

PIP meets Oct. 18

The local Houston Police Department will host its Positive Interaction Program Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Southeast Memorial Hospital CES classroom, main building, 11800 Astoria Blvd. Masks are mandatory.

Dobie homecoming parade

The Dobie annual homecoming parade will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19, beginning at 5 p.m. The route will begin at Dobie on the Southbluff side, then proceed to Blackhawk and Hall Road, before returning to Dobie. Once back at campus, the event will feature a disc jockey and food trucks. The community is invited to participate.

Sage Meadow to meet Oct. 20

Sage Meadow will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. This month's guest speakers are state Rep. Mary Ann Perez and Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tylka. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public. For general inquiries, email info@sage Meadow.org or call/text 832-377-0847. For more information, visit sage Meadow.org.

Heavy trash pickup set

City of Houston residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Oct. 13 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Oct. 14 (second Friday of the month). October is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For additional information, visit www.houston-tx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

Local COVID cases increase

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has raised slightly from the previous week, with two of the three local ZIP codes reporting minor increases. As of Tuesday, Oct. 11, there were 170 active cases in 77089, down six from the previous week. To date, 132 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 135 deaths the previous week.)

In ZIP code 77075, there were 165 active cases, up 19 from the previous week. To date, there have been 83 deaths in the ZIP code, up two from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 173 active cases, up 17 from the previous week. To date, 90 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

According to Harris County officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues. Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one 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. Friday, March 31.

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

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

Two outside northbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from West Medical Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, May 5.

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, May 22. Two outside southbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Texas City Railroad to SH 6/SH 146 in La Marque nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

The northbound entrance ramps from both FM 519/Main Street and FM 1765/Texas Avenue in La Marque will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the next available northbound entrance ramp.

The closures are part of an ongoing construction 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.

Beltway closures planned

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

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

Sage Meadow hosts fall fest

Sage Meadow will host its first-ever Fall Festival Saturday, Nov. 5, at Sage Meadow Park, 11219 Sageyork, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will commemorate Sage Meadow's 50th anniversary. It will feature food, games, contests, crafts, vendors and more. Organizers are seeking local vendors who have seasonal crafts and items for sale. If interested, email events@sage Meadow.org. For more information, visit www.sage Meadow.org/1stfallfestival.

Entities set tax rates; County compromise fails

Most local taxing entities have adopted their 2022 tax rates, with officials from Harris County – the glowing exception on the list – scrambling at the last minute to come to a compromise.

All of the area rates have either remained the same or were lowered. Despite the reductions, however, most local residents will still pay more overall, as home appraisals continue to rise.

Pasadena ISD's 2022 tax rate is \$1.33530 per \$100 value. This is a reduction \$0.0459 from the previous year.

San Jacinto College District adopted a similar decrease, approving a rate of \$0.16 per \$100 of appraised home valuation. This is a reduction of \$0.01, or 7.36 percent.

Clear Brook City MUD adopted a 2022 tax rate of \$0.59 per \$100 of value, a \$0.05 reduction from the previous year.

Kirkmont MUD will have a 2022 rate of \$0.53 per \$100 value, a rate decrease of \$0.04 per \$100.

Sage Meadow MUD will retain its 2021 tax rate of \$0.50 per \$100 value.

Harris County Road Improvement District No. 1 set its 2022 rate at \$0.29 per \$100 value. This is a reduction of \$0.23 per \$100 compared to last year's rate.

Harris County

Amid constant infighting, a divided Harris County Commissioners Court continued to debate the issue of adopting its 2022 tax rate at press time.

At press time Tuesday, Oct. 11, it was announced that Commissioners Court would not vote on the issue because Republicans Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey once again failed to appear, preventing the court from making quorum – the third time the pair had done so. "I am disappointed that some of my colleagues on Commissioners Court have again refused to negotiate their historic tax increase proposal in good faith," Cagle said in a statement. "Instead of responding to my proposal or sched-

uling a discussion-only meeting of Commissioners Court to break the impasse and do what's right for taxpayers, the majority has again scheduled a

meeting to ram through their 'solution,' which is literally the only one they've posted on

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Late Bulletin:

2 killed in separate incidents late Tuesday

After press time, the Leader learned of two deaths affecting the South Belt.

Cyclist Shane McKinney, 45, was killed Tuesday evening during a group bike ride downtown in the 2200 block of W. Dallas Street around 7:50 p.m. when he was struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run accident.

According to Houston Police Department officials, McKinney lost control of his bicycle and fell into oncoming traffic, where he was hit by a silver or gray Mercedes E-Class without license plates.

Witnesses said the vehicle struck the cyclist twice, as it proceeded to drive away from the scene. Other cyclists attempted to help McKinney until paramedics arrived. McKinney was transported to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police are hoping to review surveillance video of the incident.

A Dobie graduate, McKinney lived in Sage Glen and was a lifelong resident.

Anyone with information on the identity of the driver is urged to call Houston Police Department at Vehicular Crimes Division at 713 247-4072.

A man was fatally shot around 9 p.m. Tuesday outside a convenience store in the 11000 block of Fuqua near Fuqua and Sabo.

The identity of the victim, 20, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Science at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, a group of men was standing outside the store when a car pulled up and opened fire, striking one of the men. Some of the others in the group at the store reportedly returned fire at the vehicle.

Investigators found broken glass and shell casings at the scene.

While at the scene, police received reports of a gunshot victim believed to be involved in the store shooting who had been transported to the hospital by a private vehicle.

The victim later died in the hospital from his wounds.

Anyone with information on the identity of the driver is urged to contact Houston Police Homicide Division at 713 308-3600 or Crimestoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Taste of Space scheduled for Oct. 20

The annual Evening of Cuisine and Business Expo will take place Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Lone Star Flight Museum, located at 11551 Aerospace Ave. near Ellington Airport, beginning at 6 p.m.

Hosted by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the event allows attendees to sample food and beverage from a wide variety of local vendors.

This will mark the first time the event has taken place since the onset of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Confirmed vendors include Maggiano's; Sweet Paris; Sweet Bee Bakehouse; D'Lish Catering; Savannah Café & Bakery; Swamp Shack; Celeste Cakes N More; Chicken Salad Chick; Sam's Club; San Jacinto College Culinary Dept; Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office; Pangea Keto; Bundt Cake-a-Holic; Randy's Smokehouse &

BBO; Nothing Bundt Cakes; Las Haciendas; Tony's Pizza & Grinders; and Lily Bakes Studio.

Awards will be given to best entree, best dessert, best decorated, rookie of the year, people's choice and best of show.

This year's event will feature a business expo. Business expo vendors include VueLidz; Community Health Network; Frost Bank; San Jacinto College; Shell Federal Credit Union; Winter Wonderland-MUD; Amoco Federal Credit Union; Sam's Club; Meador Staffing; Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital; Pasadena ISD; Luxe Studios Event Photography; and Saving Grace Women's Home.

The event will also feature live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$25.

For additional information, contact the chamber at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Dobie announces 2022 HoCo court



Dobie High School officials have announced the 2022 homecoming court. The king and queen will be crowned at the homecoming game on Oct. 21. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Nya Sanford, Isabella Lara, Erin Perez, (back row) Travis Webb, Yohander Mercado and Jalen Baldwin.

Annual air show takes flight Oct. 29-30

One of Houston's largest annual events, the Wings Over Houston Airshow will return to Ellington Airport Oct. 29-30 to benefit thousands of military veterans throughout the city.

The volunteer-led air show will join with U.S.VETS-Houston to raise funds for Houston's homeless veterans, as well as NOV, Inc. to support veteran entrepreneurs.

U.S.VETS, the nation's largest veteran's ser-

vice organization providing critical services and programs to homeless veterans and their families, has three sites in the Houston area comprising U.S.VETS-Houston. USVH will once again host its annual Guitars N' Cars show in partnership with the Wings Over Houston Airshow, which will include a display of classic and custom cars, a lounge area, silent auction and mer-

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Body found at apartment complex

A man's body was found inside an apartment unit around 4:50 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, in the 1300 block of Redord near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

At press time, the identity of the male was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

An autopsy will be conducted to help determine the male's identity, cause and manner of death.

According to Houston Police department officials, employees at the apartment complex at the above address noticed a foul odor and flies near the door of an apartment. Officers were called and gained entry to the apartment. During a search of the apartment, a male's decomposed body was found wrapped in blankets, inside a closet.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crimestoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

The Redford apartment complex has become a hot spot for violent crime in recent months, with at least 13 shootings being reported just this year – five of which were fatal. See last week's Leader for a detailed account of incidents.

