

No Boo-Nanza this year

A list of local fall and Halloween events published in the Oct. 22 edition of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* erroneously stated that South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer, would host a Boo-Nanza event Oct. 31. Church officials said, however, no such event is planned this year. The list further stated St. Luke the Evangelist would host a trunk-or-treat event Oct. 23. The event, however, was placed on hold this year due to the church relocating. (See related story on this page.) The *Leader* apologizes for any confusion.

MUD trash times may vary

Due to a major county construction project, trash collection times may vary in the coming weeks for Clear Brook City MUD residents, officials said. To ensure trash pickup, residents should have their trash curbside no later than 6 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays, as collection crews will be working in coordination with construction crews and may arrive earlier than they traditionally did. All Texas Pride Disposal trucks have cameras for verification. This will continue until the road improvement work is complete. Services will not be interrupted.

A project of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, the massive undertaking will make street and traffic repairs to nearly 100 roads in the Clear Brook City MUD. Work is being done in the Sageglen, Sagemeadow, Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow subdivisions. Many roads may be diverted or made a temporary one-way street. Drivers are urged to use caution and watch for detour signs. Commuters are urged to avoid construction areas when possible.

St. Luke to honor vets Nov. 7

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will hold its annual veterans blessing ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the campus Rosary Garden. The event will recognize all church members who have served in the U.S. armed forces and thank them for their sacrifice.

This will mark the final veterans blessing at the church's Hall Road location. (See related story on this page.) All veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms if possible. For additional information, contact Joe Tristan at 713-249-2662.

Beverly Hills to meet Nov. 6

Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a meeting Friday, Nov. 6, at the Beverly Hills Park community center, located at 10201 Kingspoint Road, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All Beverly Hills residents are welcome to attend.

New Covenant feeds needy

In its efforts to provide food to local people in need, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday of the month from noon to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

Sagmont hiatus until 2027

There will be no more Sagmont Civic Club meetings for the remainder of the year due to scheduling conflicts.

Typically held the first Tuesday of the month, the November civic club meeting date falls on Election Day. Civic club leaders encourage residents to exercise their right to vote.

December's meeting has been canceled due to the Christmas holidays. Meetings will resume in 2027, with the first function taking place Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Kirkmont 3, 4 meets Nov. 12

Kirkmont 3 and 4 will hold their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. Representatives from Harris County Precinct 2 have been invited to speak at the event.

All homeowners/residents of Kirkmont Sections 3 and 4 are encouraged to attend. The 2027 annual maintenance fees and deed restrictions will be discussed at the meeting, and board members will be elected for the year.

The meeting will feature door prizes and snacks. For additional information, call Noble Enriquez at 346-770-4550.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow Drive continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

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.

St. Luke permanently relocates to Riverstone

Final events planned for Hall Road campus ahead of November relocation

After nearly 50 years at its Hall Road home, St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will begin a historic transition in November as the parish permanently relocates to its new Riverstone Ranch campus in Pearland, ending a decades-long chapter in the South Belt area and launching a new era for one of the community's largest faith organizations.

The move represents the culmination of a vision that has been years in the making. Church officials have previously said the relocation is necessary to accommodate the parish's continued growth and because the aging Hall Road facilities no longer adequately meet the congregation's future needs.

Final Hall Road events

The final days at the Hall Road campus will

begin Friday, Nov. 6, with a farewell prayer service in the main sanctuary.

The day will include first Friday adoration from 9:45 a.m. to 7 p.m., a recitation of the rosary for children at 5 p.m., praise and worship at 6 p.m., the farewell prayer service at 6:30 p.m. and benediction at 7 p.m.

Parish offices will be closed to visitors Nov. 6 as staff prepare for the move, although first Friday activities will continue as scheduled.

The following day, Saturday, Nov. 7, St. Luke will hold its annual veterans blessing at 11 a.m. in the Rosary Garden at the Hall Road campus. The event honors parishioners who have served in the U.S. armed forces as well as deceased veterans. This year's ceremony is expected to carry special significance as the final veterans

blessing held at the Hall Road campus. (See related sidebar entry on this page.)

No Masses will be celebrated Nov. 9 or Nov. 10 while parish staff and volunteers complete the physical move to the new location.

Worship begins at Riverstone

The first Mass at the new campus is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, inside the Family Life Center.

The first evening Mass at the new location will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12.

The parish's first weekend Masses at Riverstone Ranch are scheduled for Nov. 13-14 and will include the following services:

- 5:30 p.m. Saturday English Mass
- 8 a.m. Sunday English Mass
- 10 a.m. Sunday English Mass
- 12:30 p.m. Sunday Spanish Mass

A major milestone in the transition will occur Sunday, Nov. 22, when Archbishop Joe Vasquez is scheduled to celebrate the 12:30 p.m. bilingual Mass and formally bless the Family Life Center and new baptismal font.

Thompson roots

Founded June 17, 1975, St. Luke the Evangelist was established to serve the growing South Belt area after nearby St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church became overcrowded.

During its earliest years, parishioners gathered for Masses and religious education classes at Thompson Intermediate School while plans for a permanent church home were developed.

Construction of the Hall Road church began in the late 1970s, and parishioners moved into the facility on June 10, 1979. The building was formally dedicated later that year. For the past 47 years, the campus has served as the spiritual home for generations of South Belt families, hosting baptisms, weddings, funerals, faith for-



Church bell moves

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is permanently relocating next month from its Hall Road campus – the area church's home for nearly 50 years – to its new Riverstone Ranch campus in Pearland. An offshoot from nearby St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, St. Luke originally met in the Thompson Intermediate cafeteria, while its Hall Road location was secured and constructed. Current head pastor at St. Luke, the Rev. Douglas J. Guthrie, is shown with the parish's church bell prior to its transport to its new home. See related photos on Page 2.

Lozano spending again under fire

Judge accused of buying vehicle with county funds

Trouble again surrounds Harris County Justice of the Peace Dolores Lozano, as new documents emerge showing a series of high-priced office purchases, including a nearly \$42,000 SUV, ahead of her upcoming bid for re-election.

Recent allegations

According to a recent report by *Katy Christian Magazine*, records from the Harris County Auditor's Office show a Sept. 3, 2025, payment of \$41,970 to Caldwell Country Chevrolet for a 2026 Chevrolet Traverse SUV assigned to Loza-

mation programs, community events and regular worship services.

Decades of planning

The relocation to Riverstone Ranch has been in the works for roughly two decades.

The parish acquired the approximately 20-acre Pearland property years ago with the goal of eventually constructing a larger campus capable of serving future growth. The first building at the site, a 10,000-square-foot structure known as the Cenacle Learning Center, was christened in May 2014.

After more than a decade with little major construction activity, work resumed in 2025 when St. Luke broke ground on a new 25,000-square-foot Family Life Center. The project was made possible by a \$10 million loan from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston along with contributions from parishioners through the church's Capital Campaign.

Church leaders have said completion of the Family Life Center would allow the parish to relocate entirely from the Hall Road campus.

The building is only the second of five planned structures envisioned for the Riverstone Ranch site. Long-term plans call for additional facilities including an education center, youth center, administration building, social hall and a future permanent church sanctuary.

Located across from South Belt Elementary School and Thompson Intermediate School, the Riverstone Ranch campus occupies approximately 20 acres, compared to the five-acre Hall Road property.

Golden anniversary

The move comes approximately one year after St. Luke celebrated its Golden Jubilee, marking 50 years since the parish's founding in 1975.

