



# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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### Dobie holds open house

Dobie High School will hold an open house Monday, Sept. 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dobie9 will hold its open house Monday Sept. 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

### Post 490 BBQ cook-off set

American Legion Post 490 and the International BBQ Cookers Association will host the 12th annual Championship BBQ Cook-off Sept. 10-11 at 11702 SH 3/Old Galveston Road.

To be judged are brisket, ribs and chicken. Entry fee is \$150 (all). A Brody Mary contest will also be held. Entry fee is \$10.

Prizes will be 100 percent of entry fee. The event will feature barbecue, hamburgers, breakfast, 50/50 drawings, refreshments, liquor basket raffle and gun raffle. All entries must be received by 9 a.m. Sept. 10.

For additional information, email officemanager@legion490.com, call 281-481-1179 or text 832-657-3518.

### HOA meets Sept. 16

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 16, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, at 7 p.m.

All residents are encouraged to attend. For more information, visit sagemeadow.org or email at info@sagemeadow.org.

### Active COVID cases down

As of Wednesday, Sept. 8, there were 198 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up three from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 7,036 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 614 remain active, up one from the previous week. To date, 76 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 562 of the 5,241 confirmed cases remain active, down 66 from the previous week. A total of 59 from the ZIP code have died, no increase from the previous week.

Of the 5,353 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 559 remain active, down 56 from the previous week. To date, 63 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up three from the previous week (one less than the county initially reported).

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

Countywide, there have been 511,277 total confirmed cases. Of those, 455,456 have recovered from the disease, while 50,390 cases remain active, down 679 from the previous week. A total of 5,399 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

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

### Highway 3 closures set

At least one northbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to El Dorado Boulevard daily (excluding Sundays) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 24.

### Beltway closures planned

At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Kirby to Bellfort daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 17.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Oct. 7.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at Genoa-Red Bluff daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, Sept. 11.

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

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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

Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Blvd. ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

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

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

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

Both the northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps between IH 610 South Loop and Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31. The closures are associated with an ongoing project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

### Class of '91 holds reunion

Tickets are currently on sale for the J. Frank Dobie High School Class of 1991's 30th reunion, to be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Black Swan nightclub at the Omni Hotel, located at 4 Riverway, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. To follow the event online, visit www.facebook.com/groups/dobiehsclassof91. To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketstripe.com/jfrankdobieclassof1991reunion. For additional information, email Noel Aleman at noel.aleman1@gmail.com.

## At least 4 former JFD students die of COVID

### All 4 died the first three days of September

At least four former Dobie students died this past week from complications associated with COVID-19.

William Wendell Prevost, 59, died Sept. 2; Thuy Epperson (Class of 1989), 50, died Sept. 1; Linda Jackson Salas (Class of 1984), 55, died Sept. 3; and Sam Eaves (Class of 1979) died Sept. 2; all died from problems related to the disease. (See related obituaries on Page 2.)

The deaths come as the number of COVID-19 cases continues to grow nationwide with the advent of the novel Delta variant. At least one of the victims had not been vaccinated. At least one was also suffering from underlying conditions.

At the time of his death, Prevost was living in

Nacogdoches, where he worked for Drewery Construction for more than 24 years and was a faithful member of the Harvest Point Church.

A local insurance agent for State farm, Epperson was involved in numerous events in the South Belt community, including the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, where she helped organize the Kids Fun Zone.

Eaves was also active in the South Belt community, serving on the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department for nearly 40 years. Eaves also served in the Houston Fire Department until 2017, when he retired with almost 36 years of service. Eaves served with HFD stations 8, 15, 28, 57, 59, 70 and 72 throughout his career.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department will hold a walking procession in Eaves' honor from The Gardens to Peevey Funeral Home along Beamer Thursday prior to his funeral.

Salas' death came quickly, according to her brother, with her testing positive for COVID-19 just around a week before her death.

"Woke up this morning realizing that yesterday

was not just a nightmare ... it is my reality," Salas' daughter Brittany Swanson posted on Facebook Sept. 4. "And that reality is that my mom is no longer here. We are heartbroken. Shocked. Lost."

Swanson encouraged people to get vaccinated. "If you have not gotten your vaccination for coronavirus, please use me and what I am going

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## Group petitions to increase Pct. 2 budget

A local group is currently collecting signatures to petition Harris County to increase the budget of Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia.

The South Belt Coalition contends that Precinct 2, which covers much South Belt, is underfunded when compared to others in the county.

The petition reads as follows:

"I hereby sign this petition in support of Constable Jerry Garcia in his effort to bring much needed police services to our precinct. I want the same police services that are afforded to residents and citizens in the other highly funded precincts. With the rise in crime, and because our precinct has been historically neglected and underfunded, I am requesting that Commissioners Court fund the requests made by Constable Garcia on Jan. 7, 2021. The safety and security of our communities is very important to us. When Commissioners Court reviews the request of Constable Garcia in September 2021, please consider my request."

The Garcia letter in question urged Commissioners Court to make the Precinct 2 budget more equitable to that of the other constables.

"Our precinct has been historically underserved and underprotected. When we arrived on Jan. 1, 2021, we found a neglected, depleted fleet, outdated computers, very few body cameras, an understaffed dispatch and a desperate need for additional deputies among other things. Our department is severely underfunded and has been for many years," Garcia said in the letter. "I understand that we can not immediately request monies that would place us in a position to be equal to some of the highly funded constables offices. I do believe however, that we can take steps to provide our residents with similar police services that are afforded to other residents who live in the better funded precincts."

Garcia is asking for 30 more deputies, five more dispatchers and 81 new body cameras. Precinct 2 currently has 16 cameras, and they are outdated, the constable said.

There has long been a large disparity in the amount of annual funds received by each of the eight constable precincts, with Precinct 2 and Precinct 8 (which also covers much of the South Belt area) being the lowest two in the county.

In the 2021 county budget, Precinct 2 received \$10.2 million, and Precinct 8 received \$9.5 million. On the other end of the spectrum, Precinct 4 received \$59 million.

In 2016, Precinct 2 had a population of 343,514 and covered 108 square miles, bringing funding levels to \$29 per person and \$93,518 per square mile. Conversely Precinct 4 had a population of 981,369 in 2016 and covered 472 square miles, bringing funding levels to \$59 per person

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## Little League meeting erupts into chaos

A local Little League meeting erupted in chaos Wednesday, Sept. 1, at El Franco Lee Park, as warring parents shouted at each other and league officials.

District officials had called for the meeting after receiving complaints from angry parents in the area about how the local league was being operated.

The Leader was in attendance and covered the meeting but has not received a follow-up response from district officials. See next week's paper for more details.

## Original Sagemont building demolished

Sagemont Church's original building on Hughes Road was leveled by a demolition crew Monday, Aug. 30, bringing nearly a half century's worth of memories down in a mere few minutes.

Originally known as Sagemont Baptist Church, the facility opened in 1966 as a mission of First Baptist Church in Pasadena.

First Baptist Church had initially purchased property on Red Bluff as a possible mission expansion but later sold the land after learning about the new Sagemont community being developed.

The church was contacted by Ayrshire Corporation, the company responsible for developing the Sagemont community, which said it wanted the new community to have good schools and at least two churches.

Ayrshire had set aside two pieces of property for churches, each with 5.46 acres. The Presbyterian Church bought the first tract of land, and First Baptist Church of Pasadena purchased the second.

Each piece of land cost \$48,000, or \$8,500 an acre. First Baptist Church of Pasadena paid cash for the land.

The next step was to construct an 11,000-square-foot building for \$128,000 and furnish it at a cost of no more than \$160,000.

When Sagemont Church first opened, there

were only 200 houses in the Sagemont community. Many of the new homeowners had come from out of state to work at the newly formed NASA. New homes in the area cost between \$13,500 and \$19,200.

Among those living in the burgeoning new community were 14 members of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena who said they were willing to be a part of the new church startup.

On Feb. 27, 1966, the church voted for John D. Morgan to serve as pastor of the new church.

Morgan was the son of Dr. L.D. Morgan, who served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Pasadena for more than 33 years. It was First Baptist that licensed and ordained John Morgan, as he continued his studies at Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, earning bachelor's degrees from both.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, 1966, the first service was held in the new Sagemont Baptist Church building drawing 151 attendees.

Of those 151 people, 40 joined the church that day, moving their memberships there from other area churches. That night, another 11 people joined.

When Sagemont first opened, its budget was \$2,765 per month, with \$1,350 going toward

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## Pro-Garcia group holds drive



A newly formed local group called the South Belt Coalition is currently collecting signatures to petition Harris County to increase the budget of Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia. The group collected more than 100 signatures Saturday, Sept. 4, at a collection event held at The Gardens. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Precinct 2 Deputy Martha Torres, Capt. Marcus Anderson, Linda Webster and Judy Harrison. Photo by Cecelia Ganje

## County extends \$100 vax incentive

Harris County Public Health has extended its COVID-19 vaccination \$100 cash card incentive program until Sept. 14, due to the program's overwhelming response over the last two weeks.

