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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.

HPD's PIP takes holiday

The Houston Police Department's monthly Positive Interaction Program meetings are on hiatus for the remainder of the year, with the November and December meetings being canceled due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays respectively. The monthly meetings will resume next year, with the first one being held at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Classroom No. 103. Guest speaker to be announced.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Monday of each month. For additional information, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

CBCMUD to meet Nov. 18

Clear Brook City MUD, 11911 Blackhawk Blvd., will host its monthly board meeting Wednesday, Nov. 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are typically held the third Wednesday of each month. For additional information, visit www.cbcmud.com or call 281-484-1562.

Sagemont hiatus until 2027

There will be no more Sagemont 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.

Sageglen to meet Nov. 16

Sageglen Community Association will hold its bimonthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. Guest speaker to be announced. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, email sageglen@sageglen.com or call 281-481-2160.

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.

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

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.

South Belt candidates buck nationwide Blue Wave

Republicans Paul, Bowen declared winners, veering from state, national results

The results from the Nov. 3 election have now been fully tabulated, with some South Belt-area races bucking the Democratic wave that swept across Texas and much of the nation.

While Democrats captured Texas' top statewide offices and dominated Harris County contests, Republicans held two closely watched legislative seats serving the South Belt area, including one decided by fewer than 1,000 votes.

Republican Dennis Paul won the open Texas Senate District 11 seat over Democrat Shannon Dicely, receiving 174,935 votes to Dicely's 164,777.

In Texas House District 129, Republican Scott Bowen prevailed by an even narrower margin, defeating Democrat Albert Wittliff 37,491 to 36,659, a difference of just 832 votes. Both races had remained too close to call when the *Leader* went to press the morning after the election.

The two Republican victories stood in contrast to much of the rest of the ballot, as Democrats scored major gains statewide and continued their dominance in Harris County.

Among the most significant was the open U.S. Senate race, where Democrat James Talarico defeated Republican Ken Paxton and Libertarian Ted Brown. The Texas Secretary of State reported 5,444,982 votes for Talarico, compared with 4,249,373 for Paxton and 190,237 for Brown, with 100 percent of polling locations reporting.

Democrats also swept three major statewide offices.

In perhaps the most closely watched of those races, Democrat Gina Hinojosa defeated Republican incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott. Hinojosa received 5,230,789 votes to Abbott's 4,524,527. Libertarian Pat Dixon received 148,078 votes.

Democrat Vikki Goodwin defeated Republican incumbent Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, 5,083,581 votes to 4,484,652. Libertarian Anthony Cristo received 170,444 votes, while Green Party candidate Kevin McCormick received 88,033.

The open race for attorney general produced a similar result. Democrat Nathan Johnson received 5,133,629 votes to Republican Mayes Middleton's 4,502,442. Libertarian Tom Oxford received 165,550 votes.

New congressional maps

New congressional districts produced mixed results.

For South Belt residents, the election was also the first general election conducted under recently redrawn congressional boundaries. Voters in the area were divided primarily among congressional districts 9, 18 and 36.

Democrats won two of those three races.

In Congressional District 9, Democrat Leticia Gutierrez defeated Republican Alex Mealer, receiving 98,079 votes to Mealer's 72,340, or approximately 58 percent to 42 percent.

Democrat Christian Menefee won Congressional District 18 by a considerably wider margin. Menefee received 193,144 votes, compared with 31,333 for Republican Ronald Dwayne Whitfield, with 100 percent of polling locations reporting.

Republicans fared better in Congressional District 36, where incumbent Brian Babin won another term. Babin received 138,008 votes to Democrat Rhonda Hart's 119,681, or approximately 54 percent to 46 percent.

The congressional results, coupled with the two close state legislative contests, produced a mixed picture for the immediate South Belt area despite Democratic gains elsewhere.

Democratic state Rep. Mary Ann Perez easily won re-election in House District 144. Perez received 26,214 votes to Republican David Flores' 11,077, with all polling locations reporting.

Harris County

The Democratic wave was particularly pronounced in Harris County, where the party won nearly all county and precinct races.

Democrat Letitia Plummer defeated Republican Orlando Sanchez in the race for Harris County judge. Plummer received 816,215 votes, or roughly 61 percent, while Sanchez received 522,866, or 39 percent, with all precincts reporting.

Democratic incumbent Adrian Garcia also easily won re-election as Precinct 2 commissioner, defeating Republican Richard Vega by nearly a 2-to-1 margin.. Garcia received 172,739 votes, or 66 percent, compared with 90,817 votes, or 34 percent, for Vega.

Democrat Abbie Kamin won the special election for county attorney, defeating Republican Jacqueline Lucci Smith 823,117 votes to 495,819. The contest was held for the county office previously held by Menefee.

Democratic incumbent County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth defeated Republican Mike Wolfe 831,525 to 495,870, while Democratic incumbent County Treasurer Carla Wyatt defeated Republican Marc Cowart 790,879 to 531,454.

Democrat Darrell Jordan Jr. won the district clerk's race over Republican Chris Daniel, who previously held the position. Jordan received 803,669 votes to Daniel's 522,724.

Democratic incumbent Dolores Lozano defeated Republican Jack Ezell in the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2 contest. Lozano received 48,894 votes, or 69.4 percent, while Ezell received 21,528, or 30.6 percent.

In another race with South Belt ties, Ericka McCrutcheon – longtime president of the Kirkwood Civic Club – advanced to a Dec. 12 runoff for Harris Central Appraisal District Board of Directors, At-Large Place 3.

McCrutcheon, the Place 3 incumbent and current assistant secretary of the HCAD board, led the three-candidate contest with 387,019 votes, or 43 percent. Jesus Nieto finished second with 278,707 votes, or 31 percent, while Chris Moses received 245,589 votes, or 26 percent. Because no candidate received a majority, McCrutcheon and Nieto will meet in the runoff. Early voting will run from Nov. 30 through Dec. 8, followed by runoff Election Day Saturday, Dec. 12.

Houston Proposition A

Houston voters also overwhelmingly approved Proposition A, the city charter amendment dealing with enforcement of misdemeanor marijuana offenses and no-knock search warrants.

The measure received 422,069 votes in favor, or 71.5 percent, compared with 168,501 opposed, or 28.5 percent, with 100 percent of precincts reporting.

Proposition A amends the Houston City Charter to require the Houston Police Department to make enforcement of Class A and Class B misdemeanor marijuana possession its lowest law-enforcement priority. It also prohibits Houston police officers from requesting or executing no-knock search warrants.

Paul, Bowen win elections



Republican candidates Scott Bowen (left) and Dennis Paul (right) were both successful on Election Day, winning their respective races, veering from a broader trend that saw Democratic gains on the state and federal levels. Bowen narrowly defeated opponent Albert Wittliff in the state House District 129 race, while Paul defeated Democrat Shannon Dicely in the state Senate District 11 contest. Shown above with the pair at a Paul campaign rally is former TX SD 11 Sen. Larry Taylor.

Online county tool promotes health equity

Healthy Communities Framework to study societal factors affecting health

Harris County Public Health has launched a new online tool aimed at advancing health equity by giving residents, community organizations and policymakers a closer look at the conditions affecting health in neighborhoods across the county.