Election Day scheduled to take place Nov. 3

South Belt voters to weigh in on city, county, state, federal contests

Election Day is set for Tuesday, Nov. 3, with local voters weighing in on city, county, state and federal contests.

Several races on the ballot are to fill open positions created by vacating representatives seeking higher office.

The election also marks the first general election for many South Belt residents under congressional boundaries redrawn during Texas' recent mid-decade redistricting process.

The changes affect nearly all voters in the immediate South Belt area. Neighborhoods that

previously voted in congressional districts 22 and 29 have largely been reassigned, with most local residents now falling within congressional districts 9, 18 or 36.

For many residents, the most significant change is the shift from Congressional District 22 to Congressional District 36. As a result, thousands of voters who previously cast ballots in a suburban district centered farther southwest are now represented by an urban district covering communities east and northeast of the Houston area.

Redistricting has also introduced many South Belt voters to congressional districts 9 and 18 for the first time. Both districts have long played significant roles in Houston's minority political representation and have been represented by some of the area's most recognizable political figures.

District 9 was represented for more than two decades by Al Green, while District 18 was represented by the late Sheila Jackson Lee for nearly 30 years. Both lawmakers became prominent voices on civil rights and other issues affecting Houston's diverse communities.

Voters in Congressional District 18 have also experienced an unusual period of turnover in recent years following the deaths of Jackson Lee and her successor, former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. After a special election and multiple changes in representation, voters there will now select a representative for a full term.

U.S. Senate

At the top of the ballot statewide is the open U.S. Senate race between Democrat James Talarrico, Republican Ken Paxton and Libertarian Ted Brown.

Congressional races

Depending on where they live, South Belt area voters will cast ballots in one of three congressional contests.

– **Congressional District 9:** Democrat Leticia Gutierrez faces Republican Alex Mealer in an open-seat race. The district includes portions of southeast Harris County and represents many communities south and southwest of downtown Houston.

– **Congressional District 18:** Former Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee, the Democratic nominee, faces Republican Ronald Dwayne Whitfield in another open-seat contest. The winner will succeed a district that has seen significant political change during the past several years and will represent portions of Houston's urban core and surrounding neighborhoods.

– **Congressional District 36:** Republican incumbent Brian Babin is seeking another term against Democratic challenger Rhonda Hart. The district now includes much of the eastern portion of the South Belt area following redistricting, making the race a new one for many local voters who previously were represented by another member of Congress.

Legislative races

Several races on the ballot will determine who represents South Belt-area communities in Austin when the Texas Legislature next convenes.

Among the most closely watched local contests is the race for Texas Senate District 11, which includes much of the South Belt, Clear Lake and Pasadena areas.

Democrat Shannon Dickey and Republican Dennis Paul are seeking the seat currently held by Mayes Middleton, who chose not to seek re-election and instead entered the race for Texas attorney general.

The Senate District 11 contest is part of a broader domino effect among area elected offices. Paul's decision to seek the Senate seat created an open race in Texas House District 129, where Democrat Albert Wittliff faces Republican Scott Bowen, a former Clear Creek ISD trustee.

House District 129 includes portions of South-east Houston, Clear Lake, Pasadena and neighboring communities.

In Texas House District 144, Democratic incumbent Mary Ann Perez is seeking re-election against Republican challenger David Flores. The district includes portions of Pasadena and neighboring communities along the eastern edge of the South Belt area.

The winners of these legislative races will help shape policy decisions on issues such as public education funding, transportation infrastructure, economic development, public safety, property taxes and state budgeting.

Statewide offices

Texas voters will also select candidates for several of the state's highest offices.

In the governor's race, incumbent Republican Greg Abbott faces Democratic challenger Gina Hinojosa and Libertarian candidate Pat Dixon.

The lieutenant governor's race features Republican incumbent Dan Patrick, Democrat Vikki Goodwin, Libertarian Anthony Cristo and Green Party candidate Kevin McCormick.

Voters will also choose a new attorney general. Candidates in that open-seat race are Republican Mayes Middleton, Democrat Nathan Johnson and Libertarian Tom Oxford.

Harris County races

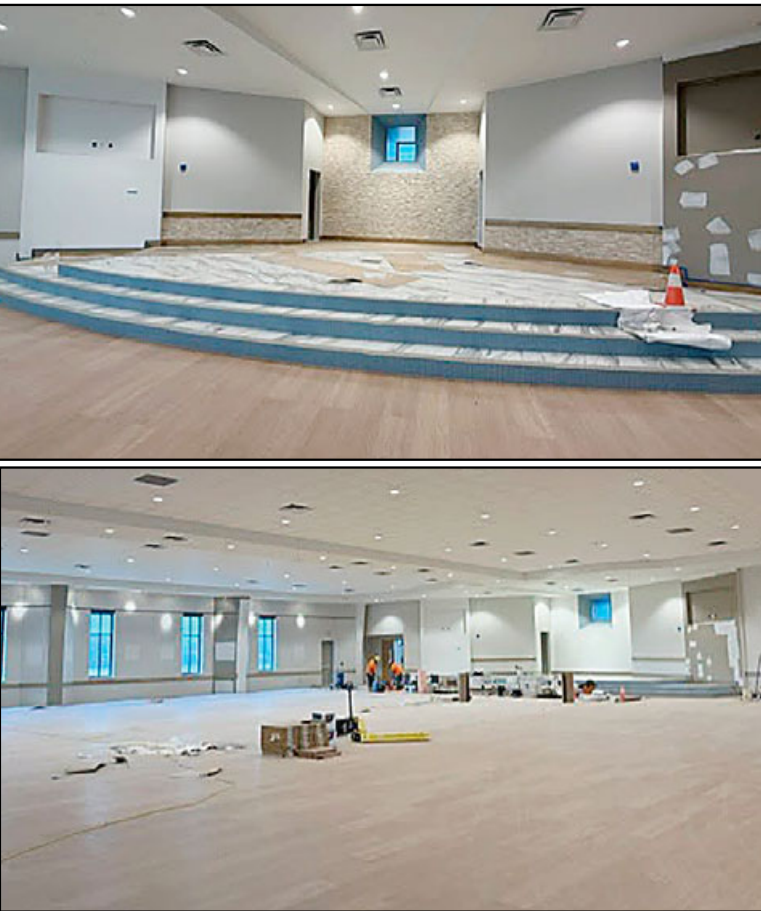
A number of countywide offices that oversee

Thousands cast vote early



Record numbers of voters cast their ballots early this year, with nearly 600,000 being cast in just the first six days, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office. By comparison, less than 400,000 had been cast during the same time in the 2022 midterms and less than 500,000 in the 2018 midterms. Early voting will run for 12 total days, ending Oct. 30. A sea of campaign signs is shown above outside the Marie Flickinger Administration Building on Scarsdale at Beamer.

St. Luke makes historic move to Riverstone Ranch campus



Final touches are being made to St. Luke the Evangelist’s Riverstone Ranch campus in Pearland ahead of the church’s transition to the new facility next month from its longtime location on Hall Road, which has served as the area parish’s home base for nearly 50 years. A farewell prayer service will be held Friday, Nov. 6, at the Hall Road campus, with the first Mass at the Riverstone complex taking place Wednesday, Nov. 11. See related story and photo on Page 1.

Annual Wings Over Houston Airshow scheduled to take flight at Ellington Airport Oct. 30-Nov. 1

The Wings Over Houston Airshow (WOHA), one of the region’s largest annual events, returns to Ellington Field from Oct. 30 through Nov. 1.

