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MHS to hold blood drive

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, located at 11800 Astoria Blvd. at Beamer, will hold a blood drive Friday, Oct. 24, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the CES Classroom located on the first floor. Successful donors will receive a free T-shirt.

All donors must bring identification. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. To schedule an appointment, visit [committorlife.org](http://www.committorlife.org) and use code: 0701SE01.

Freeway Manor to meet

Freeway Manor Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Bible Way Church, 10120 Hartsook. Residents of Freeway Manor, Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace are encouraged to attend.

Knights sell barbecue

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a barbecue fundraiser at St. Luke the Evangelist, located at 11011 Hall Road, Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost will be \$15 for a two-meat plate; \$12 for a chopped brisket sandwich; and \$6 for sausage-on-a-stick.

Proceeds will benefit the church's capital campaign. Saturday will be drive-thru only, while food on Sunday will be available for takeout or dine-in at the church's social hall.

New Covenant feeds needy

Each month, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the events is to provide food to people in need. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

Kirkwood to meet Oct. 27

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held for the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCutcheon at 281-9990.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series.

Sagemont to meet Nov. 4

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Hughes/Sabo closures set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice due to a city water repair.

Westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads may also be intermittently closed at Hughes/Sabo until further notice.

Ongoing city construction has also caused the partial closure of nearby Sagegreen Drive between Hughes and Sagedowne.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

The closures are associated with 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 and two southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, March 31. Significant delays are expected.

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

South Belters celebrate Halloween, fall

Several local events planned to take place in the South Belt community

It's the spooky season, and there are several Halloween and fall events where South Belt residents can participate.

The following is a list of Halloween and fall events set to place in the South Belt community this coming week:

Precinct 2: Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will host his third annual Trunk or Treat event Saturday, Oct. 25, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The family fun event will take place at the County Courthouse Annex, 10851 Scarsdale

at Beamer.

St. Luke: St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will host its Trunk or Treat event Friday, Oct. 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature music, candy and fun.

H-E-B: H-E-B Blackhawk, 9828 Blackhawk, will host its 20th annual Trunk or Treat event Friday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. The celebration will feature family fun and treats.

Weber Elementary: Weber Elementary, 11955 Blackhawk, will host its Fall Festival Sat-

urday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature games, food, inflatables, disc jockey, petting zoo and a Dunk Your Teacher booth. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets are available through Weber PTA members.

Frazier Elementary: Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes Road, will host its Trunk or Treat event Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Atkinson Elementary: Atkinson Elementary, 9602 Kingspoint, will host its Fall Carnival Friday, Oct. 24, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meador Elementary: Meador Elementary, 10701 Seaford, will celebrate Halloween with its Say Boo to Drugs and Bullying event at the

school Friday, Oct. 31. Students are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes.

San Jacinto College: San Jacinto College South, 13735 Beamer, will host its annual Fall Fest Friday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by SJC's Student Engagement and Support team, the family event will feature fun activities and entertainment for all ages, including a costume contest, face painting, music, a bounce house and food.

Lone Star Flight Museum: Lone Star Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Ave., will present Halloween in the Hangar throughout the day Saturday, Oct. 25. Get ready for a Monster

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Skeletons spook Sagevale



Residents in the 10700 block Sagevale Lane between Hall Road and Kirkfair have gone all out when decorating for Halloween this year, with elaborate displays in multiple yards. This home and the one located immediately next door have their entire properties decorated for the occasion. The pair of homes are also decorated elaborately for the Christmas holidays each year.

Photo by James Bolen

Early voting currently underway

Voters to decide 2 special elections, 17 proposed amendments

Early voting for the Nov. 4 election is currently underway and will continue through Friday, Oct. 31.

A pair of special elections is being held at the federal and city levels to fill seats vacated this past term, and voters will determine the fate of 17 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution at the state level.

A special election is being held by the city of Houston to fill the At-Large Position 4 City Council seat that was recently vacated by Letitia Plummer, who is stepping down to run for Harris County judge in 2026.

A crowded field of 15 candidates is vying to replace Plummer.

To see a complete list of candidates, visit harrisvotes.org.

A special federal election will be held to determine who will fill the U.S. Congressional District 18 seat vacated by the death of former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, who died unexpectedly this past March.

A total of 16 candidates filed in the special election to fill the vacated position.

To see a complete list of candidates, visit harrisvotes.org.

Voters will decide the fate of 17 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, including topics such as bail reform, parental rights and property tax relief.

To see a complete list of proposals, visit harrisvotes.org.

Early voting locations

Nearby early voting locations include the following:

El Franco Lee Community Center: 9500 Hall Road.

Freeman Branch Library: 16616 Diana Lane.

BakerRipley Pasadena Campus: 720 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena.

East Harris County Activity Center: 7340 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

South Houston Municipal Courthouse: 1019 Dallas St. in South Houston.

Tom Bass Park Community Center: 15108 Cullen.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Approximately 450 voting locations will be open on Election Day (Nov. 4).

To see a complete list of polling locations and a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