Late September, the complex caught fire. Badly burned human remains were found inside one unit. The fire remained under investigation at press time.

Following the most recent shooting, a Channel 13 news report stated the city's Apartment Task Force and City Council Member Dave Martin were looking into the safety conditions of the complex.

Pasadena woman kidnapped, murdered

A female kidnapping victim abducted from an apartment complex on Red Bluff near Beltway 8 the morning of Monday, Oct. 3, was found dead later that afternoon near the South Loop.

According to Pasadena police, witnesses around 10:30 a.m. observed Maira Gutierrez, 38, being forced into her own SUV at gunpoint by 30-year-old Daniel Chacon, Gutierrez's ex-boyfriend and father to one of her four children.

About 3 p.m., Gutierrez's body was found inside her SUV abandoned on Cedar Crest Street near Mykawa.

No weapon was found at the scene, according to investigators. Chacon was arrested Wednesday at the Laredo

Port of Entry after allegedly fleeing to Mexico. A massive local manhunt had yielded no results. Chacon faces charges of capital murder and aggravated kidnapping.

The suspect was transported to the Pasadena jail, before being transported to Harris County jail, where he remained at press time.

Chacon and Gutierrez had a history of domestic disturbances, with Pasadena police being called out twice in the last month.

On both occasions, Pasadena police called the Harris County District Attorney's Office seeking charges but were denied due to lack of evidence.

A GoFundMe page has been established to help Gutierrez's family with expenses. To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/t/maira-gutierrez?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cp%20share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR1nAv9LQ5A4rJADPFLtrSzH62W1sKyv6aW-NyAgeFwJfHbNacgyrUeiy.



Daniel Chacon

Dobie's White nationally recognized

By Madisson Taylor Duke

Dobie senior and early college high school student Jacob White recently became a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist, and while he would like to keep his accomplishments a little more hush-hush, he says his family is "proud, maybe a little too proud."



Jacob White

White is a humble student, patiently and diligently working toward the goal of National Merit Scholar. Beginning in ninth grade, students can take a version of the PSAT test, before testing again as sophomores and juniors. For White, to score high enough to become a semifinalist has been a goal since then.

"I guess I could say it's been a goal for several years," and then, when asked about what it means to him to have this goal materializing before his eyes, he eloquently explains he feels good about

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2nd Armstrong murder trial begins

The second murder trial for the teen son accused of killing his mother, 1992 Dobie graduate Dawn Whitely Armstrong, and her husband, Antonio Armstrong, at the family's Bellaire-area home in 2016 recently began with jury selection.

The first trial ended in a hung jury three years ago.

Now 22, A.J. Armstrong was only 16 at the time of the alleged capital murder but is being

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Pct. 2 recovers stolen bike

In a bit of good police-related news, a local burglary victim (right) recently got his stolen bicycle back, thanks to tireless efforts of Precinct 2 Deputy Jones (left). The incident began Sunday, Sept. 18, when Jones responded to a burglary call in the 10300 block of Sagebluff to find the victim had an expensive bicycle stolen. After an extensive online search, Jones located the stolen bicycle on Facebook Marketplace and alerted the Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit, which was able to retrieve the item and return it to its rightful owner. Despite the success of the investigation, no charges had been filed at press time.

Publisher's Opinion

Leader thanks Soto

The *Leader* thanks alert resident Ray Soto who on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 6, witnessed someone in a truck "stealing" a huge supply of newly delivered copies of the newspaper from the dispensers at Food Town on Scarsdale at Beamer. Soto followed the vehicle to a nearby business in the 12800 block of Scarsdale and called

the *Leader*, who called the constable. The constable officer intervened in the matter, letting the suspect off with a warning.

While the *Leader* encourages residents to pick up a copy of the newspaper, such thefts make it difficult for other residents wishing to actually read it.

Thank you, Ray. — Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

King analysis criminal data

Recently, Houston Chronicle's Jasper Scherer wrote a solid article on recent crime statistics in Harris County. It was a nuanced examination of the data, and he found a new Texas crime database I had not previously seen.

Building on Jasper's article, I downloaded the data for 2016-2022. I picked this time frame so that there would be three base years of statistics when Republicans controlled Commissioners' Court and most criminal courts and what has happened since Democrats took control of Commissioner's Court and virtually all of the criminal courts.

The bottom line is that since there 2018 have been sharp increases in murders and assaults, a small increase in rapes and a decline in robberies. Here is what the charts for each of those look like:

Clearly, the most concerning increase has been in murders (59%) and assaults (34%) since 2018. To put that in some perspective, if murders had continued at their 2018 level, about 450 Harris County residents would still be with us today instead of being murdered. That is about six times the number of people killed in all mass murders in Texas during the same period.

Trying to assign causation to a complex phenomenon like crime is always difficult and fraught with confusing correlation with causation. For example, I have heard many pundits attribute the increase in crime nationally to the pandemic since the two occurred roughly at the same time. But I have never heard any cogent explanation on why a pandemic should set off a crime wave. It is also rarely accurate to attribute a change in a complex phenomenon to a single cause.

However, in this case it is fairly evident that the dysfunction at the Harris County courthouse has been a significant contributing cause to the increase in violent crime. One way that we know that is that Crime Stoppers has identified 183 murders that have been committed after 2018 by individuals who had been released on bail after being accused of a violent crime. A number of those had been released after multiple offenses.

Prior to 2019, felony bonds for violent crime were harder to come by. But the Democratic judges that swept into office in 2018 and 2020 took a much more lenient view of defendants being released on bond. It is unlikely that many of the 183 accused of murder while out on bond would have been released under the prior more restrictive bond practices. That does not leave much room to doubt

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Bring one's computer questions to their open lab for computer help. Staff will be available to answer one's questions and provide one-on-one assistance. Registration is required.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 4 - 5 p.m. Family story. Registration is required.

Monday, Oct. 17, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 4 - 5 p.m. Family story. Registration is required.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6 - 7:30 p.m. English class - shopping - living English lessons. Registration is required.

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

Book drop

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

Additional resources

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

The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft. Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books.

Parker Williams Library

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

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

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

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m. Toddler story time.

Thursday, Oct. 13, noon - 1 p.m. Adult computer class: Internet basics. Join for their monthly adult computer class to learn how to access and use internet basics. Such as opening the internet, signing into emails and basic internet safety. Registration is required.

Saturday, Oct. 15, 3 - 4 p.m. Korean language reading class. Registration is required.

Monday, Oct. 17, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Family story time.

Monday, Oct. 17, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Sensory friendly movie - "Hotel Transylvania." The lights will be low, the sound will be down, and there will be plenty of room for everyone to move around.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Bilingual story time. Join Ms. Delaney and Ms. Ashley in the library community room for stories and songs in Spanish and English. This program is perfect for families who want their little ones to build important language-learning skills.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 4 - 5 p.m. Adult craft night: Macrame ghosts. Join for the first adult craft night. Will be getting into the spooky spirit with some cute macrame ghosts.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 11:15 - 7:30 a.m. Babies and books. A story time dedicated to little ones ages birth to 2 years old. It focuses on baby lap sit, building early literacy skills, and social play, all necessary for baby's brain development.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 5 - 6 p.m. Camelot to cosmos: Sci-Fi and Fantasy club.

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.
 - Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
 - Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
 - Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
 - Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
 - Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.
- Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

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Girls On The Run season kicks off



Meador fourth-grader Arleth Garcia, a member of the Meador Girls On The Run (GOTR) team, attended the Greater Houston GOTR fall season kick off at the Ion Houston. Shown from left to right are Wendy Larsen, Arleth Garcia, Carol Lewis and Arleen Garcia (center). The Garcia sisters had the opportunity to meet Larsen, a two-time Boston Marathon handcycling champion and Lewis, an Olympian and Girls On the Run Greater Houston board member.

Tax rates lowered; taxes higher

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The agenda. My presence at this meeting would mean my consent to a tax rate that would cost the taxpayers an additional \$257 million. I will make this as clear as I can. I will not negotiate with a knife to my throat, and I will stand with Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey to protect Harris County taxpayers from the court majority's \$257 million tax increase."

Hidalgo called Tuesday's meeting short, citing ongoing health reasons. The announcement was met with loud boos from a group of law enforcement officers that had gathered at court for a separate discussion of police pay.

After failing to attend the previous two Commissioners Court meetings, Cagle on Oct. 4 called on Hidalgo to schedule a special session of Commissioners' Court for Friday, Oct. 7, to discuss his compromise spending plan.