Celebrating its 42nd consecutive year, the show will feature the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds; the NASA “Freedom 250” F-5s, making their Wings Over Houston debut; and a 12-minute choreographed aerial demonstration by a United Airlines Boeing 777-200.

United, the airshow’s exclusive airline partner, remains the only U.S. commercial airline to perform a fully choreographed airshow demonstration.

The event will begin Friday with Wings For All: A Friday Special Show for guests with disabilities and neurodivergent individuals and a limited tailgate show, followed by full show days on Saturday and Sunday over Halloween weekend. Throughout the weekend, guests can enjoy hours of aerial performances, displays featuring vintage and modern aircraft, interactive areas for children and adults, the return of the fan-favorite Legends & Heroes Autograph Tent, and opportunities to give back to the community.

On Friday, United Airlines will host approximately 70 Houston-area high school students for a day focused on career discovery and youth empowerment. Through partnerships with Sterling Aviation High School, Texas Southern University, and the

Pct. 2 celebrates Halloween



Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia (left) hosted his fourth annual trunk-or-treat event Saturday, Oct. 24, attracting dozens of local families. Due to early voting at the Scarsdale Precinct 2 substation, this year’s event was held at nearby San Jacinto College South. Shown above as Luigi to Garcia’s Mario is Precinct 2 Capt. Marcus Anderson.

Death

Rafael “Ray” Garcia Jr.



Rafael “Ray” Garcia Jr., of Houston, passed away on Oct. 19, 2026. He was born Oct. 25, 1953, to Olga Lujan and Rafael Garcia Sr., and raised in South Houston by his grandmother, Patricia “Wella” Garcia. In 1989 he moved to the South Belt/Sagemont area, where he raised his children and built his life.

Ray began helping his father set tile in third grade and started his own business as a teenager. Self-taught, he became a master tile-setter, artist, builder and contractor. His work can be seen at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Fort Sam Houston, Pappasito’s Cantina in Webster (where his children’s names are on the columns), and Bravo’s Mexican Restaurant off Fuqua. For years, three Rafael Garcia generations worked side by side, and he was proud to see his youngest son, Rafael III, become a tile master and contractor himself. After Hurricane Ike, the two traveled to New Orleans to help rebuild homes and businesses.

Ray loved people and never knew a stranger. He brought meals to those in need, offered work to anyone who asked and welcomed everyone to his table like family. Later in life he opened two Fat Pat’s Snowball Shops in Sagemont, where he made lifelong friends of his customers.

Music was in his soul, from Tejano to country genres. He loved Joe Lopez, Mazz, La Mafia, George Strait and Garth Brooks. He kept a vinyl collection of hundreds of albums, and was the DJ at every backyard party. He coached his children’s Little League teams in the area, cheered on the Dobie Longhorns and especially the Dallas Cowboys.

His home was where everyone gathered. Every morning he called each of his children to tell them he was thinking of them, and in his final years, despite illness, he never stopped telling the people he loved how much they meant to him. He worshiped with his family at Calvary Chapel Houston.

His family is committed to continuing his memory through community, music, laughs and great food. Ray is survived by his wife, Yesica Garcia; sisters Ellie Arredondo and Jesusa Machuca; children Lisa (Eduardo) Salazar, Raquel Garcia, Rafael Garcia III (Aglae Denise), Crystal Lynn (Cisto Manuel) Ojeda, Sunshine (Ruben) Torres, Melanie (Tan) Phan, and Ray Patrik Garcia; and grandchildren Phillip Edward Salazar, Noah Ethan (Nancy) Salazar, Selah Eden Salazar, Celeste Star Ontiveros, Armando Soto III, Jesse Avery Valdez, Ruben Torres Jr., Andrew Diego Torres, Alex Jayden Torres, Gavin Anthony Machado, Mya Angelique Garcia, Ray Anthony Garcia, Raydin Anthony Garcia, Cidnee Madison Ojeda, Cy Mathew Ojeda, Cassidee Marisa Ojeda, and Daisy Leilani Garcia; great-grandchildren Illiana Rae Rivera, Penelope Ojeda, Eleazar Zamora, and one soon to be born. He was preceded in death by his parents; his uncle, Johnny Garcia; and his grandmother.

Ivan Pekarek



Ivan Pekarek, 76, died Oct. 19, 2026. Born Feb. 28, 1950, in Prague, Czech Republic, Ivan was the son of Josef and Olga Pekarek and he carried with him — through every season of life — the steadiness of someone shaped by devotion to family and the pride of where he began.

In 1968, Ivan moved to the United States, settling first in the New England area and beginning the work of building a life through persistence

and sheer determination. Over time, his journey took him to New York, where he met Diane Felice — the great love who would become his wife. Together they made their way to Florida and ultimately to Houston, creating a home built on commitment, forward motion and the belief that the best chapters are the ones you write side by side.

Ivan was, at his core, a tireless provider and a man who believed in showing up fully — at work, at home and for the people around him. Steadfast in his chosen vocation, he devoted more than 30 years to the Houston Pilots, assisting with transportation along the Houston ship channel. He was proud of his responsibilities and generous with his effort bringing a steady hand, a get-it-done mindset and the kind of reliability others leaned on without hesitation.

In his younger years, Ivan enjoyed fishing, traveling and spending time with his wife and daughter. As he grew older, most of his free time was spent creating memories with his daughter and grandchildren.

Ivan’s life was defined by hard work, openhearted connection and a giving spirit that showed itself in countless steady, everyday ways. The legacy he leaves is not only in years and milestones, but in the people who were strengthened by his presence — and in the conversations, friendships and love that continue because he was here.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife. He is survived by his daughter, Nicole Robbins; her husband, Robert Robbins; her grandchildren, Sean Robbins, Savannah Robbins, and Serenity Robbins; his brother, Pavel Pekarek; his niece, Lucie Thistle, her husband, Jessie Thistle and their daughter, Rose Thistle.

Visitation will be held at Forest Park East Funeral Home, located at 21620 Gulf Freeway in Webster, on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Kirkwood South Christian Church hosts Trunk-or-Treat event

Kirkwood South Christian Church invites the community to attend the annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Car trunks with treats will be set up in the east side parking lot of Kirkwood South Church, located at 10811 Kirkfair Drive.

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/> 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.

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Library:

Thursday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. – noon. Senior social hour: It’s all about connection. Registration required.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 4 – 5 p.m. Family STEM adventure. Registration required.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.

Monday, Nov. 2, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration 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.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. 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 more information. One can also visit social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library:

Thursday, Oct. 29, 10 – 11 a.m. For the plot book club.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Friday, Oct. 30, 1 – 3 p.m. Diamond painting club (18+). Registration required for new members.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 10:15 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.

Saturday, Oct. 31, Noon. – 1 p.m. Mexican istmeño embroidery. Registration required.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Korean language music class. Registration required.

Monday, Nov. 2, 1 – 2 p.m. ESL classes (various levels).

Monday, Nov. 2, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Basic computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Cricut-sublimation orientation. Registration required.

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

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 additional information, visit www.hcpl.net.

Lone Star Flight Museum, students will participate in hands-on STEM activities, explore aviation career pathways, and engage directly with United employees and mentors representing a wide range of careers across the industry. The experience is designed to help students envision what is possible in aviation, technology, and STEM while building meaningful connections to educational and career opportunities in Houston.

