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Holiday closures scheduled

South Belt-Ellington Leader
The Leader office will be closed from noon Wednesday, Nov. 24, through Friday, Nov. 26, for the Thanksgiving holidays. The Thursday edition of the Leader will be available Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Clear Brook City MUD
The Clear Brook City MUD offices will be closed Nov. 25, and 26, in for Thanksgiving. The office reopens Monday, Nov. 29, at 8 a.m. Check or money order payments may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru window side of the building.

Residents living in CBCMUD who receive trash service on Thursday will not have regular trash service pickup on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 25. Regular services will resume Monday, Nov. 29. Residents who receive trash service on Fridays will have regular services Nov. 26. All trash must be curbside no later than 6 a.m. on the day of pickup.

Dobie holds FAFSA drive

Dobie High School will hold a FAFSA application drive Saturday, Nov. 20, from 8 to 11 a.m. in Portable 16. This drive is for any senior student and parent/guardian to complete their needed federal financial aid application, a current graduation requirement for the class of 2022 and beyond. Students should bring their 2020 tax documents. For more information, email alozano2@pasadenaisd.org.

Kirkwood Civic reschedules

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting, usually scheduled for the last Thursday of the month, has been canceled this month due to Thanksgiving and rescheduled for Dec. 2. The meeting will take place at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes, beginning at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Knights hold blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will hold a blood drive Sunday, Nov. 21, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, located at 11011 Hall Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit www.comitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_scheduled/324002. For help or additional questions, contact Stefanie Villafana at svillafana@giveblood.org.

Sagemeadow meeting set

The Sagemeadow HOA - with support from the Sageglenn, Clear Brook Meadows, Kirkwood Souths, Kirkwood, Sagemont and Rainbow Valley HOAs - invites all interested South Belt homeowners to a Harris County property tax workshop Thursday, Nov. 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

The workshop will be held during Sagemeadow's monthly association meeting at The Gardens - Houston, 12001 Beamer. Sagemeadow residents are encouraged to attend for updates. Copies of the agenda will be available at the door but may also be found online at sagemeadow.org/calendar/monthly-hoa-meeting.

The food truck, Hearsay On The Go, will provide food for purchase outside The Gardens from 6 to 9 p.m. There will not be a December meeting, but monthly meetings will resume in January.

Gardens Pop-Up Nov. 21

The Gardens Pop-Up Shop will be held Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will set up inside and outside.

This is an opportunity for exhibitors, crafters and small businesses in the area to sell and display merchandise and promote services. Booths include arts and crafts, jams and jellies, clothing, jewelry and many other custom and handmade items.

Prepared food vendors such as barbecue, funnel cakes and other sweets will be on site. For additional information, contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

COVID cases decrease

As of Wednesday, Nov. 17, there were 241 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up seven from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 7,773 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 128 remain active, down 12 from the previous week. To date, 98 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up five from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 126 of the 5,968 confirmed cases remain active, down 15 from the previous week. A total of 68 from the ZIP code have died, up one from the previous week.

Of the 5,989 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 105 remain active, down 13 from the previous week. To date, 75 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

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

Countywide, there have been 582,122 total confirmed cases. Of those, 565,466 have recovered from the disease, while 10,233 cases remain active. A total of 6,388 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

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

Beltway closures planned

Two alternate westbound Beltway 8 main lanes will be closed from SH 3/Old Galveston Road to the Gulf Freeway nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Nov. 19.

The eastbound exit ramp from Beltway 8 to SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed continuously through 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

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

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Kirby Drive to Bellfort daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Monday, Nov. 22.

County redistricting plan proves controversial

Community moves to Pct. 2, while El Franco Lee Park to remain in Pct. 1

Breaking: At press time, a lawsuit challenging Harris County's new redistricting plan was filed by county commissioners Tom Ramsey and Jack Cagle. See related story on this page.

Newly released redistricting plans from Harris County have predictably caused controversy from critics who say the changes are unnecessary or even vindictive from members of commissioners court.

Drawn once every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the new maps have the South Belt area switching from Precinct 1, currently served by Rodney Ellis, to Precinct 2, currently served by Adrian Garcia. The community had been in Precinct 1 for at least five decades, and Ellis had served as its commissioner since he took office in 2016. Approved by a Democrat-led commissioners

court, the new maps also call for Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 - the two precincts run by Republicans - to effectively swap the bulk of their respective geographic areas. Such a move will hurt the commissioners' re-election chances, as it will diminish their name recognition.

Opponents of the measure further say it will cost the county millions.

"I'm disappointed that the court majority chose a map that results in unnecessary chaos when there were less disruptive options on the table," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey.

According to Ramsey, there were 16 maps up for consideration, but the majority honed in on Ellis Map 3 and Ellis Map 4, named in honor of one of the two Democrats sitting on commissioners court. The only difference between the two maps was that precincts 3 and 4 were

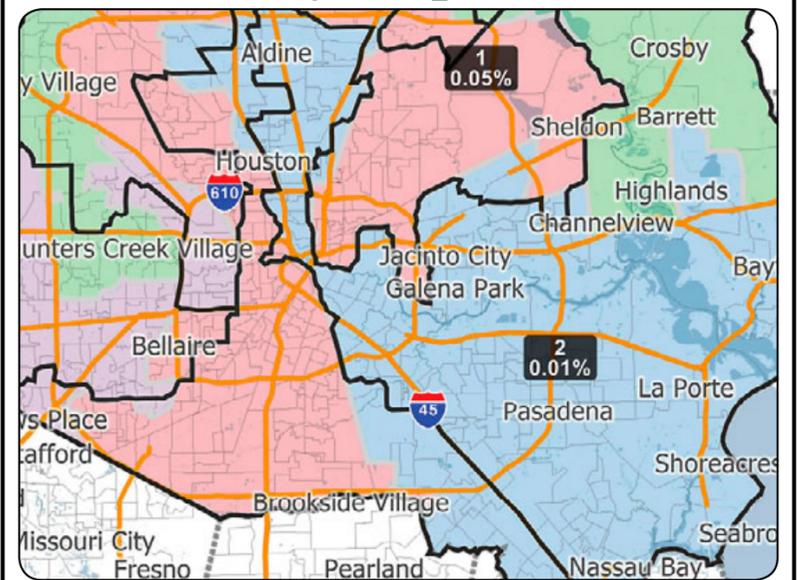
swapped, Ramsey said. Such a change will require the county to change park and roadway signage, update print materials and other administrative details.

"We have to be smart about this transition. It's not as easy as one commissioner just switching offices," said Ramsey. "There need to be discussions regarding services, personnel and equipment transfers. Rather than focusing on the work with minor changes, like what would have been possible with Ellis Map 4, it will now cost us time and a lot of money to make this change."

Locally, the redistricting plan has proven controversial because the new maps have been purposely drawn to actually include El Franco Lee Park (named after former Precinct 1 Commissioner

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New county maps cause stir



New precinct maps recently approved by Harris County Commissioners Court have proved controversial, as they include El Franco Lee Park in Precinct 1, while the surrounding community has now moved to Precinct 2. Depicted above in pink, Precinct 1 just barely dips south of Beltway 8 to include the area park, which has longstanding ties to the South Belt community.

Lawsuit challenges new county maps

Breaking: A group of Harris County voters and two county commissioners filed suit in state civil district court Tuesday, Nov. 16, alleging that Harris County's recent redistricting plan unconstitutionally strips them and more than 1.1 million of their neighbors of their legal right to vote in next year's county elections.

The suit, filed on behalf of disenfranchised minority voters Ranya Khanoyan Alan Vera and David Lugo and Republican county commissioners Tom S. Ramsey and R. Jack Cagle, was filed by noted redistricting attorneys Andy Taylor, Chris

Gober and Joe Slovacek.

The suit seeks to prevent the implementation of a redistricting plan passed during a special session Thursday, Oct. 28, by members of a 3-2 Democrat majority on Harris County Commissioners Court. The defendants are Harris County and County Judge Lina Hidalgo.