According to the Precinct 4 commissioner, his plan would fully fund law enforcement, flood control and healthcare while saving taxpayers \$108 million more than the Democratic plan.

Bill King

Cagle and Ramsey skipped the previous two sessions of Commissioners' Court to prevent the Democratic majority from making quorum. State law requires that at least four

of the county's five commissioners be present to vote on such issues.

"During the budget and tax rate discussions in September, Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey and I advocated for increasing funding for law enforcement while reducing the tax burden on residents struggling to cope with rising inflation, high property appraisals and the aftermath of the pandemic," said Cagle. "After rejecting our proposal, our three colleagues on Commissioners Court returned with a new tax proposal that takes advantage of massively inflated property values, all while providing minimal benefits to the public. Rather than agree to a budget we could not support, Commissioner Ramsey and I chose to deny the court the quorum it needed to increase our property taxes by \$257 million. If we had attended these meetings, the court majority made it clear they would have pushed through the tax revenue increase without public discussion or negotiation."

While Hidalgo - citing unspecified health reasons - opted to not call for the special session Cagle requested, she did show support for finding common ground with her colleagues across the aisle.

"I'm pleased to see Commissioner Cagle make an effort toward making sure that

basic Harris County services are funded," said Hidalgo. "The people of Harris County deserve nothing less. Of course, I will remain only cautiously optimistic until Commissioner Cagle commits to attending the meeting where the critical action to actually vote on funding key services would take place. Crucially, more information is needed to fully understand the Commissioner's high-level proposal. It's important for Commissioner Cagle's team to share and discuss the proposal with Harris County's budget team so that they - and the members of Commissioners Court - can glean whether the proposal is a realistic option and so that we can put pen to paper with all the numbers. We must establish the fiscal viability of this proposal and any others that may come forward."

Cagle is hopeful the two teams can reach an agreement that benefit all parties.

"We were able to reach an agreement last year, and I hope we can do so again this year - one that will benefit law enforcement, flood control, healthcare and you," said Cagle.

Commissioners have until Oct. 28 to make an agreement. Failing that, state law dictates the county revert to its previous year's rate.

Annual air show takes flight

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chandise booths, as well as a guitar display and auction hosted and sponsored by Full-er's Guitars.

"Last year, we raised over \$100,000 for homeless veterans at Guitars N' Cars at the Wings Over Houston event," said Danielle Richardson, Development and Communications manager, U.S.VETS-Houston.

Joining WOHA for the first time is NOV's Veteran Marketplace, a collaborative effort with Houston Veterans Cham-

ber of Commerce and Wings Over Houston that dedicates a space at the event for local veteran-owned small businesses to promote their products or services to attendees.

"We're thrilled to provide a space for Houston's veteran entrepreneurs to promote their products and services at this year's airshow," said Clay Williams, NOV's CEO and president. "The Veteran Marketplace is a wonderful way to support and equip Houston's vets for success."

Headlined by the Navy

Blue Angels, the 2022 air show will also honor the military with events and acts in a wide range from veteran flight demonstrations such as Tora! Tora! Tora!, presenting a Commemorative Air Force recreation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and Houston's celebration of Navy Week.

To learn more about ticket options, display aircraft, additional event attractions/performers, travel accommodations, sponsorship, or volunteer opportunities, visit www.wingsoverhouston.com.

CCEF sets annual dinner for Nov.

The Clear Creek Education Foundation is hosting the 21st annual awards dinner and fundraiser to recognize outstanding alumni who graduated from Clear Creek Independent School District and community members. The "Celebrating 30 Years of CCEF" awards dinner and fundraiser will be Thursday, Nov. 10 at South Shore Harbour Resort. The event is a fundraiser for CCEF to support students, teachers and programs within CCISD.

CCEF will honor individuals who continually serve and represent CCISD. Award recipients include:

The George B. Carlisle Distinguished Service Award for demonstration of commitment to CCISD over time was earned by Dr. Greg Smith.

The Distinguished Alumni award is presented to individuals who are CCISD alumni and are now accomplished profes-

sionals who support their community. Those individuals are Jose Perez, Clear Brook High School, Class of 1993; Rebecca Valdez, Clear Creek High School, Class of 1992; Stephanie Murphy, Clear Lake High School, Class of 1996; and Lauren Leal, Clear Springs High School, Class of 2011.

Valor award honors a public servant who has gone above the call of duty. Earning this award is Alberto Perez.

The Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business award is presented to a small business owner in CCISD who demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the district through active participation in multiple activities. Earning this award are Jim and Jane Sweeney, Minuteman Press.

The 2022 CCISD Citizen of the Year is recognized by the board of trustees and CCEF. It goes to an outstanding member

of the community who consistently demonstrates commitment to CCISD and excellence in public education through volunteer efforts. Earning this award is Lucien Junkin.

This year's awards dinner is being generously sponsored by Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott; Joiner Architects; Big Star Cadillac Hyundai; and Sheryl and Richard Lane. Sponsorship opportunities still are available for individuals or businesses to support this annual tradition of recognizing outstanding community members and CCISD alumni.

The awards dinner and fundraiser is open to the community. Tickets are available on the foundation's website. All funds raised from the event go toward inspiring educational excellence within CCISD through CCEF's programs that include educational grants for both teachers and students, supporting Clear Horizon Early College High School and underwriting the costs for teachers to obtain National Board Teacher certification.

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Saturday Vigil		5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*	
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*	

*Also Available on Facebook Live

Monday, Wednesday & Friday		9 a.m.
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Deaths

Deborah Susan Halderman



Deborah Susan Halderman, 64, passed away on Sept. 25, 2022.

Beloved wife of Jerry W. Halderman for 32 years, she was his strength and reason to face each day.

Deborah was devoted proud mother and avid supporter of her daughters, Amanda (Joseph) Johnston and Ashley Estacion (husband, Tyler Hansen).

She was the daughter of Beverly (David) Sanderson and Thomas M. Spears Sr. (predeceased); sister of Thomas M. Spears Jr. (predeceased); Kimberly (Martin) Armstrong, and Lisa (John) Philipp; sister-in-law of Gail Spears and Cindy (Dennis) Underwood; and daughter-in-law of Jerry L. Halderman and Glenda Halderman (predeceased).

Deborah was born June 18, 1958, at Resurrection Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill. She was highly creative, athletic and a natural at almost anything she attempted. Her athletic abilities were many; playing basketball with her father, powderpuff football, gymnastics, roller skating, ice skating, riding horses and demonstrating a cartwheel into the splits at her daughters' little league drill team practice.

Growing up, Deborah worked at Mount St. Joseph, a nonprofit intermediate care facility for women and men with intellectual and developmental disabilities, in Lake Zurich, Ill.

She was a beautiful woman with a heart of gold, turning strangers into friends upon meeting and constantly putting others before herself. Although Deborah gave life to only two daughters, she was a second mother to half of Sagemont and the greater Houston area.

Her love extended beyond humans - her fur babies that recently crossed the doggy rainbow bridge, Ausmus and Shelby, her granddogs, horses, and the many squirrels and birds that would visit her day and night - making her a real-life Snow White.

A memorial service honoring the life of Deborah will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations to one of the following charitable organizations be made in her name:

American Heart Association; <https://www.heart.org/?form=FUNPNZPVQND>.

Arthritis National Research Foundation; <https://give.ndss.org/give/59045/#/donation/checkout>.

Autism Society; <https://autismsociety.org/donate/>.

National Down Syndrome Society; <https://give.ndss.org/give/59045/#/donation/checkout>.

Donald Netzband



Donald Keith Netzband, longtime former South Belt resident, died peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 at his home in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico.

Netzband was born Nov. 7, 1932 in Chicago to the late Herbert F. Netzband and Marie C. Kelly Netzband.

After growing up in Chicago and graduating from Austin High in 1950, he served in the Air Force, stationed in Washington State and Yuma, Ariz.

He married Antoinette Miserendino (Toni) on June 15, 1957 at Holy Family Church in Chicago. He and Toni raised two daughters, Karen and Robbin, living in McHenry, Ill while he worked at O'Hare Field in Chicago, and in Holland and Grand Rapids, Mich. while he worked for Lear Siegler.

Netzband took his love of all things aeronautical and his family to Houston to begin his career at NASA in December 1965, settling in a new home in the Beverly Hills subdivision of the South Belt area. He held administrative positions at NASA in the Office of Reliability, Safety, and Assurance, responsible for the production of space suits, until his retirement from NASA in 1987. He continued to work in the aero-

space industry for contractors such as Lockheed for several years after his government retirement.