"There are some signs we may be reaching a peak to this plight, but the numbers are catastrophically high right now," said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. "They are off the charts."

Harris County residents who receive their first COVID-19 vaccination from any provider in the county are eligible for the \$100 cash card incentive.

Last week, county leadership and HCPH ex-

panded eligibility criteria for the \$100 COVID-19 vaccine cash card incentive to include first doses received in all other providers in the county. Over the last 14 days, HCPH has provided more than 34,000 first-dose vaccinations across all HCPH sites, and the percentage of eligible population in the county who have received their first dose of the vaccine has risen to 72 percent.

Hidalgo said the recent surge in cases has filled up area hospitals, with much of it being preventable.

"We have limited beds, limited supply of nurses

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## Pct. 8 sees porch package theft spike

Officials from Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office have reported a recent surge in porch package thefts.

Most of the thefts have occurred during the day while people are typically at work.

Officials ask that if residents see anyone or anything suspicious in their neighborhood, they should immediately contact the Precinct 8 24-hour dispatch center at 281-488-4040 (option 1).

Also, if anyone has any surveillance video they think may be helpful, they should share it with the Precinct 8 office by sending an email to

ConPct8@hctx.net.

The Precinct 8 constable's office offers the following tips to help prevent stolen packages:

- Have packages delivered to your workplace or place of business.
- Track your packages and sign up for delivery alerts.
- Require a signature upon delivery.
- Choose in-store pickup if available.
- Ask a neighbor to collect any packages that are left at your door.
- Install visible surveillance cameras.

## Crews respond to Sagemont house fire

A house caught fire in the 11000 block of Sageburrow around 5:10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Houston firefighters arrived on scene within five minutes to find fire and heavy smoke coming from a two-story home. They made an interior attack and began a primary search.

However, conditions worsened, and they exited the home. Once the fire was under control, the search was completed, and crews confirmed everyone had made it safely out of the home.

The fire was fully extinguished, and HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin.

Damage was estimated at approximately \$350,000.

No injuries were reported.

Firefighters from stations 70, 71, 52, 61, 93 and Rehab 17 responded to this incident.

At press time, the cause of the blaze remained under investigation.

## Pct. 2 deputies join massive drug busts

For the past several weeks, deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit have worked in collaboration with numerous other local law enforcement agencies to recover large amounts of narcotics.

Two investigations have resulted in large amounts of cash, narcotics and weapons being taken off the streets.

During one investigation, deputies located some of these narcotics in a residence within the Precinct 2 area.

Upon entering the residence, deputies and local agencies discovered approximately 1,500 pounds of marijuana, 16 kilos of cocaine, numerous weapons and several thousands of dollars. All items were seized, and this investigation

remained open at press time. In another investigation, deputies along with other agencies recovered almost 9 kilos of black tar heroin.

"Garcia's top priority is the wellbeing and security of Precinct 2 residents," a post on the constable's Facebook page stated. "He will continue to do his part and provide support wherever it is needed. This number of illegal narcotics and weapons being removed from the streets is a great accomplishment. These operations are very dangerous, and Constable Garcia would like to commend the numerous officers involved. Please know that we are constantly working to provide you all with a better quality of life. Please stay safe and may God bless you all."

## Fallen firefighter remembered



Emergency responders are shown above flying an American flag at Grace Church on the Gulf Freeway in honor of fallen Houston firefighter Tanner Reed, who died Friday, Sept. 3, after being hospitalized with COVID-19. Reed, 39, served as an engineer operator for HFD Station 10. He had been with the Houston Fire Department since 2003. Reed was the fourth HFD member to die from the disease. Photo by James Bolen

# Publisher's Opinion

## Time to take care of taxpayers, not buddies

Please read the below editorial by Bill King. It is a follow-up to one he wrote last week. I have checked into this situation, and King is accurate.

How can the county judge justify this blatant misuse of power?

What is worse is, why are the major Houston news outlets, with the exception of local FOX, ignoring this \$11 million issue?

How in the world do you give an \$11 million contract to one person, who is not even in the business addressed by the contract when the UT Health Center had a lower bid, but was declared unqualified?

I am told this is a personal matter; the judge is upset

at UT and does not want them to have the contract. The way the bid process should work is best price and most qualified.

This \$11 million dollar contract appears to have gone to the least qualified yet highest bidder.

This bid really should be recalled and rebid. This is not good for the taxpayers, and bottom line is that the taxpayers are the real losers.

Come on, Hidalgo; time to take care of the taxpayers, not buddies!

Please read King's opinion.

Publisher,  
Marie Flickinger

## In My Opinion

### Hidalgo Lied by Bill King

Hidalgo Lied I lauded County Judge Lina Hidalgo for committing to not take campaign contribution from county contractors shortly after she was elected, a campaign finance reform I have long supported. I congratulated her when she returned a campaign contribution from a strip club owner, something practically no other politician has done. But, folks, there is no way to sugarcoat this.

When Hidalgo told Harris County residents at the last Commissioners' Court meeting that there was nothing irregular about the \$11 million contract to a one-person company run out of a Montrose apartment, she lied. In his blockbuster report, Greg Groogan has laid bare just how rotten this deal is. Groogan obtained documents that show Elevate Strategies did not win the ranking competition by the selection committee as Hidalgo represented. In fact, it came in second behind UT Health Science Center (UTHSC), a sixty-year-old institution with 5,600 employees, nearly \$600 million in annual revenues, and

a half-billion dollar endowment.

Here were the original rankings by the selection committee: Of course, you will immediately note that Elevate Strategies' bid was almost three times the next bid (by UTHSC) and that its score was 20% lower than UTHSC. But it gets worse.

Three of the five committee members (Triantaphyllis, Dunn, and Nader) work directly in Hidalgo's office. I was not able to find any public health experience or education background for any of them on their online profiles. The other two members (Sasu and Lofton) do not work directly for Hidalgo. Sasu has a master's in public health and spent seven years with the CDC. Lofton works for the Harris County Public Health and has a master's degree in public health from UT.

The three members of the committee who work directly in Hidalgo's office and have no apparent public health experience gave Elevate Strategies scores of 50, 52 and 50, respectively. The two members who do not

### William Wendell Prevost



William Wendell Prevost, 59, passed away Sept. 2, 2021 in Nacogdoches, Texas. He was born to Ormond Wendell Prevost and Rosalie Ann Fullerton on Dec. 29, 1961 in Houston.

Most often known as Bill to his friends, he was preceded in death by his father; sister, Catherine Ann Prevost; maternal grandparents William and Agnes DeMent and his paternal grandmother, Faith Prevost Stedman.

William is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ann Prevost; his mother and her husband David Leo Fullerton; his brother Michael Anthony Prevost and wife Terri Lynn Prevost and their two children Cameron Michael Prevost and Kristin Gail Prevost; and his brother Stephen Christopher Prevost.

He is also survived by his uncle David Stedman, Sr., and his family. Other relatives he leaves behind include his nieces Deidre Leigh Ellis and husband Paul Ellis and children Ava and Aria Ellis; and Hannah Butcher and son Maxwell Paul.

He is also survived by many family members on his wife's side of the family on whom he left an imprint of love that will forever mark their lives. Many of these family members considered William as their dad, Paw Paw and a friend. These include Kevin (Dorothy's son) and his wife Angela Restelle from Queen City, Texas and their children Bill Restelle and Becky Lynn "Lyden" Restelle and her husband David Lyden and their daughter Norma Ann. He also leaves behind Dorothy's son Duane Restelle of San Antonio, Texas.

William worked for Drewery Construction in Nacogdoches for over 24 years and was a faithful member of the Harvest Point Church.

There will be a memorial service/celebration of life in the near future (most likely online) and the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, any donations be made to the Arms of Hope in Medina, Texas whose mission is to transform the lives of disadvantaged children (orphans) and widows to provide hope, support and nurturing.

One can visit the page at <https://armsofhope.org/about-us/>.

### Sam Eaves



Southeast Volunteer Fire Department would like to recognize and honor Sr. Capt. Samuel Eaves' life of service. Eaves was the definition of what a firefighter is and should be. Samuel, or Sam, as his crew liked to call him, served his community his entire life. He died on Sept. 2.

In high school, Sam was an impressive athlete, playing on the football and track teams at Dobie and Beverly Hills. Three years after graduating from Dobie High School in 1979, Sam followed in his father's footsteps by joining the Houston Fire Department on April 17, 1982.

Sam served at Houston fire stations 8, 15, 28, 57, 59, 70 and 72 throughout his career. Over the years Sam's dedication, passion, knowledge and experience helped him to be promoted to engineer operator, captain and then to the rank of senior captain.

Not satisfied in serving just one fire department, in 1992 Sam joined Southeast Volunteer Fire Department which served the very community in which Sam grew up.

His love and pride at being a firefighter was only surpassed by the love and pride he had for his family, including his three sons Kyle, Kody and Kole Eaves. If Sam knew one, one knew about his boys, and one always had to see latest pictures of his boys playing baseball.