Beyond the weekend’s performances and student programming, the airshow also helps inspire the next generation of aviators. Through the Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship Program, the show has awarded more than \$250,000 over the past 10 years to students pursuing careers in aviation and aerospace. This year, the program will award 17 scholarships, supported by a \$10,000 contribution from scholarship sponsor BMW. Recipients will be recognized on-site during the show.

Event: CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow
Location: Ellington Airport, 11210 Blume Ave.
Schedule: Friday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Career Discovery + Youth Empowerment
Saturday, Oct. 31–Sunday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily, public airshow
For additional information on the 2026 Wings Over Houston Airshow, visit www.wingsoverhouston.com.

Lozano faces new spending allegations

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been made against Lozano. Similar media reports surfaced in 2023, when public exposed records her office purchased a vehicle then as well. The truck was later returned by Lozano, after newly elected JP faced considerable scrutiny for the action.

The recent discovery of a new automotive purchase leaves observers questioning why, if she felt compelled to return the initial vehicle due to backlash, she decided to buy another one.

The *Leader* spoke to multiple former and current justices of the peace who told the newspaper that not only have they never purchased a vehicle with county funds but they had never heard of anyone ever doing it.

One former JP told the *Leader* that his funds were so tight that he would routinely have to ask other offices for basic office supplies, such as copy paper.

Purchases again came into focus in 2023, when additional records were published indicating Lozano’s office spent thousands of dollars on high-end electronics, including a professional cinema camera, professional sound equipment and Apple AirPods Max headphones totaling just under \$18,000 from B&H Foto & Electronics.

Reporting at the time stated that Lozano’s office spent roughly \$18,500 during just August 2023 alone. By comparison, that single month of spending equaled what her predecessor, longtime JP George Risner, spent during the entire previous year of his administration.

Other controversies

During that same turbulent period in 2023, it also came to light that several of Lozano’s public tweets from her college days at Baylor University contained racially offensive language. The posts, which included the use of “the N-word,” were publicly flagged and deemed racist by local civil rights leaders. The revelations drew sharp, public rebukes from community activists, including Quanell X and Candace Owens.

Multiple efforts made through various channels to reach Lozano for comment on these issues were unsuccessful.



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Sunday	12:30 p.m. Misa en Español
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

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All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope.

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- ✓ Cleared more than six million linear feet of drainage ditches
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**ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 3**
Polls Open From: 7 AM – 7 PM



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Pasadena Memorial High School releases 1st 6-weeks honor roll

Officials of Pasadena Memorial High School have announced the first six-weeks honor roll for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ninth grade
Abigail Mariana Aaron, Briana Maliyani Aceituno Ortega, Giovanni Xavier Aceves, Evaristo Aguilar, Jordan Alexander Aguilar, Lara Mohammed Alahdal, Alexandra Alanis, Nadia Alejandro, Aiden Yadir Alfaro, Makayla Marina Alvarado, Gissell Jaclynn Andres, Ilse Daniella Angeles, Nicole Johana Arango, Nandiel Javier Arroyo Alicea and Hanna Yaneth Avalos-Arrue.

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Voters to decide city, county, state, federal contests

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courts, elections, legal matters and county operations are also on the ballot.

The race for Harris County judge is among the highest-profile local contests. Democrat Letitia Plummer and Republican Orlando Sanchez are competing to succeed outgoing County Judge Lina Hidalgo.

Voters will also decide a special election for county attorney following Menefee's departure to run for Congress. Democrat Abbie Kamin faces Republican Jacqueline Lucci Smith in that contest.

Additional county races include the following contests:

- **County clerk:** Democrat

- **Teneshia Hudspeth** (incumbent) vs. Republican **Mike Wolfe**
- **County treasurer:** Democrat **Carla L. Wyatt** (incumbent) vs. Republican **Marc Cowart**
- **District clerk:** Democrat **Darrell Jordan Jr.** vs. Republican **Chris Daniel**, who previously held the office
- **Justice of the peace, Precinct 2, Place 2:** Democrat **Dolores Lozano** (incumbent) vs. Republican **Jack Ezell**
- **Houston charter amendment**

Houston voters will also decide Proposition A, a proposed amendment to the city charter.

If approved, the measure

would require the Houston Police Department to make enforcement of Class A and Class B misdemeanor marijuana possession offenses its lowest law enforcement priority. The measure would also prohibit Houston police officers from requesting or executing no-knock search warrants.

Voters will choose either "For" or "Against" the proposition.

Before heading to the polls

Because many South Belt residents will be voting in new congressional districts for the first time, election officials encourage voters to review their sample ballot before arriving at the polls.

Early voting is currently underway and continues

through Friday, Oct. 30. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Election Day polling locations are not necessarily the same as early voting locations. Voters are urged to verify polling locations online before attempting to cast their ballots.

Harris County voters may cast their ballot at any polling location in the county regardless of their individual precinct. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both Election Day and early voting dates. Voters who are in line by 7 p.m. will be permitted to vote.

For polling locations, sample ballots and additional election information, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate take on another competition

Clear Brook Speech and Debate made the drive out to Tompkins High School in Katy in pursuit of more state qualifications. Speakers took part in events such as extemporaneous speaking, original oratory and dramatic interpretation.

One of the most notable performances came from team novice William Frisina, who achieved second place in both of his preliminary rounds of novice extemporaneous speaking after which

he took the first place spot in finals – at his first tournament of the year. This represents the first step forward for Frisina and other Clear Brook novices, who will show their prowess in the weeks and months to come.

In addition, dramatic interpretation competitor Sophia Merchant inched closer to her TFA state qualification by gaining one point from a fifth place finish in finals. She now sits at 11 points for the season. Saturday saw two

world schools debate teams debating topics such as increasing affordable housing rather than wages, whether climate pessimism should be embraced and whether rejection promotes character growth.

The final round saw the team comprised of Jackson Barnett, Hania Khan, Zaahid Mansoor and Alaina Van face off against an Elkins High School team.

After a fierce battle, Clear Brook placed first overall in

a 3-0 panel decision in finals. This granted eight state points to each state member, creating three new state qualifiers for the team: Khan, Barnett and Van. Mansoor is only lacking two additional points.

This meet catapults the Wolverine speakers and debaters once again to CCISD's top-achieving state point and qualifying leader at this point in the year at four total qualifiers and 102 total state points.



Pictured, left to right, are Clear Brook Speech and Debate members Hania Khan, Jackson Barnett, Sophia

Merchant, Zaahid Mansoor and Will Frisina with trophies earned at Tompkins High School.

Dobie marching band excels in UIL competition



The Dobie High School Longhorn marching band earned unanimous superior ratings at the UIL Region 19 Marching Contest held at Ray Maddy Stadium in Channelview. On Saturday, Oct. 31, the band will perform at the UIL Area E Marching Contest at Freedom Field in

Rosharon. The Longhorn band steps off in preliminary competition at 11:15 a.m. Left to right are colorguard tech Madison Phillips, colorguard director Leelianna Garcia, director Kevin Erickson, director Daniel Giedraitis and director Clay McNeill.

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Remember When

50 years ago (1976)

Several items were on the agenda at a Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees meeting. Included were artificial turf, a new starting time for some high school students, setting up of election procedures, a shortage of text books and the approval of \$5 million in school bonds.

Citizens United for Better Schools (CUBS) formed in the South Belt area.

A meeting of the Scarsdale Civic Association resulted in many actions to be undertaken in the near future. One item included letters of intent to sue being sent to property owners not in compliance with deed restrictions.