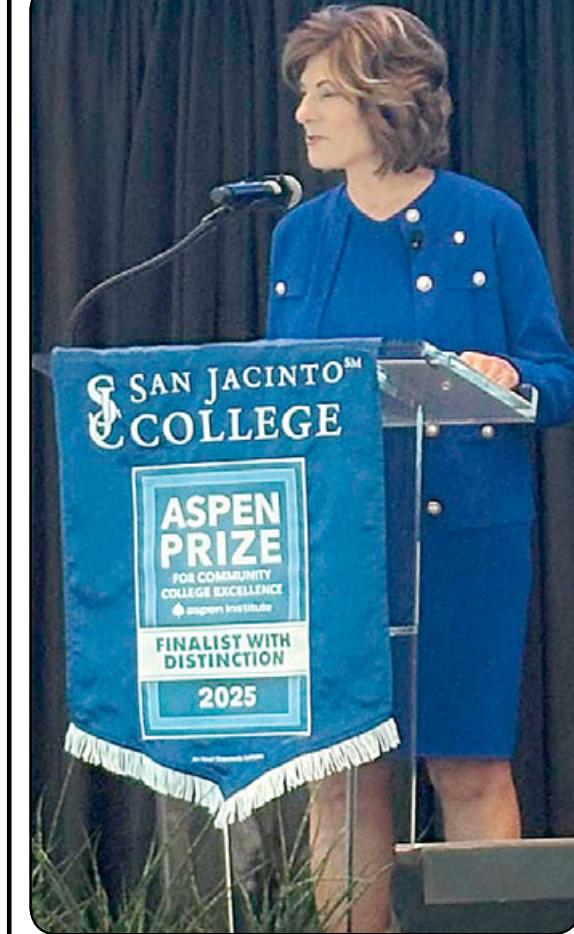
Dobie crowns king, queen

J. Frank Dobie High School crowned its 2025 homecoming king and queen at the varsity football game against South Houston High School Friday, Oct. 17, at Pasadena Memorial Stadium. Ricardo Ramos was crowned king, and Esbeidy Fonseca was crowned queen. The Longhorns defeated the Trojans 48-14.

Photo by David Flickinger



Hellyer speaks at SJC luncheon



San Jacinto College held its annual State of the College luncheon Thursday, Oct. 16, attracting dozens of community leaders, elected officials and local school officials. San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer (shown left) served as the event's keynote speaker, highlighting both the college's past successes and its future initiatives. Held at San Jac's LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology, the event showcased the college's role in providing the necessary workforce to serve the Greater Houston community and beyond. See additional photo on Page 4.

Photo by James Bolen

SJC addresses State of the College

San Jacinto College officials look to future at annual luncheon

Dozens of community leaders, elected officials and local school officials gathered Thursday, Oct. 16, for San Jacinto College's annual State of the College luncheon.

Held at the college's LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology in Pasadena, the event, themed A Raven's Journey, highlighted San Jacinto's role in training the future workforce for local industrial leaders.

"Our focus has always been about workforce impact, student success and prosperity," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer, who served as the event's keynote speaker.

Hellyer lauded the college's achievements – such as being named a Finalist with Distinction for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence – as well as its directives toward a successful future.

The chancellor provided an update on the state's 89th Legislative Session, calling it "one of the most consequential sessions in recent history."

Hellyer praised the Legislature for its \$1 million appropriation to help fund San Jacin-

to's new biomanufacturing facility. Opened last month at San Jac's Generation Park campus, the new Center for Biotechnology is designed to train students to be a part of the area's growing biomanufacturing industry.

"(The new facility) will put Houston on the map as a global hub for biomanufacturing," said Hellyer, saying the college is producing a "skilled workforce pipeline."

The opening of the SJC's Center for Biotechnology took place just days after the announcement that pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly plans to construct an adjacent \$6.5 billion biomanufacturing facility, which San Jacinto intends to staff.

"(The new facility) was built for industry by industry," said Hellyer.

The chancellor celebrated San Jac's close relationship with local school districts involving the Early College High School and Promise @ San Jac Scholarship programs.

A partnership with Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD, San Jacinto's ECHS program allows participating students to take college courses si-

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In My Opinion

Baronet: Response to Joe Wood letter

I would like to respectfully respond to a letter by Joe Wood in the October 9th addition of the Leader.

Mr. Wood is correct in that the handling of illegal immigrants has changed in the past several years. However, it should be pointed out that it is a federal crime (Code 1325) when any alien enters or attempts to enter the United States at anytime or any means that bypasses immigration procedures or processing.

It is a fact that initially illegal immigrants were not normally processed through the criminal justice system unless it was found the illegal had some kind or criminal background. Someone

in the immigration department may be able to clarify why this was done. It might have been to try to expedite deportations and to quickly identify valid asylum seekers.

In addition, up until a few years ago, the illegal border crossings rate was a few thousand per year. Over the last several years the illegal border crossings were several million per year. This higher rate did in fact overload the immigration system and resulted in an open border policy that in turn made the situation much worse.

Strictly enforcing the existing immigration laws should not be interpreted as a bad thing. Something must be done to control the borders and close this unrealistic open border policy.

Respectfully
Barry Baronet

SJC presents State of the College

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multaneously with their high school courses. Hellyer said approximately 1,600 students were able to earn their associate degree before earning their high school diploma this past year.

The Promise @ San Jac Scholarship program allows all in-district high school graduates to attend San Jacinto College tuition-free.

A Raven's Journey showcased the stories of four individuals whose paths led them to San Jacinto College and beyond – from faculty and staff to current students and alumni.

The following is a list of

Ravens highlighted at the event:

Tabitha Godinez: Once a San Jac student herself, Tabitha Godinez's journey has come full circle as she now – serving as an SJC education workforce coordinator – helps others navigate their own educational and career pathways.

Zach Labbe: Process technology student and Promise Scholar Zach Labbe is harnessing the power of networking and mentorship at San Jac to turn classroom learning into career opportunities.

Roland Rodriguez: After a successful engineering career, Roland Rodriguez

discovered a new passion in cancer data management, a path made possible by his education at San Jacinto College.

Desiree Wilson: Inspired by her own start as a San Jac dual credit student, biology professor Desiree Wilson returned to teach at the college, motivating the next generation of scientists.

"Our journey is made up of thousands of individual stories – each one inspiring, each one important," said Hellyer. "Together, as a community of learners, educators and partners, we continue to shape the future of this region through the success of every Raven who chooses San Jac."

The following is a list of

Halloween, fall celebrations set

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Mash-Up at the Museum, which offers a blend of spooky fun with a touch of aviation adventure. Picture candy, pumpkins, parachutes and planes, all coming together for a Halloween experience that truly soars. Kids aged 10 and under who arrive in costume get FREE admission from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., while members can start the festivities early with exclusive access at 9 a.m. Expect a full lineup of hands-on activities and challenges that will keep everyone entertained throughout the day. The little ones can craft their own Bat Gliders, snap a spooky photo in the Flight Academy Briefing Room, and test their creativity with the Pumpkin Catapult Challenge or Skeleton Structure Challenge.

Almeda Mall: Almeda Mall, 12200 Gulf Freeway, will host a trick-or-treat event Friday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. This family event is open to the public and includes festive activities and treats. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and go from store to store, but no masks are allowed for adults.