His love of travel dated back to his Air Force years when he took his first trips to Mexico. He was an avid and experienced pilot and ran his own small plane leasing business. He and Toni enjoyed traveling throughout, taking numerous trips throughout North America and Europe and to various locations in Mexico.

In 1998, Don and Toni built a second home in Ajijic. He served as president of the neighborhood association there several times and was a beloved "moving force" for community improvements. He and Toni enjoyed entertaining their friends in the U.S. and in Mexico, often hosting annual Superbowl parties at their Ajijic home.

Toni passed away in Dec 2009, and Don continued splitting his time between Houston and Mexico. In 2015, he met Tinker Reilly LaFata in Ajijic, and they married in Oct. of 2016. Netzband retained his South Belt residence until December 2016 when he moved to live full-time at his home in Ajijic.

Don is survived by Tinker, and daughters Karen Schnitzer (Glenn) of Pasadena and Robbin Harrison (Bill) of Aberdeen Scotland. He is also survived by his grandchildren Kyle Schnitzer (Hadleigh), Adam Schnitzer, and Eve Harrison; as well as great-grandchildren Isaac, Alessia, Anastasia, Marion, and Madeleine Schnitzer.

A "Festival of Donaldo's Life" will be held Oct. 26 in Ajijic. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held in Houston on Nov. 7 at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 8601 Almeda Genoa Road in Houston.

Debris dumped in area



A large pile of debris was recently dumped in a cul-de-sac located in the 11400 block of Sagehurst near Sageglen. According to Clear Brook City MUD Manager Cecilia Gange, people will often pose as tree trimmers before dumping the trash, sometimes in the middle of the road. Jeff Turnipseed of the Sagemont Maintenance Committee said the city closed the file because the waste was "over the limit". The *Leader* is seeking a solution.

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Meador Elementary recognizes "Start With Hello" week



Meador Elementary students recently had a week of lessons and activities to promote the Start With Hello program. The dress-up themes included wearing bright colors to brighten someone's day, then Western wear to encourage students to "lasso up some kindness," as stated by Meador faculty, as well as the themes shown by the students pictured. The Start With Hello initiative spans nationwide, growing after the Sandy Hook tragedy to try and ensure that no one feels isolated. Students and faculty inculcated these three steps to memory to put them into practice: see someone alone, reach out to say something and start with hello.

At right are the dapper kindergartners Itzya Serrano (left) and Joshua Aldana; they are both dressed for success.



Photographed above, second-grader Colton Foster sports his "kindness begins with me" T-shirt.

These Meador students wore camo outfits to demonstrate "no one should feel invisible." Shown are, left to right, third-graders Noemi Camacho, Bethany Cabriaes and Adalyn Renteria.

Jimenez named Lariaette of the Week



Dobie High School officials named Leslie Jimenez of the drill team as Lariaette of the Week for Oct. 3-7.

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Meet "the girls who fly" of the Dobie cheer squad



Shown above are the hardworking "flyers" of the Dobie varsity cheer squad. These "flyers" perform stunts and stand atop the pyramids. Pictured left to right are junior Kim Tovar, sophomore Brissa Marroquin, junior Angelina Sanchez, senior Isabella Lara and junior Izzy Romero. The flyers are directed by Amber Allen, assistant cheer director.

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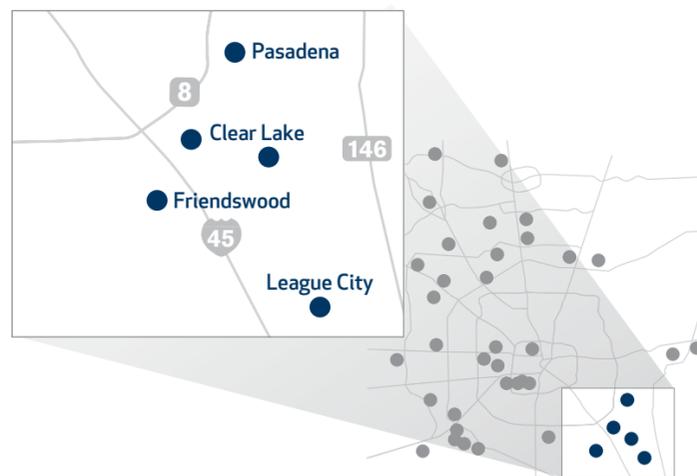
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 it, "It means that I wanted something. I practiced and was able to realize that goal I set for myself. And that all that work I did had a result, a good result."

Stefanie Maslowski, dean of the early college high school at San Jac for PISD,

explains that the faculty are also proud of him and his accomplishments, "It's exciting from our perspective. This isn't something every student does."

While this is an incredible accomplishment, White isn't slowing down at all. After graduating with his associates,

he says he plans to double major in biology and English, likely at UT. And, to top it all off, he plans to go premed. But for the time being, White, his family, friends, counselors and teachers wait eagerly for this upcoming February, where they will then learn of his test results.

Armstrong murder trial begins

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 tried as an adult.

The story has made international news, as Antonio Armstrong was once a star football player at Texas A&M University and briefly played in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins.

More recently, the couple owned 1st Class Training in Bellaire and reportedly served as pastors at their church. Antonio Armstrong also served as a motivational speaker.

The couple was found shot early Friday, July 29.

According to police, the teen suspect called 911 around 1:40 a.m. while hiding in the closet to report there was a masked man inside the family's home.

Investigators were suspicious of the boy's story, however, as there were no signs of forced entry, and the home's alarm system was still armed.

Both victims were shot in the head with a .22-caliber pistol that belonged to Antonio Armstrong. Pillows were placed on each of the victim's heads, presumably to muffle

the sound of the gunshots. The murder weapon was found in the home's kitchen along with an undisclosed note.

The suspect's 12-year-old sister was also home at the time and reportedly slept through the incident.

The teen's mother was pronounced dead at the scene, and the boy's father was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he later died.

If convicted, the teen faces life in prison with a possibility of parole after 40 years.

Dobie students win big at 2022 Pasadena rodeo



Dobie High School FFA students won big this year at Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo. The students brought in \$32,650 collectively, and Dobie officials congratulate the auction winners. Pictured above are the Ford siblings with their prizes. Freshman Madison Ford (right) won Reserve Grand Champion turkey hen and 10th place turkey tom. Thompson Intermediate eighth-grader Hunter Ford won third place turkey hen, fourth place broilers and ninth place turkey tom. Photographed below is smiling senior Lauren Rodriguez who won third place pig.



Shown at right is freshman Mathew Trevino who won Reserve Grand Champion turkey tom, eighth place turkey hen and 11th place broilers.



Above is eighth-grader Kaleb Jones who won Grand Champion Creative Arts Food, as well as seventh place turkey hen and eighth place turkey tom.



Clear Brook students display homecoming enthusiasm



Pictured above are, left to right, Sebastian Delgado, T'Aliyah Burrell, Ilianna Ponce, Heidy Andrade and shown with his senior-exclusive "drum," along with Mia Beltran.

Homecoming week at Clear Brook High School was a period of celebration, as is clear by the students here showcasing their festivity and creative skills. Shown below is junior Natalee Troyer with her stylish mum.



Shown above are, left to right, Kristin Zunga, Alexia Velasquez, Lindsey Mosley, Raina Cantu and Kennedy Sistrunk.



Pictured above are, left to right, Kayli Guerrero, Evelyn Cortes and Taylor Sterling. Shown right are, left to right, Joshua Lastovica, Armani Puente and Kayla Burton.



Meador Mustangs win Summer Challenge



Meador Elementary faculty congratulated the Meador Mustangs who won this year's Summer Challenge. These students completed the most lessons over the summer on Dreambox, AR, Beanstack, or I-Station and earned a trophy and a certificate. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) third-grader Nath-
 ally Cortez, second-grader Jocelyn Valdez, first-grader Daniel Bustos, second-grader Diego Cedeno Noguera, third-grader Harlem Hendricks, (back row) second-grader Elijah Zuniga, second-grader Anton Major, third-grader Alana Rivas Lopez and fourth-grader Imri Navarro.

Pct. 2 busts illegal game room



Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit on Wednesday, Oct. 5, raided an alleged illegal game room, serving a warrant in the 1300 block of Spencer Highway near Allen Genoa. Approximately 200 patrons were inside the establishment at the time of the bust. An undisclosed amount of currency was seized in the raid.

Remember When

45 years ago (1977)
 District 100 State Rep. Bill Caraway was appointed by House Speaker Bill Clayton to serve on an interim committee to study alcohol abuse and control.