The Healthy Communities Framework brings together neighborhood-level health and social data using maps and visualizations designed to highlight disparities and areas of opportunity. County health officials say the information can be used to help guide programs and services that respond to community needs.

The framework takes a broad approach to defining what makes a community healthy, looking beyond access to doctors and medical treatment to the social, economic and environmental conditions that can influence residents' well-being.

Harris County Public Health says conditions in people's neighborhoods, including the air they breathe, the schools their children attend and the jobs available to them, can shape health outcomes. The department developed the tool around the premise that where people live should not determine "how long or how well" they live.

The framework organizes data into the following five areas:

– Population Health & Prevention
– Housing & Economic Conditions
– Neighborhood Environment & Conditions
– Chronic & Behavioral Health
– Social & Community Conditions.

Within those categories are measures involving preventive care, maternal and infant health outcomes, life expectancy, poverty, food insecurity, health insurance coverage, household income and housing stability. Environmental and neighborhood measures include air quality, ozone levels, proximity to parks and hazardous waste, walkability and nonautomotive commuting options. Other areas include chronic health conditions, frequent mental distress, educational attainment and language proficiency.

Taken together, the indicators allow users to examine health alongside some of the conditions that can differ from one community to another.

The Healthy Communities Framework hub displays data at the ZIP Code Tabulation Area level across Harris County and includes an interactive StoryMap and mapping application.

Putting health disparities on the map

A key purpose of the framework is to make differences among communities easier to identify.

Broad health statistics can provide a picture of a population as a whole, but the international model upon which Harris County based its framework emphasizes examining more localized and disaggregated data to identify inequities affecting disadvantaged populations.

The Harris County framework was adapted from the World Health Organization's Urban Health Equity Assessment and Response Tool, known as Urban HEART. The WHO developed the model to help local policymakers, program managers and communities identify, analyze and address health inequities in urban areas.

The international program was developed and pilot-tested with cities in multiple countries and combines the assessment of health outcomes with examination of social factors affecting health. Those factors include physical environment and infrastructure, social and human development, economics and governance.

The World Health Organization says it worked with 17 cities in 10 countries during 2008 and 2009 to develop and test Urban HEART. The organization envisioned communities adapting the framework to their own circumstances while retaining its core principles.

One of those principles is collaboration.

The WHO's Urban HEART manual says tackling health inequities requires coordination among different policy sectors, levels of government and communities. An inclusive approach can also bring together the different sources of data needed to examine health disparities.

Harris County likewise turned to organizations from several sectors in creating its version.

According to Harris County Public Health, development of the framework included a cross-sector steering committee representing academic institutions, healthcare organizations, community-based groups and local government agencies.

The county says the indicators included in the framework were selected based on data availability, reliability and relevance to priorities identified by the community, with an emphasis on making the resulting tool practical and accessible.

For Harris County, however, identifying health inequities is only part of the stated purpose.

The health department says the framework can be used to explore conditions neighborhood by neighborhood, identify disparities and support equitable resource allocation, program planning and policy decisions.

That makes the tool potentially useful to several audiences.

Residents can explore publicly available information about health and other conditions in their communities, while community advocates and policymakers can examine geographic disparities as they consider priorities and decisions. The department explicitly describes the framework as being designed for residents, community advocates and policymakers.

The framework also reflects an approach to public health that puts medical outcomes alongside the conditions in which people live.

A community facing economic hardship or housing instability, for example, can be examined through those measures as well as through data on chronic and behavioral health. Environmental measures can be viewed alongside health measures, while education and other social conditions are incorporated into the broader framework.

That does not mean the tool itself prescribes solutions. Instead, Harris County Public Health presents it as a source of evidence that communities and decision-makers can use in determining where disparities exist and considering how resources, programs and policies should respond.

It is an approach closely tied to health equity, which the county's framework presents not simply as a question of healthcare access, but as one involving the broader circumstances that can influence people's health.

And by putting those measures together geographically, the new framework gives residents, community groups and government officials a common source of information for examining those differences.

Harris County Public Health says making such information open and accessible can give communities, advocates and leaders knowledge they can use to pursue healthier and more equitable neighborhoods. Its stated aim is to move the information "from framework to action," using data to support decisions about resources, programs and policy throughout Harris County.

The Healthy Communities Framework is available through Harris County Public Health's online HCF Hub at www.healthy-communities-framework-hcpublichealth.hub.arcgis.com.

Work underway to repair 99 roads



Construction work continues on Scarsdale between Beamer and Blackhawk – along with numerous other areas in the South Belt community – where county crews are making road improvements as part of a massive undertaking led by Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. In all, repairs are to be made to 99 local streets in unincorporated parts of the area. Drivers are urged to use caution around workers and to take alternate routes when possible.

St. Luke the Evangelist recognizes veterans with special blessing



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church honored its local veterans, as well as veterans who have passed, at a special Veterans Day program and blessing Saturday, Nov. 7. Left to right, are (sitting) Joe Tristan, the Rev. Douglas Guthrie, Judge Jo Ann Delgado, (standing) Sgt. Jimmy De los Santos, Sgt. Carlos Santoya, Cpl. Ken Delgado, Cpl. Mario Flores, Sgt. Larry Cossey, Cpl. Charles Salazar, Roy Kerstiens, John Tornabene, Matias Gonzales, Cpl. Steve Mendez, Rigoberto Fernandez, Cpl. Rick Rivera, Cpl. Michael Marquez, Paul Foreman, George Bishop, Tina Condit, Don Graham, Gilbert Hernandez, Fran Sharpless, Victor Castaneda, Glenn Williams, Jordan Perales, Gilbert Ramos, Phillip Morin, Juan Deleon, Paul Manriquez, Larrol Burleigh and Joe Dominguez.

Death

Rosario "Rosie" Galicia Sanchez



Rosario "Rosie" Galicia Sanchez passed away at home on the morning of Oct. 31, 2026.

Born in Lockhart, in 1947, Rosie made her home in the Sagemont community in 1971, where she built a life centered around family, creativity and service to others. In 1968, she married her high school sweetheart, Florentino Sanchez, with whom she shared 58 years of marriage.

Rosie approached life with a creative spirit. Throughout her life, she expressed that creativity through painting ceramics, drawing, writing, cake decorating, sewing, quilting and needlework. She often gifted her completed projects to family and friends. Whenever she found a stranger's unfinished quilt, she would bring it home to finish it. Her generosity extended beyond her family through acts of service, including sewing one hundred baby blankets through Project Linus for hospitalized children and volunteering for 20 years at Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM) thrift store.

An avid reader, Rosie especially enjoyed mystery books and could often be found with several books going at once. She also enjoyed watching British TV mysteries and comedies when relaxing in the evening.

She will be dearly missed for her wonderful sense of humor, generous heart, skilled artistry and the comforting warmth she brought to those around her.