South Belt Church: South Belt Church (formerly Easthaven Baptist Church), 13100 Beamer Road, will host indoor trick-or-treating Friday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. This event will be held indoors and will take place rain or shine. The event is free and open to the public.

Space Center Houston: Space Center Houston,

1601 E. NASA Parkway, will host Galaxy Frights Oct. 18-26. Blast off into a world of cosmic chills and intergalactic fun at Galaxy Frights at Space Center Houston! This out-of-this-world celebration is perfect for families and little explorers alike. Kids can trick-or-treat among multiple candy stations, join in daily costume parades, and snap stellar photos at spooky-themed backdrops. But that's not all. Adventurers can dive into pop-up Science Labs with cool dry ice experiments, meet Spidernaut, a spider-inspired robot prototype, and catch an exclusive screening of an original film where astronauts confront their deepest fears. Tickets start at \$25.

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department: Once again, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department will not host its annual Halloween celebration due to lack of space.

Space Center Houston: Space Center Houston,

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. 23, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required.

Monday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4 – 5 p.m. Get creative at Craft Lab. Registration required.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4 – 5 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 4 – 6 p.m. Spook-tacular fall fun – a family friendly Halloween costume contest. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6 – 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Conversational English classes. Registration required.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com> for 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.

Parker Williams Library

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

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

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Oct. 23, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Vietnamese classes: topic conversation. Registration required.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Adult painting class with Malu.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 1 – 3 p.m. Book2Movie Club, banned books week edition.

Saturday, Oct. 25, 4:30 – 7 p.m. Trunk or treat with precinct 2.

Monday, Oct. 27, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.

Monday, Oct. 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m. – noon. Gulf Coast reads: book talk and DIY sticker activity.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pathways to citizenship class. Registration required.

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

– After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.

– Have a library card number and PIN handy.

– A pickup time and instructions will be given.

– Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.

– Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

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

Online services

– Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.

– Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.

– 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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David Flickinger, owner

St. Luke church elders attend Golden Jubilee Gala



With deep gratitude the Rev. Douglas Gutherie of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church thanks the many elders who attended the Golden Jubilee Gala on Oct. 11, 2025, and all who could not attend. The elders are considered faithful servants who have been with the parish since its conception and have continued to support the parish with prayer, guidance and witness through joyful and difficult seasons. Gutherie and all St. Luke members recognize the elders' years of service are precious and valued, even when they go unseen and honor their humility, sacrifice, and love for the church and thank them for serving not only as decision-makers but as shepherds entrusted by God to care for his people. Gutherie and clergy ask the elders, and all parishioners, to continue praying for the next generation of leaders, that they may discern and follow God's will for his church and his people and remain committed to building his kingdom and proclaiming the gospel. "We Are St. Luke."

Pictured are, left to right, (first row) Yolanda Dominguez, Mary Garza, Juliet Connley, Natalie Meza, Jan Connelly, (second row) Joe Doniguez, Tony Zucha, Mary Zucha, Dottie Cantalamessa, Tina Torres, Abel Torres, Juanita Tristan, Frances Pascoe, Norma Calhoun, Eleanor Burleigh, (third row) Martha Ramos, Dominic Cantalamessa, Joe Tristan, Rosa Graham, Larrol Burleigh, (fourth row) Deacon Jessi Tollett, Linda Tollett, Mary Chavez, Don Graham, Mary Flores, (fifth row) Mary Ellen Rouen, Eileen Nicholas, Rita Tornbene, Marlon Hulin, Linda Wolf, Arleen Hulin, (sixth row) Yolanda DeLeon, Gilbert DeLeon, Basilio Valdez, Kathleen Taylor, Cecilia Browder, (seventh row) George Bishop, Diane Bishop, Ella Gauthier, Maria Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, (eighth row) Russel Bishop, Carl Bishop, Al Becker, Sandra Becker, Jim Gauthier, Irene Hoth, (ninth row) Tom Dimiceli, Fran Sharpless, David Flickinger, Angie Haneiko, Dave Flickinger and Peter Hoth.

Pasadena ISD fine arts announce fall/winter dates

at Thompson gym.

7 – 9 p.m., South Houston High School Auditorium.

Dobie High Dance Winter Showcase – Thursday, Dec. 4, 6 – 7 p.m., at Dobie gym.

Admin Building Performances – Wednesday, Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m. – noon, at the Admin Building board room.

Thompson Intermediate Dance Winter Showcase – Monday, Dec. 8, 6 – 7 p.m., at Thompson gym.

Admin Building Performances – Thursday, Dec. 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon, at the Admin Building board room.

South Belt Elementary Singers choir concert – Friday, Dec. 12, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., at South Belt cafeteria.

Thompson Intermediate Dance Christmas Concert – Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6 – 8 p.m., at Thompson cafeteria.

Moore Elementary fourth grade Christmas Musical – Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7 – 8 p.m., at South Belt cafeteria.

South Belt Elementary Christmas Program – Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:30 – 6 p.m., at Atkinson cafeteria.

Meador Elementary Narwhal's North Pole Neighbors – Thursday, Dec. 18, 6 – 7 p.m., at Meador cafeteria.

Stuchberry Elementary third grade Christmas Program – Thursday, Dec. 19, 5:30 – 6 p.m., at Stuchberry cafeteria.

Admin Building Performances – Thursday, Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m. – noon, at the Admin Building board room.