45 years ago (1981)

Houston arson investigators said a fire at a Sagemont residence was deliberately set. Six people were asleep in the house at the time, and were awakened by a smoke alarm.

The city's decision to turn down Harris County Flood Control's request to remove the bridge at Beamer and Sageorchard was rescinded for further study.

of their South Belt office after nearly two decades.

30 years ago (1996)

Dobie was the first and, at that time, the only PISD school to have a webpage.

Holocaust survivor Chaja Verveer spoke at San Jacinto College. She survived the camps at Bergen-Belzen, Germany, and Theresienstadt, located in what is now the Czech Republic.

25 years ago (2001)

Donna Tran, Teresa Nguyen, Alyssa Lazenberry, Bianca Hinojosa, Amber Frey, Amber Rose, Ayo Adigun, Veronica Schneider and Marsha Nepomnichy were named to the Clear Brook homecoming court.

Frazier Elementary School earned its first ever exemplary rating from the

Texas Education Agency. Frazier and Moore elementaries were the two South Belt campuses to receive the highest ranking in the state's accountability ratings system with more than 90 percent passing rates on the reading, writing and math sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in 2000-01.

Atkinson, Burnett, Freeman, Meador and Stuchbery elementaries, along with Thompson and Beverly Hills intermediate schools received recognized ratings. Jessup Elementary and Dobie High School both received district commendation.

20 years ago (2006)

Harris County jurors found Howard Joseph Holmes, 47, guilty of capital

murder in the death of Sherry Arnold, 32. He was sentenced to life without parole. Holmes shot his wife Arnold once in the head during a heated argument. The capital murder verdict was because his wife was pregnant at the time of her death.

PISD officials announced the resignation of a male teacher from J. Frank Dobie High School who was accused of accessing pornography sites on school computers.

Precinct 2 deputy constables reported two arrests made as a result of three incidents of family violence.

15 years ago (2011)

The South Belt area was invaded by mosquitoes. A combination of drought, a heavy rain and warm tem-

peratures provided the perfect conditions for the pests to thrive. According to Harris County Mosquito Control officials, the bloodsucking insects were floodwater mosquitoes, not the disease-carrying culex variety.

10 years ago (2016)

A South Belt man died Wednesday, Oct. 26, when the experimental plane he was piloting crashed during takeoff at Pearland Regional Airport. Jared Baxter Ryan, 36, was pronounced dead at the scene. Ryan had reportedly just purchased the Wittman Tailwind aircraft, and this marked the first time he had flown it alone.

5 years ago (2021)

Deputies with the Harris County Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit made a

prostitution arrest at a business posing as a massage parlor in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. Police were alerted to the business, located in a strip center at Beamer, by an area resident who noticed suspicious activity at the storefront while dining at the nearby Papagayo's Mexican Bar & Grill.

A man was fatally shot Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the 9800 block of Ledge. Patrick Fotsos was pronounced dead at the scene after being shot multiple times. No immediate arrests were made.

1 year ago (2025)

A 4-year-old boy was in critical condition after accidentally shooting himself in the head around 12:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at the Sage Hollow Apartments in the

10700 block of Fuqua between Beamer and Sabo.

The mother's boyfriend has been arrested and charged in connection with the incident.

According to investigators, the boy accidentally shot himself in the head after discovering a loaded firearm inside the home.

The child's mother, her boyfriend and an infant sibling were present in the apartment at the time of the incident.

Houston police responded to the scene and found the boy critically injured. He was rushed to Texas Children's Hospital and later transferred to Memorial Hermann Hospital for surgery. The child remained in critical condition.

Investigators said the firearm was left unsecured, allowing the child to access it. Police determined the firearm belonged to the mother's boyfriend, who has a criminal history that prohibits him from possessing a gun.

Nicholas Zepeda-Quintanilla, 27, was arrested and charged with felony counts of injury to a child and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Court records indicated Zepeda-Quintanilla had a previous felony conviction of assault on a security officer from 2021, a conviction that prevented him from legally owning a firearm for five years after his release from parole supervision in November 2022.

The boy's mother was also detained following the incident but did not face charges at press time.

The boy's infant sister was unharmed and was released in the care of relatives.

At press time, the shooting remained under investigation.

The incident has reignited calls for responsible gun ownership and safe storage practices to prevent similar tragedies.

Alejandro Urrutia, Genesis Genoveva Vasquez, Mia Julianne Vasquez, Oscar Gael Vasquez, April Vazquez, Jose Manuel Vazquez, Cesar Emanuel Vega, Eduar- do Vela, Evelyn Vela, Mario Velazquez, Dilan Yahir Vera Perez, Daniel Enrique Vigil, Nathan Christopher Villano, Marley Anahi Villarreal, Victor Villaseñor and Chelcy Madelyn Villatoro.

Christian Daniel Villatoro, Krishna Ajay Vinod, Allison Vivanco, Isabelle Faye Walden, Cordae Xaviery Washington, Nayla Denise Watson, Leylani Isabella Welch, Aaliyah Nevach Whitaker, Jordyne Rose White, Riley Breann Wilson and Marilyn Anai Zamora.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ESTEBANI!

Esteban Graham, son of Don and Rosa Graham of Sageglen, celebrates a birthday Nov. 4. Esteban is known as Coach Graham at Brookside Intermediate School and is the athletics coordinator. Wishes are also sent from his wife, Amy Howell Graham and their son Lane Warren Graham of Friendswood. Esteban and Amy are Clear Brook Class of 1996 graduates.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 29 through Nov. 4.

Atkinson Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Oct. 29 to Omar Campos. Sing a happy birthday song to Gladys Elizondo Nov. 1. Light the birthday candles Nov. 3 for Priscila Zarco.

Burnett Elementary

Remember to wish Beatriz Henry a happy birthday Oct. 30. Rebecca Wells is wished a happy birthday Nov. 1.

Bush Elementary

Send a happy birthday wish Oct. 29 to Jacquelyne Garza. Maralda Isaac celebrates a birthday Nov. 4.

Frazier Elementary

Give a birthday shoutout Nov. 1 to

Jacqueline Rojas and Melody Cisneros. Light the birthday candles for Sylvia Tamez Nov. 3.

Moore Elementary

Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 2 to Katherine Fincher.

South Belt Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Nov. 2 to Lisa Dupla.

Stuchbery Elementary

Veronica Andrade and Carrie Gothard celebrate a birthday Oct. 30. November 4 is a day of celebration for Karla Rosales.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

The day for cake and ice cream for Melissa Diaz is Nov. 3.

Thompson Intermediate

Prudencio Reyna celebrates a birthday Nov. 3.

Dobie High

Break out the balloons and birthday cake Oct. 30 for Louis Cannon and Olyn Taylor. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 31 to Lauren Calderaro. Sara Gokey is wished a happy birthday Nov. 1. Remember to wish Michael Rogers a happy birthday Nov. 3. Sing a happy birthday song to Cassandra Lumpkin and Mark Webber Nov. 4.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Oct. 29: Dolores Garcia, Mary Ortiz, Jackie Aguilar, Tracey Nance, Rosie Hernandez, Louis Schumann, Lauren Simpson, Laura King, Judy Cole and William Scott IV; Friday, Oct. 30: Carmen Cantu, Patricia Goforth-Rakes, Sara Peters-Wiggins, Greg Chavez, Jennifer Miller, Jennie Minter, Bo Bolar and Olyn Taylor; Saturday, Oct. 31: Carmen Cantu, Patricia Goforth-Rakes, Sara Peters-Wiggins, Greg Chavez, Jennifer Miller, Jennie Minter, Bo Bolar and Olyn Taylor; Sunday, Nov. 1: Earl Sword, Dawn McDonald, Sean Connors, Sherry Rightmer, Randy Read, Richard Veltman, and Susan Quintana; Monday, Nov. 2: Debbie Davis and Kathy Young; Tuesday, Nov. 3: Brett Waltz, Gabriel Estrella, Randi Whitney, Tricia Porter, Laura Armer, Kevin Duckworth and Phillip Jackson; and Wednesday, Nov. 4: John Salinas and Kandy Ger.