Although Harris County is constitutionally obligated to redraw precinct lines every 10 years to ensure "one person, one vote" proportionality between Harris County's four commissioner precincts

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Children 5-11 now eligible for vaccine

Harris County Public Health recently began administering the COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11. All child vaccinations at HCPH vaccination sites will require a parental consent form be completed prior to the vaccination.

Residents who would like to have their children preregister to get vaccinated can do so now by contacting their pediatrician, visiting Ready Harris.org or visiting HCPH's vaccine registra-

tion page to schedule an appointment. While HCPH will provide free vaccinations to children at its vaccination sites, parents are encouraged to seek a vaccination for their children from a primary care provider, pediatrician or local pharmacy first.

This announcement comes following the approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 to be

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Fire at Fred Roberts Middle School closes school 1 day for cleanup

Students and staff at Fred Roberts Middle School received a scare Thursday, Nov. 11, when a small fire broke out at the area campus.

According to Pasadena ISD officials, the fire took place at approximately 2:15 p.m. and was

caused by a stove in a classroom designed for teaching life skills. Students and staff immediately evacuated the building and followed all emergency procedures, school officials said.

The Houston Fire Department quickly as-

sessed the situation, extinguished the fire and gave the all-clear for students to re-enter the building but remain in the gym.

Parents were notified of the event, assured all students were safe and accounted for and urged to not pick up their children from school, as it might impede emergency response efforts.

The campus was closed the following day Friday, Nov. 12, so crews could remediate damage and ensure safe air quality.

Students returned to class as normal Monday, Nov. 15. No one was injured.

See related photos below and on Page 2 of this issue.

Stray bullet kills innocent woman

An innocent woman was killed by a stray bullet fired by a security guard early Sunday, Nov. 14, outside a bar in the 11500 block of Fuqua.

The identity of the female victim, believed to be 40 to 50 years of age, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to witnesses, a man was driving a truck recklessly in the parking lot of the La Playita Bar & Grill on Fuqua just east of the Gulf Freeway around 3:35 a.m., reportedly smashing other vehicles and forcing patrons to run for safety.

Witnesses said a security guard from the bar came outside to address the situation and ended up firing his weapon at the reckless driver.

When police arrived at the scene, the victim was already dead in her car. She appeared to have been driving through the parking lot when she was inadvertently struck, police said.

Police questioned both the security guard and the driver of the truck, but at press time, no charges had been filed in the case. The investigation is complex and forcing patrons to run for safety.

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Resident warns of panhandling scheme

It has been brought to the Leader's attention that a female panhandler at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Sabo is allegedly using a baby as a prop, presumably to draw on potential donors' heartstrings. An alert resident recently took photos showing the woman working in tangent with another woman in the adjacent parking lot, sitting inside what was described as a "nice vehicle," where the infant could

have also been kept out of harm's way. When confronted, the two women quickly drove off together. South Belt residents are reminded that Mayor Sylvester Turner said at a recent city meeting to refrain from giving directly to homeless individuals, as help is already available to them should they choose to accept it. Giving to panhandlers only encourages the behavior, the mayor said.

Police chase leads to felony suspects

A police chase led to the arrest of a suspect wanted out of Louisiana for attempted murder late Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the 8700 block of Beltway 8 near Pearland Parkway.

A deputy with Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Toll Road Division was conducting traffic enforcement around 11:50 a.m. when he observed a vehicle traveling more than 80 mph in a 65-mph zone.

Upon observing this violation of the law, the deputy proceeded to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle initially complied and pulled over at the 8700 block of Beltway 8 near Pearland Parkway/Monroe.

As the deputy walked up to the vehicle, the driver proceeded to take off at a high rate of speed.

A pursuit was then initiated, in which Precinct 2 was assisted by Harris County Precinct 8 Constable deputies, as well as additional Precinct 2 deputies.

At one point during the chase, the driver turned off the lights to his vehicle to further escape deputies. After covering approximately 10 miles, the suspect pulled into a gas station in the 8900 block of West Fairmont Parkway.

At this time, all occupants were detained without further incident. Once detained, deputies found that two of the vehicle occupants were wanted out of Louisiana - one for felony attempted homicide and one for felony aggravated assault.

After completing this investigation, Precinct 2 deputies charged 17-year-old Kendrick Jones with felony evading and took 19-year-old Dylan Jones into custody for the felony attempted homicide warrant, and 19-year-old Jatravian Chevalier into custody for the felony aggravated assault warrant.

"Constable Garcia wants to thank Harris County Constable Precinct 8 for their assistance with this pursuit and acknowledge the great work his deputies did in taking these dangerous individuals off our streets," a post on Garcia's Facebook page read.



Kendrick Jones



Dylan Jones



Jatravian Chevalier



Workers from Cotton Global Disaster Solutions are shown above remediating Roberts Middle School.

Houston police seek murder suspects

Houston police are asking for the public's help in identifying two suspects wanted in the fatal shooting of a man found about 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, inside his apartment in the 9200 block of Nathaniel Street near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

The victim is identified as Sedrick Jones, 24. According to police, Jones was found inside his unit at the Cabo San Lucas apartment complex at the above address with at least one gunshot, but his vehicle was located at another

nearby apartment complex in the 9400 block of Clearwood Drive.

The suspects, described only as two males wearing hoodies and masks, were captured on surveillance footage dropping off the victim's car, a white Honda sedan, at the complex.

Anyone with information on this case or on the identities of the two men is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Pct. 2 unit makes large fentanyl bust

Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office recently helped bring down a major fentanyl lab.

Garcia's Special Operations Unit was once again called in to assist on a large multiagency operation, this time involving the lethal drug fentanyl. Deputies assisted with this investigation and were eventually led to an undisclosed loca-

tion in the Houston area.

Upon arriving at the location, a large fentanyl lab was located, and deputies were able to assist with taking the following items off the street:

- Approximately 70 kilos of fentanyl in powder form.

- Approximately 127 kilos of fentanyl in pill

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Pct. 2 Special Operations Unit busts large fentanyl lab



Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit recently participated in a multiagency operation to bring down a large lab that was producing pills of the lethal drug fentanyl. A powerful synthetic opioid, fentanyl is up to 100 times stronger than morphine and responsible for numerous fatal overdoses. Approx-

imately 200 kilos of fentanyl were seized in the raid. Additional kilos of codeine syrup and THC products were also confiscated, along with multiple firearms. The investigation is ongoing. See related story on Pages 1 and 4.

Photo courtesy of Precinct 2 Constable's office

Fire damages Roberts MS



A small fire took place at Roberts Middle School Thursday, Nov. 11, causing smoke damage to the ceiling shown above. The fire started in an oven used in a classroom to teach life skills. Students and staff were evacuated until given an all-clear sign from fire officials. No one was injured. See related story on Page 1.

Crews respond to 2-car crash



A two-car collision took place the morning of Sunday, Nov. 14, in the 11000 block of Scarsdale near Highland Meadows Drive. Five people were transported to the hospital with injuries. The Leader would like to thank the multiple residents who submitted photos of the accident for publication.

Photo by Cecelia Ganje

County officials discuss Riverstone signals



Harris County officials attended a meeting at the Leader office Monday, Nov. 15, to discuss the installation of at least one, and possibly up to three, traffic lights near the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. Crossings being considered for signaling include Hughes Road at Riverstone Ranch Drive; Blackhawk at Riverstone Ranch Drive; and Blackhawk at Hall Road. Shown above at the meeting are, left

to right, David Ellison, Precinct 1 public information officer; Amar Mohite, Precinct 1 director of Planning and Infrastructure; Seth Webb, Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee; James Bolen, Leader staffer; and Tina Liu, assistant manager of Traffic Design and Operations. See next week's Leader for more information.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Deaths

Greg Kutach



Longtime Sagemont resident Greg Kutach, 66, of Houston passed away peacefully at his home Nov. 5, 2021.

He was a graduate of Reagan High School (now Heights) in 1973. A true gentleman, he dedicated his life to family and friends. He retired from Brinks after an esteemed 46 years as a vault processor. When he wasn't working he enjoyed watch-

ing Western movies, reading the newspaper, bird-watching and fishing. He loved all Houston sports teams, and he was equally passionate about his error coin collection. He loved to laugh, tell jokes, and make others smile.