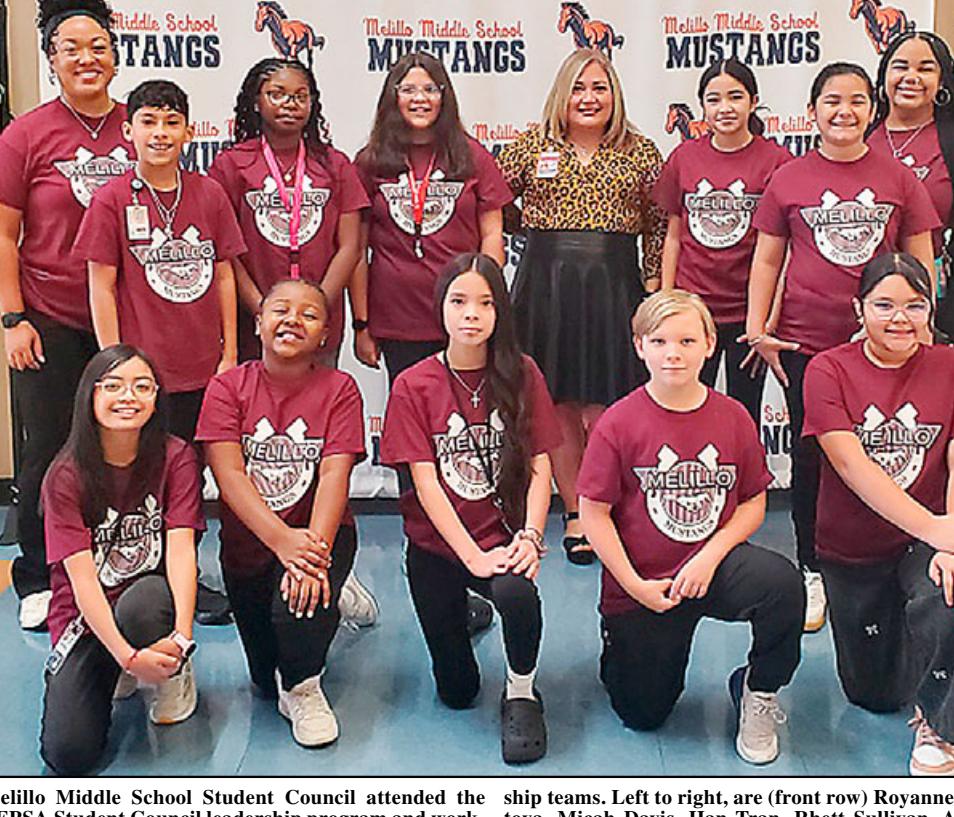
Thompson Intermediate Dance Holiday Concert – Friday, Dec. 19, 9 – 10 a.m., at Thompson gym.

Stuchberry recognizes Stallions of the month



Stuchberry Elementary School recently announced their Stallions of the month for September. The students were chosen for demonstrating good citizenship. Left to right, are (front row) Evelyn de la Fuent, Daniela Cruz (assistant principal), Sonaya Lopez, Laila Arispe, Braylon Jenkins, Paulette Del Villar, Angel Contreras, Ava-Marie Kekina Fernandez, Miah Citizen, Itzae Ramirez and Kenneth Moshay. Not pictured are Aaliyah Quintero and Cassidy Baines.

Melillo Student Council attends TEPSA



Melillo Middle School Student Council attended the TEPSA Student Council leadership program and workshop hosted by Deer Park ISD. The program included interactive workshops focused on communication, problem-solving and community projects, as well as an annual award to recognize outstanding student leaders.

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5:30 p.m.

Saturday Vigil

8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*

Sunday

1 p.m. Misa en Español*



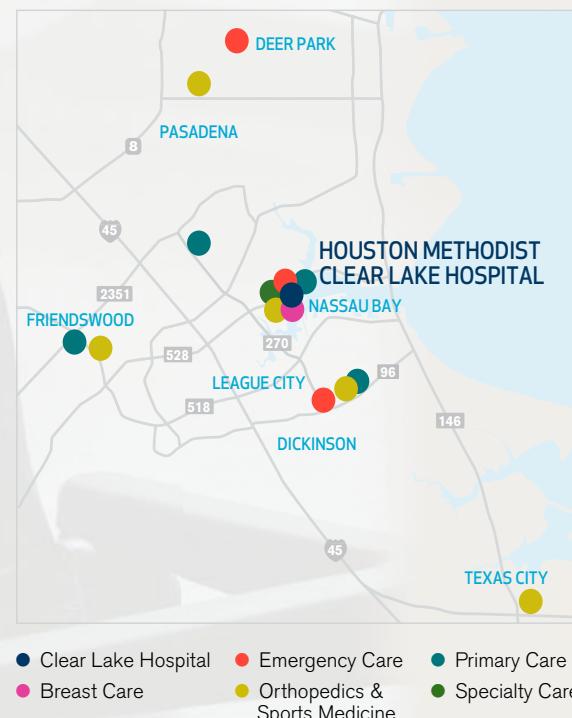
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SJC remembers Flickinger



At San Jacinto College's recent State of the College luncheon, held Thursday, Oct. 16, Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer took time to honor its board members and former board members who died this past year, including *Leader* founder Marie Flickinger. A member of the San Jacinto College board of trustees for nearly 30 years, Flickinger died this past November. Also honored at the event were longtime board members Ruede Wheeler and John Moon Jr., who died in March and July respectively. See related photo on Page 1.

Photo by James Bolen

Clear Brook Speech and Debate team adds state qualifier/state points



Clear Brook speakers and debaters once again found success the weekend of Oct. 17 and 18 at their fourth tournament of the season at Atascocita High School. Beginning on Friday night, Extemporaneous Speaking competitors Elaina Joseph, Khang Ngo and novice Zaahid Mansoor advanced to the semifinal bracket with Elaina Joseph edging her way to finals and a second place overall finish with panel ranks of 1, 1 and 4. This earned her six more state points which makes Elaina the team's latest state qualifier. In addition, after taking first place in her first two rounds, Dramatic Interpretation competitor Sophia Merchant fought her way to finals and picked up one additional state point after placing sixth overall at the meet. On Saturday as the debate portion opened, Clear Brook fielded three World Schools Debate teams and after three rounds of debate, all three advanced to the quarterfinal bracket. After this round, two advanced to the semifinal bracket, which resulted in team members Alim Merchant, Ken-

drick Toennies and Alaina Van picking up two points in quarterfinals for a total of eight so far this season. During semifinals, Clear Brook's two remaining teams both faced off against private school Northland Christian teams who are partially comprised of national level members. This was where both Clear Brook teams took a loss but were still lauded as the tournament's third place overall winners. The end result was that each team's members individually walked away with four points. The first team who lost on a 2-1 decision was the team comprised of Elaina Joseph, Emily Joseph, Ngo and Victoria Constanza. The second team was made up of first-time competitors Jackson Barnett, Hania Khan, Luke Wills and Jaza Sheikh. All in all, the team returned with one state qualifier and 38 state points. Left to right, are Clear Brook Speech and Debate members (front row) Elaina Joseph, Emily Joseph, Constanza, Khan, Van, (back row) Sheikh, Ngo, Toennies, Barnett, Merchant and Wills.