Mayor Fred Hofheinz announced the annexation of the Scarsdale subdivision and the rest of Clear Lake. The Scarsdale area annexed consisted of 1.02 square miles of land and was inhabited by 3,356 residents.

40 years ago (1982)
 While on his way to Burnett Elementary, Coung Bui, 8, suffered head injuries and a broken leg when a car, traveling on Scarsdale Boulevard near the Sageglen Street light, struck him.

A residence in the 10100 block of Sagecourt in Sageglen was burglarized of approximately \$59,000 in merchandise.

Harris County officials denied any plans to subdivide the vandalism-plagued Sagameadow Park.

35 years ago (1987)
 Beverly Hills received three long-awaited portable buildings.

All policing agencies in the area increased patrols in an attempt to cut down on racial gang fighting, which apparently started gang momentum. Fighting between black and Vietnamese teenagers resulted in the arrest of four black juveniles.

30 years ago (1992)
 Joe Armstrong, outgoing president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, presented trophies to the South Belt Area Citizen of the Year Richard Golenko and Volunteer of the Year Dianna Benavides at the chamber's annual banquet.

Dobie 1979 graduate Ronald Dominguez was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards to

be on the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Committee.

25 years ago (1997)
 Alert police work resulted in the arrest of a 34-year-old male who had been charged on four counts of harassment for making obscene phone calls to Dobie cheerleaders.

EPA was expected to enter into the federal courts in what would be the final Consent Decree on Brio.

20 years ago (2002)
 Chris Clark, longtime South Belt resident and busi-

nessman, was named president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

A fire was set to a construction building at San Jac South. The fire was started by an arsonist who used a flammable liquid. The fire completely destroyed the building causing approximately \$25,000 in damages.

15 years ago (2007)
 Longtime Kirkwood resident and 1973 Dobie graduate Bob Mitchell was elected president of the Bay Area Houston

Economic Partnership. He would succeed Jim Reinhart as president, effective Jan. 1. Reinhart, who served as BAHEP president for 15 years, would then become the organization's vice president. Mitchell's wife of 28 years, Brenda, was a longtime administrative assistant at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Kayla Henry and Josh Monette were named Dobie's homecoming queen and king, during the school's football game against Memorial High

School at Newcomb Field. Monette, a senior fullback/linebacker on the team, returned to the playing field shortly after the halftime ceremony.

Students from Dobie High School's Future Farmers of America took home three out of eight grand championship awards at the 2007 Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo's championship auction. Among these were a prize-winning steer from Brittany Hebert, a lamb from Courtney Craft and

a turkey hen from Quinton Edwards.

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital celebrated the opening of its Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with a Children's Fun Fair and Health Expo.

10 years ago (2012)
 State Sen. Mario V. Gallegos Jr., a former Sub Gallegos resident, died at Methodist Hospital from complications of liver disease. Gallegos, 62, had represented District 6 in the Texas Senate since 1994,

having served two terms as a state representative before that. He had previously served 22 years in the Houston Fire Department, retiring as a captain. The first Hispanic senator elected to represent Harris County, Gallegos received numerous awards in appreciation for his work during his legislative tenure. In 2006, Gallegos began treatment for alcoholism and learned he had cirrhosis of the liver. The following year, he underwent a liver transplant. Gallegos ran unopposed in the Democratic primary and faced off against Republican R.W. Bray in the November general election.

5 years ago (2017)
 A man was killed in an automobile accident in the 18100 block of the Gulf Freeway near FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard on Thursday, Oct. 5. According to the Houston Police Department, the victim, Richard Espinoza of Pasadena, was traveling south on the freeway service road around 4:05 a.m. in a gray Jeep when he struck the rear of a tractor-trailer truck parked in a moving lane of traffic while making a delivery to a car dealership. Espinoza, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene.

1 year ago (2021)
 A grand opening ceremony was held Friday, Oct. 1, for San Jacinto College's new EDGE Center, to be located adjacent to the Houston Spaceport. While San Jacinto students began using the new facility in 2020, the grand opening event was delayed due to restrictions associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The center will provide workforce training for jobs in the aerospace industry, including aerospace structure technician, aerospace electrical technician, composite technician, industrial automation technician and aerospace quality technician.



Over The Back Fence by Natalie

TRACY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
 Tracy Giles enjoys a birthday Monday, Oct. 17. Birthday greetings are sent from husband Jim, sons Cody and Aaron and wife Ashley and daughter Kristen; and mother Bobby Griffin (Leader staff member).
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KIMBERLY!
 Kimberly Lipina celebrates a birthday Monday, Oct. 17. Happy birthday wishes are sent from her husband Matthew Lipina; mom Leslie and dad Fred Flickinger; grandparents Marie (Leader owner) and David Flickinger and Olive Falkowski; uncle David (Leader president) and wife Ellie Flickinger; sister Courtney and husband Chris Durham and children Abigail and Jackson Durham.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO CATHERINE
 Dr. Catherine O'Brien is wished a happy birthday Thursday, Oct. 13, from family, friends and the Leader staff. She is currently teaching at a local university.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 13 through Oct. 19.

Atkinson Elementary
 Light the birthday candles for Karen O'Connor Oct. 14.

Burnett Elementary
 Join in the birthday fun Oct. 13 with

Denise Ngo. **Bush Elementary**
 The day for a cake for Lan Pham is Oct. 18.

Genoa Elementary
 Share a slice of a birthday cake Oct. 14 with Belinda Wiese.

Meador Elementary
 Light the birthday candles for Megan Mays Oct. 15.

Moore Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles for Katelyn Matthews Oct. 14.

South Belt Elementary
 Send a birthday greeting Oct. 14 to April Gonzalez. Oct. 15 is the day for a party for Angela Walker.

Melillo Middle School
 Kelli Schauer celebrates a special birthday Oct. 17. Remember to wish Heather Wheeler a happy birthday Oct. 18.

Roberts Middle School
 Oct. 14 is the day for a birthday party for Ashlie Haas.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Oct. 16 is the day for a birthday celebration for Melanie Flowers. Anastasia Payne celebrates a birthday Oct. 20.

Thompson Intermediate
 The day for a party for Claudia Salinas is Oct. 18. Edward Ashmawee and Naoreen

Tibbals celebrate a birthday Oct. 20. **Dobie High**
 Ryan Jordan is wished a happy birthday Oct. 15. The day for a celebration for Roger Brown and Diana Mayhew is Oct. 16. The day for a triple-layer cake for Rakiem Rowland, Dorothy Simmons and Paul Sinski is Oct. 19.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 Thursday, Oct. 13: Cathy Rex and Mark Chassay; Friday, Oct. 14: Kristy Hall, Karen O'Connor, Tammy Fort, Nick Kafarella, Michele Rodriguez, Jason Warren and Richard Flores; Saturday, Oct. 15: Tonya Willoughby, Kelli Nobles Candace and Dorsey Green; Sunday, Oct. 16: Cristina Denson, Rusty Jewell, Alice Wood, Erin Lutich and Patricia Escamilla-Tamez; Monday, Oct. 17: Beverly Bolton, Brandy Castillo, Joe Bennett, Susan Scott and Stephanie Garza; Tuesday, Oct. 18: Michael Harris III, Michelle Morton, Kessie Schmidt and Michelle Cripps; and Wednesday, Oct. 19: Craig Stephens, Don Whited, Pat Perez and Jesse Salazar.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns take Battle of the Beltway, collect big 22-6A victory

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Consecutive 50-plus point outbursts have the Dobie Longhorns' varsity football team brimming with confidence ahead of yet another key District 22-6A matchup, this one Oct. 14 against the Channelview Falcons at Ray Maddy Stadium in Channelview.

Dobie has successfully bounced back from a 1-4 overall start to its 2022 season, first crushing Pasadena with a 59-point night and then hanging 57 on Pasadena Memorial in a 57-21 win over the Mavericks Oct. 7 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

Channelview, meanwhile, stayed at the top of the 22-6A standings following a 35-28 win over South Houston Oct. 6 in Pasadena.

The Falcons, 4-2 overall this season, have matched Deer Park at 2-0 thus far to pace 22-6A.

In the 2022 version of the Battle of the Beltway between Dobie and Pasadena Memorial, the Longhorns kept possession of the trophy in large part due to a 29-point first quarter output that produced a 29-6 lead after 12 minutes.

In what has become a common theme through six games, Dobie sophomore Cameron Mathews changed the game with his speed, taking a kickoff

83 yards for one score and adding a 78-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter to boost his squad. Mathews added touchdown runs of 18 and 54 yards in the second half as the Longhorns, once 1-4 overall and 0-1 in Dis-

trict 22-6A play, improved to 3-4 overall and 2-1 in league action ahead of the battle with Channelview. Memorial, now 4-3 overall, fell to 2-1 in the 22-6A ranks with the loss but still controls its own postseason destiny.