Greg is survived by his dear sisters Karen Newton and Julie Rommel; and his brother Dennis Kutach; many nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews. Greg will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Alfonso C. Gonzales Jr.



Alfonso C. Gonzales Jr., 69, was called to heaven Nov. 4, 2021. He was born Dec. 11, 1951. He will be greatly missed by his family; his wife Esperanza Gonzales; his children Mary Esther Gonzales, Christy Adame, Alonzo Gonzales and Angela Guevara; and his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his eldest son Alfonso Gonzales III. He was a proud Army veteran. He always started his morning by sending his family the greeting, "Have a good morning and blessed day!"

Alfonso had a great love for his family. He and his wife enjoyed 52 years of marriage. His family says he will continue to live on through their hearts and memories, until they see him again.

HCMG Lecture Dec. 2

The Harris County Master Gardner Home Crowned free virtual lecture "So You Want to be a Rancher?" will be presented by Shannon Dietz, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent-Ag and Natural Resources.

For information and to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/home-grown-lecture-series-tickets-169127383557?aff=erel> and select the date Dec. 2.

Another free lecture "Making Holiday Plants Last" will be presented Dec. 16.

Elected officials share their words

by Sylvia R. Garcia

On Nov. 5, Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia (TX-29) issued the following statement on the historic passing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill to bring much-needed and transformative investments in infrastructure and good-paying jobs across Houston and the entire country:

"Tonight's vote is the sum of months of hard work and negotiations in Congress fighting for the people of the Texas 29th district. Now the real work begins as these investments kick-start millions of projects across our country to transform our crumbling infrastructure and create millions of good-paying American jobs—that will specifically benefit Latinos and communities of color," said Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia (TX-29). "The results of these historic investments will be hard to miss. Americans will get back to work, our communities will drink clean water, and our ports, airports, waterways, roads, and bridges will be revitalized. I can't wait to see how our country will Build Back Better and leave this pandemic behind once and

for all. ¡Si se puede!" Together, the bipartisan infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better Act are estimated to create an average of two million jobs each year over the next decade.

In the wake of the pandemic, poor infrastructure has struggled to keep up with a sharp increase in consumer demand — resulting in added costs for businesses and delays for consumers. The United States ranks 13th globally in terms of the quality of our infrastructure, and the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the

condition of our infrastructure a C-. As the economy continues its strong recovery, President Biden and the Congress are seizing this historic moment to Build Back Better: improving infrastructure in every state in the union, growing the economy and helping Americans get back to work, while advancing justice and opportunity for all.

This Bipartisan Infrastructure bill will:

- Rebuild roads and bridges nationwide, including the largest bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system seven decades ago;
- Deliver clean drinking water to ten million families and more than 400,000 schools and child care facilities nationwide with the largest-ever investment in American water infrastructure to replace lead pipes and service lines across the nation;
- Expand access to reliable high-speed internet to help more families get online to work and learn;
- Make historic improvements to public transit, with the largest federal investment in American history and the largest federal investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak; and
- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act now goes to President Biden's desk to be signed into law.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library will be closed Nov. 25-26 in observance of Thanksgiving. Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library will close early for Thanksgiving at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24, and reopen Monday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> or call 832-927-7870.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given. Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

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

Thursday, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Sign up once with a valid email online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for a weekly invite.

Friday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. Eat My Words. Let's Taco 'bout it! Every month, Kathy Pham and Jasmine Washington choose an item to discuss such as books, music, movies games. During the discussion, there will be snacks that are relevant to the item. Participants DONUT want to miss out on this EGG-cellent program.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. Board game collection debut. Many are unaware that Parker Williams Library has a board game collection. These games can be played at the library and can be checked out to play with family and friends at home. Watch as the Parker Williams staff introduces the different games that are available. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time. Join John Harbaugh for a program on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.



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Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert Facebook page posted surveillance videos of someone trying to steal the

member's truck Friday, Nov. 12, at 1:50 a.m. around the corner from Burnett Elementary. The member stated that the person was in a newer model Suburban or Tahoe.

Another member commented with a picture of the steering column cover and stated that their truck was also broken into but the suspect was not able to steal the vehicle. The member also stated that this was the second attempt within a year. This incident took place Friday, Nov. 12, near Beamer Road and Hughes Road.

A member of People of Sagemont 2 posted a video of a person who tried to break into the member's vehicle. The member wanted to alert the community to be on the lookout. The incident took place Saturday, Nov. 13, at 1:23 a.m., on Grapewood Drive. The member stated that the local police were called shortly after the incident.

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SJC opens newest campus

The grand opening that was initially delayed by COVID, and then further by Hurricane Nicholas, finally took place Oct. 22, at San Jac's newest campus - Generation Park.

The event has been years in the making, but well worth the time and effort for those celebrating the fifth and most northern campus for San Jac. Faculty, administration, board members, community members, and other supporters gathered on the 57-acre campus to participate in the ribbon-cutting for the 55,000-square-foot facility that opened to students in fall of 2020.

"I am very excited to be

here today," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "Despite the delays of the official grand opening, the Generation Park campus has been serving the needs of the northern part of our taxing district for more than a year now. This campus is an asset to the community by bringing top-notch, nationally recognized education options to the Generation Park area. We are excited about the future graduates at this campus."

The facility houses general education and academic classes, focusing on the needs of students looking to transfer to a four-year college or university. And beginning in the fall of

2021, Generation Park began workforce training solutions with the launch of Fundamentals of Supervision Academy. Generation Park leaders continuously meet with established and emerging industry partners to determine how the campus can assist with professional development needs in the areas of business operations, supply chain management and entrepreneurship.

"The offerings at Generation Park will continue to evolve to meet the needs of our growing student population," said Dr. Destry Dokes, executive director of the San Jac Generation Park campus. "This beautiful, 55,000-square-foot facility is just the first step San Jac is taking to bring high-quality education options to people of Generation Park."

Houston real estate development and management company, McCord Development, was an active partner working on this project with San Jac officials. The company donated 3.8 acres at the intersection of West Lake Houston Parkway and Lockwood Road as their commitment to education. "It has been an honor working alongside the administration of San Jacinto College to bring the Generation Park campus to life for the Lake Houston community," said Ryan McCord, president of McCord Development. "San Jacinto College's strategic workforce programs will be influential in our efforts to attract BioMed and other life sciences manufacturing and development to Generation Park and the greater Houston area."

The Generation Park grand opening is the fifth and final grand opening that San Jac celebrated this fall as a result of a \$425 million bond referendum approved in 2015.

In this bond, voters allowed San Jac to build new facilities, update infrastructure and security, and remodel nine buildings that are at least 30 years old.

Paul hosts fundraiser



Dennis Paul (right), Texas state representative, held a fundraiser Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Walter Hall Park. The attendance of the event was still large considering the location had to be changed within the last week. Paul represents a sizable portion of the South Belt area. Shown with Paul is wife Eliza, district engineer for TxDOT.

Picture by Marie Flickinger

Meador celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Meador Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week the week of October 25-29. Students and staff dressed up and participated as each day was a different theme. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program and is celebrated in schools across the country to raise awareness of living a drug free life.



Shown above participating in the activities of Red Ribbon Week are, left to right, third-grade teachers John Holder, Maria Gonzalez, Megan Mayes and Kacie Hedge.

Costume Day was to scare drugs away. Shown left are pre-kinder students Fernando Maldonado (left) and Blair Bond.



Decades Day was to celebrate that drugs are old news. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Aaron Cabriaes, pre-K; Colton Foster, first-grader; (back row) Beverly Bolton, principal; Chandler Schlueter, fourth-grader; Sophia Chayeb third-grader; Nathalie Mai, third-grader; Tara Merida, counselor.



On Pajama Day students celebrated waking up drug free. Shown above is first-grader Nefertiti Williams.

Frazier observes Red Ribbon Week

Frazier Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week the last week in October with several fun, themed dress-up days. Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest

drug prevention awareness program and is celebrated in schools across the country to raise awareness of living a drug-free life.



