarsity regular season starts Aug. 25, with the varsity game Aug. 26 against Clear Brook.

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