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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. 23



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the Week recognized Oct. 23 was sophomore Chloe Maycott, a first-year member.

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns use big second half to retain beltway honors

The Battle of the Beltway trophy will remain in its still long-time trophy case after the Dobie Longhorns extended their win streak to nine following a 28-14 for victory over Pasadena Memorial Oct. 23 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The game was tied at 7-7 at halftime, but the Longhorns responded with a late score in the

third quarter and two more touchdowns late in the fourth quarter to finish off the victory.

The Mavericks, who have not beaten the Longhorns since the 2016 season, got within 21-14 in the final minute before Dobie's Adrian Taylor put the game away with a 47-yard touchdown dash.

Taylor, who rushed for 183 yards and three touch-

Dobie hosts Manvel
Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
PISD Veterans Stadium

downs, is the second-leading rusher in the District 19-16A ranks with 997 yards to go with 10 touchdowns.

Against Memorial, Taylor was largely responsible for quieting the Maverick homecoming crowd on the home side of veterans Stadium as he busted off at 71-yard touchdown run in the first half, added a short one-yard dash in the third quarter and finished off the game with a dazzling 47-yard score as part of a huge night.

The way the standings currently show, neither Memorial (4-5 overall, 3-4 in district play) nor Dobie (3-5 overall, 2-4 in league play), will head to the postseason.

But as far as bragging rights within the Pasadena ISD ranks, the Longhorns again reign supreme after completing the win over the Mavericks in this one.

It wasn't pretty by any means on either side of the field, but Dobie was able

to put together three second-half scoring drives to earn the win.

Looking ahead, the Longhorns will now host the Manvel Mavericks back at Veterans Stadium Oct. 30, beginning at 7 p.m. The Mavericks, meanwhile, will take on Dawson at The Nest in Pearland Oct. 30, also at 7 p.m.

Memorial will enjoy a bye on the final week of the regular season early next month. Dobie will conclude its season by playing at Alvin.

While Manvel certainly promises to present quite a formidable matchup Oct. 30 against the Longhorns, Taylor is sure to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark for the season. Now on his way to 997 yards at this point, Taylor has done so on 126 carries for an average of nearly eight yards per tote and has a long scoring run of 71 yards for the season.

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JFD volleyball wins 20 matches

The Dobie varsity volleyball team closed out the regular season at 20-20 overall following a four-set victory over Alvin Oct. 22 at Dobie main.

The Longhorns, who finished fifth in the final district standings at 8-8 overall, dropped a 25-17 first set to the Yellow-jackets before coming back to win 25-21, 25-16, 25-21.

Playing in the final match of her career at Dobie, senior Alyssa Espinoza led the way with 12 kills while senior Brianna Huesca and freshman Neira LeBlanc both had eight kills.

The Longhorns will graduate nine seniors from the 2026-2027 roster, including co-captains Espinoza and Huesca as well as Alyssa Goree, who finished with more than 700 career assists; Madeline Medina, Allison Walker, Leah Hernandez, Mahoganii Davis, Miah Martinez and Eniko Sanchez.

Dawson, Shadow Creek, Pearland and Manvel were the four playoff qualifiers from 19-6A.



Alyssa Espinoza was tremendously productive during her two-plus varsity seasons with the Longhorns, surpassing 550 kills and 600 digs for her career. Dobie finished the 2026 season at 20-20 overall.



Pasadena ISD athletic director Patrick Longstreet (left) was joined by Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris in presenting the Longhorn team with a ninth consecutive Battle of the Beltway trophy after the locals scored a 28-14 victory over Pasadena Memorial Oct. 23 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Longhorns got three touchdowns from junior running back Adrian Taylor in the big win.

At left, the Dobie varsity girls cross-country team finished fourth in the final District 19-6A point standings at the championship meet earlier this month. However, the program is in terrific shape with freshmen Cecilia Bogany and Sofia Charles (center), primed to lead the program into the future. Bogany was 20th individually at district while Charles advanced to regional following a seventh-place finish. Third from left is senior Aracely Alvarado, a two-time regional qualifier while at far right is head coach Mo Hickman.

Dobie's Jasso reaches state cross-country

Dobie junior cross-country runner Cruz Jasso became just the second male runner from the Longhorns' program to qualify for the state championships as he came up with a huge personal best effort to qualify during the Region 3 Championships Oct. 26 at Kate Barr Ross Park in Huntsville.

Jasso, who was second at the District 19-6As, was eighth at regionals as his time of 15 minutes, 33.4 seconds was good enough to advance to state.

Jordan Roman, the two time 19-6A individual gold medalist, was 11th in the final standing as he was in it 15:43.7.

At Huntsville, the Longhorns finished 13th as a

team as each of the team members delivered personal best times.

Austin Vandergriff's Av inash Dewagan was the overall gold medalist at regionals as he finished the 5,000-meter event in a time of 14:42.0.

Dobie's total of 350 bested Deer Park in the final standings.

As for the girls' 5,000 m event, Dobie senior Aracely Alvarado competed in her final race for the Longhorns and completed what has been a truly exceptional career. Alvarado was 33rd with a time of 19:05.1.

Freshman Sofia Charles also ran for the Longhorns and she was 80th in a time of 20:16.9.



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UIL continues plan to officially recognize flag football

The University Interscholastic League has approved female flag football as an official pilot program with plans to likely sanction the sport at the public school level beginning with the 2028-2029 school year.

During the 2025-2026 school year, Pasadena ISD enthusiastically joined in with the She's Next flag football program, hugely championed by the Houston Texans and Dallas Cowboys National Football League organizations since 2023.

South Houston enjoyed tremendous success last season, going undefeated into the regional championships and reaching the state championships.

According to an official release on Houston texans.com, the Texans' She's Next girls flag football program has grown more than 1,500 percent since 2023. Hannah McNair, part of the Texans' ownership group, said in

the release that while she appreciates the approval shown by the UIL, she has been left disappointed that it will be a couple more years before the sport can gain official approval.

"While an official pilot program is a step forward in our mission to sanction girls playing football, I'm disappointed that official sanctioning will be delayed another three years," McNair said.

"I appreciate the continued progress made in

expanding opportunities for deserving female student-athletes and the recognition of this sport's positive impact on and off the field.

"At the Texans, we will continue to provide access to flag football for thousands of girls across our state as we are looking forward to the day."

There is little doubt that flag football certainly deserves an opportunity for growth in the state. But it must be remembered that

given the UIL's current biannual realignment system, the chances of any sport gaining official sanctioning for the first time is unlikely in the middle of realignment cycle.

Currently, high school programs across the state under the guidance of the UIL are in the first year of the cycle.

Another realignment will come for the 2028-2029 school year, at which time it would appear that flag football has a solid

shot at joining the party.

There are many things for the UIL to consider, such as where to place the sport on the annual schedule, be it fall, or spring. Postseason formats must also be considered along with much more.