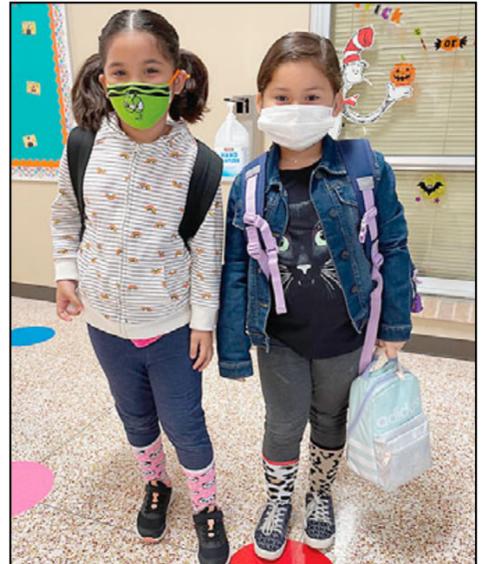
On Monday Jasmine Amaro (left) and Nathan Manzano wore their superhero shirts because heroes make healthy choices.



Frazier Owls put a cap on drugs on Tuesday. Shown, left to right, are Justin Nino, Evan Rodriguez and Levi Burk sporting their cool hats.



Wednesday was Pajama Day as Frazier's students learned to follow their dreams and say, "No" to drugs. Shown above are Jadiel (left) and Jailene Rodriguez.



Ariana Vizcarra (left) and Ashley Aguilar show off their crazy socks on Thursday as they socked it to drugs.



Friday was "Say Boo to Drugs" Day. Students dressed in their favorite costumes. Shown above, left to right, are Natalia Oke, Ava Boone, Bailey Pharms, Aliana Sanchez and Alyssa Gomez showing off their costumes.

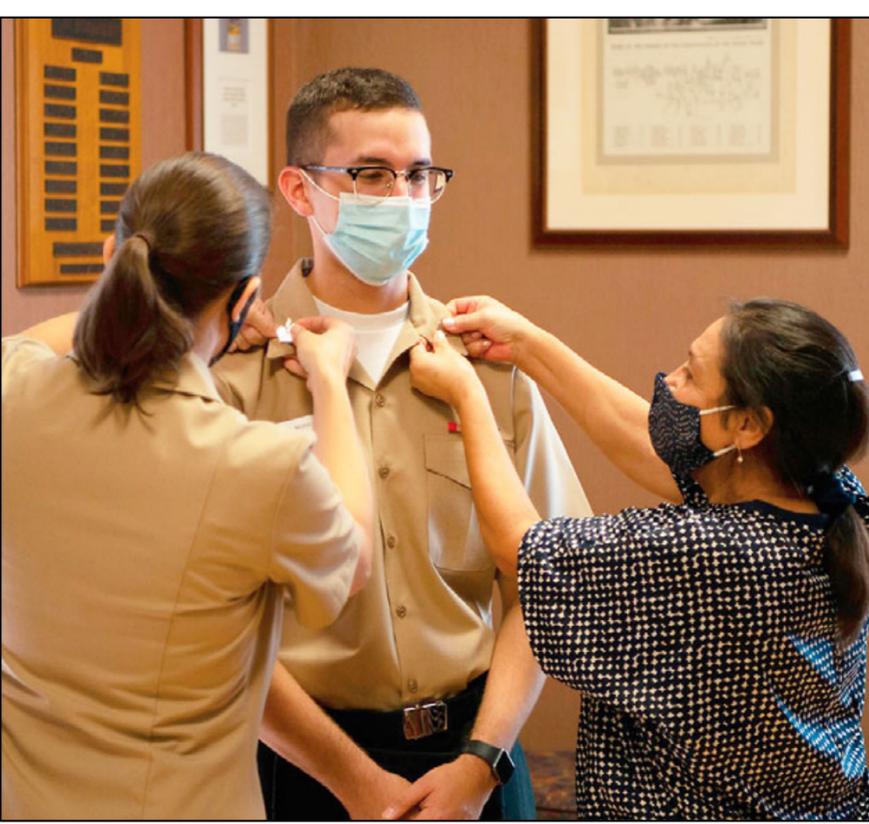
Morris receives pin from U.S. Navy

Musician 1st Class Chansé Morris joined the U.S. Navy as a clarinet instrumentalist in the Navy's Concert/Ceremonial Band and was pinned with his new rank upon arrival at the band after completion of boot camp at U.S. Navy Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Morris is a graduate of Dobie high school's Class of 2014. Morris then attended the University of Texas where he received a degree in music education.

Subsequently, he attended Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., where he received his master's degree in music performance.

Morris is the son of Jerry and Sabina Morris, South Belt residents since 1969.



Shown is Chansé Morris (center) receiving his pin from a 1st class officer (left) alongside his mother Sabina Morris. Congratulations to Morris for his honorary pin and hard work.

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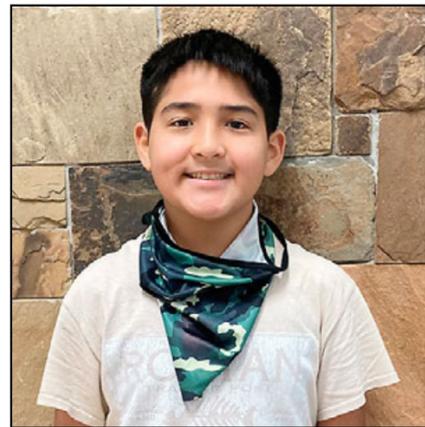
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Melillo honors students of the month

Melillo Middle School staff members announced their students of the month for October. They are honored to celebrate each of these students' hard work at school and with their teachers and their peers. See related photos on Page 8.



Joseph Marrero, sixth-grader, is a remarkable student, according to the Melillo staff. Math is his favorite subject since it can be applied in all subjects at school. Marrero has three siblings and would like to travel to Tokyo to visit his cousins someday. He would also like to help cook the Thanksgiving meal during the holidays. His favorite school memory is coming back face-to-face last year for the first time and learning from the school setting.



Melillo staff members recognize **Abigail Ogbajie**, sixth-grader, as one who demonstrates great leadership qualities and serves as role model for her peers. Her favorite subject is science. She has two siblings and her dream vacation spot is Paris, France. She plans to spend more time with family while on holiday vacation. She exhibits outstanding character through her kindness, trustworthiness, responsibility and faithfulness by helping to create a positive school environment. Her favorite event at Melillo has been making new friends and as well as hanging out with old ones.

Congratulations are in order for **Rhonda and Roger Thomas** for winning the Sagemeadow HOA Yard of the Month for September. The February frost had destroyed many of their plants in the front yard. Rhonda started the planting of a flower bed with annuals and perennials, she prefers to have blooming plants. A nice stone border frames the beds all the way around the front yard. Next to the entrance one will find two containers with yellow mums and two spiral topiaries. The front rows of the beds were planted with Chinese fringe flower shrubs, lantana, blue plumbago, white periwinkle and two crepe myrtle trees. For color in the garden, these plants are recommended for the area and are easy to care for. The couple's property is located in Sagemeadow on Sageking Drive.