He served in the Houston Fire Department until Nov. 30, 2017, when he retired with almost 36 years of service. Once retired, instead of taking it easy, Sam started serving more days for SVFD. His presence at the fire station was always felt, from his signature sweet tea, to his years of experience and knowledge. Around the station Sam's contributions were almost always delivered with the love and saltiness that was Sam.

During emergencies, Sam was always proactive and quick to lend a hand to anyone. Sam's professionalism and desire to help was always evident to all those that served with him. He served SVFD for 29 years. During his last month of service at SVFD, Sam contracted COVID. He fought for over a month before losing his life serving the community in which he grew up.

His sons, grandsons Kean

# Deaths

and Kendall, along with the entire rest of his family takes great pride in the firefighter that their father, brother, uncle and grandpa was. All who knew and worked with Sam feel privileged to have been a part of, and witness, to the life of service he lived. He served the South Belt community his entire life. Sam did it with a fire, passion and dedication that few can fathom.

Southeast Fire Department will add his name to the permanent Wall of Honor in front of the main fire station located at 10510 Scarsdale Blvd, in honor of his service to the South Belt Ellington neighborhoods.

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She and her husband were high school sweethearts having met while working part time at Academy. After finishing her studies at the University of Houston, they traveled coast-to-coast representing PricewaterhouseCoopers for several years. Greg began a career in the oil and gas industry in Houston.

Having children and traveling for work nationwide Monday through Friday were not conducive to family life. They decided that she needed a career option that would provide her with a better home and work life balance. She spoke English, Vietnamese and Spanish.

With help from her mother-in-law, Ann Howell, she decided to pursue a career as a State Farm agent in Houston, which has a large Vietnamese and Hispanic population. She was extremely successful on this State Farm endeavor.

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### Thuy Nguyen Epperson



Thuy Nguyen Epperson passed peacefully with her loving husband, Greg, by her side holding her hand on Sept. 1, 2021. She was born on May 16, 1971.

Thuy was a truly inspirational story of how desire and hard work leads to suc-

cess. She, her mother and father, her four sisters and two brothers were born in Nha Trang, Vietnam. They escaped the Communist takeover of Vietnam with nothing but the clothes on their back. Eventually, they made their way to Houston where they and her siblings were raised. Their father, Truong Nguyen, and mother, Bong Nguyen, insisted that their children receive an education in America. They excelled academically at J. Frank Dobie High School and later at the University of Houston.

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### Local library events set

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

**Bracewell Branch Library**

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

**Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is available by appointment**

Contactless curbside services, known as HPL To Go, are available by appointment. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

**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.

All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Dec. 31, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020.

**Parker Williams Library**

Parker Williams Library has now officially reopened its doors, subject to limited capacity. See the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for information. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

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

**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 at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Curbside hours are: Monday - 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>.

Thursday, Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time. Join John Harbaugh for a program on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 11 a.m. Bilingual Vietnamese Storytime with Kathy Pham. Visit Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary for singing and fun in English and Vietnamese.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 5 p.m. Teen Advisory Board. Looking for a way to volunteer? Need to get some hours in for National Honor Society? Join John Harbaugh for the Parker Williams Virtual Teen Advisory Board. For an invitation to the Microsoft Teams meeting or additional details, mail send an email to [john.harbaugh@hcpl.net](mailto:john.harbaugh@hcpl.net).

## Houston USO donates to military

The Houston United Service Organization is once again being the force behind the force by heading up a donation drive to gather items to support the military impacted by Hurricane Ida. On Friday, Sept. 3, the Houston USO set up a drop off in the American Legion Post 409 on Old Galveston Road and in four short hours the USO was able to collect enough items to fill up a large trailer that headed to Louisiana with much needed supplies. The community stepped up and donated multiple pallets of bottled water,

diapers, wipes, toiletries and much clothing. USO Houston serves over 10,500 soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen and their families who are based in Greater Houston. From the moment they enlist at MEPS, throughout their travel in the airports, on bases across the world and now through their transition into the civilian life following military service with the Pathfinder Program, they are committed to be the force behind the forces.



Houston USO held a donation drive to gather items and deliver them to support the military that was impacted by Hurricane Ida. Shown above are, left to right, Stephanie Tanner, Michelle Cox, Josh Meadows, Valerie Stines and Denise Burleigh who were all USO volunteers.



Shown above are, left to right, Terri Riemer, USO operations supervisor; Ron Lynn, Coast Guard; Nick Hallmark, Chief Gunners Mate at U.S. Coast Guard; Bobby Hitchcock, Coast Guard; and Espiridon "Speedy" Zuniga, USO operations and program manager. The three coast guardsmen shown were the ones who traveled and delivered these items to Louisiana this past weekend.

## 4 die from COVID

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through as an example of what you do not want to experience," Swanson posted. "It is unimaginable. I will never force my views/options on anyone. But this life is real. It is awful. Please do not allow you and your family to be in my position. Get vaccinated in memory of my mom." For information about getting vaccinated in Harris County, visit [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov).

## Scrabble Club resumes in-person

Scrabble Club #511 has resumed meeting Mondays at 6 p.m. at IHOP, 11222 Fuquat. Join the group for fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccinations required. Call 281-488-2923 for questions or for more information.

## Leader checks out social media

**By Natalie Abarca**

A member of the Neighbor's app posted a video of two suspects breaking into vehicles Wednesday, Sept. 1 on Durham Park near Monroe Road. The member states that the suspects took a 9 mm gun from the member's son's vehicle and there were several other vehicles that were broken into in the area. The member made a police report.

A member of People of Sagemont Facebook page posted that there was a house break-in Wednesday, Sept. 1, on Astoria Boulevard and Flushing Meadows during the day. The member states that the person/persons broke in through the bathroom window and took some of the member's valuables.

Another member of the same Facebook page posted a video of an individual that was caught on their surveillance Saturday, Sept. 4 in the Clearbrook Meadows subdivision checking if the member's front door was unlocked. The member wanted to alert the community to keep a lookout.

A member of Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert Face-

## book page posted a picture of their vehicle that was stolen from the Blackhawk Boulevard and Beltway 8 area, Thursday, Sept. 2 at 2 a.m. The member is asking for help from the community from anyone with information if one has seen the vehicle or has surveillance footage that may help the member locate the vehicle. The car is a red Honda with plate NKJ2700.

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## Family saves crying kitten from a tree

On Saturday, Aug. 28 Judy Harrison was walking along Sagegen in the Wood Meadow 1 neighborhood. She came upon two women and two children standing in an esplanade who were concerned about a kitten meowing and appearing to be stuck in a tree. Another area resident, Antonio Aviles, stopped and upon realizing their concern went to his house to retrieve a ladder. After several attempts to climb high enough to rescue the kitten, Aviles returned to his house to get a long pole. While the women and children held the ladder in the back of his truck, Aviles was able to reach and push the kitten out of the tree. Aviles took the kitten home with him Shown, left to right, are Candida Paz, Antonio Aviles with kitten, Francisco Torres and Angel Paz.

Photo by Judy Harrison

## Dobie cheer escorts named for 2021-2022



The Dobie cheer escorts help the cheerleaders by spotting them and doing stunts with them. They also showcase the D-O-B-I-E flags. Every time Dobie scores they

## Group petitions to increase Precinct 2 budget

Continued from Page 1 and \$124,576 per square mile. Precinct 6, which has less people and less land area, received \$75 per person.

Precincts 2 and 8 have 81 deputies each, while precincts 1, 4 and 5 have between 350 and 450 deputies each.

Coalition member Judy Harrison said she supports Garcia and his efforts.

"Our Constables are essential to the safety and security of our community. Constable Jerry Garcia has asked for more funding so that he can bring much needed police services to our precinct, our community," Harrison said. "I support him and his efforts to increase the Precinct 2 budget so he can effectively police our neighborhoods."

In addition to signing the petition, the group encourages concerned residents to end letters and emails to Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo.

Residents are also urged to attend Commissioners Court and possibly speak. (All speakers must sign up in advance.)

The coalition's goal is to collect 5,000 signatures. At

press time, it had collected around 3,500.

The South Belt Coalition held a drive-thru signing event Saturday, Sept. 4, at The Gardens, attracting more than 100 people.

A similar function is scheduled to take place Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Sagemont Church Annex, located on Hughes Road at Beltway 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Those unable to attend the collection events may contact Harrison at 281-507-4027 to make arrangements to sign the petition. A copy is also available at the Leader office, located at 11555 Beamer at Beltway 8, to sign?

All signatures must be submitted by Tuesday, Sept. 14.

**South Belt Coalition**  
The South Belt Coalition was created approximately one month ago in an effort to better the community and promote positive change in the area.

It consists of all of the heads of local civic groups and HOAs, as well as other concerned citizens.

"It's neighbors helping neighbors," said coalition member and community activist Judy Harrison. "We want a neighborhood we can

be proud of. We want things cleaned up and looking good. We want the neighborhood to be well policed and low crime. We want clean ditches."