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)

Oct. 31 was the deadline for absentee voting in November's general election. All area voters were able to cast absentee ballots at the downtown County Court House at 49 San Jacinto. In addition, absentee ballots were able to be cast in various locations.

Voters in precincts 29, 280, 289, 328 and 347 were to vote absentee at the Pasadena City Hall, 1211 E. Southmore, or at the Clear Lake City Annex, 16602 Buccaneer. Voters in precincts 76, 257, 417, 418, 475 and 476 voted absentee at the Pasadena Court House Annex, 109 E. Shaw.

40 years ago (1985)

Beverly Hills Intermediate School students mourned the death of eighth-grader Darren Higgins. He died at Hermann Hospital after being struck by an automobile while crossing Beamer Road at the intersection of Kirkfair on his bicycle. He was apparently trying to jump the curb when he was thrown back into the path of the oncoming car.

Candidates chosen for Dobie High School's homecoming queen were Becki Berlitz, Lori Massay and Sandy Snow.

A contract was awarded by Harris County Flood Control for construction of a drainage ditch between Sageglen and Green Tee subdivisions via Scarsdale Boulevard.

The Clear Creek Independent School District passed a 92-cent tax rate for 1985, a 10-cent increase over the previous year's rate.

35 years ago (1990)

Clear Brook High School's first homecoming queen candidates were Ginger Jones, Suzanne Hernandez, Jennifer Huynh, Cindi Roberts and Kristee Schneider. Junior princess was Jennifer Dauth, sophomore princess was Huyen Huynh, and freshman princess was Elizabeth Love.

Based on student achievement, Thompson Intermediate School received the Governor's Excellence in Education Award at the state Capitol.

Carrying more than

10,000 signatures on a petition, South Belt area citizens showed County Commissioner El Franco Lee how many of his constituents were opposed to incineration at Brio under the proposed consent decree. The petition signing took six working days over a three-week period.

30 years ago (1995)

Sagemon resident Mary Ellen Rouen, an art teacher in the Pearland Independent School District, presented a statue of St. Luke to her church, St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

The Harris County Sheriff's Department was investigating the drive-by shooting on Beamer Road of a 17-year-old Clear Brook High School student. The teenager was transported to Ben Taub Hospital for a gunshot wound. The bullet passed through his neck and missed his spinal

cord by a quarter of an inch. It was suspected he was shot in retaliation for testimony in another case handled by the sheriff's department.

At regional marching contests, both the 5-A Dobie High band and the Clear Brook High 4-A band earned Division I ratings in competition at Pasadena Memorial Stadium.

American Airlines withdrew jet service from Hobby Airport the same day Continental Express ended its turbo-prop service from Hobby to Houston Intercontinental.

Dustin Ross and Mary Niebuh appeared in Clear Brook High School Roustabouts' performance of "Oklahoma!"

South Houston High School's homecoming court consisted of Angie Altom, Nicole Kuykendall, Selena Thomas, Louis Barajas, Amery McIntosh, Kirshna Ougrah and Johnny Tamayo. Duchesses were freshman Dylia Ramirez, sophomore Cindy Garza and junior Lupe Valencia.

25 years ago (2000)

A former day care center, which was being converted into an alternative school for

problem students, was demolished in a fire that was ruled as arson.

The Dobie band earned a perfect score on its UIL marching performance.

20 years ago (2005)

Astros fever swept South Belt as Houston's baseball team reached the World Series for the first time.

The *Leader* alerted readers regarding telephone scams in the area. Persons answering the phone heard what sounded like a person calling collect from the Harris County Jail. If the person accepted the call, it triggered a call-forwarding feature and their number could then be used for long distance calls.

Officials at Frazier Elementary locked the school down after receiving reports of a suspicious vehicle with the driver displaying a weapon. Police searched the area, but no vehicle was found. The lockdown was lifted soon afterward.

15 years ago (2010)

The results from the Nov. 2 general and special elections were tallied. In the race for governor, Republican incumbent Rick Perry easily defeated Democrat and

former Houston Mayor Bill White. U.S. Rep. Pete Olson maintained his District 22 seat. In the Texas House District 144 race, Republican incumbent Ken Legler easily defeated his Democratic opponent. In one of the surprising outcomes of the election, Democratic incumbent Sylvia Garcia lost her position as Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner to political newcomer Jack Morman.

In the special City of Houston election, the controversial Proposition 1 to create a dedicated pay-as-you-go fund for drainage and streets narrowly passed, receiving 51 percent of the vote. Also controversial, Proposition 3 asked if the city should continue to use red light cameras to enforce state or local laws relating to traffic safety.

Houston voters decided to discontinue the program, with 53.2 percent voting against it. Houston voters also voted against Proposition 2 that asked if the city charter should be amended to provide that the required period of residency to file for the office of district council member be reduced from 12 months to 6 months preceding

the Election Day for the general election in November 2011.

10 years ago (2015)

Nearly two months after his death on Sept. 4, investigators finally determined what killed Dobie baseball player Steven Moreno. According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Moreno's death was caused by acute exertional rhabdomyolysis associated with sickle cell trait. The website for the National Institutes of Health states: "Exertional rhabdomyolysis, a syndrome characterized by skeletal muscle degeneration and muscle enzyme leakage, has been shown to occur in normal, healthy individuals following strenuous exercise. In severe cases, this syndrome can result in renal failure and sudden death. Although anyone who performs strenuous exercise may be at risk for developing exertional rhabdomyolysis, some individuals may be more susceptible than others. A number of case reports of exertional rhabdomyolysis involve persons with sickle-cell trait, leading to the theory that these individuals might be at greater

risk for developing the syndrome than those without this trait."