Thomases win Yard of the Month



South Belt VIP students of the month



South Belt Elementary staff members named their VIPs for the month of October. The pictured students were chosen by their teachers, based on their ability to display the character trait of the month *Respect*. Shown above, left to right, are (first row) Rayyan Shoaib, Danica Mendoza, Clark Aree, Jordyn Lasker, Konner Le, Layla Alvarez, Anthony Doan, Liam Gonzales, Adrian Alvarez, Jase Garcia, (second row) Mohommed Adi, Abby Peterson, Ezekiel Reyes, Jake

Blandon, Daniel Garcia, Tekoah Herring, Israel Gonzalez, Carter Nguyen, (third row) Preston Nguyen, Arianna Molina, Kai Gibbs, Emma Torres, Tyson Scales, Jessie Alvarez, (fourth row) Arian Banda, Jeremiah Ramirez, Presli Carroll, Romeo Perez, Adiana Alvarez, Dahlia Ellis, Niko Katsikes, (fifth row) Jorge Sanchez, David Nguyen, Max Hernandez, Caleb Huynh, Cristina Alexander and Sky Orsua. Not shown is Yamileth Davila. Photo by Lakitha Thomas

Lawsuit challenges new county maps

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Remember When

45 years ago (1976)
A 35-0 victory over South Houston made the J. Frank Dobie Longhorn football team district champs. Members of the 147th Texas Air National Guard Fighter Interceptor Group stationed at Ellington Air Force Base participated in the biennial William Tell weapons meet at Tyndall AFB in Florida. Nick McHenry died from a heart attack less than two hours after his family was robbed at gunpoint at their Kirkwood South residence. After what members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department said was a slow period, five calls were received within a 20-hour period. The Sagemont Jaycees held an open house and recruited three new members and one new Jaycee-ette member. **40 years ago (1981)**
The Dobie Longhorn football team clinched the district championship with a 23-16 win over Pasadena. Shirlyn Ross was named assistant principal at Burnett Elementary. Only about 25 percent of Sagemont homeowners had paid the annual \$10 maintenance assessment. Pasadena Independent School District trustees Harvey Turner and Lamar Winebrenner would seek re-election. Turner would run for a fifth term, Winebrenner, a third term. **35 years ago (1986)**
Dobie graduate Lee Anne Locken was crowned Miss Houston U.S.A. PISD trustees voted to dismiss food services director Charles Ketchum as a result of a meeting which lasted more than six hours. Ketchum was terminated for failing to comply with district directives and policies and for not meeting accepted standards of conduct. Ketchum had been employed with the district more than seven years. State highway officials said the long-awaited plans to widen the Fuqua and Scarsdale street overpass-

es across the Gulf Freeway were nearly complete. **30 years ago (1991)**
The Federal Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry announced plans for an in-depth, comprehensive health investigation of present and former South-bend residents. This was due to that agency's concern for the community's health status. Matt Donaldson of Sagemont Lane in Sagemont had been out of jail just four days for criminal trespassing when he was charged with three counts of forgery. His companion Robert Harton was charged with burglary of a habitation. **25 years ago (1996)**
A 60,000-square-foot, \$5 million assisted-living center for the elderly was set to open in the area. Vandals let air out of numerous car tires on Ryewater, Flushing Meadows and Fairbury streets in Scarsdale. **20 years ago (2001)**

Sagemont resident John Duval Hunt, 21, was held on charges of possessing a controlled substance and evading arrest. The Pearland City Council approved an agreement allowing Harris County to build a bridge connecting Scarsdale to Yost Road. The bridge over Clear Creek would span the connection between Harris and Brazoria counties. **15 years ago (2006)**
Some homes in Kirkmont and Sagemont were demolished due to repeated flood insurance claims. The long-awaited opening of the Scarsdale-Yost Road connection was delayed again. It was projected to open the first quarter of 2007. An election to replace former Houston Councilmember Shelley Sekula-Gibbs was expected to cost \$2 million. Sekula-Gibbs won the election to fill the unexpired term of Tom DeLay to serve

51 days in Washington, D.C. Afterward, Nick Lampson, who won in the general election, would be sworn in. All three South Belt area municipal utility districts approved the hiring of two new deputy constables. They would be hired to work in the contract area, pursuant to a contract between the MUDs and Constable Gary Freeman. **10 years ago (2011)**
Former Dobie student Manuel Rivera was arrested for allegedly being involved in a drive-by shooting. Rivera, 20, was charged with deadly conduct after being accused of being the triggerman in the shooting that took place the previous week in the 9400 block of Stone Ridge Canyon. The incident reportedly stemmed from an unpaid debt. No one was injured in the shooting. **5 years ago (2016)**
A U.S. Navy veteran was killed in a car crash on Veterans Day Friday, Nov. 11,

in the 12500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua. Adrian Herrera was wearing his Navy uniform in honor of the holiday at the time of the accident. According to police, Herrera, 31, was traveling south on the frontage road in a blue Honda Civic when he attempted to enter the freeway at a high rate of speed. Herrera then lost control of his vehicle and struck a concrete pillar. Herrera was pronounced dead at the scene. No other vehicles or individuals were involved in this incident. A man was killed in a fatal car crash Saturday, Nov. 12, at the intersection of Beamer and Rex near FM 2351. Stephen Mason Montgomery Jr. was pronounced dead at the scene. Montgomery, 22, was a backseat passenger in a car driven by Joshua Parsons, who reportedly lost control of the vehicle at the intersection while driving at a high rate of speed. A sobriety test determined Parsons, 22, was

intoxicated at the time of the crash. He was subsequently charged with intoxication manslaughter. **1 year ago (2020)**
A grand jury indicted the suspect accused of fatally shooting former Dobie student Marquis Branch Monday, Oct. 19, in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. Keith Dwayne Watson, 20, was charged with felony murder. According to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, deputies with the Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to shooting at a residence in the 11400 block of Bandera Valley at approximately 7:30 a.m. Upon their arrival, deputies discovered the victim, a 21-year-old black male, unresponsive from an apparent gunshot wound. EMS transported the male by ambulance to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Deputies spoke with several occupants who were present inside the residence at the time of the

incident and learned the victim, who is the estranged husband of a female occupant inside the home, along with two other suspects, forced their way into the residence and assaulted the wife and her new boyfriend. During the assault, a male occupant, who was visiting and sleeping in an adjoining bedroom, retrieved a rifle and shot the victim. The two male suspects, one adult and one juvenile, were detained at the scene for questioning. Homicide investigators interviewed both suspects and upon completion, all known facts were presented to the Harris County District Attorney's Office. After review, the HCDA Office advised the investigation would be referred to a Harris County Grand Jury. The grand jury subsequently chose to indict Watson, who was subsequently booked into the Harris County Jail.



Over The Back Fence by Alexis

TONI CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Wishes for a special birthday are sent to longtime resident and Realtor **Toni Muse** who enjoys a birthday Saturday, Nov. 20, from friends and the *Leader Staff*.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DONNA!
Donna Whitted celebrates a birthday Tuesday, Nov. 23. Best wishes are sent to her from husband **Gary**; children **Heather** and husband **Richard Williams**, **Jacob** and wife **Amber Whitted** and **Aaron Whitted**; grandchildren **Riley** and **Kinley Whitted** and **Bryce** and **Pressley Williams**; and mother **Frances Valigura**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 18 through Nov. 24.
Atkinson Elementary
Sing a triple chorus of a birthday song to **Lisa Byron, Elizabeth Cecil** and **Nancy Vazquez** Nov. 18.
Bush Elementary
Gilberto Garza marks a birthday Nov. 21. Remember to wish **Maria Montelongo** a happy birthday Nov. 22.
Frazier Elementary
Send a nice birthday greeting Nov. 24 to **Pat Singletary**.
Genoa Elementary
Sing a birthday tune Nov. 21 to **Macarena Araujo**. Break out the birthday balloons Nov. 23 for **Carrissa Enriquez**.
Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for **Malorie Ehrlich** is Nov. 21.
Moore Elementary
Remember to wish **Maria Canales** a happy birthday Nov. 20. **Lily Sanchez** enjoys a birthday Nov. 23.
Stuchbery Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song Nov. 18 to **Gloria Reza**.
Melillo Middle School
Nov. 18 is the day to break out the birthday cake and ice cream for **Christian McCary**. Send birthday greetings Nov. 24 to **Jennifer Wicks**.
Roberts Middle School
The day for a party for **Iris Nava** is Nov. 18. Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Jessica Borden** Nov. 19.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
Sing a happy birthday song to **Brandy Knust** Nov. 18.
Dobie High
Join in the birthday fun Nov. 18 with **Blaise Trahan**. Blow out the candles for **Clinton Hopper** who enjoys a birthday Nov. 20.
FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Nov. 18: **Patrick Patterson** and **David Rendon**; Friday, Nov. 19: **Jennifer Cook** and **Albert Craft**; and Saturday, Nov. 20: **Thomas Marks**, **Tim Hasse** and **Sica Marcello**; Sunday, Nov. 21: **Jennifer Huggins** and **Edie Mari**, Monday, Nov. 22: **Gene Perez** and **Sheri Jennings**; Tuesday, Nov. 23: **Linda Greuter**, **Dorlene Salas**, **Monika Patterson**, **Johnny McNeil** and **Don Doss**; and Wednesday, Nov. 24: **Rhonda Baird** and **Santiago Gonzalez**.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Texas Invitational's final day is loaded

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Talk about a Championship Saturday lineup! Courtesy of the 2021 McDonald's Texas Invitational, Saturday, Nov. 20 promises to be one of the most star-studded days of the state's high school basketball season as bracket championship trophy games play out to wrap up the three-day hoops extravaganza.