She is survived by her husband; her children Angel McFerrin, Ricardo Sanchez and Leah Sanchez; her sisters Francis Turnini and Dominque Turnini; her grandsons Joshua and David McFerrin; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

At her request, no formal service will be held. Her family will remember and celebrate her life in their own way.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

Burnett Elementary swears in student council



Recently Burnett Elementary School student council members were sworn in. Shown celebrating are, left to right, (front row) assistant principal Melissa Hickman, Amare Jones, Jax Moreno, Jalynn Aviles, Lianna Rangel, Stephen Arévalo, Santiago Hernandez, Darci Ordóñez, Maximiliano Urbina, adviser Jessica Arnold, (middle row) Isla Adams, Natalia Magallanes, Connie Vu, Ethan Martínez, Vanesa Machado, Elise Barron, Anthony Hoang, Genesis Medrano, school counselor Karina Diaz, (back row) Pct. 2 Constable Deputy Leonel Bernal, Judge Jo Ann Delgado, San Jacinto College board member Judy Harrison and principal Jae Lee.

Lariaette of the Week for Oct. 30, Nov. 6



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the Week ending Oct. 30 is senior Kayli Rodriguez, a third-year member.



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the Week ending Nov. 6 is sophomore Nicole Fonseca, a first-year member.

Friendsgiving returns to South Belt/Ellington

The community is invited to gather for Friendsgiving on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer Road. The Friendsgiving potluck luncheon will be held from noon to 2 p.m., with guests bringing a favorite dish to share. Luncheon attendees receive VIP access to the pre-Black Friday market from 9 a.m. to noon, before the market opens to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. Registration is now open for vendors and local businesses interested in participating in the pre-Black Friday market. Proceeds benefit the South Belt-Ellington Toy and Food Drive. For information, call or text Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Hometown Heroes Park hosts free ballroom dance

A free ballroom dance is held every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. The dance is casual dress, and the purpose is to have fun, get some mental and physical exercise and make friends. A variety of rhythms are provided by Neva and Bill Schroder, including foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, tango, Viennese waltz, swing, West Coast swing and several popular Latin dances.

Several dancers have attended regularly since the dance began in 2012. Lasting friendship is a bonus of this weekly event. Walk-ins are welcome to share in the fun.

The ballroom has a large floating hardwood floor and natural light from many windows and a wall of mirrors.

While this regular dance is provided free by volunteers, there is a fee for age-dependent nonresidents and nonsenior residents. The fees are handled entirely by the front office at Hometown Heroes Park. Information is available by calling 281-554-1185.

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, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. – noon. Senior social hour: It's all about connection. Registration required.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.

Monday, Nov. 16, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Family storytime. Registration required.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5 – 7 p.m. Teen movie time. 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, Nov. 12, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Friday, Nov. 13, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Pokemon club.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 10:15 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.

Monday, Nov. 16, 1 – 2 p.m. ESL classes (various levels).

Monday, Nov. 16, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Adult computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Adult literacy open house: Celebrate teacher appreciation.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 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.

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Taylors celebrate diamond anniversary





Hugh and Kathleen Taylor married on Nov. 12, 1966, at St. Mary Catholic Church in League City. Hugh and Kathleen are a devoted couple who for 60 years have built a full, loving life together as longtime residents of Sagemont, where they raised their family. They now reside in Pearland. Over six decades, they have created a beautiful legacy grounded in faith, home and family. "With all our love, congratulations, and best wishes for many more joyful years," their children and their spouses — Trey and Jamie Taylor, Bryan Taylor, Tammy and David Pipho and Michael Taylor along with eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild — congratulate them on their diamond anniversary.

Toastmasters meets Tuesdays

Southeast Houston Toastmasters is a community club for any adult (18+ years old) who wants to become a confident communicator, an active listener, a better writer and/or wants to hone his/her communication skills in a friendly atmosphere.

The group conducts virtual meetings every Tuesday from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.; however, they include in-person meetings at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. They do not meet on the fifth Tuesday of any month. On occasion, meetings might cancel due to weather forecast or a holiday; these announcements are usually posted on their homepage at https://sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org/.

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage/Food Permit by Preslee's Webster, LLC dba Preslee's Southern Good Eatery, to be located at 17886 Highway 3, Webster, Harris, Texas. Officer of said corporation are Justin Piper.

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVENMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

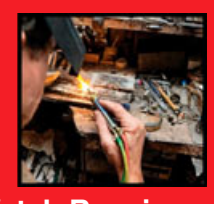
Data Control Codes		General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	Revenues:					
5700	Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	$158,960,963	$63,858,911	$6,246,840	$8,684,066	$237,750,780
5800	State program revenues	365,470,718	9,178,287	-	4,853,939	$379,502,944
5900	Federal program revenues	(1,700,381)	-	-	78,294,666	76,594,285
5020	**Total Revenues:**	**522,731,300**	**73,037,198**	**6,246,840**	**91,832,671**	**693,848,009**
	Expenditures Current:					
0011	Instruction	336,587,746	-	-	35,326,625	371,914,371
0012	Instruction resources and media services	7,710,421	-	-	46,017	7,756,438
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	6,517,135	-	-	1,149,603	7,666,738
0021	Instructional leadership	8,405,710	-	-	1,895,696	10,301,406
0023	School leadership	44,551,770	-	-	800,598	45,352,368
0031	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	28,918,095	-	-	5,283,049	34,201,144
0032	Social work services	220,315	-	-	518,540	738,855
0033	Health services	6,312,005	-	-	22,328	6,334,333
0034	Student transportation	19,968,442	-	2,263,699	121,735	22,353,876
0035	Food services	-	-	-	38,293,903	38,293,903
0036	Extracurricular activities	8,271,442	-	269,219	4,386,338	12,926,999
0041	General administration	15,293,253	-	-	86,033	15,379,286
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	60,804,193	-	1,733,362	68,026	62,605,581
0052	Security and monitoring services	6,516,581	-	-	1,113,931	7,630,512
0053	Data processing services	12,310,535	-	1,090,410	369,910	13,770,855
0061	Community services	158,462	-	-	1,637,066	1,795,528
	Debt Service:					
0071	Principal on long-term debt	3,129,199	30,595,000	-	912,296	34,636,495
0072	Interest on long-term debt	171,999	36,876,955	-	136,981	37,185,935
0073	Bond issuance costs and fees	-	13,400	-	-	13,400
	Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	824,681	-	100,797,482	-	101,622,163
	Intergovernmental					
0093	Payments related to shared services arrangements	1,539,987	-	-	-	1,539,987
0095	Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt. Ed. Prgm.	18,064	-	-	-	18,064
0099	Other intergovenmental charges	1,655,521	-	-	-	1,655,521
6030	**Total Expenditures**	**569,885,556**	**67,485,355**	**106,154,172**	**92,168,675**	**835,693,758**
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(47,154,256)"	5,551,843	(99,907,332)	(336,004)	(141,845,749)
	Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
7913	Issuance of debt-leases/SBITAs	1,602,616	-	-	-	1,602,616
8911	Transfers out	(10,100,865)	-	-	-	(10,100,865)
7080	**Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)**	**(8,498,249)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(8,498,249)**
1200	Net change in fund balances	(55,652,505)	5,551,843	(99,907,332)	(336,004)	(150,343,998)
0100	**Fund Balance - Beginning**	**161,268,894**	**70,045,146**	**158,685,563**	**20,765,071**	**410,764,674**
3000	**Fund Balance - Ending**	**$105,616,389**	**$75,596,989**	**$58,778,231**	**$20,429,067**	**$260,420,676**

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Dobie FFA members show off their animals and win big at PLSR

Dobie High School FFA members recently participated in the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo and took home a record-breaking amount in auction spots and awards in many different shows. Shown are some FFA members with their prize-winning entries.