Dobie coaches said they were unaware that Moreno carried the sickle cell trait and that steps were taken to prevent dehydration and overexertion.

5 years ago (2020)

A fatal auto-pedestrian crash took place Thursday, Oct. 22, in the 10600 block of Highway 3/Old Galveston Road near Beltway 8. According to police, the victim was walking north in a moving lane of traffic at the above address when he was struck by a maroon GMC Sierra.

The male driver, 56, immediately stopped, called police and attempted to administer CPR on the victim. Houston Fire Department paramedics arrived and pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

The driver did not show signs of intoxication and consented to a blood draw. He was subsequently released.

1 year ago (2024)

Four people including a child were killed around 7:55 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, when a helicopter leaving Ellington Airport crashed in the Second Ward area.

Over The Back Fence by Nicole



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SANDRA!

South Belt resident and longtime business owner Sandra Yandell celebrates a birthday Thursday, Oct. 23. She is wished a wonderful day from her family, community members and from friends at the *South Belt Leader*.

FRED CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!

Fred Flickinger celebrates a memorable birthday Oct. 23. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent by wife Leslie Flickinger; daughter Kimberly and husband Matt Lipino and child William; daughter Courtney and children, Abigail, Jackson and Penelope Durham; brother David (*Leader* president), wife Ellie Flickinger, and their daughter, Natalie and her husband Jose Abarca and children Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Elliana Abarca; and father David Flickinger.

PENELOPE TURNS 6!

Best wishes for a happy birthday Thursday, Oct. 23, are sent to Penelope Durham who celebrates her sixth birthday from mom Courtney, sister Abigail and brother Jackson; aunt Kimberly Lipino and husband Matt and child William; grandparents Fred and Leslie Flickinger; great-grandmother Olive Falkowski; great-grandfather John Fairchild; great-grandfather David Flickinger; and great-uncle David Flickinger (*Leader* president) and his wife Ellie; cousins Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Elliana Abarca.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALEXIS!

Happy birthday wishes to Kaye Bergeron on Friday, Oct. 25, from her husband Dave Bergeron, children Amanda Aden, Courtney Gordon and Josh Bergeron. Enjoy your birthday weekend, Mom!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALEXIS!

Special wishes are sent to Alexis Lochner (former *Leader* staffer) who enjoys a birthday Monday, Oct. 27, from her daughters Nicole Manning and Jessica LeBlanc; sons Dan Sorensen and Joshua David and wife Tamra; and grandchildren Breanna and Andrew Manning, Dira and Danny Sorensen and Michaela, Judaea

and Rhett LeBlanc.

TYLER CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday wishes are sent to Tyler Scarberry who enjoys a birthday Oct. 28. Lots of love is sent from parents Jannie and Robert Scarberry (former longtime South Belt residents); sister Jenny (Hayes) Laney, husband Josh and children Brayden, Baylee and Olivia; sister Stacey (Hayes) Flowers, husband Stephen and children Kennedy, Owen and Evie; brother Joey Hayes; and brother Austin Scarberry and daughters Jade and Lily. Tyler is a 2010 Dobie High School graduate.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 23 through Oct. 29.

Atkinson Elementary

Asia Alvarez-Hernandez celebrates a birthday Oct. 23.

Burnett Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to Isabel Martinez Oct. 26.

Bush Elementary

Amanda Maldonado is wished a happy birthday Oct. 26. Light the birthday candles for Jamie Wright Oct. 27. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 29 to Jacqueline Garza.

Frazier Elementary

The day for a cake for Deidra Garza is Oct. 27. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 28 to Maria Martinez.

Hancock Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for Jesse Luna Oct. 27. Oct. 28 is the day for a party for Jacqueline Ochoa and Erica Reyna.

Meador Elementary

Remember to wish Amy Trevino a happy birthday Oct. 26.

Moore Elementary

Blow out the birthday candles for George Robeson Oct. 23.

South Belt Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Oct. 24 to Cristal Canales. Rachel Sanders enjoys a happy birthday Oct. 26. The day for a party

for Tiffani Thomason is Oct. 28.

Melillo Middle School

Join in the birthday fun Oct. 24 for Stephen Rios. Join in the birthday fun Oct. 28 with Braeden Christen.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Tiffany Irvin enjoys a birthday Oct. 24. Give a birthday shoutout Oct. 26 for Gerardo Nunez.

Thompson Intermediate

Send birthday greetings to Denise Medina Oct. 24. Tanis Griffin, principal, and Aaron Kutra celebrate with a double-layer cake Oct. 25.

Dobie High

The day for a party for Glenda Castruita is Oct. 24. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 26 to Ashley Moore. Tyler Scarberry enjoys a birthday Oct. 28.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Oct. 23: Mike Jimenez, Jennifer Garcia, Kelly Kasselman, Johnny Smithers, Melissa Guerrero, Ruben Salazar, Rosanna Luna and Janna Horst; Friday, Oct. 24: Stacey Lindsey, Tyra Chopra, Rolf Michelson, Barry Fuller, Marilyn Ramirez; Saturday, Oct. 25: Kim Clardy, Sybil Scott, Chloe Cantu and Michael Crawford; Sunday, Oct. 26: Laurel Robertson, Crystal Ramirez, Missy Locklear, Autumn Prater, Sandy Hinson and Arturo Fernandez; Monday, Oct. 27: Rose Garcia, Jose Estrada, James Burkart, Mario Stewart, Troy McMullen and Kelly Pritchett; Tuesday, Oct. 28: Steve Barbosa, Lynda Lake and Joanne Juren; and Wednesday, Oct. 29: Dolores Garcia, Mary Ortiz, Jackie Aguilar, Tracey Nance, Rosie Hernandez, Louis Schumann, Lauren Simpson, Laura King, Judy Cole and William Scott IV.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

For birthdays, "Friends Celebrate Birthdays" or announcements email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Lariaette of the Week, Oct. 17



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Oct. 17 is junior Kareli Garza, a second-year line member.