Division I girls' and boys' Gold bracket championship games headline a total of 14 trophy tilts on the final day as some of the state's top-ranked programs are sure to go one-on-one at Phillips Field House in Pasadena.

The girls' Division I Gold final is at 3 p.m., while the boys' Division I Gold championship game caps the tournament at 6

p.m., also at Phillips. For fans looking to follow their favorite players and teams on Championship Saturday, there are plenty of options:

Division I Boys' and Girls' Silver Bracket Championships — The boys' title will be decided beginning at 3 p.m. at Pasadena Memorial High School, while Sam Rayburn High School hosts the girls' title game at 3 p.m.

Division I Boys' and Girls' Bronze Bracket Championships — The girls' championship tilt tips at 1:30 p.m. at South Houston High School, with the boys' title game coming at 3 p.m. at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Division II Boys' and Girls' Gold Bracket

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Dobie senior guard Aynaiya Jones (20) drives to the basket against Bellaire's Tyniah Smith during the Lady Longhorns' easy 57-35 victory Nov. 9 to open the 2021-2022 season. Dobie is in the mix at the McDonald's Texas Invitational. At right, Dobie senior Deven Lendsey throws down a dunk over Silsbee's Lemarcus Bottley Jr. during the Longhorns' season-opening 81-71 win over the state-ranked Tigers Nov. 13 at Dobie. The Longhorns will host Cy-Ridge and Baytown Sterling during the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 18 back at Dobie. Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Brook, Dobie hoops quickly out of gate

One week, and surely nary one game doesn't foretell a season, but the area's boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams have to feel good about their early returns.

At Clear Brook, the Lady Wolverines were winners of five of their first six games, earning third place at the prestigious Clear Creek ISD Peggy Whitley Classic.

Meanwhile, the Wolverine boys, state ranked to open the 2021-2022 campaign, downed another state-ranked foe in its season opener and is looking to go title hunting at the McDonald's Texas Invitational.

Similar success has come Dobie's way as the varsity girls overcame an early loss at the Tip-Off Classic in Baytown to win the consolation bracket, while the Longhorn boys' team got past Class 4A

state-ranked Silsbee in its season opener Nov. 13.

Brook girls roll
Warren Brooks no doubt spent the off-season and then pre-season banking on his system taking hold with the Lady Wolverines, and the second-year head coach has to be thrilled with the way things have gone.

Senior Alyssa Berry and freshman Rezia Castillo were named to the All-Tournament squad as the Lady Wolverines won four of five games at the Clear Creek ISD Peggy Whitley Classic, eventually grabbing the third-place trophy with a 56-23 win over Humble.

The locals opened the regular season with wins over Crosby and Pasadena Memorial and then bounced Dulles (55-43), Bellaire (50-31) and Cy-Woods (47-24) to reach

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North Shore takes down Dobie 62-14

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
A new era within the Dobie football program began the day after the varsity team's 62-14 Class 6A Division I bidistrict

playoff loss to North Shore Nov. 11 at Galena Park ISD Stadium. As the defending Region III Division I bracket champion and state semifinalist Mustangs advanced to the area round against Clear Springs, Dobie's season ended at 8-3 overall.

So did the outstanding seasons of several key senior players who have meant so much to the program.

In all, 37 seniors who were on Dobie's regular-season finale roster against South Houston played in their final

games as Longhorns in the bidistrict loss, an eighth straight to North Shore since 2010.

Of the 22 who started in the playoff game, 15 will graduate, including nine on the offensive side of things.

As for that offense, there promises to be a new look in 2022 as those nine starters, including a three-year starter at quarterback, five linemen and the leading rusher in District 22-6A, exit.

Cameron Gray, who helped Dobie win 26 of 32 games over three seasons

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Dobie quarterback Cameron Gray (9), who engineered 26 victories during his three years as the Longhorns' starter, tosses to fellow senior Terrand Booker (15) early on during the Class 6A Division I clash with North Shore Nov. 12 at Galena Park ISD Stadium. North Shore, the defending Region III champion in the Division I bracket, ended the Longhorns' season with a 62-14 victory. The Longhorns thus saw their season end at 8-3 overall. Photo by Gloria Wallace

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Lutheran South falls 37-14

Austin St. Michael's got four touchdown passes from Carson Cruver and went on to defeat Lutheran South 37-14 in a Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools first-

round playoff game in Austin. St. Michael's ended LSA's season at 7-4 overall as Cruver completed 23 of 36 throws for 359 yards and the four touchdowns.

Receiver Jack Esparza had four grabs for 193 yards and three touchdowns as his team improved to 9-2 overall to advance while ending the Pioneers' season.

Cowboys go bowling

The Sagemont Cowboys' freshman division team will play for the Bay Area Football League championship Saturday, Nov. 20 at Rice Stadium.

The Cowboys, 9-3 overall to this point in the season, will go against the Hitchcock Red Raiders in a Super Bowl game set for 3 p.m. at Rice.

There will be additional information on the big game in the Nov. 25 issue of the Leader.

Gadd wins Leader's predictions contest

Closing strong over the second half of the season, Emory Gadd was the champion of the South Belt-Ellington Leader's high school football predictions contest for 2021.

Dobie's loss to North Shore in the Class 6A Division I playoffs brought an official end to the fun contest as Gadd closed the final week at 8-2 to finish

95-24 for the entire 12 weeks. Second place in the contest went to local realtor Troy Leland and Debbie Vaughn as Leland was at 7-3 over the final week to wind up his season at 93-26.

Vaughn picked nine winners from the 10 games in the final week to finish 93-26.

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Local basketball squads off to quick starts

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the winner's bracket semi-finals. Despite a 74-66 loss to state-ranked Atascocita, which defeated Seven Lakes for the Whitley championship trophy, the Lady Wolverines returned Nov. 13 in an early morning game at Virginia Butler Field House to claim third place with the win over Humble.

Atascocita's Blake Matthews, a Bucknell University signee, was named as the tournament's Most Valuable Player after leading her team to the crown.

Until further notice, 2021 District 24-6A undefeated champion Clear Springs will be the team to beat, but Brooks and the Lady Wolverines have to love the way things are

playing out early on.

JFD boys open with win
A new-look Dobie varsity squad, led by sophomore and junior players, opened its season with an impressive home win, 81-71, over Silsbee Nov. 13.

Silsbee opened the season at No. 2 in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 4A state poll, but the Longhorns came up with the win.

The Longhorns then went up against 2021 Region III champion and state semifinalist Atascocita Nov. 15 as the host Eagles came away with an 88-53 victory, dropping the locals to 1-1 on the young season.

Paul, in his second season, will lead his team into the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 18 with Division II games against Cy-Ridge at 9 a.m. and Baytown Sterling at 1:30 p.m., both at the Dobie High School main campus.

Lady Horns at 4-1

A 39-38 win over South San Antonio gave the Dobie varsity girls the consolation championship at the Baytown Tip-Off Classic Nov. 13 and also gave the team three wins in four games to start the season.

Dobie lost its tournament opener, 48-41 to Cy-Lakes, but then defeated Westside 64-27 to advance.

The locals will be in the

Division I bracket at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, where they will play a noon game against Houston Memorial and then a 4:30 p.m. contest against North Shore, both at Dobie's main campus.

CB boys state ranked
For the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball squad, it's all a matter of just how far this team can go in 2021-2022.

The District 24-6A champions a season ago, Clear Brook has advanced to the area round against Summer Creek in back-to-back seasons.