Dobie FFA student Noah Garza is shown holding his goat as he prepares for judging.



FFA student Kaleb Jones is pictured holding his turkey and ribbon which he earned.



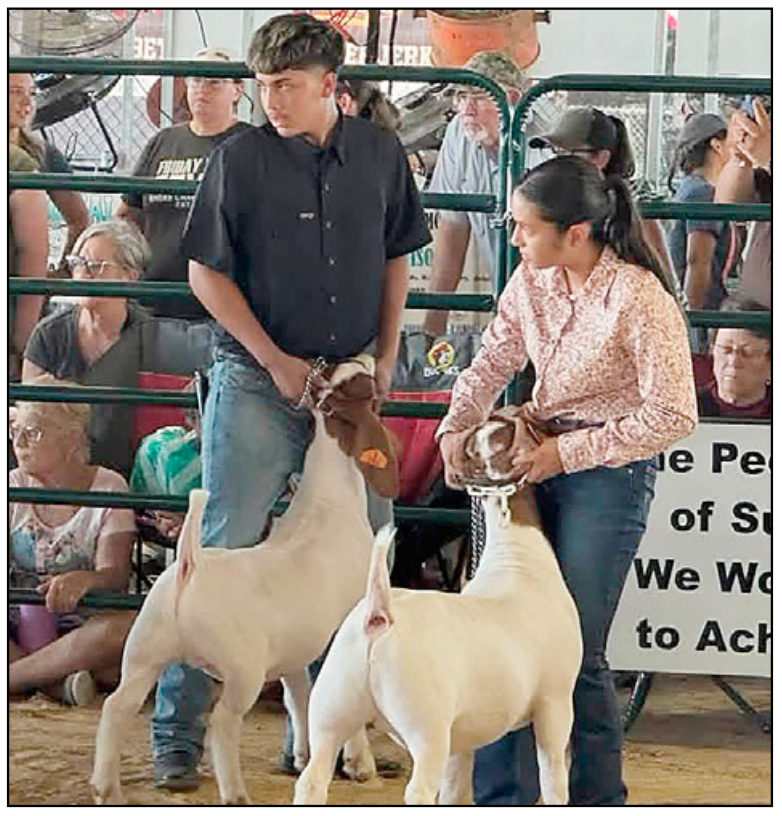
FFA member Nevaeh Perez (right) who placed fourth in medium heavy weight and ninth in auction, is pictured with her goat and Dobie agriculture teacher Robert McGuill who is holding her awards.



Dobie students Brianna Aleman and Brianna Ramirez are pictured with their goats awaiting their turn to present their entries.



FFA members Marissa Martinez (left) and Vianka Alanis are pictured showing off their goats in the ring.



Dobie FFA students Eduardo Sanchez and Jenna Molina are pictured with their goats before presenting them with animal control and poise.



Dobie FFA students Aliyah Rangel and Cesar Garcia walk their goats as they hope to impress the judge.

Remember When

50 years ago (1976)

Billy Burge of Ayrshire Corporation announced that company's plans for a joint venture with Farm and Home Savings. The project was the development of a subdivision located near the intersection of Beamer and Choate Road consisting of approximately 500 acres. The subdivision would become Sagebend.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Punt, Pass and Kick winners Ryan Cooner and Stephen Ben were to represent the school at Memorial Stadium in the Pasadena Independent School district competition. Wesley Shere, Joe Slack and Robert Arrizola represented Frazier Elementary.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department made 16 responses to calls in the unincorporated areas of the county during October 1976.

45 years ago (1981)

The Dobie High School band was selected as one of the top two 5A bands in the region at University Interscholastic League competition. This won the band a trip to participate in the state high school band competition in Austin.

The South Belt area became part of the newly created Precinct 1, which was composed of 64 percent minorities. The redistricting plan to create the first minority precinct in Harris County history was expected to be challenged in court.

40 years ago (1986)

Nicole Ard was named Dobie's homecoming queen during the Dobie and North Shore football game.

The Pasadena Independent School District released the results of teacher appraisals. Of 109 teachers evaluated, 48 received a "clearly outstanding" rating.

35 years ago (1991)

Clear Creek Independent School District officials were searching for legal assistance to recover the financial losses they expected when they closed Weber Elementary due to the Brio Toxic waste site.

A clerk at the Stop-N-Go located on Hall Road at Beamer was shot in the leg during a robbery.

30 years ago (1996)

Donald Scheiderman, 40, was arrested at his home an hour after a robbery of the Bank of America in Almeda Square. He was also a suspect in the recent Texas Commerce Bank-Almeda Genoa robbery.

Nearly a dozen South Belters went to Houston's City Council meeting to protest two proposed sexually oriented businesses slated for the area.

25 years ago (2001)

County Commissioner El Franco Lee was honored at a reception at the Golfcrest Country Club.

Dobie senior Brian McKinstry won a gold medal at the 5A state cross-country meet.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church celebrated its 40th anniversary.

20 years ago (2006)

Important seats were filled in the Nov. 7 general election with Democrat Nick Lampson winning Congressional District 22 and three local incumbents returning to office. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs won the special election and would serve in Congress until the new session convened in January 2007, approximately 51 days.

A Clear Brook City MUD election to authorize $42.4 million in bonds passed by more than a 4-to-1 margin.

Work began on a $21,298,652.42 contract to widen Dixie Farm Road to four lanes. A later contract was to follow to widen the roadway from FM 518 to Highway 35.

An incident which began as a criminal mischief complaint resulted in a chase through Harris County and a local deputy constable being accidentally tased by a deputy sheriff during a scuffle with the suspect.

Former Beverly Hills Intermediate Orchestra Director Leigh Ledford died Nov. 7 of ovarian cancer in Boise, Idaho. Ledford's lifelong dream was to take her students to the Midwest Conference, an annual showcase of talent, and lead them in a performance. The students achieved her dream by performing in Chicago. The performance, dedicated in her honor, received a standing ovation lasting more than five minutes.

J. Frank Dobie agriculture science students won more than 20 auction spots at the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo and earned more than $80,000 combined.

The J. Frank Dobie Choral Department presented its annual fall show and fundraiser, "Cabaret."

Dobie seniors Jourdan Simmons and Victoria Chavez were crowned Dobie High School's homecoming king and queen during a game against South Houston.

15 years ago (2011)

The Nov. 8 elections were held, with the Pasadena Independent School District bond easily passing and most City of Houston incumbents, including local councilmembers Mike Sullivan and Wanda Adams, maintaining their positions. The $270.1 million bond would provide funding for several projects, including a new career and technical high school, three new middle schools and five replacement campuses for existing schools.

Former South Belt resident Jeff Larson, 43, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges involving misappropriation of funds from the Houston Police Officers' Union and was placed on deferred adjudication for 18 months and fined $500. Larson, a 1986 Dobie graduate, and his former father-in-law, Ronald Martin, 51, were accused of bilking more than $100,000 from the union, where they previously served on the board as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

10 years ago (2016)

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz easily defeated Republican challenger Daniel Vela Tuesday, Nov. 8, taking home 65 percent of the vote. This marked the second time Diaz defeated Vela for the position.