Golf cart drivers needed

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital's unique volunteer program offers one the opportunity to explore new directions, develop skills, make friends and have fun. The hospital is seeking men and women of all backgrounds who find satisfaction in helping others - students, professionals, retirees, service-minded individuals - to transport their patients, staff and visitors to and from the hospital parking lots.

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For more information on volunteer opportunities at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, email SEVolunteer.Services@memorialhermann.org.

BHI names students of the month



SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie faces Texans as late-season push continues

This year's Dobie versus Sam Rayburn varsity football matchup very well could be the most competitive of the bunch in recent memory if the Texans have their way.

But as far as the Longhorns are concerned, the Oct. 24 matchup between the two programs will simply provide the next in

a series of stepping stones toward a postseason berth.

The Texans jumped out to a 4-1 start this season but have suddenly lost two straight yet will still enter the Pasadena ISD rivalry with Rayburn at 4-3 overall, including 2-3 in league play.

The Longhorns have played the most difficult

schedule within district at this point and will enter the game at 3-4 overall, as well as 2-3 record in the league.

For Dobie, the goal is simple. The locals are planning to run the table down the stretch and must take care of business against the Texans to keep that plan within reach.

The Texans are liable to rely heavily on senior do-it-all-man H'rei Jones, who has 793 all-purpose yards this season on the offensive side of things.

Senior running back Javier Estrada has also rushed for 417 yards to chip in.

Dobie very well could be finding its stride down

the stretch following an easy homecoming victory over the Trojans of South Houston as the Longhorns built a 35-7 lead on the way to a 48-14 victory in the game.

Senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges has now rushed for a district second-best total of 919 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Sophomore running back Adrian Taylor has run for 317 yards and five losses to Shadow Creek and Pearland, respectively.

Now comes the match-up with a Sam Rayburn program that has had little success against the Longhorns for the past couple of decades.

The victory came

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Tiara Charles (24) is one of the impact players expected to make a difference in a big way for the Dobie varsity girls' basketball squad this season as they intend to show a vast improvement over last season. The Longhorns began preseason workouts earlier this month and will open the regular season by hosting Baytown Sterling Nov. 7.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

Dobie girls' basketball sees improvement ahead

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Rachel Flores has welcomed five returnees from last year's squad, including senior and four-year varsity performer Audrey Volper.

That short list of returnees also includes Ashlyn Coleman, Tiara Charles, Blessing Akinloye and Kianni Senegal.

At least five other newcomers have earned a right to compete at the varsity level this season, and Flores is excited about the potential of this group.

"We are very excited about the start of the season and believe that we can surprise some people out there on the court," Flores said.

"We have had the benefit of a full off-season as well as the off-season league, and the players have really worked hard along the way."

"We were senior dominated last year and I really feel like we were rushed a bit with me coming in late as far as hiring and so forth, but now we have had the benefit of being together as a group for an entire off-season."

"Again, we're all very excited about the start of the season and can't wait for it to get here."

Flores lists Volper and Charles as impact players for the upcoming season but also expects quite a bit from returnees Senegal and Coleman as well as Mykayla Mendez and Tiffany Facundo.

Dobie will attend the Crawford High School scrimmage Nov. 1 and will



At left, Dobie quarterback Titus Randle (4) scored a pair of touchdowns to make it a memorable senior homecoming week for himself and his teammates as the Longhorns capped their celebration with a 48-14 victory over South Houston Oct. 17 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Randle was one of five different players to find the end zone against the Trojans as the Longhorns ended a two-game skid and climbed back into contention for a possible late-season push toward the playoffs. Dobie will now prepare to take on the Sam Rayburn Texans back at Veterans Stadium as it promises to be one of the more competitive matchups between the two programs in quite some time.

Photo by David Flickinger

McDonald's Texas hoops comes Nov. 20-22

Once a 16-team tournament featuring varsity boys' teams only in 1999, the brainchild of founder Ben Meador and others certainly has come a long way.

The 2025 McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball tournament, now featuring 48 varsity boys' teams in addition to 32 varsity girls' squads, is one of the premiere opening weekend tournaments anywhere in the nation.

The focus is the basketball action, of course, as the tournament will feature several state-ranked

programs on both the boys' and girls' side of things in addition to several of the most sought after individual recruits who will soon find their way to the college ranks.

Local basketball fans are certainly encouraged to attend games that will play out at eight locations within Pasadena ISD and two more with Deer Park ISD but can also livestream games from most of the sides simply by visiting www.texasinvitational.com.

The tournament has evolved just as Meador had hoped as the event annually contributes more than \$250,000 to support both the Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD education foundations.

Each of the Pasadena

Brook varsity boys' program. From Dobie, head coach Branford Jones will be making his debut that first courtside as he leads the Longhorns into the 2025-2026 season.

Meanwhile, head coach Rachel Flores will be beginning her second season as head coach of the Dobie girls as they look to improve upon a season ago.

The tournament bracket will be released as the calendar inches closer to the Nov. 20 start date.

Fans may also begin to consider their plans for attending the event as three-day passes for adults will be available for \$30 each prior to the start of the tournament.

Single-game tickets are \$7 each for adults and \$3 each for students. Children under 7 will be admitted free while accompanied by an adult. Each week leading up to the tournament, the *Leader* will have features commemorating both past events associated with the event as well as some of the expectations involving the 2025 event.

Christmas Kelly to be honored



Dobie graduate and current Indiana Fever assistant basketball coach Karienna Christmas Kelly (right), shown with star Fever player Kelsey Mitchell, will be honored at Dobie High School Nov. 14 with a banner reveal recognizing her outstanding career with the Longhorns that included a state semifinal appearance.