The above signature-collecting campaign is the coalition's first official project as a group. Other concerns involve the growing homeless issue in the South Belt area and flooding in the community, Harrison said.

The coalition meets each

Thursday morning at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road, at 9 a.m. The meetings are open to the public, and all concerned South Belt residents are urged to attend.

## Original Sagemont torn down

Continued from Page 1 debt – a principle from day No. 1. Insurance was \$75 a month and all utilities totaled \$125. Sunday school literature was \$50, and the pastor's salary was \$500 per month, which many at the time thought was too high. The church's total yearly budget was \$33,000.

Sagemont Baptist Church was officially dedicated Dec. 11, 1966.

**John D. Morgan student building**  
With the original building now torn down, Sagemont Church is moving forward with its plan to construct the new John D. Morgan student building in its place.

Part of the church's NVision program, the new student building will give teens a place to congregate and focus on their faith.

The new building will include the following features:  
– 44, 856 total square feet.  
– Two-story design, with

stairs and elevator.

– Pre-engineered metal building with brick and stucco exterior to complement the Children's Building and Worship Center Building.

– Metal roof with a peak and slope to complement the other buildings on campus.

– Foundation height will be 1 foot 9 inches higher than the HRA foundation to resist future flooding.

– Interior design to appeal to students, with exposed metal and industrial/modern features.

– Seven classrooms on the first floor for Bible study. One classroom also can serve as a gaming room. Ten pod breakout rooms are also located on the first floor.

– Large first-floor worship space to accommodate 577 people.

– Large second-floor worship space to accommodate 999 people.

– Eight classrooms on the second floor for Bible study. One classroom also can serve as a gaming room, and one can serve as a Connection Center.

– Large indoor gathering space.

– Small kitchen capable of producing food and drink items for snack bar area.

– Covered walkway on west side of the building with green gathering space.

– Limited number of parking spaces adjacent to the outdoor gathering area.

– Student Ministry offices located on the first floor.

The new student center will also feature basketball, ping pong, gaga ball, video games, a coffee shop and more.

Construction of the new facility is estimated to cost around \$12 million and is expected to take between two and three years to complete.

## Helping victims

Clear Creek ISD campuses are coming together to help their neighbors in Louisiana dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. Many of the students remember the impacts Hurricane Harvey had on this community, so they are stepping up to give back.

Clear Springs High and Clear Falls High collected donations earlier this month.

Clearside Intermediate will participate as follows:

Campus: Creekside Intermediate, 4320 W. Main St., League City, TX 77573.

– Collecting: nonperishable food, water, tarps, tools, cleaning supplies, work gloves, dust masks and safety glasses.

– Dates: through Sept. 10.

– Drop-off location: Creekside Intermediate front office.

## Bay Area Singles set Sept. 18

The Bay Area Singles monthly dance is Sept. 18, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Lodge located at 5204 Hwy 3, in Dickinson, Texas 77539. Post 6378.

All Alvin singles are invited to attend. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. For information, call 281-470-2750 or 281-337-3112.

## Young Toastmasters meet

The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club is open to everyone in the community who wants to practice communication skills in a friendly atmosphere. The group meets every Monday (except holidays) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., adjacent to the fire department.

The next meeting is Sept. 13. For additional information, call Karen at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/>.

## Green Thumb lecture set Sept. 13

The Green Thumb Gardening lecture "Permaculture" presented by Harris County Master Gardeners with Houston Community College is set for Monday, Sept. 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This is a free virtual lecture and one can register early at [hccs.edu/community-learning-workshops](https://hccs.edu/community-learning-workshops).

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## County extends \$100 vaccine incentive

Continued from Page 1 to support them. We've seen emergency rooms close. We've seen vital surgeries continue to be delayed," Hidalgo said.

"This should not happen anywhere in America, but especially not in Harris County, especially not when we have a vaccine that is readily available, that is free and that works."

Harris County residents who receive their first dose of the vaccine between Aug. 26 and Sept. 14 can fill out a brief online form to see if they are eligible to receive a \$100 virtual cash card by text message or email.

Residents who come directly to an HCPH vaccination site will be given the \$100 cash card after the vaccination.

Individuals who do not live in Harris County, did not receive a first dose between the eligibility dates or have already received an incentive

## Clear Brook students place top 5



Ariella Calili won first place at her first competition.

The Clear Brook Speech and Debate team started the 2021-2022 tournament season with top places in several different events.

At the Foster/Fulshear Swing at Foster High School on Aug. 27-28, the team started its quest to open up routes to the state tournament in Portland,



Zahra Virani placed second in Informative Speaking.

Texas. As the curtain closed on the tournament, the team ended with three competitors making a name for themselves on the Houston area speech and debate circuit.

At her first competition, team historian, Ariella Calili landed an impressive first place in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking. Additional-

## Dobie JV cheer team makes appearance



Dobie junior varsity cheerleaders made their first appearance in Dobie JV's win over Elsik on Thursday, Aug. 26. Shown above, left to right are (front row) Bris-

sa Marroquin, Bella Rivera, Itzel Romero, (back row) Adrianna Avila, Vianey Alanis, Malia Martinez and Giselle Aguirre.

## Dobie cheerleaders

of the week



Above is Damaris O'Der.

Dobie cheer team announced their cheerleaders of the week for Sept. 3. The cheer team and coaches would like to congratulate them on their hard work and dedication to the team.



Left is Gabbi Lozano.

## SJC opens new Welcome Center building

San Jacinto College marked the grand opening of the new central campus Welcome Center, Wednesday, Aug. 25, with elected officials, community members, faculty and staff.

Though the new facility officially began servicing students in 2020, the grand opening event was delayed due to restrictions with COVID-19.

The new 43,000 square-foot building is a central hub for student services including educational planning, financial aid, enrollment services, business office, testing, veteran services, career services and orientation and campus tours.

"We are continually looking at how we can better serve our students with new facilities that meet them where they are as today's modern student," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor.

"This centralized location for student services is just one of the ways we are ensuring that students have access to all of the essential enrollment and financial services they need in order to succeed in completing their associate degree or technical certificate."

The building also has a new computer lab and multipurpose room to serve as a space for workshops, trainings, campus events, orientations and presentations.

"At San Jacinto College, we are focused on removing barriers for our students," said Joanna Zimmerman, associate vice chancellor, student services. "This welcome center is a one-stop shop for our students to get all of the assistance they need to help get them enrolled, and stay enrolled, at the college."

The Welcome Center is one of several new facilities throughout the district that was approved in 2015 through a \$425 million bond referendum approved by voters.

The referendum allowed San Jacinto College to build new facilities, remodel nine buildings that are at least

30-years-old and update infrastructure and security.

"In addition to the Welcome Center, we are excited about the opening of a new classroom building that is constructed of mass timber," said Van Wigginton, provost, central campus. "This new instructional building will represent a first for our region and our nation. When the doors to this new building open later this year, it will represent the largest instructional building in the U.S. constructed from mass timber."

For more information and updates to the newest construction projects, visit [www.sanjac.edu/bond](http://www.sanjac.edu/bond).

Locations are available at [HoustonEmergency.org](http://HoustonEmergency.org) or by calling 832-393-4220.



## Morris names Butler, Teacher of the Month

Morris Middle School congratulated their Teacher of the Month, Ryan Butler (center). Butler is willing to step in and help in any situation with a great attitude. One can see him first thing in the morning setting up traffic cones or in the afternoon, too. Butler went above and beyond in helping with dismissal duty the first week of school as well as with morning duty. Butler works to build relationships with students and staff, and always has a positive attitude and nice things to say to everyone. Butler is a longtime trailblazer that has shown longevity with hard work and dedication. Shown above, left to right, are Allison Lewallen, principal; Butler and Robin Cate, assistant principal.

## Mohamad honored at Morris



Morris Middle School highlighted Fatima Mohamad (right) as their Trailblazer of the Month. Mohamad exemplifies all the Trailblazer guidelines for success with her positive attitude and contagious demeanor. Not only has Mohamad done an amazing job academically since last year, she is also a leader on the campus who takes the initiative to help her fellow classmates as she excels in her own academic endeavors. This year Mohamad volunteered to help translate for one of her classmates and she has done this willingly and with excellence. It is always refreshing to see a Trailblazer help a fellow classmate, but even more so when the help comes with a smile and from a truly kind heart. Mohamad always has a smile as she walks through hallways. During transitions, Mohamad constantly greets staff and always shows concern for the well-being of others. Mohamad's attitude, dedication and kindness make her the perfect Trailblazer of the month. Shown with Mohamad is Allison Lewallen, principal.

## Carmelites meet Sept. 15

The Carmelites, a nondenominational senior citizens social group is going strong, meeting the first and third Wednesdays of each month at St. Bernadette Church, located at 15500 El Camino Real (corner of El Dorado and El Camino), in Clear Lake City. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. and are filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles. Anyone age 50 or older may be a member. There are no dues.

Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for four trips: an Italian, Spanish and French Riviera cruise; Mackinac Island; the Grand Hotel; and Niagara Falls and Utah's Mighty National Parks by Rail. The motor coach trip to Big Bend is Oct. 25-29, 2021, with registrations being taken now. Plan to come and join the fun.

For additional information on meetings and planned trips, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.

## NASA Aglow names September speaker

NASA Aglow Lighthouse will host Apostle Darrell McManus as the speaker who will minister Thursday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to noon at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster.

McManus is a senior pastor of the Church on the Beach in Galveston, and of Church on Fire, and founder of Darrell McManus Ministries. With a 40-year Holy Spirit-filled ministry, McManus is a prolific Bible teacher with a powerful healing anointing.

The public is invited. Social distancing will be honored. Plan to join in as attendees experience the presence of the Lord. Bring a friend or anyone who needs salvation, healing and deliverance. One will be blessed and they will be set free by the power and might of Holy Spirit for the glory of our Father.

NASA Aglow is a part of Aglow International, an interdenominational organization of God-seeking women with more than 200,000 members meeting together each month through local Aglow groups in 177 countries.

For additional information, email Lorene Kelling at lorenenieto@yahoo.com.

## CCISD moves to stage 3 in COVID cases

The Clear Creek Independent School District is monitoring the number of COVID-19 cases as well as absences due to illness and self-reported quarantine. In accordance with the 2021-2022 CCISD Health Mitigation Protocol, the district moved to Stage 3 due to a community outbreak of COVID-19 and the number of active cases districtwide is above 1 per cent of the student/staff population. The third indicator regarding attendance remains within the historical range.

Listed below are the additional measures the district has put in place:

- Increased pandemic cleaning across Clear Creek ISD which will provide enhanced cleaning in schools with positive COVID-19 cases.
- Air filters have been upgraded systemwide to capture smaller respiratory droplets.
- Air conditioning run

times have been extended to provide additional air exchanges throughout the day.

- Reopened the form for parents to indicate whether their child is required to wear a face covering as this will allow campus staff to monitor the use of face coverings.
- Face coverings will be more visibly available in classrooms and common areas for student use.
- Elementary classrooms will move to temporary school-to-home (remote learning) if a cluster of cases is identified.
- All schools have been notified to reassess instructional settings, classroom seating arrangements, recess patterns, and cafeteria spaces to provide as much distance as possible.
- As practicable, meetings and some school-based events may be held virtually, outdoors, or temporarily postponed.

On Aug. 19, The Texas

## ARB seeking applicants for service in 2022

Applications for Appraisal Review Board (ARB) members are being accepted by District Judge Robert K. Schaffer, administrative judge for the state district courts in Harris County.

Service on the ARB would begin January 2022. Applications from Harris County citizens interested in ARB service must be submitted by the applicant directly to Schaffer through the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) human resources division to be considered. Applications from third parties will not be accepted.

Applications are being accepted now until vacancies are filled.

The ARB is a citizen board that sits in panels of three to

hear testimony and review evidence in order to determine property owner protests which cannot be resolved informally with HCAD.

Members will be required to serve at the HCAD offices and will be expected to be prepared and capable of conducting virtual hearings on their personal computer.

The ARB is not part of the appraisal district. If selected to serve on the ARB, the member would not be an employee of HCAD or qualify for benefits.

Service on the review board does not constitute a full-time job, but members are compensated per diem when conducting hearings and attending ARB meetings.

ARB members are required to attend ARB meetings in addition to serving on panels for actual ARB hearings.

The Harris County ARB conducts hearings throughout the year. However, board service is generally a full-time commitment during the peak hearing season, which runs from mid-May through October.

The scheduling volume during this time period requires that members be available to serve all day, every weekday and several Saturdays. ARB members are not always scheduled every day but must be available to serve if needed.

Candidates for the ARB must be current residents of Harris County, having resided in the county for at least two years; must be up to date on property tax payments for property in Texas or show the tax is being paid under an installment agreement; and must not have served all or part of three previous terms as an ARB member. Persons who fall into any of the following categories are not eligible to serve:

- An individual currently employed by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, or who is a member of the governing body, an officer, or a full- or part-time employee of a county, city, school district, community college district, MUD, or any other entity supported by local property taxes.
- Former governing body members, or officers of a tax-

## Home Grown lecture set Sept. 16

Home Grown lecture "Growing Microgreens at the Windosill," will be presented by Brandi Keller, Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension Agent-Horticulture, Thursday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. This is a free virtual lecture and one can register at <https://homegrown2021Q3.eventbrite.com/>.

## M.A.D.D. honors Pct. 8 deputies



Four deputies with Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office were recently recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or M.A.D.D., for their efforts in DWI enforcement. Deputies shown above being honored by the group, left to right, are K. Langley, A. Gomez, M. Self and C. Calhoun. The organization also recognized Precinct 8 as an Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency.

## J. Frank Dobie High School Class of 1991 30-Year Reunion

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# Remember When

**45 years ago (1976)**  
 A 100-ton bulldozer traveled approximately a quarter of a mile unattended in Kirkwood South. It was apparently started by vandals who fled. It demolished two homes then crashed into a third. It stopped after coming within 4 feet of 7-year-old Sharon Boggan who escaped uninjured.

Local politicians including Tom Bass, Shell Martin, James Wells, and a representative for Bill Caraway were featured speakers at the Beverly Hills Civic Club meeting.

Several Kirkwood South residents attended a meeting regarding the organization of a civic club for the subdivision. Craig Myers was chosen as acting president, Roy Behrens as acting vice president and Glenn Harris as acting treasurer.

During the first eight months of 1976, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department had made more responses than in all of 1975.

**40 years ago (1981)**  
 Houston mayoral candidates Louis Macey and Kathy Whitmore visited the Sagemont Civic Club.

Burglars attempted to steal a 2,000-pound safe from the Safeway grocery store on Hughes at the South Belt. Police theorized that the burglars broke into the store and carried the safe to the rear of the store on a dolly where they loaded it onto a stolen U-Haul truck. However, when the truck pulled away from the bay, the safe slid out of the truck and was apparently too heavy to lift back.

**35 years ago (1986)**  
 Dobie graduate John W. Sencay, 23, was killed near Baybrook Mall after the car in which he was riding was hit broadside by a pick-up truck.

A Texas Education Agency

**20 years ago (2001)**  
 Due to the terrorist attacks on Tuesday, Sept. 11, between one-fourth and one-half of students were taken out of local schools before the end of the day.

An F-16, similar to those which left Ellington Field to accompany President George W. Bush's flight on Sept. 11, was on display at the entrance to the Texas Air National Guard section of Ellington Field. The 147th guarded Air Force One as it was thought to be a target of terrorists.

A total of three shootings were reported in the South Belt community over a four-day period.

**15 years ago (2006)**  
 Deputies from Constable Gary Freeman's office received several calls regarding family disturbances and assaults.

Michelle Reynolds was named assistant principal at Thompson Intermediate.

The Lockheed Martin Corporation was awarded the contract to develop and design the next space vehicle to succeed the shuttle - the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV).

**10 years ago (2011)**  
 The City of Houston released the results of a violation sweep in the Sagemont subdivision, with a total of

180 citations being issued. The block-by-block campaign was done at the behest of the Sagemont Civic Club. The civic organization initially requested that the city enforce its heavy-trash regulations, but officials responded with a comprehensive sweep that found violators of multiple city codes and ordinances. Of the 180 citations issued, 49 were for heavy-trash violations, 20 were for junk motor vehicles and the remaining 111 were for minimum standard violations, such as high grass, peeling paint and trash on property. Violators were subject to fines ranging from \$50 to \$2,000.

**5 years ago (2016)**  
 A home on Corkwood near Grapewood was destroyed by fire Tuesday, Sept. 6. The fire was electrical in nature. No one was injured in the fire.

**1 year ago (2020)**  
 An alleged robber was fatally shot around 10 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, at an apartment complex in the 10100 block of Windmill Lake Boulevard. The male shooter, 21, also suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. According to police, the victim parked his vehicle when the suspect approached him with a pistol and demanded his keys. While still holding him at gunpoint, the suspect allowed the victim to remove some personal items from the vehicle. At this time, the victim was able to retrieve his own gun, and fearing for his life, turned it toward the suspect.

Both individuals exchanged gunfire and each was struck at least once. The victim was able to run away and call 911. Paramedics responded to the scene and transported him to the hospital. Officers found the suspect a short distance from the robbery scene, where he was pronounced dead. No charges were immediately filed.

**30 years ago (1991)**  
 A man reported to be in his mid-20s removed a window pane in a Rainbow Valley home. He then entered the room, put his hand over a 10-year-old girl's mouth, grabbed her and carried her from her bed. She fought him as he took her outside. She managed to slip out of her nightshirt and get away from

cy hearings examiner recommended to State Education Commissioner W. N. Kirby that the Green Tee Terrace subdivision be allowed to detach from the Clear Creek school district and be annexed by the Pearland school district.