Through their six games, the Longhorns have come to rely heavily on the trio of Mathews, Raynard Hall and Jalen Baldwin.

Hall, the Longhorns' leading rusher back from 2021, scored from 13, 28 and 35 yards in the game to give him seven overall touchdowns, including five in his last two games.

Mathews came into the game with a pair of scores both rushing and receiving through half of a season and now has eight overall scores.

Dobie also got a late scoring run of four yards from sophomore Bryce Evans to give the Longhorns their fifth straight Battle of the Beltway win.

Memorial defeated Dobie 38-13 for its last Battle of the Beltway win in 2017 but had been outscored 208-45 in four series losses since.

Undeclared in league play and 4-2 overall heading into this one, the Mavs had to like their chances in this one. Yet things got away quickly.

Memorial's Michael Smith fielded the opening kickoff at his 17-yard line and lost his handle of the ball without being touched as the Longhorns recovered at the Mavs' 22-yard line.

Baldwin went four yards on first down and Mathews picked up another five on second down before Hall rambled 13 yards for a touchdown just over a minute into the game. Dobie then succeeded on the two-point conversion

Dobie at Channelview

Fri., Oct. 14, 7 p.m.
Ray Maddy Stadium

for a quick 8-0 lead.

The Mavericks responded with an impressive drive of their own, covering 75 yards in eight plays as quarterback Hayden Stallings paid off the drive with a 22-yard scoring pass to Joe Reyes. Memorial misfired on the conversion kick but got within 8-6.

At that point, Mathews returned the ensuing kickoff 83 yards for a score, and reeled in a 78-yard scoring pass from quarterback A.J. Hernandez a few minutes later, simply out running the Mavs to the end zone on both plays.

Up 22-6, the Longhorns forced a 3-and-out with the help of a sack from Dempsey Spears on third down, and Dobie needed just two plays to convert from midfield as Hall went 35 yards for a 29-6 lead with 13 seconds left in the first quarter.

Memorial scored the lone points of the second quarter to get within 29-13 at the break, but the Long-

horns opened the second half with a 74-yard march that ended with Hall's 28-yard scoring run for a 36-13 lead at the 8:19 mark.

An 18-yard touchdown run from Mathews put Dobie up 43-13 late in the third quarter, and Memorial's Jaylon Bell got his team on the board within 43-20 with a 10-yard scoring run.

Mathews' fourth touchdown covered 54 yards at 10:50 of the final quarter, and Evans added his 4-yard touchdown as the Longhorns extended their lead to 57-20.

Stallings connected with Ethan Munoz for a 12-yard touchdown pass with 1:41 to go to close out the scoring as the two teams combined for 12 touchdowns.

While Dobie is at Channelview Oct. 14, the Mavericks will host Deer Park the same night at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Deer Park is unbeaten at 6-0, including 2-0 in league action.



Dobie sophomore running back Bryce Evans (24) got in the fun late against Memorial as he scored on a 4-yard run in the fourth quarter to cap Dobie's 57-27 Battle of the Beltway win. Providing the opening for Evans on the way were offensive linemen Jaime Tellez (70) and Randy Reyes (56).
Photo by David Flickinger

Clear Lake's Harris has big night; Falcons keep Wolverines winless

Clear Brook will head into Week 8 of the varsity football season still seeking its first win as the Wolverines go up against Clear Creek Oct. 14 at Clear Creek ISD's Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

The Wolverines played the Clear Lake Falcons tight the entire way Oct. 7 at Challenger Stadium in Webster, only to see the Falcons escape with a 17-13 victory.

Clear Lake junior running back Elijah Harris put together the biggest

night of his season, rushing for 173 yards and a touchdown on 33 carries. Senior receiver Deuce Searles also had a scoring grab in the game, giving him a district high of seven for the season.

It's early in the 24-6A race, but the Falcons find themselves at 2-0 to this point with two wins by a combined five points.

Clear Springs, Clear Falls and Brazoswood are all 2-1, with Dickinson 1-1 after a key victory over Clear Falls. Clear Creek and Clear Brook

meet Oct. 14, with each seeking its first league win.

While the Wolverines have had difficulty winning games, senior running back Jaylon Richardson has been one of the top running backs in the District 24-6A ranks.

With 741 yards through six games, Richardson is well on pace for a 1,000-yard season and has scored six touchdowns.

Brook senior receiver Michael Lewis has 16 catches for 265 yards.

District cross-country is Oct. 13

Oct. 13 is the big day for the District 22-6A and District 24-6A high school cross-country programs as the postseason begins with league championship meets.

The Dobie varsity girls,

the two-time defending champions in 22-6A, are looking for another team title, while the Deer Park boys are the favorites.

While Brazoswood is the boys' team favorite in the 24-6A race, Clear

Brook junior Joseph Trevino aims to qualify individually for the Region III Championships.

The Leader will recap the district championship results from both districts in the Oct. 20 issue.



At left, Class of 2021 Dobie graduate Johnathan Baldwin (3) is excellent at his starting safety spot at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas as the Rebels are 4-2 overall this season and closing in on postseason bowl eligibility. Baldwin, a sophomore at UNLV, was the Most Valuable Player in District 22-6A as a senior in 2020 as he led Dobie to a district title.

At right, the Battle of the Beltway trophy will reside in the Dobie athletics field house for a fifth straight year after the Dobie varsity football team helped keep control of the cherished honor with a 57-27 thrashing of Pasadena Memorial Oct. 7 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.
Courtesy photo



Dobie junior Lexi Gonzalez had 15 kills as the Longhorns' varsity volleyball team handed Deer Park its first set loss in league play Oct. 4. The Longhorns were third in District 22-6A play heading into action Oct. 11 after press time against Pasadena Memorial.
Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Longhorn volleyball team looks to improve seeding

A four-set win over Pasadena having likely secured no worse than a third-place finish, the Dobie varsity volleyball team went into an Oct. 11 matchup against Memorial after press time seeking more.

With Deer Park likely headed to yet another league crown, Memorial had an edge over Dobie by way of a first-round win via a 15-12 fifth-set victory.

Dobie, 17-17 but 5-3 in league play heading into play against the Maver-

icks, surrendered a 26-24 first set to Pasadena Oct. 7 on Parents Night before rebounding for a 27-25, 25-20, 25-22 win over the Eagles.

With four matches remaining to play and a bye on the final night of the regular season, Dobie has two wins over the 4-4 Eagles, who are fourth in the standings.

Dobie is the lone team in the 22-6A ranks to have won a set over Deer Park.

The Deer swept through the first half of district play at 6-0, winning 18

consecutive sets along the way.

But Dobie, playing at Deer Park Oct. 4, got 15 kills and 14 assists from Lexi Gonzalez in taking Deer Park to four sets.

The Deer got 18 kills from Tatum Busch and 15 more from Cayley Hanson in winning 25-17, 20-25, 25-16, 25-20.

With 17 wins and four regular season matches remaining, Dobie is looking to get to at least 20 wins for the second straight season and third time in four seasons.

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Dobie sophomore Cameron Mathews (4) burned Memorial for four touchdowns in all as he returned a kickoff for a score, caught a scoring pass and rushed for two more scores as the Longhorns crushed the Mavs 57-27 Oct. 7 in Pasadena. See more on Page 5.
Photo by David Flickinger

South Belt football predictions



John Bechtle



Emory Gadd



Troy Leland



Stephen Sutton



Debbie Vaughn

Dobie at Channelview	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Channelview
Deer Park at Pasadena Memorial	Deer Park				
Pearland vs. Dawson	Pearland	Dawson	Pearland	Pearland	Dawson
Clear Brook vs. Clear Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek	Creek
La Porte at Porter	La Porte	La Porte	Porter	La Porte	La Porte
Terry at Friendswood	Terry	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood
South Houston vs. Sam Rayburn	South Houston				
Willowridge at Texas City	Willowridge	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City
Dickinson at Brazoswood	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Beaumont Kelly at Lutheran South	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA
Last Week's Results	5-5	9-1	9-1	8-2	9-1
Season record	46-24	48-22	56-14	47-23	58-12

Preseason girls' basketball workouts start Oct. 19

The University Interscholastic League has tabbed Oct. 19 as the first allowable day for girls' high school basketball workouts, and the Clear Brook and Dobie programs are more than ready to get started.