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BAFL Weekly Standings**Peewee Division**

Team	W	L	T
Wildcats	9	0	0
49ers	8	1	0
Cardinals	7	2	0
Pearland Texans	7	2	0
LP Texans	6	3	0
Red Raiders	5	3	1
Manvel Texans	5	4	0
Patriots	5	4	0
Panthers	4	4	1
Buccaneers	4	5	0
Cowboys	4	5	0
Stingrays	4	5	0
Eagles	3	6	0
Braves	3	7	0
Longhorns	2	7	0
Sharks	0	9	0
Gators	0	9	0

Freshman Division

Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	9	0	0
Cardinals	8	1	0
Manvel Texans	8	1	0
49ers	6	3	0
Panthers	6	3	0
Stingrays	6	3	0
Buccaneers	5	4	0
Cowboys	5	4	0
Longhorns	4	5	0
Patriots	4	5	0
Pearland Texans	4	5	0
Wildcats	4	5	0
Eagles	3	6	0
Sharks	2	7	0
LP Texans	2	7	0
Braves	1	9	0
Gators	0	9	0

Sophomore Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	9	0	0
Manvel Texans	9	0	0
Cowboys	8	1	0
49ers	6	3	0
Stingrays	6	3	0
Red Raiders	5	4	0
Cardinals	5	4	0
Wildcats	4	5	0
Patriots	4	5	0
Braves	4	6	0
Pearland Texans	3	5	1
Sharks	3	5	1
Eagles	3	6	0
Gators	3	6	0
LP Texans	3	6	0
Longhorns	1	8	0
Panthers	0	9	0

Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	9	0	0
Manvel Texans	8	1	0
Wildcats	7	2	0
Red Raiders	7	2	0
LP Texans	6	3	0
Gators	6	3	0
49ers	5	4	0
Sharks	5	4	0
Patriots	5	4	0
Cowboys	4	5	0
Pearland Texans	4	5	0
Cardinals	3	6	0
Panthers	3	6	0
Eagles	2	7	0
Stingrays	2	7	0
Braves	1	9	0
Longhorns	0	9	0

Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
LP Texans	9	0	0
Red Raiders	8	1	0
Buccaneers	8	1	0
Cardinals	7	2	0
Cowboys	6	3	0
Gators	6	3	0
Pearland Texans	6	3	0
Sharks	5	4	0
Wildcats	5	4	0
49ers	4	5	0
Patriots	4	5	0
Eagles	3	6	0
Longhorns	3	6	0
Manvel Texans	2	7	0
Panthers	1	8	0
Stingrays	0	9	0
Braves	0	1	0

BAFL Week 10

Manvel 33	Cowboys' PW 14
Manvel 46	Cowboys' Fr. 0
Manvel 40	Cowboys' Soph. 8
Gators 24	Manvel Jrs. 6
Cowboys' Srs. 29	Manvel 0

BAFL Week 11

Cowboys' Peewee host Patriots, 8 a.m.
Cowboys' Freshmen host Patriots, 9 a.m.
Cowboys' Sophs. host Patriots, 11 a.m.

South Belt football predictions

John Bechtle



Emory Gadd



Troy Leland



Stephen Sutton



Debbie Vaughn

22-6A Football Standings

Pearland	6-0
Dawson	5-1
Shadow Creek	4-1
Manvel	4-2
Rayburn	2-3
Dobie	2-3
Alvin	1-4
South Houston	0-5
Memorial	0-5

Jones, Randle score twice each in Longhorns' 48-14 victory**Continued from Page 5**

South Houston opened the game with possession of the ball at their own 40 and moved methodically down the field as far as the Longhorn 10-yard line before a big stop by Dobie linebacker Orlando Gomez forced a field goal attempt.

From there, a high snap on the try from 31 yards out was high and things never really got better for the Trojans in the opening half.

Game breaker Marcus Jones went 73 yards down the right sideline on the Longhorns' second play from scrimmage for a touchdown, and Nathan Campos' extra point

kick made it 7-0 midway through the opening quarter.

The Trojans again had success moving the ball in their second drive, advancing as far as the Dobie 31-yard line before a third down stop by Dobie's Orlando Gomez forced a field goal attempt.

A fumbled snap produced a turnover on downs as the Longhorns again held South Houston scoreless.

Taking over at their own 29, the Longhorns got a couple of big runs from Hodges prior to a big completion from Oscar Torres to Nolen Thomas.

It was Torres' first pass completion at the varsity level.

Eventually, sophomore running back Adrian Taylor bounded into the end zone from three yards out with just over 10 minutes to go in the second quarter as the Longhorns took a 14-0 lead.

South Houston yet again moved into Longhorn territory before a second straight turnover on downs gave the Longhorns the ball at their own 40. Hodges proceeded to make an outstanding cutback as part of a 60-yard touchdown run on the first play of the series as just like that, Dobie marched in front 21-0 in front of the celebratory homecoming crowd.

Down 21-0 at halftime, Titus Randle had a 20-yard run for a score with 3:25 left in the third quarter on the direct snap to give the Longhorns a 35-7 advantage as they were in complete control at that point.

Randle struck again with just under six minutes remaining in the game as he weaved his way through the South Houston defense for 52 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore running back Tyler Owens got in on the action late as he raced into the end zone for Dobie's final touchdown from 41 yards out with 2:28 remaining as the Longhorns completed their 48-14 victory on homecoming night.

**Clear Falls' win over Chargers highlights 24-6A football**

Defending tridistrict champions Dickinson, Clear Springs and Deer Park will advance to the postseason as the Class 6A

varsity football representatives come next month.

Clear Falls has also all

but assured itself a spot in the playoffs. What's left to

determine is the final finish within the standings.

Dickinson has put together an unbeaten 7-0 run and has looked as impressive as any team in the entire city. The Gators traveled to Lake Jackson Oct. 17, quickly jumping ahead of outmanned Brazoswood 23-0 on the way to an easy 58-7 victory that included a running clock to begin the third quarter.

Clear Falls suffered an earlier loss to Deer Park early on in league play but has now bounced back into the conversation for the title following a 49-35 victory over Clear Springs.

Deer Park, 5-2 overall, dropped its first two non-district games of the season but has since run out to a 4-0 start in league play with three weeks left.

Things will begin to

take shape beginning Oct. 24 as Dickinson (7-0, 4-0) hosts Clear Springs at Sam

Vitanza Stadium in Dickin-

son. In the win, Barker completed 21 of 30 passes for 340 yards and rushed for another 42 yards. Receiver Zack Greer, already the top receiver in the district via production, had eight receptions for 136 yards.

Ahead 28-21, Clear

Falls scored three unanswered touchdowns to pull

ahead 49-21 in route to the

victory. Following the big

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