With one more season of Kemo and Marcus Millender on the floor together, state-ranked Clear Brook has opened this season with a 65-49 win over Crosby Nov. 13.

Kemo Millender had 23 points and six rebounds in the win, while Marcus Millender added 16 points, five rebounds and seven assists. Clear Brook won the District 24-6A crown last season.



At right, the Longhorns' Adien Provost (11) slices in for a basket between Silsbee's K'leb Gaines (25) and Jeremiah Jackson (10) as the Longhorns opened the 2021-2022 season with a 10-point win over the state-ranked Tigers. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

At left, Dobie's Victoria Rivera (22), who scored a game-high 25 points in the season-opening 57-35 win over Bellaire, goes up for an offensive rebound along with teammate Peyton Smith (33). The Lady Longhorns open play in the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 18 with a noon game at the Dobie main campus against Houston Memorial before facing North Shore at 4:30 p.m. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

North Shore again eliminates Dobie

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As the starter at quarterback, threw for 1,300 yards and 15 touchdowns, adding 371 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground in league play as the Longhorns relied heavily on the running game in 2021.

Trajan Davis, who contributed in 2020 as a junior but also waited his turn as teammate Jonathan Baldwin led the 22-6A ranks in rushing, made it back-to-back rushing titles for Dobie as he went for 1,246 yards and 20 touchdowns over only 125 touches in 11 games.

As for the offensive line, four who started against North Shore - Dakarey Ramsey, Keegan Ashworth, Richard Gary and Edward Lara - will graduate, as will Mohamed Elghawi, who opened the season as a starter up front before an injury ended his senior season early.

The Longhorns' most productive pass catchers, receiver Joshua Rodriguez and tight end Kyrrie Sherman, are also seniors.

On the defensive side of things, tackle Jordan Barrett, end Emmanuel Drain, linebacker and leading tackler Gabriel Chambliss

played in their final games, as did secondary contributors Keith Evans, Trevon Johnson and Ryan Saxton, who led the 22-6A ranks in interceptions along with senior teammate Cory Mathews with three each.

The team's returning players who were starters in the playoff game as well as for much of the regular season include defensive back Nate Wallace, tackle Rodrick Drumgo, end Anfony Lee, linebackers Antonio Hernandez and Nigel Hill and safety Derrick Kelley.

More newness for 2022 and beyond? The University Interscholastic League's two-year realignment will be unveiled next February as Berneathy, winner of 33 games over four seasons, will construct a fresh regular season schedule around Dobie's district opponents.

Going against North Shore eight times since 2010 and also facing Atascocita in 2020, Dobie clearly has had one of the toughest roads through the Class 6A playoff field.

Still, Berneathy has the program on a trajectory that promises to continue for seasons to come.

MTI basketball event promises elite finish

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Championships - In the Division II mix, the girls' gold bracket crown will be decided at the Dobie9 campus, while the boys' title plays out at 3 p.m. at South Houston High School.

Division II Boys' and Girls' Silver Bracket Championships - The girls' championship is set for 1:30 p.m. at Pasadena High School, with the boys' contest at 3 p.m. at Watkins M.S. in Deer Park.

Division II Boys' and Girls' Bronze Bracket Championships -- The girls' championship game comes at 1:30 p.m. at Dobie9, with the boys' title

game at noon at Pasadena Memorial High School.

Girls' Division I and Division II Consolation Championships - The girls' consolation finals are headed for Deer Park.

The DI game is at Watkins at 1:30 p.m., with the DII title game at the Auxiliary campus, also at 1:30 p.m.

Three-day tournament pass holders will have access to any of the championship games at all locations.

Individual game tickets for adults are \$5 each, and student tickets are \$2 each. Visit www.texasinvitational.com for ticket purchasing options.

JFD graduate Poullard offers youth 7-on-7 football tryouts

Dobie graduate and former Longhorn standout defensive back Maurice Poullard is set to host tryouts for his Mike Evans Elite 7-on-7 youth football action, featuring age 6U through 15U divisions.

The tryouts will be held Dec. 5 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Sagemont Cowboys' practice field at El Franco Lee Park. The Evans league produced two national champions in 2021 and is looking for more this time around. For more information, call Poullard at 214-394-6797.

Thursday, Nov. 18, Pool Play Schedule & Locations

| Locations | At Phillips | At Pas. Memorial | At Dobie H.S. | So. Houston H.S. | At Rayburn H.S. | Friday, Nov. 19 |
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| Dobie H.S. 10220 Blackhawk Bev. Hills Int. 11111 Beamer So. Houston H.S. 3820 S. Shaver Pas. Mem. H.S. 4410 Crenshaw Rayburn H.S. 2121 Cherrybrook DP Watkins & DP Auxiliary 710 W. San Augustine Dobie 9 10811 Monroe Phillips F.H. 2906 Dabney Pasadena H.S. 206 S. Shaver | 9 a.m. B- Summer Creek vs. Katy Taylor 10:30 a.m. B- Cy-Creek vs. FB Bush Noon G- Memorial vs. Deer Park 1:30 p.m. B- Katy Taylor vs. Allen 3 p.m. B- FB Bush vs. Richardson 4:30 p.m. G- Dawson vs. Galena Park 6 p.m. B- Allen vs. Summer Creek 7:30 p.m. B- Richardson vs. Cy-Creek | 9 a.m. B- Memorial vs. Tomball 10:30 a.m. B- College Park vs. Morton Ranch Noon G- CC Veterans vs. Crosby 1:30 p.m. B- George Ranch vs. Memorial 3 p.m. B- North Crowley vs. College Park 4:30 p.m. G- Crosby vs. Memorial 6 p.m. B- Tomball vs. George Ranch 7:30 p.m. B- Morton Ranch vs. North Crowley | 9 a.m. B- Dobie vs. Cy-Ridge 10:30 a.m. B- Pearland vs. Clear Brook Noon G- Dobie vs. SB Memorial 1:30 p.m. B- Sterling vs. Dobie 3 p.m. B- Clear Brook vs. San Marcos 4:30 p.m. G- North Shore vs. Dobie 6 p.m. B- Cy-Ridge vs. Sterling 7:30 p.m. B- San Marcos vs. Pearland | 9 a.m. B- So. Houston vs. Barbers Hill 10:30 a.m. B- Atascocita vs. Katy Paetow Noon G- So. Houston vs. Klein Oak 1:30 p.m. B- Hebron vs. So. Houston 3 p.m. B- SA Clark vs. Atascocita 4:30 p.m. G- Cy-Fair vs. So. Houston 6 p.m. B- Barbers Hill vs. Hebron 7:30 p.m. B- Katy Paetow vs. SA Clark | 9 a.m. B- Rayburn vs. Alvin 10:30 a.m. B- Tompkins vs. Dawson Noon G- Rayburn vs. Dawson 1:30 p.m. B- Grapevine vs. Rayburn 3 p.m. B- SB Memorial vs. Tompkins 4:30 p.m. G- Angleton vs. Rayburn 6 p.m. B- Alvin vs. Grapevine 7:30 p.m. B- Dawson vs. SB Memorial | 10:30 a.m. games North Shore vs. SB Memorial at DP Watkins Pearland vs. Lake Ridge at DP Auxiliary Noon games Cedar Park vs. SA Johnson at DP Watkins Cibolo Steele vs. Cy-Creek at DP Auxiliary 1:30 p.m. games North Crowley vs. Clear Springs at Phillips Clear Falls vs. Dobie at Dobie C.C. Veterans vs. Pas. Memorial at Memorial Barbers Hill vs. So. Houston at So. Houston Galena Park vs. Rayburn at Rayburn Alvin vs. Pasadena at Pasadena Crosby vs. Deer Park at Watkins S.A. Veterans vs. Brazoswood at Auxiliary Dawson vs. Angleton at Auxiliary Cy-Fair vs. Klein Oak at Auxiliary 3 p.m. games Judson vs. Summer Creek at DP Watkins Cy-Ranch vs. Westside at DP Auxiliary |
| Tickets All-games pass \$20 on/before Nov. 18 at PIDSD ticket office 2906 Dabney Pasadena, 77502 At all venues Nov. 18 3-Day Passes \$20 on Nov. 18 \$15 on Nov. 19 \$10 on Nov. 20 One-game ticket \$5 adults \$2 students Children under 7 admitted free/with adult All Nov. 19 pool play games are in girls' div. | Pasadena H.S. 9 a.m. B- Pasadena vs. Brazoswood 10:30 a.m. B- Crosby vs. Lake Creek Noon G- Pasadena vs. Brazoswood 1:30 p.m. B- CC Veterans vs. Pasadena 3 p.m. B- Lake Creek vs. Manvel 4:30 p.m. G- SA Veterans vs. Pasadena 6 p.m. B- Brazoswood vs. CC Veterans 7:30 p.m. B- Manvel vs. Crosby | At DP-Watkins 9 a.m. B- Deer Park vs. FB Dulles 10:30 a.m. B- FB Elkins vs. Lamar Noon G- Galena Park vs. Angleton 1:30 p.m. B- Midway vs. Deer Park 3 p.m. B- FB Hightower vs. FB Elkins 4:30 p.m. G- Deer Park vs. CC Veterans 6 p.m. B- FB Dulles vs. Midway 7:30 p.m. B- Lamar vs. FB Hightower | At DP-Auxiliary 9 a.m. B- La Porte vs. Cy-Fair 10:30 a.m. B- Angleton vs. Langham Creek Noon G- Alvin vs. SA Veterans 1:30 p.m. B- Cy-Fair vs. Conroe 3 p.m. B- Langham Creek vs. JJ Pearce 4:30 p.m. G- Brazoswood vs. Alvin 6 p.m. B- Conroe vs. La Porte 7:30 p.m. B- JJ Pearce vs. Angleton | At Dobie 9 9 a.m. G- Pearland vs. Cibolo Steele 10:30 a.m. G- Cedar Park vs. Cy-Ranch Noon G- Barbers Hill vs. Cy-Fair 1:30 p.m. G- Judson vs. North Crowley 3 p.m. G- Lake Ridge vs. Cibolo Steele 4:30 p.m. G- Klein Oak vs. Barbers Hill 6 p.m. G- Cy-Ranch vs. SA Johnson 7:30 p.m. G- North Crowley vs. Summer Creek | At Beverly Hills 9 a.m. G- Cy-Creek vs. Lake Ridge 10:30 a.m. G- SA Johnson vs. Westside Noon G- Clear Falls vs. North Shore 1:30 p.m. G- Summer Creek vs. Clear Springs 3 p.m. G- Cy-Creek vs. Pearland 4:30 p.m. G- SB Memorial vs. Clear Falls 6 p.m. G- Westside vs. Cedar Park 7:30 p.m. G- Clear Springs vs. Judson | |
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Mondays - Thursdays.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church. Call 713-661-4200 or visit <https://naustuff.com/>.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Parker Williams Genealogy Group - meets the first and third Fridays at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net for details.