A suspect was arrested after allegedly groping multiple women at area stores. Christopher Mathews, 32, was charged with attempted sexual assault and possession of a controlled substance, as he also had Kush on him at the time of his arrest. Mathews was also accused of incidents that took place at Sam's Club on El Dorado, Exxon on El Dorado and Target on Bay Area Boulevard, as well as incidents in Kemah, Texas City and Harris County Precinct 8.

5 years ago (2021)

San Jacinto College was named one of 150 candidates for the prestigious $1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. Awarded every two years, the prize is the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges.

The Aspen Prize honors institutions with outstanding achievement in four areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, workforce success, and equitable outcomes for students of color and low-income students.

San Jacinto College was one of eight Texas community colleges to be among the 2023 Top 150 finalists.

Sagemeadow residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of a $25 million bond measure. According to Harris County records, 65 percent of voters favored the measure, while 35 percent opposed it.

1 year ago (2025)

Longtime South Belt resident and community volunteer Gilbert Aguilar died Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the age of 93. A retired U.S. Coast Guard officer, Aguilar devoted roughly 20 years to helping local students and Spanish-speaking residents of the South Belt community.



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SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 12 through Nov. 18.

Atkinson Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Nov. 12 to **Jessica Herring**. **Ashley Riley** celebrates a birthday Nov. 13. Remember to wish **Maria Lerma** and **Amber Watson** a happy birthday Nov. 15. Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 16 to **Carmen Gonzalez**. Sing a double chorus of a birthday song to **Elizabeth Cecil** and **Nancy Vazquez** Nov. 18.

Burnett Elementary

Nov. 16 is the day for a party for **Andrea Hansen** and **Sharon Sharif**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Victoria Dominguez** and **Nohemi Garcia** Nov. 17. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 18 to **Margaret Sanchez**.

Bush Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to **Adriana Blanco** Nov. 13. Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 14 to **Theresa Pardo**.

Genoa Elementary

Ruby De La Cruz enjoys a birthday Nov. 14. Remember to wish **Vicky Lopez** a happy birthday Nov. 17.

Hancock Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Nov. 12 to **Pria Conway**. Light the birthday candles Nov. 16 for **Zaley Dougher**.

South Belt Elementary

Send a nice birthday greeting Nov. 15 to **Francelli Monreal**. Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 16 to **Flora Adino**. Blow out the candles Nov. 18 for **Jenifer Graham**.

Stuchbery Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song Nov. 16 to **Perla Montemayor**. November 11 is the day for a fun celebration for **Sandra Ganoe**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Sing a happy birthday song to **Brandy Knust** Nov. 18.

Thompson Intermediate

Send a nice birthday greeting Nov. 14 to **Areli Casarrubias**. Light the birthday candles Nov. 15 for **Andrea Lerma**.

Dobie High

Send a humorous birthday card Nov. 13 to **Kelley Finley**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Nov. 12: **Mark DeVries**, **Janie Clark** and **Robin Zacks Grosso**; Friday, Nov. 13: **Jane Tillery**, **Vicki Brinkley**, **Chris Herpin** and **Edgar Whorton**; Saturday, Nov. 14: **Gene Sockwell**, **Justin Sims**, **Kat Kiel**, **Valarie McCoy** and **Tracey Harnamji**; Sunday, Nov. 15: **Larry Soto** and **Silvia Serna**; Monday, Nov. 16: **Stephanie Hallmark** and **Bobby Taylor**; Tuesday, Nov. 17: **Cynthia McGowen**, **Donna LaRoche**, **Blake Robinson** and **Joe Jasso**; and Wednesday, Nov. 18: **Patrick Patterson** and **David Rendon.**

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns' Taylor scores twice as JFD football closes with 16-10 victory

Dobie bookended touchdown runs from junior tailback Adrian Taylor to both open and close the first half, then got a second-half field goal from Nathanael Campos on the way to a 16-10 victory over the Alvin Yellowjackets to close the regular season Nov. 6 at Alvin ISD Memorial Stadium.

Taylor, who rushed for more than 1,100 yards during the regular season and finished second among all District 19-6A running backs, capped off a solid opening drive for the Longhorns in the game with a 4-yard burst into the end zone. As the clock ticked to close out the opening half, Taylor paid off another scoring march with an 8-yard touchdown run as the Longhorns led 13-7 at the break.

A 21-yard field goal from Campos in the second half pushed the Longhorns' lead to 16-7 before the Yellowjackets added a late field goal of their own.

The season-ending victory allowed the Longhorns to finish the regular season at 4-6 overall, including a 3-5 run within the 19-6A ranks. Alvin finished the season at 1-9 overall, defeating Sam Rayburn for its lone victory of the season.

With the Longhorns missing out on the postseason for the second straight season, the 2026 campaign did not go as planned in several areas, but finishing with a victory over the Yellowjackets will no doubt allow the locals to go into the off-season on a high note with a confident look toward the future.

Taylor will be a big part of the plan again in 2027 after rushing for 1,119 yards and 11 touchdowns this season, averaging better than 7 yards per carry. Ezekiel West, who came through in a big way for the Longhorns in the running game, will also return after rushing for just over 300 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Freshman quarterback Kingston Adkins, who hit big on several throws in the victory over the Yellowjackets, could also very well be a big part of the action for the Longhorns as he showed the ability to effectively get the ball to the Longhorns' playmakers on the outside.

The Longhorns will also return several key playmakers on the defensive side of the football heading into 2027, which should give the locals a big jump on the offseason in terms of both experience and talent.

The visiting Longhorns took control early on with a score on their opening drive of the game.

West provided a big lift for the Longhorns from inside the red zone as he carried 13 yards down to the 7-yard line. Taylor dove down to the 4-yard line, then found the end zone from 4 yards away with 9:30 remaining in the first quarter. Dobie unfortunately got the extra point blocked but led 6-0 out of the gate.

A sluggish first half ensued for much of the rest of the way before Taylor gave the Longhorns a 13-0 lead with an 8-yard touchdown run with under a minute to go until halftime. Dobie then took that 13-0 lead to the intermission.

With 4:32 remaining in the third quarter, the Yellowjackets pulled within 13-7 with a 2-yard run from Alex Avitia.

Adkins went to Braylon Byrd over the middle down to the 5-yard line with 9:47 to play, but the Longhorns had to settle for a 21-yard field goal from Campos with 7:14 to play. At that point, the Longhorns led 16-7 and went on to claim the victory.

The season-ending victory over Alvin will go a long way toward easing some of the pains that came along with the 2026 regular season for the Longhorns.

The locals began the regular season with a 17-15 victory over Clear Springs to score a first-ever victory over the Chargers in the head-to-head series dating back to 2008.

But as many prognosticators warned, the Longhorns and the rest of the district had challenges competing with the four programs that eventually reached the postseason.

Shadow Creek, which dropped only a regular season game to Ridge Point in putting together a 9-1 overall march, went undefeated to claim the 19-6A championship. Pearland, the defending league champion from 2025, claimed the top spot in the Division 1 postseason bracket by finishing second.