**25 years ago (1996)**  
 At the annual South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce banquet, Billy Burge of the Ayrshire Corporation was named Citizen of the Year.

No Brio contaminants showed up in underground water which was tested up to 2 miles from the superfund site.

the man and seek help from her father.

The arrest of two men in a rent-by-the-week motel in the 6700 block of Telephone Road was expected to clear up as many as 60 burglaries, 14 of them in the South Belt area.

**20 years ago (2001)**  
 Due to the terrorist attacks on Tuesday, Sept. 11, between one-fourth and one-half of students were taken out of local schools before the end of the day.

An F-16, similar to those which left Ellington Field to accompany President George W. Bush's flight on Sept. 11, was on display at the entrance to the Texas Air National Guard section of Ellington Field. The 147th guarded Air Force One as it was thought to be a target of terrorists.

A total of three shootings were reported in the South Belt community over a four-day period.

**15 years ago (2006)**  
 Deputies from Constable Gary Freeman's office received several calls regarding family disturbances and assaults.

Michelle Reynolds was named assistant principal at Thompson Intermediate.

The Lockheed Martin Corporation was awarded the contract to develop and design the next space vehicle to succeed the shuttle - the Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV).

**10 years ago (2011)**  
 The City of Houston released the results of a violation sweep in the Sagemont subdivision, with a total of

180 citations being issued. The block-by-block campaign was done at the behest of the Sagemont Civic Club. The civic organization initially requested that the city enforce its heavy-trash regulations, but officials responded with a comprehensive sweep that found violators of multiple city codes and ordinances. Of the 180 citations issued, 49 were for heavy-trash violations, 20 were for junk motor vehicles and the remaining 111 were for minimum standard violations, such as high grass, peeling paint and trash on property. Violators were subject to fines ranging from \$50 to \$2,000.

**5 years ago (2016)**  
 A home on Corkwood near Grapewood was destroyed by fire Tuesday, Sept. 6. The fire was electrical in nature. No one was injured in the fire.

**1 year ago (2020)**  
 An alleged robber was fatally shot around 10 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, at an apartment complex in the 10100 block of Windmill Lake Boulevard. The male shooter, 21, also suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. According to police, the victim parked his vehicle when the suspect approached him with a pistol and demanded his keys. While still holding him at gunpoint, the suspect allowed the victim to remove some personal items from the vehicle. At this time, the victim was able to retrieve his own gun, and fearing for his life, turned it toward the suspect.

Both individuals exchanged gunfire and each was struck at least once. The victim was able to run away and call 911. Paramedics responded to the scene and transported him to the hospital. Officers found the suspect a short distance from the robbery scene, where he was pronounced dead. No charges were immediately filed.

## Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**DAVID ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
 Former South Belt resident David Griffin, is wished a happy on birthday Sept. 13 from his wife Angela; sons Robert and Kenney; mother Bobby (Leader staffer); sister Tracy and husband Jim Giles; sons Cody Giles Aaron and wife Ashley Giles and children Jaxson and Jace; and daughter Kristen; and friends in the South Belt area.

**FRED CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY**  
 Fred Roberts, businessman and former Pasadena ISD board member, is wished a happy belated birthday Aug. 28 from friends and staff of the South Belt Leader.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 9 through Sept. 15, 2021.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
 Sing a happy birthday song to Kathie Teuscher Sept. 12.

**Bush Elementary**  
 Blow out the candles on a birthday cake for Jeannene Gazaw Sept. 14.

**Frazier Elementary**  
 Wendy Wiseburn, Frazier principal, celebrates a special birthday Sept. 14.

**Genoa Elementary**  
 Give a birthday shoutout Sept. 13 to Denise Olson.

**Meador Elementary**  
 The day for a party for Sulma Batiz is Sept. 12. Maria Rutherford is sent a special birthday greeting Sept. 14.

**Moore Elementary**  
 Sept. 12 is the day for Patricia Martinez to enjoy cake and ice cream.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
 The day for birthday cake and ice cream for Lauren Keith is Sept. 12. Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 13 for Jennifer Marshall.

**Melillo Middle School**  
 Celebrate with party favors and treats Sept. 11 for Marlene Balderas. Remember to wish Heidi Erhardt a happy birthday Sept. 13.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
 Break out the balloons and the birthday cake Sept. 10 for America Mendoza.

**Dobie High**  
 Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Sept. 9 for Luke Hales and Corey Perry. Celebrating a special birthday Sept. 10 is Glenn Tucker Smith. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 11 to Jeffrey McKnight. Light the birthday candles on Sept. 13 for Jennifer Bland, Thomas Etienne and Erika Garcia. Blow out the birthday candles for a four-star celebration Sept. 14 for Ginger Emshoff, Cedric Mack, Rodney Pannell and Dana Stockton.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
 Thursday, Sept. 9: Sonny Salazar, Carolyn Simon, Maria Aguilar, Jack Staudt, Martin Garcia and Sarah Joseph; Friday, Sept. 10: Shellie Ortiz, Veronica Adame, Robert Resendez, Emily Auffarber, Suzy Krienitz, Diane Hall, Christy Cobb and Charles Monty; Saturday, Sept. 11: Kyle Patterson, Amber Edwards, Sherrie Hosek-Vandament, Phillip Ford and Dan Sciba; Sunday, Sept. 12: Tracy Cavazos-Garcia, Rhoda Mohr, Christian Muñoz and Jessica Moore; Monday, Sept. 13: Matthew Koska, Michelle Perez, Holly Kopoulos, Lisa Clinton, Joe Sanchez and Kathryn Nguyen-Maldonado; Tuesday, Sept. 14: Michele Guerrero, Eric Brown, Elaine Baker, Jacob Lacadou, Julie Lakota, Tom Golithly, Michael York, Dolph Larson, Kristi Okwuon and Mark Husband; and Wednesday, Sept. 15: Dawnella Woods, Jackie Williams, Patricia Jones, Crystal McGoldrich, Kristi Ortiz, David Young, Shawn Black and Michelle Poole.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## McCalister's TDs lift Wolverines

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**

Cameron McCalister threw three touchdown passes and the Wolverine defense produced quick points as Clear Brook's varsity football team earned its first win of 2021, easing past Friendswood 25-14 Sept. 3 at Clear Creek ISD's Veterans Stadium in League City.

The Wolverines, who also defeated the Mustangs in 2020, got a 44-yard interception return for a touchdown from Ethan Guinn with 4 minutes, 11 seconds to go in the opening period to lead 7-0 after Damon Chacon's conversion kick.

McCalister, who threw for 307 yards in

the game, threw a 9-yard scoring pass to Michael Lewis and then found Trent Lacy for 15 yards and a touchdown on the final play of the first half as Brook built a 19-6 lead.

The Mustangs' Jackson Rhodes went 10 yards for a touchdown as Friendswood got to within 19-14 at the 7:26 mark of the third quarter, but McCalister and Lewis connected on a 15-yard scoring play two minutes later to increase the lead before a scoreless fourth quarter.

The issues for the Wolverines? The defense allowed a 100-plus yard rusher for the second straight week as the Mustangs had 233 rush

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## Horns record-set in 70-0 win over Bellaire

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**

Two weeks into the 2021 regular season, it's easy to see what the game plan should be against Dobie. Try to outscore them. Little else matters.

To date, no such luck for Alief Elsik or Bellaire as the Longhorns first put 55 points on the Rams on opening night and then ramped it up to 70 against the Cardinals in week two.

In fact, the Longhorns' 70-0 win over Bellaire Sept. 3 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena represented the largest margin of victory in the 52-year history of the varsity football program.

It's also the third time a head coach Kevin Beneathy-led program has scored 70 or more points.

Now it's on to Henry Winston Stadium in Friendswood Friday, Sept. 10 as the 2-0 Longhorns will go against an 0-2 Mustangs' team that has been outscored 73-14 in their two games to begin 2021.

Friendswood was crushed 48-0 on opening night by a Summer Creek team that is very much looking like a Division II

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Dobie senior defensive end Emmanuel Drain (7) hammers Bellaire quarterback Devon Stephenson (5) to force an incompletion early in the Longhorns' impressive 70-0 drubbing of the Cardinals Sept. 3 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. At right, Bellaire offensive lineman Kevin Henry (78) battles to keep Dobie defensive lineman Anforney Lee (45) out of the fray. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

**Dobie at Friendswood**  
Fri., Sept. 10  
Henry Winston Stadium, 7 p.m.

## Dobie tennis to host Remembering Ike

Dobie and Clear Brook are two of the host sites as the 11th annual Remembering Ike varsity tennis tournament plays out Sept. 10-11, with the championship matchup to be held at Pearland ISD's Dawson High School.

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## Lady Longhorns excel ahead of 22-6A title chase

Alexa Gonzalez and Maya Scott earned All-Tournament Team accolades and Dobie wrapped up Gold bracket play with wins over Texas City and Dickinson at the Santa Fe Invitational Sept. 2-4, giving the locals plenty of momentum heading into the District 22-6A opener Sept. 10 against Channelview at Dobie.