In addition, the UIL certainly has to consider just how a new program will be funded long-term.

While the Texans and Cowboys have certainly provided tons of support to this point, it remains

to be seen just how costs associated with the sport will be covered well into the future at a time when some public school programs are facing elimination given the loss of funding across the board at the public school level.

The bottom line is that flag football certainly appears to have a future at the public school level in Texas. It just may take a little bit longer than hoped. Currently, the flag football season is contested during the spring months.

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Ortiz welcomes family, friends at Richland College volleyball



The Leader last week reported that Class of 2025 Dobie graduate Hope Ortiz celebrated Sophomore Day at Richland College as family and friends were invited to honor outgoing sophomores at the two-year program. Ortiz was a standout on the volleyball court at Dobie and also contributed on the tennis court as a senior. On Sophomore Day, Ortiz was joined by Dobie var-

sity tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr., who made the trip for Ortiz's special day. Ortiz also welcomed her family, including, left to right, Dominic Ortiz (brother), Erin Ortiz (mother) and father Pete Ortiz. Dominic Ortiz was also a solid contributor to the Dobie tennis program under the guidance of Moreno (pictured at right).



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BAFL Final Standings

Peewee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Wildcats	10	0	0
Hurricanes	10	0	0
Red Raiders	8	2	0
Braves	8	2	0
Manvel Texans	7	3	0
Chargers	6	4	0
Buccaneers	6	4	0
Panthers	6	4	0
Cowboys	4	5	1
Pearland Texans	4	5	1
49ers	4	6	0
Sharks	4	6	0
La Porte Texans	3	7	0
Gators	3	7	0
Stingrays	3	7	0
Patriots	2	8	0
Longhorns	1	9	0
Eagles	0	10	0

Freshman Division			
Team	W	L	T
49ers	10	0	0
Manvel Texans	9	1	0
Stingrays	9	1	0
Patriots	8	2	0
Red Raiders	7	3	0
Wildcats	6	4	0
Pearland Texans	6	4	0
Panthers	6	4	0
Eagles	6	4	0
Hurricanes	6	4	0
Buccaneers	4	6	0
Chargers	4	6	0
Cowboys	2	8	0
Sharks	2	8	0
Longhorns	2	8	0
Gators	2	8	0
La Porte Texans	1	9	0
Braves	0	10	0

Sophomore Division			
Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	10	0	0
49ers	8	2	0
Manvel Texans	9	1	0
Panthers	8	1	1
Chargers	7	3	0
Gators	7	3	0
Wildcats	7	3	0
Stingrays	5	4	1
Hurricanes	6	4	0
Pearland Texans	5	5	0
Buccaneers	4	6	0
Eagles	4	5	1
Sharks	3	6	1
Braves	2	8	0
La Porte Texans	1	9	0
Patriots	1	9	0
Cowboys	1	9	0
Longhorns	0	10	0

Junior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	10	0	0
Manvel Texans	9	1	0
Cowboys	8	2	0
Stingrays	8	2	0
Red Raiders	7	3	0
49ers	7	3	0
Chargers	6	4	0
Gators	5	5	0
Hurricanes	5	5	0
Panthers	5	5	0
Sharks	5	5	0
Braves	5	5	0
Wildcats	4	6	0
Eagles	2	8	0
Pearland Texans	2	8	0
Patriots	1	9	0
La Porte Texans	1	9	0
Longhorns	0	10	0

Senior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Pearland Texans	9	1	0
Gators	9	1	0
49ers	8	2	0
La Porte Texans	8	2	0
Buccaneers	7	3	0
Sharks	7	3	0
Manvel Texans	6	4	0
Patriots	6	4	0
Wildcats	6	4	0
Stingrays	5	5	0
Red Raiders	4	6	0
Eagles	4	6	0
Hurricanes	4	6	0
Chargers	3	7	0
Cowboys	1	9	0
Longhorns	1	9	0
Braves	1	9	0
Panthers	0	10	0

BAFL Week 11

Cowboys’ PW 27 Patriots 6
Cowboys’ Fr. 6 Patriots 46
Cowboys’ Soph. 46 Patriots 45
Cowboys’ Jr. 43 Patriots 0
Cowboys’ Sr. 0 Patriots 20
Sunday Nov. 1 Moody Gardens 1 Hope Blvd. Galveston 77554

BAFL Junior Division Playoffs
Cowboys vs 49ers
Sat. Nov. 7
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South Belt football predictions	 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn
CE King at Summer Creek	CE King	CE King	CE King	CE King
Deer Park at Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Deer Park	Deer Park
Clear Lake versus Clear Springs	Clear Lake	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs
Clear Creek at Clear Brook	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek
Manvel at Dobie	Manvel	Dobie	Dobie	Manvel
Pearland at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Pearland	Pearland	Shadow Creek
Pasadena Memorial at Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Port Arthur Memorial at Beaumont United	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial	Port Arthur Memorial
Angleton at Richmond Randle	Randle	Randle	Randle	Randle
Bridgeland at Waller	Bridgeland	Bridgeland	Bridgeland	Bridgeland
Last Week’s Results	8-2	7-3	8-2	8-2
Season record	67-23	70-20	66-24	67-23

Gators lead District 18-6A football

Overall within the District 18-6A varsity football ranks, it certainly appears that probable champion Dickinson and Deer Park will represent the league in the Division 1 play-off bracket, while Barbers Hill and Clear Springs will head to the Division 2 bracket. Clear Brook, Clear Falls and Clear Creek have been eliminated from postseason consideration.

Having delivered more than 50 points per game in consecutive victories over previously unbeaten Barbers Hill and then Deer Park, Dickinson is now well on its way to claiming the District 18-6A championship as well as the Division 1 top playoff seed.

Even as his inexperienced squad dropped to 0-3 to begin the season following losses to Ridge Point, Katy and then Atascocita, veteran Dickinson head coach John Snelson preached patience.

Obviously, Snelson knew what he was talking about as his team has rolled through district play at 5-0 while averaging well over 50 points per game along the way.

Dickinson quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre fortified his resume as the player of the year in the district, while Cedric Brown returned the opening kickoff 87 yards for a score and added two more touchdowns in the big-play showing for the Gators.

Aside from his kickoff return for a score, Brown rushed for 108 yards on 14 carries. Gator receiver Jayse Washington had six catches for 99 yards, and Aguirre completed 23 of 33 total throws for 313 yards.

Despite the loss, Deer Park is in tremendous position to reach the postseason as the second seed in the Division 2 playoff bracket.

Deer Park will look to hang on to second place in the standings as it goes up against Barbers Hill Oct. 30 at Eagle Stadium in Mont Belvieu.

Barbers Hill is 7-1 over all of this season, having crushed Clear Lake 73-30 in its most recent outing. The Eagles have scored at least 40 points in all but one of their games and possess one of the most prolific offenses in the region. Clear Creek is coming off a bit of a surprising 7-0 victory over Clear Falls and will look to keep things going in a positive direction against the Wolverines, who are winless in league but.

Neither team is likely headed to the postseason, but are nonetheless looking to

close the 2026 season on a positive note.

While Clear Creek was defeating Clear Falls, the Wolverines were on the losing end of a 52-15 decision against Clear Springs. Clear Creek used a third quarter touchdown to take a 7-0 lead over Clear Falls.