Both Manvel and Dawson were clear-cut leaders the rest of the way for the other two postseason berths. In the regular season finale, Manvel scored a convincing victory over Dawson to claim third place. Manvel is headed to the Division 2 postseason bracket, while Dawson is off to the Division 1 field.

For the Longhorns, a big offseason lies ahead as both the players and coaching staff begin to put the pieces together for what they all expect will be a bounce-back run of things in 2027.



The Dobie varsity football team needed a big season from junior running back Adrian Taylor, and he delivered. Taylor wound up second in the 19-6A rankings with 1,119 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns, averaging just over 7 yards per carry. The Longhorns finished the regular season with a 16-10 victory over Alvin to close out a 4-6 overall record. *Photo by Donna Alsdorf*

18-6A champion Dickinson charges against 17-6A foes

The state playoffs begin Nov. 12 across the area, and perhaps nowhere within the Region 3 ranks will the competition be tougher than the 17-6A versus 18-6A four-pack.

District 18-6A varsity football champion Dickinson will headline the action against a tough lineup of 17-6A squads as the Gators will host Summer Creek Nov. 13 at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson.

With an emphatic 62-7 victory over Clear Brook in the regular season finale, the Gators capped off a dominant 7-0 run through the 18-6A alignment by claiming a historic fourth consecutive district championship, a program first.

Dickinson famously lost nondistrict games to Atascocita, Ridge Point and Katy but then put together an undefeated push in league play, truthfully never really challenged along the way.

Dickinson began playing high school football in 1938 and had never claimed more than three straight district titles until now.

At 7-3 overall but essentially 0-0 at this point, the Gators will now take on a Summer Creek program that went 6-4 overall but captured third place in an exceptionally tough 17-6A alignment.

The Gators figure to lean heavily on a passing game that is led by standout quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre and a stable of receivers.

Defensively, the Gators have strung together a series of strong performances and will now look to keep that going as the postseason begins.

With a decisive victory over Clear Falls at home to end the regular season, Deer Park wound up third in the 18-6A standings and will travel to North Shore Nov. 12 to take on the defending 6A Division 1 state champion Mustangs at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

Deer Park started the season at 7-0 before consecutive losses to Dickinson and Barbers Hill. With the victory over Clear Falls, Deer Park closed out a solid 8-2 regular season ahead of what will be a tough head-to-head matchup against the Mustangs.

Class 6A newcomer Barbers Hill came away from its debut run at the 6A level with an impressive 9-1 record, good enough for the runner-up spot behind Dickinson in the 18-6A mix.

Now headed to the postseason, the Eagles will also look to ride a tremendous passing game behind the talents of senior Luke Babin as the Eagles will host Atascocita Nov. 13 at Eagle Stadium in Mont Belvieu.

Clear Springs survived a two-way tie for the fourth and final spot in the 18-6A alignment and grabbed the second seed in the Division 2 bracket.

With the victory, the Chargers have made the playoffs for a 16th consecutive season and will play at 17-6A champion C.E. King Nov. 13.

King used a head-to-head victory over state champion North Shore to grab the league title and will enter the postseason at 9-1 overall.

18-6A Varsity Football Final Standings

Team	District	Overall
Dickinson (Div. 1, 1st)	***7-0***	***7-3***
Barbers Hill (Div. 2, 1st)	***6-1***	***9-1***
Deer Park (Div. 1, 2nd)	***5-2***	***8-2***
Clear Springs (Div. 2, 2nd)	***3-4***	***4-6***
Clear Creek	***3-4***	***4-6***
Clear Lake	***2-5***	***4-6***
Clear Falls	***2-5***	***3-7***
Clear Brook	***0-7***	***1-9***

Bidistrict Playoffs

Dickinson hosts Summer Creek
Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Vitanza Stadium

C.E. King hosts Clear Springs
Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Sheldon Stadium

North Shore hosts Deer Park
Nov. 12, 7 p.m., GPISD Stadium

Barbers Hill hosts Atascocita
Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Eagle Stadium

JFD volleyball players score academic honors

The Dobie varsity volleyball team finished the 2026 regular season at 20-20 overall, including an 8-8 record in district 19-6A action. As solid as the players were on the court, they were equally exceptional in the classroom as 15 players earned Academic All- District accolades following the season.

Those earning the academic honors included Jaila Bandy, Alyssa Espinoza, Alyssa Goree, Kaylee Robles, Briana Huesca, Mahoganii Davis, Maddison Campos, Miah Martinez, Eniko Sanchez, Riese Rackley, Emmery Lynn, Lili Salazar, Kayla De Robles, Aly Garza and Kailani Rudd.

Several of the team's players also earned All-District accolades for their performance on the court this season. The *Leader* will have more on those selections in the Nov. 19 issue. Of note, Martinez and Espinoza earned Best and Brightest first-team honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association following the regular season.

Jasso competes at state



Just the third Dobie cross-country runner to reach the state championship meet at the 5,000-meter distance, junior Cruz Jasso rounded out a remarkable 2026 season as he finished at 15 minutes, 58 seconds at the final run of the season Nov. 6 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. Jasso is also a standout varsity boys soccer player at Dobie and will begin action with that team in short order.

McDonald's Texas hoops start Nov. 19

There is, of course, plenty of anticipation surrounding the Division 1 brackets on both the boys and girls sides of things, but there will also be plenty of competition within Division 2, including the 10 Pasadena ISD programs and plenty of talent across the board.

In the girls field of 16 programs, the group includes Corpus Christi Veterans Memorial, Clear Lake, Clear Springs, Cypress Creek, Deer Park, Dripping Springs, Kempner, George Ranch, Hardin-Jefferson, Westside, Katy Taylor and the five Pasadena ISD programs including Dobie, Pasadena Memorial, Pasadena, Sam Rayburn and South Houston.

As for the boys Division 2 lineup of 24 programs, that bunch includes Angleton, Barbers Hill, Clear Falls, Crosby, Cy-Fair, Cy-Ridge, Deer Park, Dulles, Fort Bend Austin, Goose Creek Memorial, Hebron, Katy Taylor, Katy Tompkins, Klein Cain, La Porte, Pasadena, Dobie, Pasadena Memorial, Richardson, South Houston, Houston Memorial Baytown Sterling and Tomball.

Longhorn fans will have plenty of opportunities to see their favorite team in action on the opening day, Nov. 19 at Dobie main.

As has been the case for many years, the JFD boys will be in action to start the day at 9 a.m. as the Longhorns tip off against Cy-Fair. The Longhorns will also take on Angleton at 1:30 p.m.

In girls Division 2 action, Dobie will take on Clear Springs at noon and then go up against Dripping Springs at 4:30 p.m.

Each of the five Pasadena ISD programs on both the boys and girls sides will have the opportunity to compete on their home floors. The Pasadena Memorial boys will open the day at 9 a.m. against Barbers Hill on campus, while South Houston will host Katy Tompkins at 9 a.m.

Sam Rayburn will play against Klein Cain at 9 a.m., while the Pasadena Eagles will go against Baytown Sterling, also at 9 a.m.