Clear Brook and Dobie both won district championships a season ago, and while there has been significant turnover in both programs this offseason, the respective groups aren't settling for anything less as the 2022-2023 campaign nears.

There's been a change at the top within the Clear Brook girls' program, but expectations remain high as the defending District 24-6A championship program returns to the court for 2022-2023.

Brook claimed its first-ever Class 6A league title a season ago and won 30 overall games en route to the area playoff round.

The offseason saw head coach Warren Brooks depart for the same role at Deer Park.

Now, Mileka Loydrake, the team's top varsity assistant under Brooks, has taken over the lead role.

As far as the Wolverines are concerned, they are the class of the 24-6A ranks and aim to keep it that way.

Eight seniors in all, including two current collegiate players, have moved on. Still, Loydrake's program is stacked as Rezia Castillo, the Most Valuable Player in the 24-6A

ranks as a freshman a season ago, returns along with Nalani Smith, Ja'Delle Major, Kailin Hitch and two other sophomores, Kamryn McLaurin and Chardel Terrell.

Loydrake also has drawn talent from a 2021-2022 junior varsity squad that went 20-4 overall.

Dobie, owner of con-

secutive 22-6A titles the previous two seasons, returns just three players in all. Senior Jacque Giron is a 22-6A first team performer from last season, and Aubree Myers and Tabilah Curtis are also back as head coach Jasmine Hartman has spent the offseason restocking the varsity roster.

Clear Brook will scrimmage at North Shore Oct. 29 and will go against Shadow Creek Nov. 5 in the regular season opener at Delmar Stadium.

Dobie scrimmages at Atascocita Oct. 29 and will host North Shore Nov. 8 in the regular season opener at Phillips Field House.



At right, two of the top returning players in the District 22-6A varsity girls' basketball ranks will again do battle this season as Gwendlyn McGrew (14) of Pasadena Memorial and Dobie's Jacque Giron (5) will lead their respective teams. Dobie, the two-time defending league champion, will scrimmage at Atascocita Oct. 29 to get the preseason started. The 2022-2023 regular season tips off Nov. 8 as the Longhorns will host North Shore in a series of freshman, junior varsity and varsity games at Phillips Field House in Pasadena. As for 22-6A play, Dobie is a combined 23-1 over two seasons.
Photo by Donna Alsdorf



One of just three returnees on the varsity roster in the offseason as the Longhorns take aim at a third straight District 22-6A championship. Preseason basketball player Aubree Myers (10) is one of the veteran players the program has relied on for leadership in the offseason as the Longhorns take aim at a third straight District 22-6A championship. Preseason practices can begin Oct. 19, and Dobie hosts North Shore Nov. 8 in its opener.
Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Bay Area Football League Week 9 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Bucs	0	0	0	39	7
Cowboys	51	6	6	0	0
Dolphins	44	0	1	0	0
Braves	0	1	0	1	1

Week 10 Games – Saturday, Oct. 15

Cowboys at Pasadena Panthers, Memorial Baptist Church, 6901 Fairmont Pkwy.
Dolphins host Brazosport Longhorns, Blackhawk Park

Team	W	L	T
Angleton	9	0	0
League City	8	0	0
Southeast	7	1	0
Hitchcock	7	1	0
Pearland Pats	6	1	0
Bay Area	6	2	0
Pearland Texans	5	2	0
La Porte	5	3	0
Pasadena	4	4	0
Brazosport	4	4	0
North Shore	4	5	0
Magnolia Park	3	5	0
East End	2	6	0
Barbers Hill	2	6	0
Sagemont	2	6	0
Alvin	1	7	0
Santa Fe	1	7	0
Manvel	0	8	0
Southbelt	0	8	0

Team	W	L	T
Hitchcock	8	0	0
Pearland Patriots	7	1	0
League City	7	1	0
Sagemont	7	1	0
Bay Area	6	2	0
Magnolia Park	6	2	0
Angleton	6	3	0
Pearland Texans	5	2	0
La Porte	5	3	0
Alvin	4	4	0
Brazosport	3	5	0
Southeast	3	5	0
Barbers Hill	3	5	0
Pasadena	2	6	0
Manvel	2	6	0
North Shore	2	8	0
Southbelt	1	6	0
Santa Fe	0	8	0
East End	0	9	0

Team	W	L	T
Pearland Pats	8	0	0
League City	8	0	0
Pearland Texans	8	0	0
Barbers Hill	6	2	0
Brazosport	5	3	0
Manvel	5	3	0
Hitchcock	5	3	0
Magnolia Park	5	4	0
Bay Area	4	4	0
Alvin	4	4	0
Alvin	4	4	0
Sagemont	4	4	0
Pasadena	3	5	0
Santa Fe	3	5	0
East End	2	6	0
Southeast	2	6	0
Southbelt	0	7	0
La Porte	0	8	0
North Shore	0	9	0

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Magnolia Park	9	0	0
Hitchcock	8	0	0
League City	7	1	0
Pasadena	7	1	0
East End	7	2	0
Southeast	6	2	0
Manvel	5	3	0
Barbers Hill	5	3	0
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Pearland Patriots	4	4	0
Alvin	4	4	0
Bay Area	3	5	0
Angleton	3	6	0
La Porte	2	6	0
Brazosport	1	7	0
Santa Fe	1	7	0
Southbelt	1	7	0
Pearland Texans	0	8	0
North Shore	0	9	0

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League City	7	0	0
Hitchcock	7	1	0
Angleton	7	2	0
La Porte	6	2	0
Pasadena	5	3	0
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North Shore	0	9	0

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.

7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.

9:30 a.m. **NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - meets at 18516 Hwy. 3. Call 281-910-1971.

11:30 a.m. **ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - Meets at 2300 Smith Ranch Rd. \$20 cash or check for lunch. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

6:30 p.m. **Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets at 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA. Meets at 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200.

7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** -

See Friday's notice.

11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - meets at 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd (back of a medical/retail community). For details, Call 281-479-7285.

2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - Meets Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details.

8 p.m. **AA** - see Friday's notice.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Toastmasters** - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually in person. Call Fatimar Jones, club president, at 281-467-1880 for information.

7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd.,

77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourtreaux 713-875-8820.

7 p.m. **NA** - see Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

9:30 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets at 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.

10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - see Monday's notice.

10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - Meets at 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Exact cash or check (\$15) requested for lunch. To RSVP, visit www.tricountyrw.club/ or call Gaylyn at 832-250-8901.

11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - see Sunday's notice.

11:30 a.m. **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

7 p.m. **NA** - see Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday notice.

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - see Sunday's notice.

7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **AA** - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

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Clear Brook Varsity Girls' Basketball 2022-2023 Regular Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 29	Atascocita scrimm.	TBA
Nov. 1	Cy-Creek scrimm.	TBA
Nov. 8	North Shore (Phillips)	7 p.m.
Nov. 10-12	at Lee Tip-Off Classic	TBA
Nov. 15	at George Ranch	7 p.m.
Nov. 17-19	at McDonald's Invite	TBA
Nov. 22	Fort Bend Marshall	1 p.m.
Nov. 29	Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Dec. 2	Dawson	5 p.m.
Dec. 6	at Atascocita	7 p.m.
Dec. 9	Manvel	7 p.m.
Dec. 13	*Deer Park	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	*at Pasadena	4 p.m.
Dec. 20	*Memorial	1 p.m.
Dec. 26-29	at Aggieland Classic	TBA
Jan. 3	*at Channelview	1 p.m.
Jan. 6	*Sam Rayburn	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	*at South Houston	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Pasadena	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	*at Memorial	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	*Channelview	1 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Sam Rayburn	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	*South Houston	1 p.m.

* District 22-6A games

Clear Brook Varsity Girls' Basketball 2022-2023 Regular Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 29	at North Shore scrimm.	TBA
Nov. 1	at Westside scrimm.	TBA
Nov. 5	Shadow Creek (Delmar)	3 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Houston Memorial	7 p.m.
Nov. 10-12	Clear Creek ISD Classic	TBA
Nov. 15	Friendswood	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 22-23	at Converse Throwdown	TBA
Nov. 29	at Summer Creek	5 p.m.
Dec. 1-3	at Katy ISD Classic	TBA
Dec. 6	North Shore	7 p.m.
Dec. 9	Fulshear	7 p.m.
Dec. 13	*Clear Falls	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	*at Brazoswood	5 p.m.
Dec. 20	*Clear Lake	1 p.m.
Dec. 28-30	at Ducanville Classic	TBA
Jan. 3	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	*at Clear Falls	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Dickinson	7 p.m.