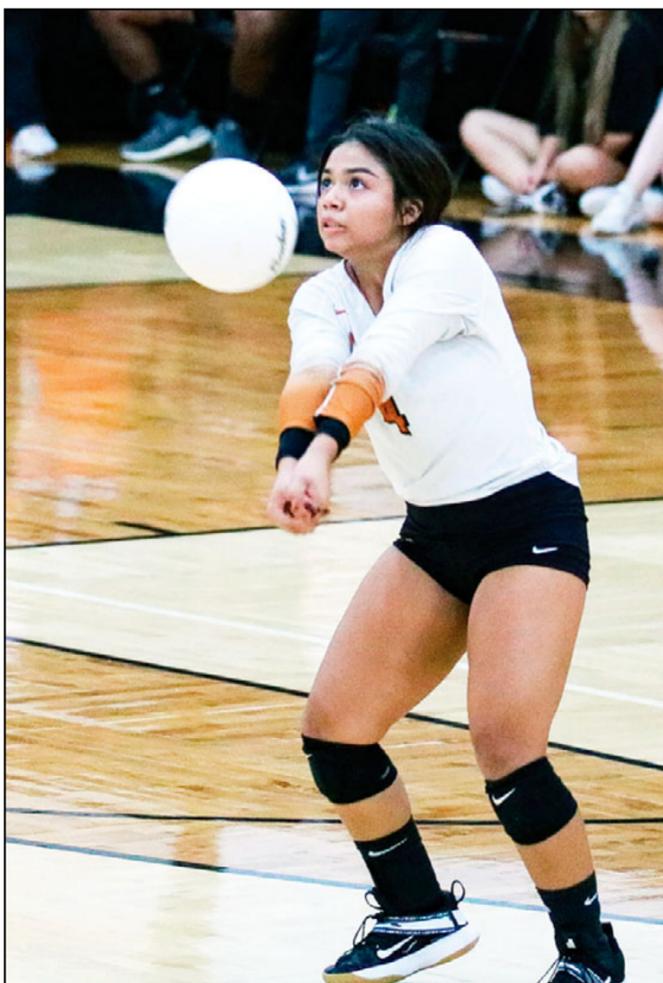
Dobie, which had 15 overall wins heading into a nondistrict rematch with Dickinson Sept. 7 after press time, is looking every bit like a favorite to win the 22-6A crown, particularly with defending champion Deer Park off to a very slow start.

Lady Longhorns' head coach Dawn Sexton, who earlier this season captured win No. 100 as Dobie's leader, was tasked with blending a group of senior returnees with several standout sophomores who had earned the right to make the jump to the varsity level in 2021.

Sexton clearly has pulled many of the correct levers as the Lady Longhorns are off to their best start during Sexton's stay at Dobie, standing at 15-8 prior to the rematch with Dickinson.

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## Dobie hosts Channelview

Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.

## Dobie hosts Pasadena

Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.

At right, Dobie sophomore libero Aly Frias (4) has excelled in her role during the Lady Longhorns' strong nondistrict run and now looks to continue her strong play as the locals focus largely on District 22-6A play. Photo by Gloria Wallace

## Brook boys second JFD x-country girls take Goehring title

Dobie's varsity girls kept their impressive 2021 cross-country season rolling Sept. 3 at the Goehring Invitational at Crenshaw Park in Pasadena, taking top team honors by a wide margin.

Senior Karen Martinez, ninth a week ago, was seventh this time around at the 5,000-meter distance at a time of 20 minutes, 33.98 seconds.

Clear Creek's Savannah Lopez, also a senior, was the top overall varsity girls' medalist at 19:42.16.

As for Dobie, junior Isela Munoz was ninth with her time of 20:39.86, and sophomore Kyla Lobo clocked in at 20:41.52 for 10th place.

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# JFD subvarsity football battles

Dobie's subvarsity football program earned a win against a pair of tough losses in week-two action Sept. 2.

Randy Reyes who had four sacks in the game. Warren Sellers returned an interception for a touchdown and Nick Gonzalez added another interception.

The team will be in action Sept. 9 against Friendswood on the Dobie main campus field at 4:30 p.m.

**JFD JV Orange 44 Bellaire 0**  
Dobie's Ethan Nguyen opened the scoring with an explosive kickoff return for a touchdown and later added a second return for score as the Longhorns' junior varsity Orange team routed host Bellaire 44-0 at Butler Stadium.

**Atascocita 14 JFD frosh White 13**  
A conversion point after a touchdown proved to be the difference as Atascocita outlasted Dobie's freshman White team 14-13 as part of second-week action Sept. 2.

**Atascocita 34 JFD frosh Orange 20**  
Cam Mathews and Ta'Vareon had touchdowns for the Longhorns' freshman Orange squad, but miscues led to a 34-20 loss to Atascocita.

Offensively, the Longhorns were led by Kai Conerly with a pair of rushing touchdowns. Derrian Bennett added a rushing touchdown, and Francisco Aleman was dominant on the offensive line.

Dobie's Abel Gonzalez found the end zone from six yards out to open the scoring. Atascocita led 7-6 before the Longhorns' Jose Requena had a five-yard touchdown run for another Dobie lead at 13-7 before the Eagles escaped with the

Ray Williams, Kaden Sam and Matthew Rangell paced the defense for the Longhorns.

The defense played well throughout the game, holding Bellaire to very few yards. The effort was led by

## Pioneers get overtime win over JC

Shaking off a sluggish start on opening night, Lutheran South's varsity football team pulled even at 1-1 in 2021 with a 30-29 overtime road win at John Cooper Sept. 3.

ulation, with Cooper taking a 29-23 lead on the opening possession of overtime but then failing on a 2-point pass conversion try. LSA then tied the game on Syr Bailey's 20-yard scoring run, with Nick Hatch nailing the point-after

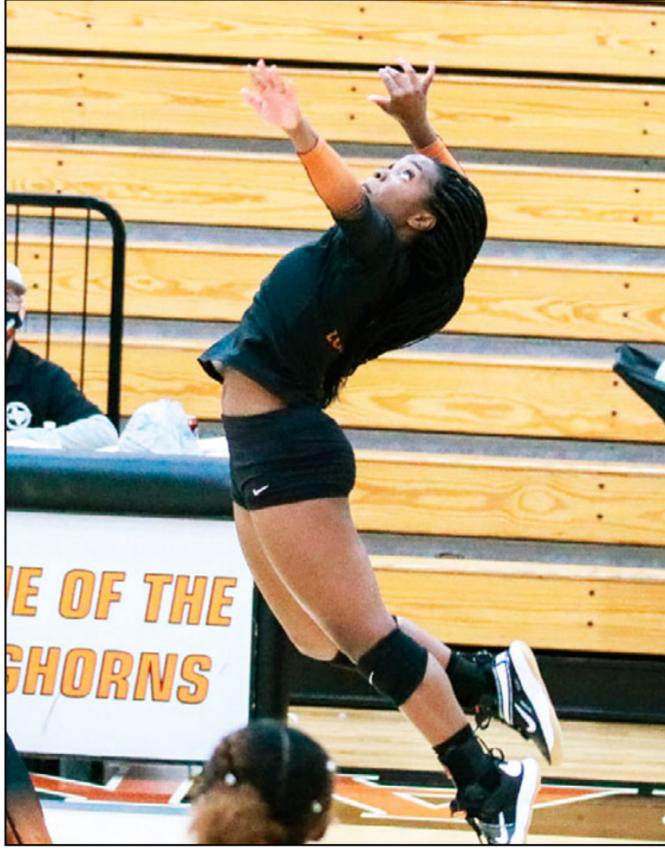
kick for the win. Hatch had a huge game for the Pioneers, also making good on field goals of 42, 27 and 14 in the game. LSA's Tyler Saunders tossed touchdown passes of nine and 27 yards to senior standout Joel Hutchins.

South Belt football predictions	Troy Leland	John Bechtle	Toni Muse	Emory Gadd	Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at Friendswood	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook at La Porte	Clear Brook	La Porte	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Brook
Deer Park at Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Deer Park	Clear Falls	Deer Park
Clear Creek at Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Clear Creek
Santa Fe at South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston	South Houston
Katy at Dickinson	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy	Katy
Clear Lake at Texas City	Texas City	Clear Lake	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City
Shadow Creek at Cypress Woods	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Cypress Woods	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
George Ranch at Dawson	George Ranch	Dawson	George Ranch	Dawson	George Ranch
Beaumont West Brook at Houston Lamar	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB	BWB
This week's record	8-2	9-1	7-3	8-2	9-1
Season record	15-5	15-5	11-9	15-5	17-3

## Dobie volleyballers welcome 22-6A play

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At Santa Fe Sept. 2, Dobie swept Eisenhower 25-7, 25-16, 25-12 as Hailey Hernandez dealt 14 assists to go with 10 from Onozie.

a 25-15, 25-16, 24-26 win over Porter as Onozie's 10 kills were complemented by eight more from Scott. Gonzalez excelled as the playmaker with 18 assists. Dobie lost a nondistrict home match to Summer Creek by a 25-21, 25-14, 25-22 count Sept. 3 but then got past Texas City and Dickinson at Santa Fe a day later to get to 15 wins.