McDonald's Texas Invitational
Nov. 19 Pool Play – JFD boys, girls

Dobie hosts Cy-Fair
9 a.m., Dobie main

Dobie girls host Clear Springs
noon, Dobie main

Dobie hosts Angleton
1:30 p.m., Dobie main

Dobie girls host Dripping Springs
4:30 p.m., Dobie main

Pasadena's Aguirre breaks PISD rushing record

Pasadena High School quarterback Shaun Aguirre has placed his name into the record books as he has become the all-time leading single-season rusher in Pasadena ISD history following another big night against the South Houston Trojans to complete the regular season Nov. 6. Aguirre used a 506-yard, seven-touchdown night against Dulles in week 10 action to put himself within striking distance before breaking the previous record of 2,177, which had stood for nearly a century. Pasadena wound up losing the Battle of Shaver to the South Houston Trojans, 49-42 in a shootout and finished the season at 3-7 overall, but Aguirre was no doubt still the star of the evening. Aguirre's record-breaking season included 2,521 yards rushing to go along with 30 touchdowns over the Eagles' 10 regular season games







Horns, basketball season tips off



Dobie varsity basketball coach Branford Jones will lead the Longhorn boys basketball program into the regular season opener Nov. 13 at Clear Lake. The Longhorns will also compete in the annual McDonald's Texas Invitational event, playing home games at Dobie main against Cy-Fair and Angleton, both Nov. 20 at Dobie main. *Photo by Donna Alsdorf*



JFD co-captain Tiara Charles (24) and her teammates will play at Channelview Nov. 13 and at home against Dulles Nov. 17 before competing in the prestigious McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 19-21. The locals will then begin District 19-6A action at home against Pearland Nov. 24. *Photo by Donna Alsdorf*

Senegal takes JFD girls hoops award

At right, Dobie varsity girls basketball standout senior Kianni Senegal took home the team's ballHER commemorative award after scoring 23 points to go with five boards and three steals, leading the Longhorns to a season opening 59-42 victory on the road at Baytown Sterling to open the 2026 season. The Longhorns will be part of the Division 2 bracket at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, playing home games both Nov. 20 and Nov. 21 at Dobie main. On opening day Nov. 20, Dobie will face Clear Springs at noon and then go up against Dripping Springs at 4:30 p.m.



2026 McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Nov. 19-21

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Thursday, Nov. 19, Pool Play Schedule & Locations

Locations

Dobie H.S.
10220 Blackhawk

Bev. Hills Int.
11111 Beamer

South Houston H.S.
3820 S. Shaver

Pas. Mem. H.S.
4410 Crenshaw

Rayburn H.S.
2121 Cherrybrook

D.P. Watkins & D.P. Auxiliary
710 W. San Augustine

Dobie 9
10811 Monroe

Phillips F.H.
2906 Dabney

Pasadena H.S.
206 S. Shaver

Tickets

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Seniors and Students $12

Student single game campus tickets $3
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All Nov. 20 Pool play games are in girls div.

At Phillips	At Pas. Memorial	At Dobie H.S.	South Houston H.S.	At Rayburn H.S.
9 a.m. *B*- North Shore vs. Vandegrift	9 a.m. *B*- Pas. Memorial vs. Barbers Hill	9 a.m. *B*- Dobie vs. Cy-Fair	9 a.m. *B*- South Houston vs. Tompkins	9 a.m. *B*- Sam Rayburn vs. Klein Cain
10:30 a.m. *B*- Summit vs. Friendswood	10:30 a.m. *B*- Atascocita vs. Tyler Legacy	10:30 a.m. *B*- Dickinson vs. S. Grand Prairie	10:30 a.m. *B*- FB Marshall vs. Katy Jordan	10:30 a.m. *B*- FB Elkins vs. Randle
Noon *G*- South Houston vs. Pas. Memorial	Noon *G*- SB Memorial vs. Pearland	Noon *G*- Dobie vs. Clear Springs	Noon *G*- Judson vs. Barbers Hill	Noon *G*- Sam Rayburn vs. CC Veterans
1:30 p.m. *G*- Cy-Lakes vs. Iowa Colony	1:30 p.m. *B*- Tomball vs. Pas. Memorial	1:30 pm. *B*- Angleton vs. Dobie	1:30 p.m. *B*- Dulles vs. South Houston	1:30 p.m. *B*- Clear Falls vs. Sam Rayburn
3 p.m. *B*- Wylie vs. Dawson	3 p.m. *B*- Friendswood vs. George Ranch	3 p.m. *G*- Kingwood vs. Ridge Point	3 p.m. *B*- Tyler Legacy vs. FB Crawford	3 p.m. *B*- FB Clements vs. SA Brennan
4:30 p.m. *G*- Deer Park vs. Sam Rayburn	4:30 p.m. *G*- Pas. Memorial vs. Clear Lake	4:30 p.m. *G*- Dripping Springs vs. Dobie	4:30 p.m. *G*- Cy-Creek vs. South Houston	4:30 p.m. *G*- FW Boswell vs. Huntsville
6 p.m. *B*- Pearland vs. Judson	6 p.m. *B*- Cy-Fair vs. Angleton	6 p.m. *B*- Tompkins vs. Dulles	6 p.m. *B*- Barbers Hill vs. Tomball	6 p.m. *B*- Cy-Ridge vs. GC Memorial
7:30 p.m. *B*- FB Crawford vs. Atascocita	7:30 p.m. *B*- SA Brennan vs. Shadow Creek	7:30 p.m. *B*- Randle vs. North Crowley	7:30 p.m. *B*- Grand Oaks vs. Wylie	7:30 p.m. *B*- Katy Jordan vs. JJ Pearce
Pasadena H.S.	**At DP-Watkins**	**At DP-Auxiliary**	**At Dobie 9**	**At Beverly Hills**
9 a.m. *B*- Pasadena vs. Sterling	9 a.m. *B*- Deer Park vs. Cy-Ridge	9 a.m. *B*- La Porte vs. Hebron	9 a.m. *G*- Aledo vs. Kingwood	9 a.m. *G*- Ridge Point vs. Dawson
10:30 a.m. *B*- Shadow Creek vs. FB Clements	10:30 a.m. *B*- Dawson vs. Grand Oaks	10:30 a.m. *B*- Richardson vs. Crosby	10:30 a.m. *G*- Summer Creek vs. FW Boswell	10:30 a.m. *G*- Huntsville vs. Seven Lakes
Noon *G*- Hardin Jefferson vs. Pasadena	Noon *G*- Westside vs. Deer Park	Noon *G*- Clear Lake vs. Cy-Creek	Noon *G*- FB Kempner vs. Dripping Springs	Noon *G*- Katy Taylor vs. George Ranch
1:30 p.m. *B*- Katy Taylor vs. Pasadena	1:30 p.m. *B*- GC Memorial vs. Deer Park	1:30 p.m. *B*- Hebron vs. FB Austin	1:30 p.m. *G*- Alief Taylor vs. SA Brennan	1:30 p.m. *B*- Vandegrift vs. Cy-Creek
3 p.m. *B*- North Crowley vs. FB Elkins	3 p.m. *B*- JJ Pearce vs. FB Marshall	3 p.m. *B*- Crosby vs. SB Memorial	3 p.m. *G*- Dawson vs. Aledo	3 p.m. *B*- S. Grand Prairie vs. Stratford
4:30 p.m. *G*- Pasadena vs. Katy Taylor	4:30 p.m. *G*- Seven Lakes vs. Summer Creek	4:30 p.m. *G*- George Ranch vs. Hardin-Jefferson	4:30 p.m. *G*- CC Veterans vs. Westside	4:30 p.m. *G*- FB Kempner vs. Clear Springs
6 p.m. *G*- Barbers Hill vs. SB Memorial	6 p.m. *B*- Cy-Creek vs. North Shore	6 p.m. *B*- Klein Cain vs. Clear Falls	6 p.m. *B*- FB Austin vs. La Porte	6 p.m. *B*- Sterling vs. Katy Taylor
7:30 p.m. *B*- George Ranch vs. Summit	7:30 p.m. *B*- Stratford vs. Dickinson	7:30 p.m. *B*- SB Memorial vs. Richardson	7:30 p.m. *G*- SA Brennan vs. Cy-Lakes	7:30 p.m. *G*- Iowa Colony vs. Alief Taylor