* District 24-6A games

Meador students reach district PPK event



Third- and fourth-grade students from Meador Elementary were among the dozens who competed in Pasadena ISD's districtwide Punt, Pass and Kick competition Oct. 3 at Veterans Stadium. The Meador students, left to right, included Kyngston Vaughn (fourth grade), Eternity Martinez (fourth grade), Anthony Bui (third grade) and Alana Rivas-Lopez (third grade). The certificate-winning students were joined by physical education instructor Stephanie Bounds (far right).

Pasadena ISD crowns 2022-2023 Punt, Pass and Kick champions

<p>Third-Grade Girls Champion – Helena Garcia, Fisher Runner-Up – Lawren Reed, Hancock Third Place – Jade Portillo, Pomeroy</p>	<p>Third-Grade Boys Champion – Braylin Ortega, Frazier Runner-Up – Isaias Leija, Turner Third Place – Jonathan Euceda, Mae Smythe</p>
<p>Fourth-Grade Girls Champion – Sydney Logan, Bush Runner-Up – Mariah Mendez, South Belt Third Place – Ava Benard, Jessup</p>	<p>Fourth-Grade Boys Champion – Giovanni Chapa, Fisher Runner-Up – Ian Reyes, South Shaver Third Place – Fabian Yepez, Sparks</p>
<p>Fifth-Grade Girls Champion – Evelyn Flores, Schneider Runner-Up – Jen'na Reese, Kendrick Third Place – Lyric Turner, Morris</p>	<p>Fifth-Grade Boys Champion – Eli Delcastillo, Lomax Runner-Up – Noe Cruz, Schneider Third Place – Josh Hernandez, Melillo</p>
<p>Sixth-Grade Girls Champion – Inez Calvin, Kendrick Runner-Up – Jaila Bandy, Roberts Third Place – Audrey Rojas, Lomax</p>	<p>Sixth-Grade Boys Champion – Eli Cardenas, Sullivan Runner-Up – Jeshua Duran, Keller Third Place – Izaiz Roncancio, Melillo</p>



At left, the Clear Creek ISD Class of 2022 Athletics Hall of Honor induction ceremony was held last month as more of the district's legendary head coaches, individual student-athletes and two special teams were enshrined. "The 2022 event was truly a celebration of accomplished individuals who shined in high school and then continued to do so in their lives," said CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Board President Dede MacPherson. "Each year, I am incredibly moved by the stories told by the coaches, athletes and teams who bring our history and memories to life for all in attendance." Submitted photo

Clear Creek ISD 2022 Athletics Hall of Honor induction set

The Clear Creek ISD Athletic Hall of Honor inducted its newest members at a ceremony and reception September 17. The distinguished alumni were surrounded by friends and family as their legacy of accomplishments was celebrated as the seventh class of the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor.

Honor is a 501c(3) established in 2016 and each year encompasses a specific era, folding in CCISD high schools as they were created. Director and Athletic Hall of Honor Board Member Debbie Fuchs served as the master of ceremonies this year. "The 2022 event was truly a celebration of accomplished individuals who shined in high school and then continued to do so in their lives," said CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Board President Dede MacPherson. "Each year, I am incredibly moved by the stories told by the coaches, athletes and teams who bring our history and memories to life for all in attendance."

Football field of CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium as the backdrop, two coaches, eight athletes and two teams were inducted as the Class of 2022. Honorees are chosen by a special selection committee for bringing distinction, honor and excellence to themselves, their alma mater and community. More than 250 people were in attendance at this year's special celebration, many who traveled long distances to celebrate the honorees and the District's rich past in athletics. Former CCISD Athletic

- Head Coach Honorees**
Lanny Landtroop
 Clear Creek High School, 1966-1972 (Swimming)
 Clear Lake High School, 1972-1986 (Swimming)
- Janis Balsamo**
 Clear Lake High School, 1979-2004 (Golf)
- Student-Athlete Honorees**
Charles "Chuck" Trcka Jr.
 Clear Creek High School, 1958 (Basketball, Baseball, Football)
- Margaret Spence McGraw**
 Clear Lake High School, 1983 (Volleyball, Basketball)
- Kristina Predmore Godina**
 Clear Lake High School, 1984 (Volleyball, Golf)
- Ellie Gibson**
 Clear Lake High School, 1985 (Golf)
- Shad Smith**
 Clear Creek High School, 1985 (Baseball, Football, Basketball)
- Richard R. Barnwell**
 Clear Lake High School, 1986 (Baseball)
- Scott Sheldon**
 Clear Lake High School, 1987 (Baseball)
- Scott A. Jones**
 Clear Lake High School, 1993 (Swimming)

- Clear Lake Boys Swimming 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 UIL 5A State Champions**
- Jim Dugan – 1981**
Ricky Morrow – 1981
Bill Dornbach – 1981
Perry Corke* – 1981
Jim Ammons – 1982
Jim Hansen – 1982
Steven McCann – 1982
Mike Lovfald – 1983
Johnny Gonzalez – 1983
Kevin Ruskowski – 1983
Jim Borkowski – 1983
Scott Fosdick – 1983
Robert Hunt – 1984
Steve Streiff – 1984
Paul Peyton – 1984
Scott Peayson – 1984
Craig David Wakefield – 1987
Bob McAndrew – 1985
Andy Fosdick – 1986
Payton K. Swope – 1986
Bac Nguyen – 1987
Bill Fox – 1981

- Clear Creek Boys Football 1964 (Season Record 9-1)**
- Coach: Paul Gips; Asst. Coaches: Gene Mears, Max Blansit, Ken Daw, Don Wehmeyer, Managers: Butch Dodson – 1967, W.G. "Snuffy" Walden – 1967**
- Players**
Johnny Valentino – 1965
Joe C. McKinney – 1965
Joe Adams – 1965
Frank Goodman – 1965
John Platzer – 1965
Andrew Merryman – 1965
George Ulrich – 1965
Andy Jarvis – 1965
Donald "Cotton" McKee – 1965
Ralph Mosley – 1965
Gerry Stricklin – 1965
James McWhorter – 1965
Paul Hackett – 1966
Dan W. Gillaspie – 1966
John Siggins – 1966
Mike Milan – 1966
Mike Leach – 1966
Raymond Gillaspie – 1967
Larry Kelly – 1967
Allan Hanson – 1967
Laddie Howard – 1967
Mark Lange – 1967
Edward Meaux – 1967
Mike Milan – 1966
Mike Leach – 1966
Jimmie Cornelius – 1967
Dave Dowlearn – 1965
Robert Elsen – 1965
Dennis Powell – 1965
Mike Lloyd – 1965
Steve Bauer – 1965
Bill Bulay – 1965
Joe Edler – 1965
Kenneth Hunter – 1966
Steve Stewart – 1967
Tommy Sanders – 1967
Don Cope – 1967

Saenz joins NJCAA committee, eyes 2023

San Jacinto College Head Softball Coach Kelly Saenz has been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I softball, and swimming and diving, committees. NJCAA sport committees are comprised of NJCAA region directors that oversee a number of responsibilities throughout the year. These duties include the oversight of national rankings, All-America selections, postseason seeding and at-large selections, and national championship obligations. "I am honored to have been selected to the Division I softball, and swimming and diving, committees," said Saenz, who is entering her 20th year of coaching.

"Ideally, we will utilize three starting pitchers and two relievers, and the key to the lineup is balancing it out correctly in terms of on-base versus run production and so forth," Saenz said. "The fall is always big in terms of having a solid plan heading into January and we feel very good about things."



"This is a great opportunity to support these student-athletes from throughout the country to ensure they have the support they need to compete at a high level." Saenz began her coaching career in 2003 at Frank Phillips College before joining the San Jacinto College softball team in 2004. She played professionally for the Smitty Midget girls division team in 1995 and 1996, leading that team to two of three consecutive Canadian championships. She is a member of the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame and the Softball Canada Hall of Fame. Saenz is 649-407 overall in her head coaching career, and has led San Jac to six NJCAA World Series appearances. She played collegiately at Eastern Kentucky University, where she was the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year.

The National Junior College Athletic Association has added San Jacinto College softball head coach Kelly Saenz as a Division I sports committee member representing Region XIV.

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Saenz eyes 2023 plans
 Saenz has now guided the San Jacinto College softball program to back-to-back national championship tournament appearances and has plans to do so again in 2023. As she and assistant coach Kelsey Walters lead the program through the fall schedule, they are looking to piece together as much of a starting core as possible. Sophomore Christin Haygood is the returning Region 14 Pitcher of the Year, but the team will otherwise welcome four