At right, Dobie senior Natalie Onozie has put together a star-studded all-around season to this point while leading the Lady Longhorns to 15 overall wins ahead of District 22-6A action, which begins Sept. 10 as Dobie hosts Channelview. Photo by Gloria Wallace

## Brook gets past FHS

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But Brook's spread yards, including 153 on 26 carries from Caleb Corkran.

Also for the second week, special teams was hit or miss with two failed kicks, while the Wolverines were also flagged 14 times for 100 yards.



## Longhorns crush Bellaire to tune of 70-0

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playoff contender out of District 21-6A. Against Clear Brook in week two, the Mustangs dug themselves a 19-6 hole and fell 25-14 to slip to 0-2.

Regardless of the opponent, Dobie's focus is offensive production, and preferably in a hurry. Yes, the Longhorns' defense deserves plenty of credit for delivering eight quarters of shutout football, but the offense has been the ticket.

Bellaire was competitive despite nondistrict losses in 2018 and 2019, but the Cardinals had no shot in this one as Dobie led 21-0 not even five minutes into the game. The Longhorns extended to 42-0 at halftime and 62-0 after three quarters to win their ninth straight nondistrict game and 14th overall regular season game.

Terrand Booker went 64 yards for a touchdown on the Longhorns' second offensive play and eclipsed 100 yards rushing in the first quarter. Perhaps there were one or two detractors, but the game was over barely five minutes into it. Raynard Hall had a two-yard run for a 28-0 lead before Gray went to tight end Kyrie Sherman for 29 yards and another score. Davis then dashed

75 yards for a touchdown and a 42-0 lead at the 6:46 mark of the second quarter. Dobie has now rushed for 1,287 total yards to open the season, with Booker leading the way with 343 yards on just 25 totes. Davis has 270 yards rushing, averaging 22.5 yards per carry, and Jalen Baldwin has 159 yards on 17 carries early this season.



Dobie returning all-district offensive lineman Richard Gary (64) and the rest of his group helped running back Trajan Davis (22) enjoy a huge night against Bellaire as Davis went for 209 yards rushing in the team's 70-0 victory Sept. 3 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Through two weeks, the Longhorns have rushed for nearly 1,300 yards. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

The Longhorn defense has been superb, with four interceptions, and Saxton has two big plays as the leader on the back end. Next it's on to Friendswood to face the Mustangs.

## Longhorn tennis presents Ike event

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The 16-team tournament will feature the Longhorns going up against Dawson and the Wolverines taking on Stratford in first-round matchups Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Clear Brook is set to face either Clear Springs or Friendswood in second-round play, with the Longhorns going against Shadow Creek or Clear Creek.

matches, three boys' and all in eight-game super set girls' doubles matches and a mixed doubles match, form. The defending event champion is Dawson.

**Dobie hosts Dawson**  
*Fri., Sept. 10, 2:30 p.m.*

**Clear Brook hosts Stratford**  
*Fri., Sept. 10, 2:30 p.m.*

**Remembering Ike Championship**  
*Sat., Sept. 11, 2 p.m.*  
*Dawson High School*

## Bay Area Football League Week 4 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
LPTX Elite	35	24	57	27	30
Cowboys	0	0	6	20	0
Dolphins	21	7	14	12	forfeit
Wildcats	7	48	7	25	win

## Week 5 Games – Saturday, Sept. 11

Cowboys at Bay Area Buccaneers, Lutheran South Academy, 12555 Ryewater Dr., 77089  
Dolphins host Pearland Texans, Blackhawk Park

## Brook cross-country second

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a junior, was fifth with a time of 16:40.01. Trevino's brother, sophomore Joseph Trevino, posted a time of 16:54.68 for eighth place overall. Sam Rayburn's Jonathan Rivera was the top overall varsity boys' medalist at 15:50.54, with Brady Axtell of La Porte second in a time of 16:01.08. Trevino was third.

ed senior Austin Blazine, who was 28th overall at 17:49.69. At 18:58.06, Brook sophomore Tristan Ecord placed 59th. Freshman Chris Lopez keyed Dobie's junior varsity team win as he was second overall in the 5,000-meter event at 18:24.80. The event's top overall winner was La Porte junior Logan Sweeney at 18:12.93. Longhorn sophomore Damian Rosas placed fifth overall at 18:47.33, and

freshman Carlos Salazar was eighth in a time of 18:51.05. Dobie also had Simon Sepulveda, a sophomore, in at 19:50.83 for 26th overall, while sophomore Angel Limachi's time of 20:05.67 earned him 31st overall. Dobie freshman Lauren Garza and Clear Brook sophomore Aliya Pree went 1-2 in the junior varsity girls' 3200-meter run to lift their respective teams. Garza's winning

time was 13:40.62, with Pree in at 13:47.90. At 14:35.20, the Lady Wolverines' Tarah Martinez, a freshman, was seventh overall. Also, Brook sophomore Sumana Subramanian placed an impressive 16th overall in a time of 14:52.08. For Dobie, Victoria Rivera, senior, clocked in 23rd overall in a time of 15:09.12 as she contributed to a fine overall showing.



From left, the Clear Brook varsity boys' cross-country qualifiers by time at the Goering Invitational in Pasadena included Edén Diaz, Austin Blazine, Matthew Trevino, Joseph Trevino and Tristan Ecord as the Wolverines were second as a team in the 5,000-meter event. Matthew Trevino was third overall individually, with Diaz fifth and Joseph Trevino eighth.

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**NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club** - now open. Activities scheduled daily. Visit <https://clearlakebridgeclub.org/> for face-to-face and virtual games. Email [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.  
**St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers tutoring by retired professionals. Call the church at 281-479-7285 and leave a message for an appointment time.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

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

**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Additional information is on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under the calendar tab.

**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Meets the second Thursday at Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3, in Webster. The guest minister will be Dana Shaw, who operates in a prophetic ministry and is anointed psalmist who leads praise and worship. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit [aglownet.org](http://aglownet.org).

**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South. Meetings are on the second Thursday at Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd, Pearland, TX 77584, Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20 cash or check). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speakers. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, See Thursday's notice.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

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

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com) or <https://nastuff.com/>.  
**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For information on the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.

**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. For additional information, call 281-484-9243.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For additional information, call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.

**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, drop in or visit <https://www.houstonalanon.org/> for information.

**St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**AA** - at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.

**AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

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

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

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801 for details.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
**St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship services Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
**AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. See Thursday's notice.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For more information, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com) or <https://nastuff.com/>.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.

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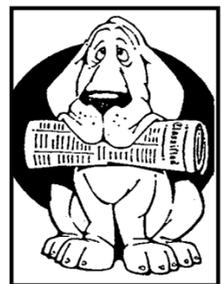
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Photo by Laurie Antal



## Dobie grad Garza stands out

Dobie Class of 2020 graduate Daniel Garza (41) figures to have a prominent role on the University of Texas-San Antonio pitching staff next spring following a stellar showing in the California Collegiate league this summer. Coming off a freshman season at UTSA in which he was utilized primarily in relief, Garza made four starts among seven outings pitching for the Walnut Creek Crawdads, going 2-0 with a save and winding up with a 2.93 earned run average. In 30 1/3 innings, Garza struck out 33 and walked just five. Garza, who will be a sophomore with the Roadrunners in 2022, has shown he can excel as a Division I collegiate starter.



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## Brook's Newsome to Shockers

At right, the 2021 NCAA Division I women's volleyball season is underway as Clear Brook graduate Kailin Newsome settles in at Wichita State University in Kansas after transferring last spring. Newsome, the all-time kills leader at Clear Brook, last season was the Southland Conference Freshman of the Year as she had a team-high 280 kills for Southeastern Louisiana. Now with the Shockers in the American Athletic Conference, Newsome will look to lift a WSU program that was 9-8 overall a season ago and is a projected No. 8 finisher in the conference.



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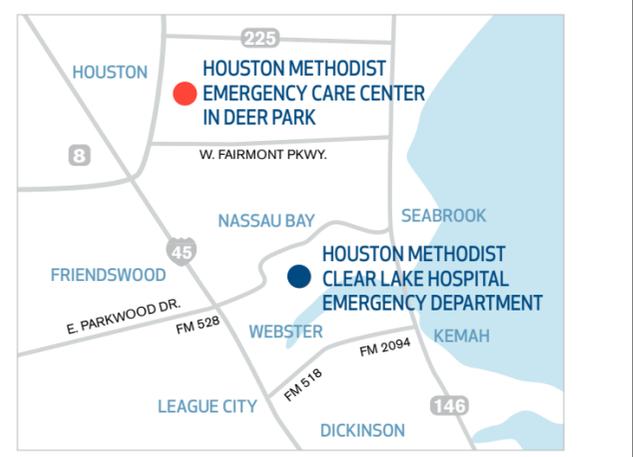
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