Boys Division I | Boys Division II | Girls Division I | Girls Division II

Friday, Nov. 20
All Friday games are in the girls division

10:30 a.m. games

Dripping Springs vs. Clear Springs
at Deer Park Auxiliary

Katy Taylor vs. Hardin Jefferson
at Beverly Hills

Noon games

Aledo vs. Ridge Point
at Deer Park Watkins

FW Boswell vs. Seven Lakes
at Deer Park Auxiliary

1:30 p.m. games

Cy-Lakes vs. Alief Taylor
at Phillips

Cy-Creek vs. Pas. Memorial
at Memorial

FB Kempner vs. Dobie
at Dobie

Clear Lake vs. South Houston
at So. Houston

Westside vs. Rayburn
at Rayburn

George Ranch vs. Pasadena
at Pasadena

CC Veterans vs. Deer Park
at Deer Park Watkins

Summer Creek vs. Hunstville
at Deer Park Auxiliary

Barbers Hill vs. Pearland
at Dobie 9

SB Memorial vs. Judson
at Beverly Hills

3 p.m. games

Kingwood vs. Dawson
at Rayburn

Iowa Colony vs. SA Brennan
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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, NOVEMBER 13

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

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfectnooners. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 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.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** – meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 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, NOVEMBER 14

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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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 16

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group.** See Friday's notice.

5 p.m. **New Directions Singles Social Group** is a singles group for those 55+. Meetings are the first and third Monday held in the community room at Maplewood Crossing, 600 Hobbs Road, League City. There will a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.

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. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** – #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at 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.

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 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – See Thursday's notice.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group.** See Friday's notice.

Noon **Ballroom Dancing –** A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from noon to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.

6 p.m./7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** – See Sunday's notice.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.

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19-6A football leaders had big numbers

While both finishing 9-1 overall, champion Shadow Creek and Pearland were far and away the most explosive offensive programs in the district, averaging nearly 50 points per game.

Pearland and Manvel were the leaders in total offense, with Pearland gaining 444 yards per game and Manvel just behind at 441 per game. Shadow Creek also averaged 430 yards per game.

On the defensive side of things, the Shadow Creek defense was one of the best across the entire Houston area, allowing just 139 total yards per game. The Sharks allowed just 549 rushing yards through 10 games.

Individually, Pearland junior running back Royce Swan led the district in rushing with 1,487 yards and scored 24 touchdowns, easily the top-scoring total in the district. Swan also led the district in all-purpose yards with 1,532 through 10 games.

Taylor of Dobie was the only other running back in the district to eclipse 1,000 yards for the season as the rest of the district was pass-happy.

Shadow Creek quarterback Tavis Coleman put together a terrific performance in his final season as he threw for 2,624 yards and 34 touchdowns. Jonus Edwards of Brazoswood was second in the district with 1,442 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Brandon LaFell of Shadow Creek was the leader in receiving yards with 937 for the season to go with 13 touchdown grabs. Teammate Jaylen Addai had 786 yards receiving and 10 touchdowns. Manvel junior Carter St. Junious had 43 catches to lead the district along with 790 yards and 10 scores.

Logan Gerber of Pasadena Memorial led the district in total tackles with 108. Clydell Edmondson of Dawson had 86 total tackles, including 14 for loss. Caden Watson of Shadow Creek led the district with 10 quarterback sacks. Both Edmundson and Kamryn Harris of Pearland had eight quarterback sacks.

Karnell "Greedy" James of Manvel led the district with five interceptions for 125 total yards in return yardage. David Harris of Dobie had three interceptions.

Thompson football collects championship hardware



The Thompson intermediate football program once again put together a dominant run within the Pasadena ISD ranks during the 2026 season. The Lions advanced to the district championship postseason games in each of the four divisions, then delivered victories in both the eighth-grade A and B and seventh-grade A and B divisions to produce a sweep. The *Leader* will have additional photos of the Lions' dominant performances in the title games available in the Nov. 19 issue.

19-6A Varsity Football Final Standings

Team	District	Overall
Shadow Creek (Div. 2, 1st)	***8-0***	***9-1***
Pearland (Div. 1, 1st)	***7-1***	***9-1***
Manvel (Div. 2, 2nd)	***6-2***	***8-2***
Dawson (Div. 1, 2nd)	***5-3***	***5-5***
Memorial	***3-5***	***4-6***
Brazoswood	***3-5***	***4-6***
Dobie	***3-5***	***4-6***
Alvin	***1-7***	***1-9***
Rayburn	***0-8***	***1-9***

Bidistrict Playoffs

Pearland hosts
Alief Taylor
Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Pearland Stadium

Hou. Lamar
hosts Dawson
Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Delmar Stadium

Shadow Creek
hosts Heights
Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Freedom Field

Hou. Memorial
hosts Manvel
Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Tully Stadium

Beverly Hills honors top athletes



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade boys athlete of the month for October was O'Quinn Lockett.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade boys athlete of the month for October was Caleb Villarreal.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade boys athlete of the week for Week 9 was Dexter Ellis.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade boys athlete of the week for Week 9 was Louis Rodgers.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade girls athlete of the week for Week 9 was Bra'Niya McKenzie.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade girls athlete of the week for Week 9 was Madelyn Gonzalez-Sanchez.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade boys athlete of the week for Week 10 was Julian Mendoza.

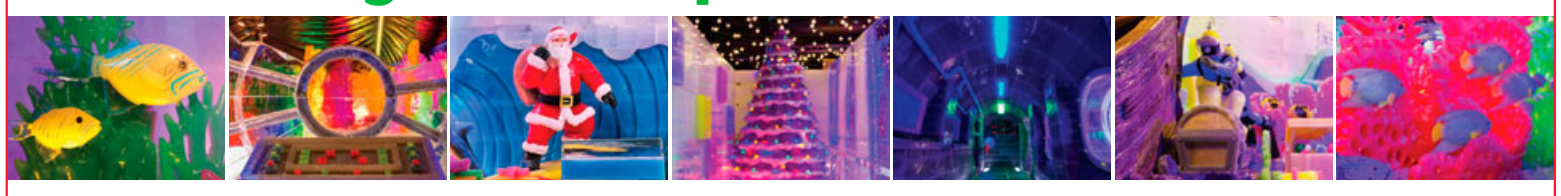


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