Bay Area Singles Club - monthly dance at VFW Lodge Post 6378, 5204 Hwy. 3, in Dickinson. All area singles invited. Bring party snacks to share. Cost: \$8-members; \$10-non-members. Call 281-470-2750 or 281-337-3112. 6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical - meets online. Cari Taplin presents "Using Church Records to Find Ancestral Origins." Visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org. 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 for details.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>. 8 p.m.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and learn Al-Anon principles. For details, call 281-484-9243.

AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See 11/18. 9:30 a.m.

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

Bay Area Bluegrass Association - Free concert: The Purple Hells bluegrass music show at Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. on the third Saturday. Visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>. 1 p.m.

St. Paul's Anglican Church - knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Grief Support Group - Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church (in back), 1202

East P Street, Deer Park. Call 409-454-5720 or visit <https://www.houstonalanon.org/>.

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment. 1:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway is open. Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays, 1:30 - 3 p.m., with a different dance rhythm each month. Park activity card holders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details. 5 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually except the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. Visit the website for information. 7 p.m.

AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479.

NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice. **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23** 11:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Anglican Church - worship services Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, (Bible study, 6 p.m.) 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.; 11456 Space Center Blvd. For information, call 281-479-7285, leave message, or stop by. Noon

AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice. **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24** 7 a.m.

AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See 11/18 notice. Noon

AA - Imperfect Nooners. See 11/18 notice. 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity card holders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for more information.

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Melillo honors students

Melillo Middle School staff members announced their students of the month for October. They are honored to celebrate each of these students' hard work at school and with their teachers and peers. See related photos on Page 4.

Shown right, Bradley Jones (fifth-grader) is attentive in his efforts toward hard work and learning. He exerts 100 percent effort into his academics and has a growth mindset.



Shown above, Alexis Brown (fifth-grader) has always been an example of kindness, thoughtfulness and respect. She is a role model for others to follow.

Children 5-11 eligible for vaccine

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 administered to children in this age range from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This version of the Pfizer COVID vaccine for young children is a smaller dose or one-third of the version approved for adults and teens.

All COVID vaccines are safe, effective and provide strong protection against severe symptoms of COVID, including this latest version approved for children ages 5 to 11. All residents of Harris County who are still in need of a COVID vaccine are encouraged to seek one out as soon as possible.

Both versions of the Pfizer vaccines require two doses for all age groups. Individuals who receive their first dose through HCPH will be automatically scheduled for a second dose. Residents will receive a reminder to schedule their second dose, and have flexibility to change their appointment location, and date as long as it is within the window for distribution.

Vaccines provided by HCPH are free, and appointments are not required.

To schedule an appointment, visit ReadyHarris.org, vacstrac.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787. To find a nearby location, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Registration/Novel-Coronavirus/Novel-Coronavirus/Register-for-COVID-19-Vaccine.

City of Houston
 The Houston Health Department also began administering the COVID vaccine for children ages 5 to 11. Free vaccinations are available at the department's health centers, some multi-service centers and pop-up sites across Houston.

The sites do not require appointments or insurance. Vaccines will be available at thousands of pediatric health care provider offices, pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers and more as the rollout ramps up over the coming days.

Getting children vaccinated will help protect them from getting COVID and reduce their risk of severe disease, hospitalizations, or developing long-term COVID complications.

"This is another huge milestone in the fight to save more lives from this dead-

ly virus and overcome the pandemic," said Dr. David Perse, chief medical officer for the City of Houston. "While children generally recover from COVID, some get sick enough to require hospitalization and suffer long-term health consequences. By reducing COVID cases among children, there will be fewer disruptions to in-person learning and increased protection for the community."

The CDC recently authorized Pfizer's COVID vaccine for children ages 5-11 following FDA evaluation of clinical trial data demonstrating the vaccine's safety and effectiveness for the age group.

Data show the vaccine is over 90 percent effective at preventing COVID in children ages 5-11.

Pfizer's pediatric COVID vaccine is one-third the dose as the adult dosage and administered in two shots at least three weeks apart.

After getting a COVID vaccine, children may have side effects such as a sore arm, headache and fatigue. These mild side effects are normal signs their body is building protection and should go away in a few days. "It's natural for parents to have questions and concerns about the health and well-being of their children," said Perse.

"We encourage parents to speak with their child's doctor about how COVID vaccines have the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history."

Vaccination of children at health department sites requires parental consent, available at the time of vaccination.

The department's pop-up sites frequently include schools, and it will expand school partnerships with the rollout of the vaccine for the 5-11 age group.

Visit houstonshealth.org or call 832-393-4220 to find a nearby free vaccination site or to schedule an appointment.

Innocent woman killed

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 to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

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County redistricting plan controversial

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 commissioner that the South Belt community has several youth sports teams that utilize the park, with some of the relationships dating back more than 50 years.

The area park is also home to the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, an event that also has long-standing ties to the community.

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Riojas honored at Meador

Congratulations go to Lauryn Riojas (left), a dyslexia/intervention teacher, who was awarded Meador's Teacher of the Month at Meador Elementary. Riojas will be enjoying a preferred parking space and keeping the Mustang trophy for a month. The school staff is grateful for all she does for the Meador school family. Shown above with Riojas is Beverly Bolton, principal.

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