Clear Springs will take on Clear Lake as both teams remain in the hunt for a postseason berth. Clear Springs will look to keep its momentum going after scoring a season-high 52 points in a victory over Clear Brook. The Falcons meanwhile, are 1-4 in league play but will close the season first against Clear Springs and then at Clear Creek and still have a chance to reach the postseason.

Dickinson at Clear Falls
Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m.
Challenger Columbia
Deer Park at Barbers Hill
Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
Eagles Stadium
Clear Creek at Clear Brook
Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
CCISD Veterans
Clear Springs at Clear Lake
Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
Challenger Columbia

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 6	at Alief Hastings	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	Galveston Ball	7 p.m.
Nov.12-14	at Peggy Whitley Classic	TBA
Nov. 17	Pearland	7 p.m.
Nov. 19-21	at Manvel tournament	TBA
Nov. 24	South Houston	1 p.m.
Nov. 25	at Thanksgiving Showcase	TBA
Dec. 1	at College Park	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	at Porter	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	*Deer Park	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	*at Clear Falls	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	*Barbers Hill	5 p.m.
Dec. 22	*Clear Lake	Noon
Dec. 28-29	at Tyler Christmas Classic	TBA
Jan. 5	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Jan. 8	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Jan. 15	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	*Clear Falls	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	*at Barbers Hill	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Jan. 29	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	*Dickinson	7 p.m.
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The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade girls' Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 16 was Amri Navarro.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade boys' Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 16 was Caleb Villarreal.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade boys' Athlete of the week for the Week ending Oct. 16 was Ivan Velasquez.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade girls' Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 16 was Mila Rivera.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade girls' Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 23 was Eternity Martinez.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade boys' Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 23 was Joshua Menahem.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade girls' Athlete of the Week for the week ending Oct. 23 was Chemya Robertson.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
7:30 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.
8 p.m. Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 - 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
7:30 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and Zoom online. 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>.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican

Church - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA - See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
5 p.m. New Directions - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.
7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Southeast Houston Toastmasters - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at seahouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for information.
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See

Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Friday's notice.
Noon Ballroom Dancing - casual ballroom dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office 281-554-1180 for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA - See Friday's notice.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
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JFD football wins ninth straight beltway showdown over PMHS

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His first score in this one came in the first quarter with 5:15 remaining, on the first play after the Longhorns had turned the Mavericks over on downs. Taylor took the hand off and got free down the left sideline, out-racing the

Mavericks to the end zone for 71 yards and a 7-0 advantage.

With the game tied at 7-7 at halftime, it was anybody's game as the Mavericks were intent on coming through with a win before the homecoming crowd. Memorial opened the

second half at its own 32-yard line, but Dobie's Jordyn Thomas and R.J. Robinson combined for a sack of Bryan Cantu on second down in the series.

From there, the Longhorns forced a three-and-out eventually taking over possession of the ball for

their first series at their own 32-yard line.

The first big break in the second half came with 4:36 to go in the third quarter as David Harris dived for an interception of a Cantu pass to give the Longhorns possession at the midfield logo.

Taylor ran for a yard on first down, then went for two yards on second down.

Facing a long yardage situation on third down, Hernandez kept the drive alive with a pass over the middle to Nolen Thomas.

Memorial was also flagged for roughing the passer on the play, giving the Longhorns possession at the Maverick 20-yard line.

Taylor went down the middle for five yards on first down, and West went down the middle to the 6-yard line for a first and goal.

West was stopped for no gain on first down, but the Longhorns then got four yards from West down to the two-yard line. On third-and-goal, Taylor burst into the end zone for the touchdown with 29 ticks remaining in the quarter as the Longhorns took a 14-7 lead.

Taylor danced through the middle of the Me-

morial defense for what would have been a 24-yard touchdown run with 6:35 remaining. Instead, the Longhorns regrouped and maneuvered into the red zone with Taylor and West trading carries.

West picked up 12 yards down to the three-yard line with just over 5 minutes remaining and then made his way inside the one-yard line with the clock still ticking under 5 minutes.

The Longhorns finally extended their lead to 21-7 as West plunged into the end zone from the one-yard line with 4:27 to play in the game.

The action was plenty busy following the two-minute warning as Memorial receiver Landon Johnson reeled in a seven-yard touchdown pass from Cantu on the slant to make it 21-14.

Memorial attempted an onside kick but the Longhorns recovered near midfield.

On second down, Taylor iced the game as he broke free for his third touchdown of the game, the 47-yard score that ultimately secured the Battle of the Beltway trophy for the ninth consecutive season.

The Longhorns have

surely savored this victory, and now it is time to finish the regular season by hosting Manvel and then

traveling to Alvin to play the Yellowjackets.

While it hasn't been the type of season the Long-

horns had hoped for, hanging on to the Battle of the Beltway trophy, combined with a huge win over Ray-

burn earlier this season, certainly means the Longhorns are the best of the Pasadena ISD ranks.



Dobie junior running back Adrian Taylor (9) delivered a huge game for the Longhorns as he rushed for more than 180 yards and three touchdowns against Memorial. With two games remaining in the regular season, Taylor is on the brink of a 1,000 yard season.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Dobie defensive backs Zaire Zavala (38) and Damarai Parker (19) defend a pass against a Memorial receiver during the Longhorns' big victory over the Mavericks Oct. 23 as the locals spoiled Memorial's homecoming celebration.

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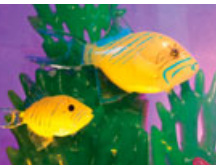
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Girls basketball season nears start

High school girls basketball practice is well underway, and both the Dobie and Clear Brook programs are preparing for the regular season to open Nov. 6.

Prior to that, both the Wolverines and Longhorns will engage in scrimmage action. Dobie will scrimmage at Clear Springs Oct. 31 and then scrimmage at South Houston Nov. 3 before opening the regular season Nov. 6

at Baytown Sterling.

Clear Brook will scrimmage Oct. 31 at Crawford and then scrimmage at Bridgeland Nov. 3 prior to opening the regular season Nov. 6 at Alief Hastings. A team schedule for the Wolverines is on Page 6.

The McDonald's Texas Invitational is inviting former alumni, players, weekend warriors or simply thrill-seekers to take part in the tournament's inaugural 3-Point Contest to

be held Nov. 21 at Phillips Field House in Pasadena during the final day of the tournament. Participants 18 years of age and older are invited to take part for an entry fee of \$25.

The contest winner will be awarded a \$500 cash prize, courtesy of the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame.

To learn more about the contest or to enter, visit www.texasinvitational.com.

Dobie Longhorns Varsity Girls Basketball		
Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 31	at South Houston scrimmage	TBA
Nov. 6	at Baytown Sterling	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Eisenhower	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	at Channelview	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	Dulles	7 p.m.
Nov. 19-21	at McDonald's Invitational	TBA
Nov. 24	*Pearland	1 p.m.
Dec. 1	*at Sam Rayburn	7 p.m.
Dec. 3-5	at Gulf Coast Classic	
	Barbers Hill	TBA
Dec. 8	*Shadow Creek	7 p.m.
Dec. 11	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Dec. 14	Clements	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	*Dawson	4 p.m.
Dec. 22	*at Pasadena Memorial	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 28-29	at Fort Bend ISD Christmas Showcase	TBA
Jan. 2	*Manvel	1 p.m.
Jan. 6	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	*at Pearland	1 p.m.
Jan. 13	*Sam Rayburn	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	*at Shadow Creek	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	*Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	*at Dawson	7 p.m.
Jan. 29	*Pasadena Memorial	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	*at Manvel	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	*Alvin	7 p.m.
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